

# Parent Bulletin



Excellence every day

## 1st March 2019

<b>Thought for the week:</b>	<b>Friendship and Respect</b>
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Dear Families,

It's been a remorselessly busy couple of weeks! Thank you to the ski trip team: Mr Dovey, Miss Buffoni, Mrs Abrahams, Mr Rhys and Mr Smith. Thank you also to Mrs Griffiths for the mammoth task of administering it. It was lovely to receive the many emails and messages from parents and families expressing their thanks to the staff for ensuring that the trip went so well.

Thank you to Mr Cain whose team did well in the *F1 in schools* regional final. The RAF Primary STEM engagement projects have started and so thanks to Mr McTaggart and Mr Smith for their work on this. We hope the Food and Nutrition GCSE practicals have gone well and thanks go to Mrs Tindle and Mrs Jones for organising and supervising our students' work. Mr Harper took the amazing Year 7 Raptors out for a Basketball fixture last night. They won 14-16 and are now undefeated over 6 matches! Mrs Wingfield organised the Year 10 road safety visit to Kent Fire and Rescue. Miss Andrew and Mrs Shurvington led on the Tate visit for Year 10 artists which took place today. In addition to an already significant workload, it is wonderful that teachers are prepared to spend the time and energy planning and organising these important enrichment and curriculum study visits.

In the days ahead, Mrs Hills will be taking 45 musicians out to perform in the Basingstoke Mayor's concert on Saturday night. We wish them all the best of luck. Miss Thomas will be running GCSE Drama rehearsals, Mr Heaton will be leading the SLS Literature Quiz, and then on Wednesday it is BBC Young Reporter Day. GCSE Music Performance examinations are about to begin soon, so if this concerns your child, please help them make sure they have all their music with them on the day. Miss Vaughan takes the Rock Challenge dancers and crew out to Southampton on Wednesday and, of course, it is Year 8 Parents'/Carers' Evening on Thursday. We look forward to seeing all our Year 8 parents and carers on the night.

Our PTA is having a Quiz Night on 28th March. Please see their Facebook page or their website and sign up soon!

You'll be aware that a great deal of information about various internet dangers has been published during the week, some of it fake. Please take a look at our advice and guidance below. This is a good time to check your child's device settings and make sure that their apps (particularly instagram) are not open to all. Mind how you go and have a good weekend.

Joanna C West

## Notices and News:

### INTERNET AND GAMING SAFETY

The national media coverage of the MOMO game this week, whilst there is some discussion of whether it is a hoax, does bring into focus again the threats to children's safety and wellbeing through the internet.

As this extract from a recent BBC News article makes clear, it is important that adults take steps to protect and educate children so that they do not become prey to the evil people who are filling the internet with this type of content.

**“Police have appealed to parents to not simply focus on MOMO, urging them to:**

- **Ensure they know what their children can access online (and don't just take your son or daughter's word for it!)**
- **Ensure children understand the importance of not giving personal information to anyone they do not know**
- **Tell their children no-one has the right to make them do anything they do not want to do**
- **Use parental controls to keep children safe.” BBC News**

If you would like more advice and guidance about this, including the risks of online gaming and how to set up parental controls, the following websites are available:

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/#>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/>

<https://www.internetmatters.org/parental-controls/>

<https://www.ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/>

Whilst MOMO may or may not have been a hoax, the threats to our young people are very real and they need advice and support to make the right choices in terms of their online behaviours, so we would urge you to closely monitor your child's online activity.

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### MUSIC DEPARTMENT IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE SPRING TERM

**Saturday 2nd March** - Basingstoke Mayor's Spring Charity Concert: **Acapella Group and Chamber Choir performance at the Anvil, Basingstoke.** Rehearsal at 2pm, concert at 6pm. **Tickets for the concert are available from The Anvil box office on 01256 844244 , [www.anvilarts.org.uk](http://www.anvilarts.org.uk) or [box.office@anvilarts.org.uk](mailto:box.office@anvilarts.org.uk)**

**6th, 7th and 8th March** - GCSE Performance Exams

**Wednesday 13th March 7pm - GCSE Music Concert** - All Year 10 and 11 music students will be involved in the Concert - **Tickets for the GCSE Music concert in the School Hall on Wednesday 13th March at**

7pm will go on sale on Friday morning from 9am. Tickets are £4 and will be available from the ticketsource website. Please [click here](#) to follow the link.

