

Parent Bulletin



Excellence every day

11th January 2019

Thought for the week:	Overcoming Challenges
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Dear Families,

Thank you to everyone who attended the Year 11 parents' evening on Thursday evening and we will be making contact with those who did not. The atmosphere was purposeful and we're really pleased that attending parents appreciate the support and challenge that is developing to stretch our Year 11s to go as far as they can with their learning. It's been rewarding to chat with students who were surprised by their higher-than-expected PPET grades. This links with the theme for the week: clearly, they've started to overcome something that they found challenging.

Senior Prefects are going to be working with and through the school council to develop a student voice questionnaire about homework in the next two weeks. In tandem with academic research that is being undertaken by Mr Parsons and Miss Ellison, we're aiming to come back to our teachers with high quality information about what works well, and what could be even better from the students' point of view. The information generated will go some way towards helping us to reshape future policies about homework, and at the same time, attempt to reduce teacher workload. During our research period, we will be collecting the views of parents.

We have agreed with staff that everyone is going to start working on improving the appearance of school uniform with immediate effect. The majority of our students wear our uniform well. However, there is, again, an increase in rolled up skirts- a completely unnecessary amendment- and there seems to be an outbreak of undone top buttons and ties adrift. We will act straight away to remind and then insist to students that they must wear their uniform properly and with self-respect. Thank you for supporting us with this, and we hope you will not mind if we point out politely that some boys have grown and need to go up a collar size (or two). Please keep to the party-line on piercings. Only two allowed. Facial piercings are actively discouraged and must be covered with tape at all times when the student concerned is on the school site/ at fixtures etc. Plain studs only. Nothing jewelled or fancy, please.

All through the week ahead we have colleagues from Farnborough Sixth Form College on site conducting interviews. Please be aware that these are scheduled across the whole week. Thanks to Mr Peake and Mrs Ashford for coordinating the interview timetable. Leaders at Farnborough Sixth tell us often how much they enjoy interviewing our students, and what a great foundation for sixth form life the school provides.

Finally, a bit of housekeeping. Please, *please* tell us if you are a Service family, if you have not yet done so. Here's the link that explains the most local and relevant forces family information: <https://www.raf-ff.org.uk/news/eligibility-deadline-for-service-pupil-premium-spp-2019/> If you think we do not know you are an HM Forces Service family, please send a quick email to admissions@rmays.com - thank you. To all families, if any of your contact details have changed, you've got a new phone number, or you've moved, please ensure your contact details are updated by completing the form on this link: <http://www.rmays.org/parents/update-contact-details/>

The PTA is running a pre-loved uniform sale on Monday 14th January at 2.25pm-3.25pm. This is taking place at the green containers, just next to Design Engineering block, on the way to the Astro turf. It's a great opportunity to buy summer uniform early!

Enjoy your weekend,

Joanna C West

Notices and News:



RMS Music Clubs: Starting Monday 14th January 2019

	Morning Registration	Lunchtime	After school
Monday		Brass Group	GCSE Music drop in sessions - Mrs Hills Wind Ensemble - Mr Hiscock
Tuesday			Grade 5 Theory Club - Mrs Ludford Jazz Band (need to be Grade 4+) - Mr Hiscock Acapella Group - Mrs Hills
Wednesday	Year 10 Boys choir	Year 7, 8 and 9 Girls Choir	Chamber Choir (audition only. If you are interested in joining please see Mrs Hills) - Mrs Hills
Thursday	Year 7-9 Boys choir	String Quartets - Mrs Ellis	Thursday Thing - Mrs Hills String Group - Mrs Ellis
Friday	Folk Band		GCSE Music drop in sessions - Mrs Hills

PE CLUBS WEEK BEGINNING 14TH JANUARY

Day	Club	Running
Monday	Badminton (All Years) Rugby Trampolining Club (Invite only) Hockey Club (7, 10, 11) Girls Football (all years) Table Tennis (all years)	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes
Tuesday	Fitness Girls Basketball (Y7, 8, 9) Rugby (9,10,11) Football (9,10,11)	Yes Yes Yes Yes
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	Boys Hockey (All Years) Netball (8, 9, 10 & 11) Girls Basketball (10 & 11) Boys Basketball (9, 10 & 11) Boys Football (7 & 8)	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes
Friday	GCSE Theory Clinic (Y10 & 11)	Yes

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.

