

# Parent Bulletin



*Excellence every day*

9th November 2018

**Thought for the week:**

**Opening Doors**

Dear Families,



We would like to thank our Air Cadets, Sea Cadets, Guides and Scouts, especially Katherine Staniforth (Year 11) for arranging this morning's dignified and professional parade for our Armistice Commemoration. If you would like to see our students in action again on parade, they will be present at the Act of Remembrance that will be held at Odiham War Memorial on Sunday morning, starting at 10.10 hrs. We arranged a live stream across the school so that everyone in classes who could not gather in the main quad could watch the event and observe the 2 minute silence. Special thanks also go to Mrs Chaplin, Alfie Payne (Year 11), Mr Evans and the Digital

Systems team, Senior Prefects Adam Trubridge, Rosie Dolan, Kathryn Parry, Lara Flux-Doble, Mrs Hills and our musicians and to the staff who came outside to accompany the students who were able to view the service in person. Thank you also to Miss Andrewes who was our official photographer. We are also grateful to Pastor Helen Chatfield who came to lead this Act of Remembrance. During the week, there have been a number of related WWI activities, and we have also been fortunate in having daily visits from Padre Michael of RAF Odiham, who has come to deliver assemblies to each year group.

Mr McTaggart took several Year 9 students up to RAF Odiham this week to take part in an RAF 100 Inspire event, linked to STEM subject engagement. Thank you to our Forces friends at the station for making this visit so memorable and interesting. Mrs Wingfield ran a cake sale in aid of Naomi House and so thank you to everyone who brought items in and raised funds on the day. On Thursday evening it was lovely to see so many Year 7 parents and carers, in the first of our information evenings about RMS assessment and expectations. It is difficult to imagine us all standing outside Wokefield Park on the last Friday of June 2023, when we hold their leavers' ball, but that day will surely come!

In a neat segue to leavers, we look forward to welcoming last year's Year 11 back into school on Thursday night for Prize-Giving evening. Sir Joseph French will be giving out certificates and awards, and we are delighted that he can join us. Letters to individual prize-winners went out recently, and we hope as many of our former students as possible can join us.

Please may I draw your attention to some extra notices below, including a message from Rob Tillier, who runs the Safer Driving course that we have each summer, and also to some internet safety reminders. Have a good weekend,

Joanna C West

## Notices and News:

Here's a message from Rob Tillier.

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rob-tillier>



I am taking part in the Big Learner Relay. Driving Instructors will be relaying a top box, (the kind that driving instructors have on the roof of their cars), from one driving lesson to another around England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. The relay starts with a day in Jersey on Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October. The grand finale will be a lap or two around Silverstone Race Circuit on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November, which is the Children in Need Appeal Day 2018 – 17 days, 3000+ miles, over 190 lead driving lessons and many thousands of instructors and pupils joining the convoy. Over 5 years the Big Learner Relay has raised in excess of £300,000 for Children in Need.

It is my hope that in turn Children in Need will provide some funding to support broadening the reach of safer young driver initiatives that we are running in schools, colleges and youth groups in Hampshire. Any support you can give is greatly appreciated. Many thanks.

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### Quick reminder of age ranges for social media

Facebook use: you must be at least 13 years old

Snapchat use: you must be at least 13 years old

Instagram use: you must be at least 13 years old

Whatsapp: read it carefully. We are still in Europe and the European age of 16 years minimum applies.

It's worth being familiar with both links below. The social media terms and conditions article shows you how shockingly you have absolutely NO rights when you use social media. You sign it all away when you sign up.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/publication/growing-up-digital/>

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/publication/simplified-social-media-terms-and-conditions-for-facebook-instagram-snapchat-youtube-and-whatsapp/>

The Children's Commissioner website is a very useful resource, especially when you may find yourself in a conflict with a teenager about the rules and boundaries to do with social media use that you set at home. We hope this is helpful.

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### TRAVEL TO AND FROM SCHOOL

Thank you to all parents who have helped us to manage the start and end of the school day during the building works. With the front of the school site now fully operational I would like to establish clear routines for safe drop off and pick up at the start and end of the school day.

