

Parent Bulletin



Excellence every day

14th December 2018

Thought for the week:	Winter Solstice
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Dear Families,

Thank you to Miss Webb for an excellent theatre trip during the week, and commendations go to the group of students who attended. We understand they dealt with an unexpected audience situation in a sensible and mature manner. Mr Peters and the Art team curated the PPETs in Art. We are sure the students rose to the challenge and we picked up that perhaps preparation beforehand was possibly a little bit #lastminute.com! Hopefully, lessons have been learned through this experience.

Thank you to Mrs Evans and Mr McTaggart for hosting the JET information evening for a group of Year 8 students and their parents/carers. Thank you very much to the parents and carers who attended. This is a significant initiative that will spread over several years and we're so proud your children have been selected.

LMT members and staff met in the Library Classroom on Tuesday afternoon to view the latest webinar from the National College of Teaching about changes to School Inspections. You will be glad to know that there are no radical changes, but there are some subtle alterations of emphasis. The new Inspection process will not be fully launched until September 2019. Ofsted will be consulting about this in the New Year, and we will be responding in due course.

In other news, thank you to Miss Tozer and the team for organising our non-uniform day in aid of Crisis. It's been lovely to walk around the school and see so many festive jumpers and hats. This morning's news items on Sky include a feature explaining that many more young people and adults will be sleeping rough this Christmas. It's a desperate situation and the money collected today will be going directly to an organisation that can give practical help to those who need it.

As the Autumn Term moves peacefully to its close, we'd like to remind you of the following:

- It is difficult to balance this with the need to keep attendance levels strong. However, illness is still public enemy no. 1 to staff and students. Please keep taking the vitamins, remind about regular hand-washing (with soap), and do everything you can to help our young people stay well. Please do not send students into school if they are ill, especially if they have a cough, streaming nose or a stomach virus. Proper cotton handkerchiefs are strongly recommended for those who are struggling with coughs, so that they can contain their coughs. A number of colleagues and students here have compromised immune systems, or are living with partners/family members who really do not need the additional pressure of coping with a virus over the Christmas break. Thank you.
- Piercings for students: we allow one plain stud per ear. That's it. Any other piercings must be covered by tape/plaster.
- School study visits to Europe and further afield: I have added information below from our educational travel risk assessment and insurance organisers, Hampshire Evolve. The Hampshire Evolve team will update us as soon as they have further information about the impact of the Brexit arrangements on travel to Europe. Parents and carers of students who are due to travel abroad with a school party after March 2019 may like to read the information.
- Finally, a message to drivers who are dropping off or picking up. We close the "IN" gates at 2.20pm. This is to ensure that students crossing the internal bus lanes can move across the car parks safely. Please do not park up or wait in the area in front of the shut gates. We have seen a number of near

misses where drivers, having waited and picked up a child in this unauthorised area, have then reversed out into the path of an oncoming car. The potential for disaster and personal injury are great. Please don't do this.

We're looking forward to the last few days as, I am sure, are you. Our bumper Newsletter is due out next week, in which we offer you a festive round-up of all the remarkable achievements and activities that have been going on here with your marvellous daughters and sons. Have a peaceful and productive weekend,

Joanna C West

OFFICIAL INFORMATION FROM THE SCHOOL'S COUNTY COUNCIL BASED TRIP AND VISIT INSURANCE TEAM:

Preparing for EU Departure – Visits after March 29 2019

Over the recent months the Brexit debate has continued to dominate for obvious reasons, and we are now receiving requests for advice from schools regarding travel and school visits to the EU after departure, and particularly in the event of no agreement between the UK and EU.

As things stand, the UK is set to leave the European Union on 29th March 2019 but with the detailed outcome, at this stage, still unknown.

However, the Government have started to release a series of briefing documents which at least raise awareness of the potential issues. Below we have highlighted some of the more 'factual' based advice that is available.

Passports: guidance is available at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/passport-ru...tent=daily> This suggest that passports will still be immediately useable as long as they have at least 6 months remaining before their expiry date. **We would recommend that schools inform parents to check their children's passports, and to apply now for renewal if there would be less than 6 months left on a passport.**

Group Passports: Unlikely to be valid post departure under no agreement.