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

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

14th January	Second Hand Uniform Sale - 2.25pm - 3.25pm
24th January	Year 9 Options' Parents'/Carers' Information Evening - 7.00pm - 8.00pm
31st January	Year 9 Parents'/Carers' Evening - 5.00pm - 7.00pm
4th February	Year 11 Parents'/Carers' Ace Your Exams Information Evening - 6.00pm - 7.00pm
14th February	Non-uniform Day in aid of Naomi House Children's Hospice
15th February	Whole Staff CPD Day
	Year 9 Options' Interviews

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

www.rmays.org/news/calendar/

PTA SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALES

We have a selection of pre-loved school shirts, blouses and jumpers for sale at bargain prices.

We are also happy to receive donations of unwanted uniform and PE kit. Simply hand it into the school office in a bag labelled "2nd hand sales" Thank you.

Second Hand Sale Dates:

Monday 14th January 2019 – 2.25pm to 3.25pm

Monday 11th February 2019 – 2.25pm to 3.25pm

Monday 11th March 2019 – 2.25pm to 3.25pm

Location:

Find us in the green container near to the Astro pitches.

Cash or cheque only please, payable to RMS PTA.

All profits go towards school funds. Many thanks for your support.

PTA

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

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!

CLUBS AND AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES – SPRING TERM 2019

(clubs to begin from Monday 7th January 2019 with the exception of Music Clubs which will begin from Monday 14th January 2019)

Correct at time of print 10/01/2019

	<u>Club</u>	<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Staff/Location</u>
M o n d a y	Hockey Club	Girls Year 7, 10 & 11	Miss Kent/Miss Adams - New astro
	Football	Girls All Years	Mrs Bazan / Mrs Ellison 3G
	Rugby	Boys 7&8	Mr Warman Field
	Badminton	All years	Mr Grigg Sports Hall
	KS4 science revision drop in	9, 10, 11	Mr Dovey / S3
	Science club	7	Mr Smith / S8
	KS3 intervention science club (invite only)	9	Mr McTaggart / S8
	Year 11 science support group (invite only)	11	Mrs Tyrer / S4, Mrs Robinson / S6
	Year 11 Food Preparation & Nutrition support for NEA2	11	Mrs Tindle FT1 Mrs Jones FT2
	Homework Club	All years	Learning Support / Library
	Design Engineering NEA Catch Up	11	DT1/DT2
	Table tennis (Every other week)	7 and 8	T. Harper/canteen
	Year 10 Maths revision drop-in	Year 10	M7
	Key stage 3 Maths Clinic drop-in	Year 7, 8	M5
GCSE Music drop in session	Year 10 and 11	MU1	
T u e s d a y	Basketball	Girls 7,8,9	Mrs Bazan Sports Hall
	Fitness / Circuit club	All years	Miss Adams Gym
	Rugby	Boys 9,10&11	Mr Warman Field
	Lamda (invitation only)	Year 9	Miss Thomas in the drama studio
	Football	Years 9-11	T. Harper ATP
	Year 11 Maths revision drop-in	Year 11	M7
	Food4 Fun club (once a month)	Yrs 7 & 8	Mrs Jones FT1
	Grade 5 Music Theory	All Years	Mrs Ludford MU3
	Jazz Band	Grade 4 +	Mr Hiscock MU2
Acapella Group	All Years	Mrs Hills MU1	
W e d n e s d a y	Photography Club	Year 9	Aimee Andrew A4
	Cheerleading Club	Years 7-10	Liz
	Netball Club	Year 7	Miss Kent/Courts
	Running Club	All Years	Mr Warman Astro/Field
	PE Revision	Year 11	Mr Grigg/Mr Mason H7
	Year 11 Geography Revision	Year 11	H3
	Hockey Club	Girls Years 8/9	New Astro
	KS3 science drop in clinic	Year 7, 8 and 9	Mr McTaggart / S7
	Basketball	Boys Year 7-8	T. Harper Sportshall
	Year 11 Maths revision drop-in	Year 11	M7
	Year 11 A level Maths club	Year 11	M4
	F1 Club	9,10,11 Invite	P Cain/ DT1
	Year 10 and 11 Boys Choir - MORNING REG	10,11	Mrs Hills MU1
	Year 7,8, and 9 Girls Choir - LUNCHTIME	7,8,9	Mrs Hills MU1
	Chamber Choir	All Years (Audition required)	Mrs Hills MU1
Programming Workshop	Years 7 - 10	Mr Michael, IT4	