Please note that there are now two coach loops and that the inner coach loop is not accessible to cars dropping off or picking up at any time.

Mornings: (No later than 8.25am)

Inner Coach Loop: This is for buses and taxis only

Outer Coach loop: Parents bringing students to school by car may use the coach bays to safely drop off. Please use the full length of the coach bays and please note that this is not a waiting area.

Afternoons (2.25pm)

Inner and Outer Coach Loops: These are for buses and taxis only.

No access to the school site for cars until the buses and taxis have left at approximately 2.35pm.

Late Pick Up (3.30pm)

Inner Coach Loop: This is for buses and taxis only.

Outer coach Loop: limited amount of space for parents to pick up students.

Please remember that there is a 5mph limit on site and continue to observe and follow the instructions of site and leadership team staff.

Students who walk or ride to school

Students who travel to school on foot must enter and exit the school site using the designated pathways.

Students who ride to school should dismount at the school gates and walk their bicycle to the bike shelters. Bicycles may not be ridden on the school site at any time. At the end of the school day, bicycles should be walked to the gates.

Thank you again for your support and for taking the time to read this information and share with your children.

Mr Wilson

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### **CATERLINK ALLERGY AND INTOLERANCE FORM**

Our catering services are provided by Caterlink who have requested that all parents of children with diagnosed food allergies or who require a special diet for medical reasons should complete a 'Caterlink Allergy and Intolerance Form' and return it to school as soon as possible.

Please note, all forms should be accompanied by a referral letter from a medical professional (GP/consultant/dietician).

This form is available on our website under 'News and Events/Forms and Letters Home/Forms to Download or follow this link: <http://www.rmays.org/news/letters-home/>

Please contact Tracy Brown in the First Aid Room if you have any queries on 01256 393715 or [tracy.brown@rmays.com](mailto:tracy.brown@rmays.com)

## **COMMUNICATING WITH THE SCHOOL**

In order to protect our staff from working excessively long hours in their family time, we have a policy that states we will not respond to emails between 5pm and 8am on weekday nights. Emails will not be answered at weekends or during scheduled school holiday periods.

In recent months it has been upsetting to note an increase in harassment of staff, including aggressive written and verbal behaviour from a very small number of individual parents. We know this is not the norm and that the overwhelming majority of families whose children attend this school would be troubled at the thought of such worrying behaviours being modelled by responsible adults.

Teachers enter the profession because they really care about creating a great educational experience for children and young people. They also love their subject and want to share that fascination with their students. Support staff, equally, are in schools because they care passionately about supporting children and young people to do well. It is increasingly difficult to recruit teachers at the moment, and we do not want to lose any staff because they have been crushed by unfortunate and mis-judged behaviours.

Thank you for continuing to support our ethos of mutual respect and for your warm regard for all that we endeavour to achieve for the students at RMS.

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## **IMPORTANT NOTICE:- STUDENT BUS PASSES AND ROUTES**

Please be reminded that students eligible for free transport to and from school must only board the bus displaying the route they have a bus pass for.

Hampshire Transport have instructed the bus service providers not to allow students to travel on bus routes that they do not have the correct pass for. Students travelling on incorrect bus routes are causing overcrowding on the buses, which has health and safety implications, and also may impact the service companies' insurance.

*School Office*

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## **HAMPSHIRE COMMUNITY COURT**

Years 9 and 10 have received assemblies this week about becoming a volunteer member of the Hampshire Community Court. Please look through the leaflet attached and discuss it with your child if they are interested in volunteering. For further information, please contact the email address on the leaflet. The school already has one volunteer and it would be good to have more students from Robert May's School taking part in this innovative initiative

*Mrs Wingfield*

## ROBERT MAY'S SCHOOL – FOOD BANK APPEAL 2018

Dear all,

We are nearing the end of our Food Bank Appeal 2018. Thank you very much if you have already donated to this important charity. The Appeal ends on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November so there is still time to donate if you haven't had a chance yet.