Driving: If school staff are likely to drive using their own licence, then this will not be affected if there is agreement. If there is no agreement, then UK Licences may no longer be valid. The government have issued guidance at <https://www.gov.uk/government/publicati...brexit-deal> which explains what staff will need to have in order to drive in the EU, post departure.

Travel Insurance: School travel policies currently in place should be unaffected, although EHIC cards are likely to become invalid. As most insurance policies are renewed on April 1st, schools providing their own Insurance should contact their insurance companies to confirm arrangements and policies post policy renewal. Policy costs may rise. Details of the HCC Insurance scheme will be unlikely to be available until early 2019 at the earliest.

Beyond that, there is no information or clarity concerning other potential issues – flights, coach transport, travel delays at ports, etc.

We would recommend that schools planning visits to the EU just before and immediately following March 29 keep in touch with the Government's preparation website at <https://www.gov.uk/government/brexit> where you can sign up for notifications as new information is released.

Where schools are working with a travel provider, they need to remain in touch with them as events unfold over the coming months.

Where appropriate, Hampshire Evolve would advise schools planning visits after March 29 to do so in conjunction with an STF accredited travel provider, as this will give those travelling greater support and financial protection in the event of significant issues post departure.

Last update: 16/10/18

Notices and News:

YEAR 9 DIPHTHERIA/TETANUS/POLIO AND MENINGITIS ACWY IMMUNISATIONS

Consent forms for the Year 9 immunisations should have been returned by today. Please note, the form must be completed **even if you do not give consent**. If you haven't returned the form, could you please do so as soon as possible. **Spare forms are available from reception**. Immunisations will be administered by the HCC School Nursing Team.

Please note, the school is impartial regarding immunisations and any queries should be directed to the HCC School Nursing team on 02382 311221 or your GP.

Immunisations will take place on 23rd/24th January 2019

Mrs Brown

PE CLUBS WEEK BEGINNING 17TH DECEMBER

Day	Club	Running
Monday	Badminton Rugby Trampolining Club Hockey Club (7, 10, 11) Girls Football (all years) Table Tennis (all years)	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes
Tuesday	Fitness Basketball (7, 8, 9 - Girls) Rugby (9,10,11) Football (9,10,11)	No No No No
Wednesday	Year 7 Netball Club Hockey Club (8, 9) Running (all years) Boys Basketball (7,8) PE Revision (11)	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes
Thursday	Last Day - No after school clubs	

YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE - 15TH TO 19TH JULY 2019

The Work Experience instructions and guidance will shortly be launched to Year 10 students. In the first instance, information will be given out via Tutors and sent via email. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me (lynn.tozer@rmays.com) or encourage your child to discuss their options with me in person.

CONTACTING THE SCHOOL

Between 8.25am and 2.25pm our teachers and tutors are teaching. If you need to get in contact over an academic or pastoral issue directly related to your child, the best way to begin is to email info@rmays.com and make sure that the name of the teacher you wish to contact is in the message heading. We hope you will appreciate that teachers will not be able to respond during the working school day, but they will do their best to respond as soon as they can, once students have left the site and any relevant meetings and training sessions have taken place.

From time to time, and, thankfully rarely, we might receive an aggressive email. This will be quarantined automatically by our system and sent back to the writer for re-wording. All staff have been directed not to answer emails between 5pm and 8am on weekdays, during weekends or designated holidays. This is in compliance with the government initiative to reduce teachers' workload and also to allow people to exercise their right to a family life.

Thank you for respecting our approach to online communications.

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

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 Scopy 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

1	8/10/18
2	10/12/18
3	4/2/19
4	25/3/19
5	13/5/19
6	8/7/19

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

20th December	Last day of term - normal school finish time of 2.25pm - no after-school clubs or late buses
7th January	First day of term
10th January	Year 11 Parents'/Carers' Evening

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

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 1st December 3pm Kick Off.

Reading FC v Nottingham Forest on Saturday 12th January 3pm Kick Off.

Reading FC v Aston Villa on Saturday 2nd February 3pm Kick Off.