**Thursday 4th April 7pm - Spring Concert** - All extra-curricular music clubs will be showcasing their work.

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### **DRAMA CLUB AND LAMDA**

Due to Year 11 practical exams and rehearsal space, Drama Club and Lamda will be back week beginning 18th March.

*Miss Thomas*

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### **HELPING WITH YEAR 10 AND YEAR 11 EXAM REVISION**

Further to the recent message to parents/carers eager to help their Year 10/11 learners to revise; the "GCSEs What can a parent do? 101 tips to ensure success" booklet, published by Future Link Publishing, is now available to purchase via [Scopay](#).

Please visit [www.futurelinkpublishing.co.uk](http://www.futurelinkpublishing.co.uk) for more information.

Mr Rhys	Miss Ellison
Head of Year 11	Head of Year 10

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### **HOOK TO ROBERT MAYS SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORT**

At a public meeting on 11th February, Hampshire County Council informed parents of their proposal to create a walking route from Hook to Robert Mays School. If this proposal goes ahead and the route is assessed as 'safe and suitable,' bus transport will be removed for Hook children living under 3 miles from Robert Mays School. Hampshire County Council's current programme is for the walking route to be in place for September 2019.

Hampshire County Council will be holding a drop-in exhibition on Tuesday 26th March at Hook Community Centre between 4.00pm and 7.00pm where parents will have the opportunity to see the plans and to ask questions.

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### **SCHOOL UNIFORM:- GREEN AND BLACK SUMMER POLOS - PLEASE ORDER NOW**

After Easter students can wear green summer polo shirts (or black polo shirts in year 11). We kindly request you place your orders for these now to help our volunteers process the high volume of orders expected. Please place all your orders online at [www.rmspta.co.uk](http://www.rmspta.co.uk) . When you have received notification

that the order is ready, the polos can be collected by students from the RMS PTA uniform office at morning breaktime.

Thank you,  
RMS PTA UNIFORM SERVICE

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### **YEAR 10 WORK EXPERIENCE REMINDER**

We have already had several students with offers of work experience placements for the last week of the summer term. This is a reminder for students to get a placement arranged as early as possible.

If your child is being offered a placement, or is going for an interview, please make sure they direct the employer to the [Work Experience page](#), under the Curriculum menu option, on our website. Employers need to complete the [RMS Work Experience Placement Agreement Form](#) to enable us to complete our placement processing. This page also contains links to instructions and other useful information.

Thank you

Mrs L Ashford  
Work Experience Coordinator

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### **YEAR 11**

#### **YEAR 11 ETHICS REVISION MATERIALS**

For students who are having difficulties accessing the shared Ethics revision materials via Google Drive, you can access them using the links below:

– Christianity Beliefs and Practices Revision Guide

[https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ABnBFxPWvpVQVnbiTgnjog5VWBEWRgf03nFbI8\\_vKTY/edit?usp=sharing&gt;](https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1ABnBFxPWvpVQVnbiTgnjog5VWBEWRgf03nFbI8_vKTY/edit?usp=sharing&gt;)

– Islam Revision Guide

[https://drive.google.com/open?id=1KtliKYqIAIRhhNJKOLQQV5Fx\\_wkXdocpBvwBBT7sS4&gt;](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1KtliKYqIAIRhhNJKOLQQV5Fx_wkXdocpBvwBBT7sS4&gt;)

– Issues of Good and Evil Revision Guide

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=10uzAyiwhDmE7gZ-93kxgCM2SnBqwr9Nw0g7jN2LtDpg&gt;>

– Issues of Human Rights Revision Guide

<https://drive.google.com/open?id=16Bec-Wrc7MMZ0amlA2A31JdonvRosSUA8qsGE9iSuYg&gt;>