The local food banks are very keen to receive our contributions. Here is the list of items the food banks have suggested:

**Christmas themes items:** Chocolate selection packs, Christmas puddings/cakes, chocolates, biscuits, mince pies, sweets, instant custard, instant mash, tinned meat, tinned tomatoes and jars of pickle/pate /meat paste/fish paste

**Urgently needed items:** UHT Long-Life milk, tinned spaghetti, tinned fruit, tinned rice pudding, tinned chicken, tinned beef, tinned ham, deodorant, shampoo, shaving foam/gel, washing up liquid, non-bio washing machine tablets and toilet rolls

Thank you so much for your continued support.

*Mrs Michael*

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## BEAUTY AND THE BEAST REHEARSAL PLAN WEEK COMMENCING 12TH NOVEMBER

Monday 12th November	Act 2 scene 6  Final scene- Everyone
Tuesday 13th November	Be our guest  Principal Dancers Year 8 and 9 chorus Open chorus Belle, Beast, Lumiere, Mrs Potts, Chip, Babette, Cogsworth, Wardrobe.  No matter what- Belle and Maurice with the band
Wednesday 14th November	Human again  Year 8 and 9 chorus Belle, Beast, Lumiere, Mrs Potts, Chip, Babette, Cogsworth, Wardrobe.  Act 2 scene 3 Monsieur D'arque, Lefou, Gaston

Thursday 15th November	Mob song and Gaston  Year 10 and 11 Chorus Gaston Belle Lefou Maurice Monsieur D'arque
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### PE CLUBS WEEK COMMENCING 12TH NOVEMBER

Day	Club	Running
Monday	Badminton Rugby Trampolining Club Hockey Club (7, 10, 11) Girls Football (all years)	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes
Tuesday	Fitness Basketball (7, 8, 9 - Girls) Rugby (9,10,11) Football (9,10,11)	Yes No Yes Yes
Wednesday	Year 7 Netball Club Hockey Club (8, 9) Running (all years) Boys Basketball (7,8) PE Revision (11)	Yes No No Yes Yes
Thursday	Year 9, 10 & 11 Netball Club Boys Hockey Girls Basketball (10,11) Boys Basketball (9,10,11) Boys Football Club (7,8)	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes
Friday	GCSE Theory Clinic	Yes

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### BEAUTY AND THE BEAST- WEEKEND REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

#### SATURDAY 17TH AND SUNDAY 18TH NOVEMBER

#### **Saturday 17th November**

10am-4pm	Band All Named parts Principal Dancers
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10am-1pm	Year 10 and 11 Principal Chorus
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### Sunday 18th November

10am-4pm	Band All Named parts Principal Dancers
10am-1pm	Year 8 and 9 Principal Chorus
11.30am-1pm	Open Chorus

### STAFF VACANCY

#### WEEKEND SITE & COMMUNITY ASSISTANT (CASUAL)

**Hourly Rate £9.92**

**Flexible weekend hours with additional hours available in the week**

You will primarily be employed to supervise our sports facilities, including our state of the art artificial grass pitch, during lettings. Duties will also include securing the site and some minor maintenance work. The successful applicant will be a key contact for our hirers and other community members. You should have good communication and interpersonal skills, be adaptable and flexible in your approach to work in order to provide a first class service. Some lifting may be required from time to time. This role could suit a mature and responsible college or University student.

To apply, please visit our website where you can download an application form [www.rmays.com](http://www.rmays.com) or call 01256 702700. Please send your completed application to [recruitment@rmays.com](mailto:recruitment@rmays.com). The closing date for applications is Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018 (noon)

### SCIENCE REVISION GUIDES FOR YEAR 9 TRIPLE SCIENTISTS AND ALL YEARS 10 AND 11

Please find below the closing dates for orders for each half term, either online via Scopay or order slip. Orders will be placed soon after the closing date and should be available for collection the following week. Confirmation of which will be sent via In Touch!

