

# Parent Bulletin



Excellence every day

## 8th March 2019

Thought for the week:	Choices
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Dear Families,

It was good to see so many of you on Thursday evening at our year 8 Parents'/Carers' evening. Thanks also to Miss Evans, her team, senior prefects and PTA colleagues for supporting us on the night. Year 8 remain in the school news, as our 15 "Blue Skies" students went back to the RAF Odiham on Tuesday to continue their work with the Jon Egging Trust. Thanks to Miss Evans again for coordinating the visit and accompanying the group.

SLS Literature Quiz at Frogmore took place on Tuesday evening so thanks go to Mr Heaton for arranging and leading on this. Well done to our participating student team! On Wednesday night our Rock Challenge dancers and stage crew performed at Southampton. They came up against a significant number of post-16 groups and were pipped at the post by Regents' Park College. Our students distinguished themselves and were a credit to the school. Miss Vaughan prepared and co-ordinated the performance and made sure that everyone got back safely. Thank you to parents who helped, parents who attended and staff colleagues who travelled down to Southampton in support too. We understand a professional video of the performance will be released soon and hope to share the link in due course. To our students who took part: feel proud!

Our PTA met on Monday night and approved some grants of funds to several school departments and projects. Not for the first time, I would like to thank RMSPTA for all their hard work in coordinating school uniform sales and for all their voluntary work on behalf of the school and its students. The PTA have a quiz night coming up on 28th March- please visit the RMSPTA Facebook site for further information. There's a pre-loved uniform sale on Monday 11th March 2.25pm-3.35pm next to the Design Engineering block.

Coming up: English and maths second wave pre-public examination tests for Year 11s are on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. This is another chance for students to familiarise themselves with the formal examination experience. The usual advice applies: stay calm, sleep well, eat well, relax well when you're not revising. *F1 in Schools* team goes off with Mr Cain and Miss Adams on Sunday, so good luck to them. RMS Macbeth theatre visit goes out on Friday evening, and the GCSE music concert takes place next Wednesday night. All the best to Mrs Hills and team for what is always known as a superb event.

On Wednesday we'll be receiving a visit from Derby University researchers. They will be conducting research on a small group of our HM Forces family children. On Thursday morning a news syndicate will be coming on site to cover our nine (yes, *nine!*) pairs of twins in Year 11. This is to show how they are getting on now they have nearly reached the end of their time with us, and to replicate some of the photographs that were taken when they were brand new Year 7s. Expect a "then and now" feature in local papers soon!

Have an excellent 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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### SPRAY/AEROSOL DEODORANTS

This is a reminder that we do NOT allow spray/aerosol deodorants in school. A number of students with respiratory conditions require medical attention in hospital if they are exposed to sprays/aerosols. If students wish to bring deodorants into school they must be roll-on. We will confiscate and throw away any sprays/aerosols that we find.

## FREE LATE BUS PASSES FOR YEAR 11 REVISION SESSIONS

Effective Monday 11th March, Year 11 students attending revision classes will be eligible for a free late bus pass if they wish to take the late bus home that day.

Registers will be taken by the teachers, during revision classes, in order for the School Office to identify students eligible for a free pass. It is the student's responsibility to ensure they are registered by the teacher *during the revision class*. If a student is not on a revision register they will not be given a free late bus pass but will be able to purchase one as usual. If you have a Year 11 student who would like to benefit from free late bus passes, please ensure they are aware of this.

Free late bus passes must be collected from reception, by the Year 11 student, after the second revision session has finished at at 3:30pm. They will *not* be available at break times, unless they wish to purchase a late bus pass for the usual £2.

Please be aware that seats on our late buses are limited and so free late bus passes are subject to availability.

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## EXAM INVIGILATOR - VACANCIES

We are looking to appoint Exam Invigilators to join our successful team assisting with the administration and supervision of examinations.

Please see attached link to our current vacancies to find out more about our upcoming Open Day event on Tuesday 19th March at 1:00pm.

<http://www.rmays.org/joining-us/vacancies/>

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## MUSIC DEPARTMENT IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE SPRING TERM

**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. Please [click here](#) for tickets from the ticketsource website.

### Hampshire Music Service

From 12 - 16 August 2019, children from age 12 to 18 will be able to take part in a musical theatre course to be held at Wildern School, Hedge End, near Southampton, run by the Hampshire Music Service. For more information, follow this link:

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/hampshireremusic/news/12aug-get-musical>

## INTERMEDIATE MATHS CHALLENGE - THURSDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2019

Thank you to all who took part in the challenge. Special congratulations go to Arianne Wilson, Hayden Thorn, Brandon Wilson, Lyndon Halliday, Charlie Nicholson, Oliver Widdison, Ian Cowburn and Stanley Appleton. These students have qualified for the next round of the Intermediate Maths Challenge.

*Mrs Mullan*

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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.**

## **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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## **PE CLUBS WEEK BEGINNING 11TH MARCH**

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)	No Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes
Tuesday	Fitness Girls Basketball (Y7, 8, 9) Rugby (9,10,11) Football (9,10,11)	No Yes (Gym) Yes Yes
Wednesday	Year 7 Netball Club Hockey Club (8, 9) Running (all years) Boys Basketball (7,8) PE Revision (11)	No 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

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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**

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.

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 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:**

<b>Age Band</b>	<b>Ticket Price</b>	<b>Amount Raised for your group</b>
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

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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](#)**