Reading FC v Wigan Athletic on Saturday 9th March 3pm Kick Off.

Reading FC v Brentford on Saturday 13th 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
- 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

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 5th September – Thursday 20th December (Half term: 19th October – 29th October)

Friday 19th October: Whole Staff CPD Day

Monday 29th October: Whole Staff CPD Day

Spring 2019:

Monday 7th January – Friday 5th April (Half term: 15th February – 24th February)

Friday 15th February: Whole Staff CPD Day

Summer 2019

Tuesday 23rd April – Friday 19th July (Half term: 25th May – 2nd June)

Friday 28th 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 aware 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		
LETTINGS CHARGES	2018/19	
Ex VAT	STANDARD RATES	UNDER 18 RATES
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	
ATP CHARGES	2018/19	
	STANDARD RATES	UNDER 18 RATES
Weekday evenings		
one third	£40.00	£35.00
two thirds	£57.00	£46.50
Whole	£74.00	£63.00
Weekends		
one third	£31.50	£21.50
two thirds	£46.75	£36.75
Whole	£62.00	£52.00
MUGA		
Weekday evenings		
Whole	£40.00	£35.00
Single netball court	£20.00	£15.00
Weekends		
Whole	£31.50	£21.50
Single netball court	£18.00	£13.00

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

Please ask us about introductory rates for using Invictus building for conferences and meetings during weekends and school holidays!

*** WE ARE RECRUITING***

*** FREE TASTER SESSIONS
THROUGHOUT JANUARY***

DEANE SINFONIA

We are looking for string and
brass players in all sections

- Do you want to get back into playing after a break?
- Have you finished university or school and are eager to keep playing?
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 - Children grown up and looking for a hobby?
- Do you want to play the pieces you hear on Classic FM?

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VACANCY

Executive Clerk & RFO **Hartley Wintney Parish Council**

Hartley Wintney Parish Council is currently seeking a full-time Executive Clerk (37hrs per week) to join the Council's administrative team. The salary is between SCP 34 - 38 (£30,756 - £34,106 per annum currently) depending on experience.

Hartley Wintney prides itself on being an innovative, community minded Council working together to service the needs of our wonderful village community. The parish of Hartley Wintney includes Phoenix Green and the adjoining hamlets of Diple, West Green, Elvetham and Hartfordbridge. Our thriving village contains many social and historic features as well as beautiful open spaces, such as Hazeley Heath.

As Proper Officer for the Council, the Executive Clerk manages Council business, assisting and advising the Council in all aspects of local government administration and ensuring they comply with the legal and financial obligations. The Executive Clerk is also the Council's Responsible Financial Officer managing all aspects of the Council's finances.

Experience in local government is essential. The successful applicant will hold, or be willing to achieve, the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CILCA).

For the full job specification and application form please visit
<http://www.hartleywintney.org.uk/council-information/vacancies>

The position is to start as soon as possible in 2019. If you would like to apply or for more information please contact Rochelle Halliday, Executive Clerk on 01252 845152, clerk@hartleywintney.org.uk

Closing date for applications is 12pm on 31st December 2018

Interviews will be held week commencing 7th January 2019

Hartley Wintney Parish Council, 1st Floor, Appleton Hall, West Green Road, Hartley Wintney, RG27 8RQ



VACANCY

Horticultural & Amenities Officer **Hartley Wintney Parish Council**

Hartley Wintney Parish Council is seeking to recruit a permanent part-time Horticultural & Amenities Officer to join our busy and friendly Parish Council team. Prior experience in grounds maintenance is desirable along with a willingness to acquire new skills as required for the role.

The position is for 940 hours annualised over the calendar year, drawn down as necessary. The rate of pay is between £10.00 - £12.40 per hour (£9,400 - £11,656 per annum) depending on experience, plus pension and 28 days annual leave pro-rata (including bank holidays).

You will be involved in a variety of gardening and renovation tasks, essential for maintaining the beautiful character of our village, such as planting, weeding and light pruning. You will also be required to complete hedge cutting and strimming and should already have, or be willing to obtain, the relevant hedge cutting ticket. The role involves some heavier work including minor ditch clearance and lifting tasks.

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