

Parent Bulletin



16th November 2018

Excellence every day

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| Thought for the week: | Anti-bullying |
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Dear Families,

Thanks to Mr Fearon for his feedback about the Years 9 and 10 student visit to the Guardian Newspaper and for displaying their news desk work in the staff room- it's very impressive. What a great future careers opportunity!

Four days ago, The RMS boys' lower school cross country team came second in in the South East of England final. This means they qualify for the national final, to be held in Suffolk in two weeks' time. Many congratulations and good luck!

It was lovely to see so many people at Prize-Giving last night. It was great to catch up with all the news from our former Yr 11 students and hear how, in their new Yr 12 roles, they are enjoying their various establishments. We were joined by the Cllr Jon Hale, Chairman of Odiham Parish Council, Chairman of Hart District Council, Cllr Wendy Makepeace-Brown, Cllr Jonathan Glen of Hampshire County Council, Group Captain Lee Turner and Mrs Turner, with representatives from our linked sixth form colleges, and our own Co-Chair of RMS Governing Board, Nich Crowson, who gave the official welcome. Thank you to everyone who came, and special thanks also to Sir Joseph French for giving out the certificates, prizes and for his inspiring speech.

The Pre-Public Examination Tests for Year 11 students start on Wednesday. We are very pleased to see that Year 11 students are taking this in their stride and remaining calm and purposeful. This opportunity to have a dry-run of GCSE examinations is a great chance to get a feel for the real thing. Analysis of the results will also enable us to support students even more following the Christmas break.

It's nearly time to look ahead and start thinking about pre-Christmas jollification. Tea dance raffle prizes are warmly welcomed- please bring your gift/donations to Invictus for processing. Miss Thomas announced this morning that tickets will be on sale online soon for *Beauty and the Beast*, this year's school show. The Year 7 Carol Service takes place just before the end of November and we will publish details soon.

Finally, a reminder about the PTA. They are running a pop-up cinema on **Sunday 25th November** in the Blue Chair hall to raise funds and to provide an opportunity for parents to go Christmas shopping without their offspring. This event is advertised on their Facebook site and on their website RMSPTA (<https://www.rmspta.co.uk/pta-news/>) We're always grateful for willing pairs of adult hands who would like to help out with ushering and queue control. Please get in touch with the PTA through their website if you can help. Thank you for your generosity in considering this.

Have a great weekend,

Joanna C West

Notices and News:

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST- WEEKEND REHEARSAL SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 17TH AND SUNDAY 18TH NOVEMBER

Saturday 17th November

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| 10am-4pm | Band All Named parts Principal Dancers |
| 10am-1pm | Year 10 and 11 Principal Chorus |

Sunday 18th November

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

SCHOOL SHOW - BEAUTY AND THE BEAST, MONDAY 3RD - FRIDAY 7TH DECEMBER

Priority tickets (**Cast and Crew only**) will be on sale from **Friday 16 November**. All parents and carers of cast and crew should have received an email with information and a link to the online booking system.

Tickets for general sale will be available from **Friday 23 November** and an email will be sent to parents and carers nearer the time.

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 29th October. The grand finale will be a lap or two around Silverstone Race Circuit on Friday 16th 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.

JustGiving

Sponsor me

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.

SHREK AT THE MAYFLOWER TRIP ON 28TH NOVEMBER

There will be a very short meeting on Friday 23rd November at 12.15 in MU3 for all Year 8 students attending Shrek at the Mayflower on 28th November. It is very important you attend.

Mrs Ellis

ROBERT MAY'S SCHOOL - FOODBANK APPEAL 2018

Dear all,

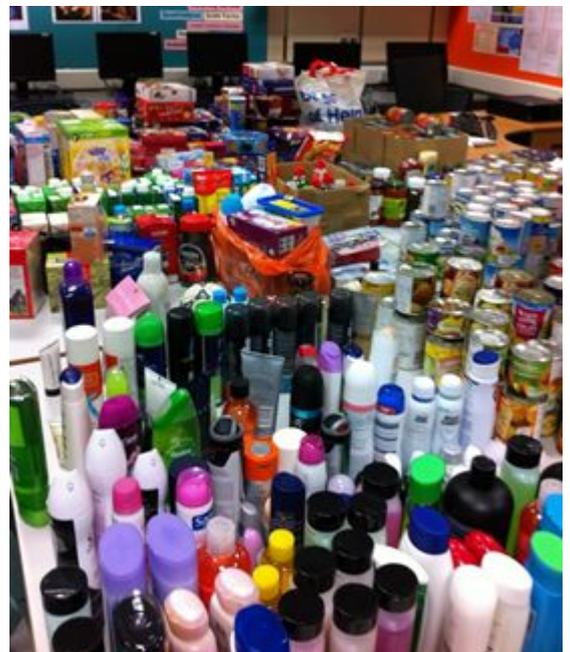
A huge 'THANK YOU' to all those who donated food and toiletries to the Robert May's Foodbank Appeal 2018.

Over the last two weeks, it has been amazing to see the deliveries of items being brought by students into tutor rooms, by parents to reception and by members of staff. Everyone has been so generous.

We collected over 1,100 items and these have now been sorted and are ready for dispatch to the Hart, Farnham, Alton, Basingstoke and Farnborough foodbanks.

Thank you very much.

Mrs Michael



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

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

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.

BEAUTY AND THE BEAST REHEARSAL PLAN WEEK COMMENCING 19TH NOVEMBER

Beauty and the beast rehearsal schedule will go up on the noticeboard first thing Monday morning after the weekend rehearsal.

PE CLUBS WEEK COMMENCING 19TH NOVEMBER

| Day | Club | Running |
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| Monday | Badminton | Yes |

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| | Rugby Trampolining Club Hockey Club (7, 10, 11) Girls Football (all years) | NO 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) | NO Yes Yes Yes Just Yr 7 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 NO Yes in the gym Yes |
| Friday | GCSE Theory Clinic | Yes |

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 or call 01256 702700. Please send your completed application to recruitment@rmays.com. The closing date for applications is Monday 12th 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 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 | |
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| Half Term | Closing Date |
| 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

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| 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/

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 |
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| 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 |
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| AM Reg | 8.25am | 8.45am |
| 1 | 8.45am | 9.30am |
| 2 | 9.30am | 10.20am |

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| 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 | | |
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| 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