- Issues of Life and Death Revision Guide

[https://drive.google.com/open?id=1i7ki\\_xR6NtPagTWpwB9wiuwvjaDNT6Pn2\\_xC8XVNIHg&gt;](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1i7ki_xR6NtPagTWpwB9wiuwvjaDNT6Pn2_xC8XVNIHg&gt;)

- Issues of Relationships Revision Guide

[https://drive.google.com/open?id=1TJGW6I2cuv4S7roBPwXrcmtyLrppf\\_XSqB7o1B2hwp0&gt;](https://drive.google.com/open?id=1TJGW6I2cuv4S7roBPwXrcmtyLrppf_XSqB7o1B2hwp0&gt;)

- Year 11 Revision Schedule

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EZ5p\\_LlxFjoKCnF-vtuRTD2n5-MHz9woIcPskn5Qrk8/edit?usp=sharing&gt;](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1EZ5p_LlxFjoKCnF-vtuRTD2n5-MHz9woIcPskn5Qrk8/edit?usp=sharing&gt;)

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### **POLITE NOTICE: DROP OFF AND PICK UP BY CAR**

When dropping off by car in the morning, please observe the 5mph speed limit and continue to use the **outer bus loop** (nearest the road) in order to separate cars from buses. Peak time for drop offs is 0815hrs - 0825hrs and is best avoided. Students must be in school by 0825 and no later.

At the end of the school day the entrance gates to the school are closed. This is so that we can safely manage students getting on buses, walking, riding or getting to a parent's car. In order to maintain a safe environment on site we politely request that parents picking up by car do so in the surrounding roads and do not enter the school site. We do not have the capacity on site for all parents picking up by car so in order to be fair to all, we do not allow any.

The school entrance and exit are covered by KEEP CLEAR and yellow zig zag lines as well as double yellow lines. **Under no circumstances** should parents pick up or drop off students in these areas, and they must not use the entrance to the school to turn around. Simply opening a car door when in a KEEP CLEAR and zig-zagged zone is an offence. A number of parents have been issued with fines and the area is patrolled by traffic wardens at least once every week.

Thank you for your continued co-operation in putting the safety of all of our students first.

*Senior Leadership Team*

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### **PE CLUBS WEEK BEGINNING 4TH MARCH**

Day	Club	Running
Monday	Badminton (All Years)	Yes
	Rugby	Yes
	Trampolining Club (Invite only)	Yes
	Hockey Club (7, 10, 11)	Yes
	Girls Football (all years)	Yes
	Table Tennis (all years)	Yes

Tuesday	Fitness Girls Basketball (Y7, 8, 9) Rugby (9,10,11) Football (9,10,11)	Yes Until 3pm Yes Yes Yes
Wednesday	Year 7 Netball Club Hockey Club (8, 9) Running (all years) Boys Basketball (7,8) PE Revision (11)	Yes Yes Until 3pm 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

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### **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](mailto: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.

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### **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

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### **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/>

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### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

2nd March	GCSE Drama Exam Rehearsals - 10.00am - 4.00pm Mayor's Concert at the Anvil - 6.00pm
4th March	Drama PPET - 6.00pm - 8.00pm
5th March	Drama PPET - 6.00pm - 8.00pm
6th March	Rock Challenge - Southampton Guildhall
7th March	Year 8 Parents'/Carers' Evening
10th March	Cheerleading Weekend Rehearsal - 1.00pm - 4.00pm
13th March	GCSE Music Concert - 7.00pm
14th March	Year 10 Parents' / Carers' Evening
15th March	Year 11 Macbeth Theatre Trip - 1.15pm - 4.30pm
16th March	Magistrates Mock Trial Competition - Winchester Crown Court - 9.30am - 3.30pm Year 11 Drama Rehearsals - 10.00am - 4.00pm
17th March	Cheerleading Schools' Nationals 2019, Derby - 8.00am - 6.00pm

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

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

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### **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 "2<sup>nd</sup> hand sales" Thank you.