Science Revision Resources Order Dates	
Half Term	Closing Date
2	10/12/18
3	4/2/19
4	25/3/19
5	13/5/19

## CLUBS AND AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AUTUMN TERM

Please see link below to see the most up to date list of our clubs and activities:

<http://www.rmays.org/curriculum/extra-curricular/>

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

15th November	U16 County Hockey - Southampton Sports Centre GCSE Prize-giving Evening 7.30pm start (prompt please)
17th November	Beauty and the Beast Weekend Rehearsal
18th November	Beauty and the Beast Weekend Rehearsal
19th November	District Cross Country - Lord Wandsworth College
21st November	2018 Year of Engineering Ex Martello Fanfare - Brompton Barracks, Chatham, Kent
22nd November	Tea Dance for the Elderly - Dining Hall - 3.00pm - 5.00pm 2019 Ski Trip Parents' / Carers' Information Evening - 7.00pm - 8.30pm

**Please check the calendar on the school website for more information:**

[www.rmays.org/news/calendar/](http://www.rmays.org/news/calendar/)

## DISCOUNTED READING FC TICKETS + FANTASTIC PRIZES TO BE WON!

Robert May's School are delighted to announce that we have teamed up with Reading Football Club and signed up to their School and Grassroots Ticketing Scheme. We are giving you the opportunity to purchase discounted tickets for the following fixtures

**Reading FC v Stoke City on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 3pm Kick Off.**

**Reading FC v Nottingham Forest on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> January 3pm Kick Off.**

**Reading FC v Aston Villa on Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February 3pm Kick Off.**

**Reading FC v Wigan Athletic on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> March 3pm Kick Off.**

**Reading FC v Brentford on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 3pm Kick Off.**

The Reading FC School and Grassroots Ticketing Scheme also allows our School to raise much needed funds, as for every ticket you purchase, a percentage of the ticket is donated back to the school from Reading Football Club.

If our School/Club is successful, then we have the opportunity of winning some of the following prizes:

- Meet the first team players
- Play on the Madejski Stadium pitch
- Bonus towards our funding
- Free Family Tickets

- Signed items and much more!

### How to Book

- Reading FC sell 4 home league fixtures at a time throughout the season, and anyone wishing to book should check on sale dates via [www.readingfc.co.uk](http://www.readingfc.co.uk)
- Once one of our chosen fixtures are on sale, phone the Ticket Office on **0118 968 1313** and quote **Robert May's School**.
- Tickets must be booked by the chosen deadline for each fixture. This is 3pm on the Thursday before a weekend fixture, or 3pm on a Friday before a Tuesday night fixture. After this time, discounted tickets will not be available through the scheme.
- Tickets are only available in the Eamonn Dolan Stand including the family Area.
- Each booking must have at least one child as part of the booking.
- Madejski Stadium ground regulations and ticketing Terms and Conditions also apply, please visit [www.readingfc.co.uk](http://www.readingfc.co.uk)

### Prices:

Age Band	Ticket Price	Amount Raised for your group
Adult	£15	£5
65 and over	£10	£4
18-24	£8	£3
17 and under	£5	£2
12 and under	£2	50p

### TIMINGS OF THE SCHOOL DAY

Please note: students will be allowed into tutor rooms from 8.15am.

Lesson	Start	End
AM Reg	8.25am	8.45am
1	8.45am	9.30am
2	9.30am	10.20am
Break (am)	10.20am	10.40am
3	10.40am	11.25am
4	11.25am	12.15pm
Break (Lunch)	12.15pm	12.45pm
5	12.50pm	1.35pm
6	1.35pm	2.25pm

## **2018/2019 TERM DATES**

### **Autumn 2018:**

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September – Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December (Half term: 19<sup>th</sup> October – 29<sup>th</sup> October)**

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October: Whole Staff CPD Day**

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October: Whole Staff CPD Day**

### **Spring 2019:**

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April (Half term: 15<sup>th</sup> February – 24<sup>th</sup> February)**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> February: Whole Staff CPD Day**

### **Summer 2019**

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April – Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July (Half term: 25<sup>th</sup> May – 2<sup>nd</sup> June)**

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2019: Whole Staff CPD Day**

*Please be aware that as an academy, Robert May's School does not need to follow Hampshire term-time dates. However, we are know that several of our students in each year have siblings in our neighbouring community feeder schools, and so to minimise disruption we have done our best to try and match the local arrangements.*