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T h u r s d a y	Netball	Year 8, 10 & 11	Miss Kent & Miss Adams / Courts
	Basketball	10, 11 (Boys and Girls)	Mr Harper / Mrs Bazan Sportshall and Gym
	Football	Boys 7&8	Mr Warman Astro
	Hockey	Boys All Years	Mr Grigg Hockey Astro
	Drama Club	Years 7-9	Miss Thomas in the drama studio
	KS4 science revision drop in	9, 10, 11	Mr Dovey / S3
	Creative Writing Club	7, 8, 9	Ms Arsenio / Library
	F1 Club	9,10,11 Invite	P Cain/ DT1
	Year 11 Child Development Coursework support (by invitation)	11	Mrs Tindle FT1
	Homework Club	All years	Learning Support / Library
	Year 11 Maths revision drop-in	Year 11	M7
	Year 9 Maths revision drop-in	Year 9	M2
	Year 7,8, and 9 Boys Choir - MORNING REG	7,8,9	Mrs Hills MU1
	String Quartets - LUNCHTIME	All Years	Mrs Ellis MU3
	String Group	All Years	Mrs Ellis MU3
Thursday Thing (Band skills)	All Years	Mrs Hills MU1	
F r i d a y	GCSE PE Theory Clinic	Year 10 & 11	Miss Kent/Mr Warman/Mrs Bazan - New canteen area
	KS4 science revision drop in	9, 10, 11	Mr Dovey / S3
	Year 11 Maths revision drop-in	Year 11	M7
	Folk Group - MORNING REG	All Years	Mrs de Souza MU2
	GCSE Music drop in session	Year 10 and 11	MU1

Please note the Library is open every day from 2.30 to 3.30 pm for quiet study.

Food for Fun Club

This club will take place on certain **Tuesday** afternoons, **2:35 - 4:00 p.m.** in Food Technology. The club is open to all students in **Year 7 and Year 8**. You need to provide most of the ingredients. There is a **small charge of 50p** for each session to cover other consumable costs which will be provided by school.

Remember to arrange transport home as there will be no school buses at 4:00 pm!

Below are the dates for the sessions this term.

Date	Theme
Tuesday 15 th January	Cupcake heaven
Tuesday 26 nd February	Pancake creations
Tuesday 12 nd March	Spring specialities
Tuesday 2 nd April	Easter baking
Tuesday 14 th May	Working with chocolate
Tuesday 11 st June	Summer finale



If you would like to join this club, please ask your parent/carer to complete the slip below and return it to the Food Technology Department. Mrs Jones will Email you the recipes once you have brought in your slip.

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Food for Fun Club 2019

I would like (name) Form
to participate in the Food for Fun Club.

I have made arrangements to collect my son/daughter at 4:00pm.

If your child has any medical issues we need to be aware of please state below.

Signed Date.....