**Second Hand Sale Dates:**

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

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### **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 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
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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

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### **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

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### **2018/2019 TERM DATES**

**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

### **RMS CONFIRMED TERM DATES: 2019-2020**

**Autumn Term 2019:**

**Wed 4 Sept 2019- CPD Day**

**Thurs 5 Sept - Yrs 11 and 7 start**

**Fri 6 Sept- Whole school in. Half Term break: 28 Oct- 1 Nov**

**CPD Day: Monday 4th November**

**Last day of term: Wed 18th Dec (*HCC finishes on 20 Dec*)**

**Spring Term 2020:**

**Monday 6th Jan- first day back for all**

**CPD day: Friday 14th Feb**

**Half term break: 17-21 Feb**

**Fri 3rd April- last day of term**

**Summer Term 2020**

**Monday 20th April- CPD Day**

**Tuesday 21st April -first day back for all**

**Half term break- 25-29 May**

**Friday June 26th CPD Day**

**Friday 17th July -last day of term (*HCC finishes on 22 July*)**

*Please be aware that as an academy, Robert May's School does not need to follow Hampshire term-time dates. However, we 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

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

ROBERT MAY'S PTA PRESENTS

# QUIZ NIGHT

**AT ROBERT MAY'S  
SCHOOL**

28th MARCH | STARTS AT 7.30PM | TICKET £3 pp

Max 6 Per Team

**OVER 18's ONLY, DOORS & BAR OPENS AT 7pm**

**BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW BY FOLLOWING THE [LINK](#)**



## Community Safety News

### Parent cyber safety events

Are you confident that you know how to keep your child safe when using the internet, social media, apps and games? Or are you baffled by Snapchat, Instagram, WhatsApp and Fortnite?

A series of cyber-safety workshops will take place across the Safer North Hampshire area in late March and early April, designed to help parents and carers learn more about cyber safety issues, and the websites and apps their young children or teenagers might be using online.

The hour-long sessions will cover some of the latest online trends, as well as advise parents on what they can do to protect their children and prompt conversations about online content.

The sessions, which will be delivered by a qualified member of council staff, who is part of the CEOP (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command) Ambassador programme, will take place on:

- **26 March – Hart District Council**
- **1 April – Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council**
- **3 April – Rushmoor Borough Council**

All sessions will run from 7-8pm.

A group of young people from Salesian College, Farnborough, will also attend the sessions, and give a presentation about their experiences online. The students started a Young Enterprise company, called Auctus, which has produced an online safety book for young people.

To book onto a session or to find out more, email [CommunitySafetyTeam@communitysafetynh.org](mailto:CommunitySafetyTeam@communitysafetynh.org) stating which session you would like to attend and how many spaces you require.

### Graffiti removal

We will be tackling graffiti across Hart and Rushmoor in mid-March. Please let us know if you have seen any across the area.



You can get in touch by emailing [CommunitySafetyTeam@communitysafetynh.org](mailto:CommunitySafetyTeam@communitysafetynh.org), call 01252 774229 or tweet us @SaferNorthHants.

### Rushmoor Neighbourhood Watch AGM

This month marks the first anniversary of the refreshed Neighbourhood Watch organisation in Rushmoor borough. The group aims to operate Neighbourhood Watch schemes across each of the 13 wards.



Annual reports will be published, along with a list of candidates for the steering committee. The Annual General Meeting will be carried out virtually.

Documents will be sent out via Hampshire Alert. Please sign up to receive local alerts from police and Neighbourhood Watch at [www.hampshirealert.co.uk](http://www.hampshirealert.co.uk)

If you are not a member of Neighbourhood Watch in Rushmoor and would like to join or be part of a Community Forum in your Ward, please contact Ian Davis ([Membership@RNWA.org.uk](mailto:Membership@RNWA.org.uk)) or Shaun Lehane ([chairman@RNWA.org.uk](mailto:chairman@RNWA.org.uk))

**Crime cannot flourish in a community that cares.**