## FACILITY HIRE AT ROBERT MAY'S SCHOOL

From 1st September 2018		
<b>LETTINGS CHARGES</b>	<b>2018/19</b>	
Ex VAT	<b>STANDARD RATES</b>	<b>UNDER 18 RATES</b>
SPORTS HALL	£45.00	£22.50
MAIN HALL	£33.00	£16.00
DINING HALL***	£26.00	£13.50
GYM	£31.50	£16.00
LIBRARY***	£21.50	£10.75
DRAMA STUDIO	£21.50	£10.75
CLASSROOM	£15.00	£9.50
CLASSROOM in new building***	tbc	
MEETING ROOM***	tbc	
IT SUITE	£30.00 +vat	
FOOD TECH ROOM	£30.00 +vat	
FIELD / TRAINING	£21.00	£10.50
TENNIS COURT / HARD COURT	£7.00	
NETBALL / HARD COURT	£15.00	
<b>ATP CHARGES</b>	<b>2018/19</b>	
	<b>STANDARD RATES</b>	<b>UNDER 18 RATES</b>
<b>Weekday evenings</b>		
one third	£40.00	£35.00
two thirds	£57.00	£46.50
Whole	£74.00	£63.00
<b>Weekends</b>		
one third	£31.50	£21.50
two thirds	£46.75	£36.75
Whole	£62.00	£52.00
<b>MUGA</b>		
<b>Weekday evenings</b>		
Whole	£40.00	£35.00
Single netball court	£20.00	£15.00
<b>Weekends</b>		
Whole	£31.50	£21.50
Single netball court	£18.00	£13.00

\*\*\* Fees to be reviewed following opening of new facilities

# VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY WITH THE POLICE & LOCAL AUTHORITY



**ARE YOU AGED 14-25 YEARS OLD?**

**WANT TO GIVE BACK TO THE COMMUNITY YOU LIVE IN?**

**LOOKING FOR A DIFFERENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY?**

Hampshire Constabulary and Safer North Hampshire are offering an exciting opportunity for persons aged 14 to 25 years old to get involved and help support the community they live in by volunteering with the Hart and Rushmoor Community Court.

The project is aimed at diverting, supporting and educating first time offenders away from crime by a completely peer led court hearing.

Both the respondent and victim are invited and advocates allocated to support them through the process. The panel then hear from both sides to understand what has happened and the impact the crime has had on the victim before deliberating on appropriate interventions for the young person to complete.

Hart and Rushmoor Community Court will run on a Monday evening at Rushmoor Borough Council, Farnborough, GU14 7JU.

If you are interested in volunteering or for more information please contact [community.court@hampshire.pnn.police.uk](mailto:community.court@hampshire.pnn.police.uk)



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# Ticketing Scheme

## Be Part of the Action!

Your school or group will be entered in to our new Incentive Scheme and compete against other local schools and groups to win the following prizes:

- Chance to meet Reading FC players
- Opportunity to play on the pitch at Madejski Stadium
- £50 bonus towards your fundraising
- Free Family Tickets
- Signed items and much more!

PICK FROM READING V

## STOKE CITY

Sat 1<sup>st</sup> Dec, 3pm

Booking deadline: 3pm on 29<sup>th</sup> Nov

## NOTTINGHAM FOREST

Sat 12<sup>th</sup> Jan, 3pm

Booking deadline: 3pm on 10<sup>th</sup> Jan

## ASTON VILLA

Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb, 3pm

Booking deadline: 3pm on 31<sup>st</sup> Jan

## WIGAN ATHLETIC

Sat 9<sup>th</sup> Mar, 3pm

Booking deadline: 3pm on 7<sup>th</sup> Mar

## BRENTFORD

Sat 13<sup>th</sup> Apr, 3pm

Booking deadline: 3pm on 11<sup>th</sup> Apr

**Ticket Price**

**Amount donated to YOUR team or group**

Adults **£15**  
 65 and over **£10**  
 18-24 **£8**  
 17 and under **£5**  
 12 and under **£2**

**£5**  
**£4**  
**£3**  
**£2**  
**50p**

To book please call the Ticket Office on **0118 968 1313** and quote: Robert May's School. Please ensure you call before the booking deadline.

Fixtures subject to change. Tickets are subject to availability. Terms and conditions apply.

