

Parent Bulletin



Excellence every day

7th December 2018

Thought for the week:	Christmas
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Dear Families,

Thank you so much for supporting our wonderful students in the School Show *Beauty and the Beast*. Once again, it has been a sheer delight to see and hear the West End level of expertise in our young people's singing and acting talents. It is a privilege to be able to give them this opportunity. Departing audience members have praised our performers, most memorably with: "I thought it couldn't possibly be even better than last year- but it was! Your students are amazing!". It's not possible to name everyone here, but congratulations go to leads Olivia Vincent, Ben Faulkner, James Coule, Joe Mitchell, Ellie Mathieson, Lauren Main, Henry Checksfield, Alistair Horobin, Emma Hall, Emily-Rose Taylor, Cole Ashwood, Brandon Wilson, the "silly girls" (!); the Year 8/9 Beast Chorus, the Year 10/11 Belle Chorus, Open Chorus, Principal Dancers (Dance Captain Mia Bentley), the Band, Set Designer Mr Peters, Stage Management team, Make-Up team, Sound and Light design team, Mrs Chaplin for Choreography, Mrs Hills, Mrs Ellis and Mr Hiscock for musical direction and support, and last, but not least, Miss Thomas for overall direction. As I write, preparations are in place for the final Gala performance which starts at 6pm tonight, so that presentations and awards can be made.

Year 11 college interviews are starting next week, and our colleagues from Alton College will be in school on specific days. Here's a tactful reminder to Year 11 students to keep an eye on their appointments.

On Friday 14th December we will be holding a fund-raising non-uniform day in aid of Crisis. Please help us to contribute to this charity which seeks to help and support people who are homeless at Christmas time, and across the year. For further information about their work, please go to: <https://www.crisis.org.uk/>

As we move closer to the Christmas break, may I thank you for helping us to maintain high standards of dress and conduct here. Please be on the alert for shirt collar sizes that are a bit too small, skirt lengths, which should be decent and not short, and correct footwear. Shoes that look like trainers (or indeed, *are* trainers) are not permitted and ideally, school shoes should be able to take polish. It's easy to let things slip a bit in the last two weeks with regard to personal organisation, so amongst the fuss and glitter (and strain) of preparing for Christmas, please help your son/daughter to organise their kit the night before, so that they don't feel awkward through missing something that they should have with them.

In the final week we will be releasing our bumper Bulletin edition, and I hope we will have some photos of the show for you.

Have a good weekend,

Joanna C West

Notices and News:

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

The second deadline for revision guide orders is midnight of Monday 10th December. Any orders placed on 9th October up to and including 10th December will be included in the order placed on Tuesday 11th December.

Mrs Beaumont

HALF PRICE BOOK FAIR: 6TH - 17TH DECEMBER

Students who read for pleasure are overwhelmingly more likely to succeed at school, achieve good qualifications, and subsequently enjoy a fulfilling and rewarding career. In addition to its substantial practical benefits, reading is one of life's profound joys and here at Robert May's School we are passionate about literacy, books and reading. We are therefore delighted to tell you about our fabulous HALF PRICE BOOK FAIR, which will be in the school library from Thursday 6th to Monday 17th December.

The book fair will have over 200 titles to browse through. With fantasy, thrillers, chick-lit, comedy and non-fiction, plus posters and stationery on sale, there's sure to be something for everyone to enjoy. Prices start from as little as £1.49, with most in the £3.00 to £4.50 range. Another great bonus is that every book you buy will help us to get FREE BOOKS for our lovely new library!

Throughout the fair, our students in Year 7, 8 and 9 will have the opportunity to visit the fair in one of their English lessons. In addition to books, students will be able to buy posters and stationery too – all at half price! The fair will also be open in the Library after school on Friday 7th and Wednesday 12th December between 2.30 and 3.30pm so do pop in to have a look if you are free at that time.

We would appreciate you encouraging your child to come to school with cash to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity. It is also possible to buy gift vouchers online if you prefer <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers> but please note that we are unable to give change for vouchers. We often find that students are enthused and inspired by seeing new books, and with Christmas just around the corner, it is the ideal time to pick up a last-minute stocking filler or gift – as well as being a practical way of supporting our school!

I hope to see you at this special event and thank you in advance for your support.

Mrs Dolan
Librarian

PE CLUBS WEEK BEGINNING 10TH 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 No
Tuesday	Fitness Basketball (7, 8, 9 - Girls) Rugby (9,10,11) Football (9,10,11)	Yes Yes (2:30-3pm) Yes 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	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	No

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.

Miss Tozer

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 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
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

13th December	Year 10 and 11 The Woman in Black Theatre Trip
14th December	Non-uniform Day in aid of Crisis
20th December	Last day of term - normal school finish time of 2.25pm
7th January	First day of term

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		
2018/19		
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		