

# Parent Bulletin



Robert  
May's  
School

28th June 2019

Excellence every day

Dear Families,

It was very exciting to spend two days working with the first half of our new Year 7 students this week. Next week we get to meet our new students from Hook JS and several other schools in the area. On Thursday evening we look forward to welcoming parents and carers of our new Year 7s to the Information Evening. We'd like to thank our Primary School colleagues for releasing their students so that we can give them this great

opportunity to sample subject specific lessons in dedicated areas, make new friends and get a feel for RMS. During the induction days we have been focusing on our ethos which is as follows:

**Our motto is:** *Excellence every day with learning at the centre of what we do.*

**What does that mean?** It means that over the coming 5 years, our aim is to enable you to:

*Learn to help yourself*

*Learn to help others*

*Learn to make the world a better place*

**How do we want to do this?**

By using the Robert May's Way:

Respect (respect each other and yourself. Respect the adults working with you)

Manage (manage yourself, your time, your emotions and feelings, manage your reactions to others, manage your workload)

Support (support yourself by being well organised, support others who might need your help, support the aims of the classes that you are in. Support the teachers and staff who are here on site to give you great learning opportunities).

Thank you to the students involved for participating, and to the following teachers for their efforts in leading, managing and supporting the teams in the Tea Dance, Junior District Track and Field Events, Year 9 STEM enrichment day, Big Bang South East, Year 6 Induction days (half way through), Careers with Animals, Matilda at the Mayflower and Twelfth Night: Mrs Wingfield, Miss Adams, Mr Warman, Mr Peake, Mr McTaggart, Mr Searle with Mrs Griffiths and the Admin colleagues, Mr Dovey, Mrs Ellis and Ms Pinto-Arsenio.

As I write, it is our Professional Development day followed by the Year 11 Leavers' Ball. It is our expectation that the evening event will be elegant and enjoyable, and we'll report back next week, but I would like to say a special thank you in advance to all the staff who are attending the Ball in whatever capacity, and to all the parents who have helped to facilitate gowns, suits, tuxes, transport, and who are coming along to watch the arrivals. Our aim, in holding the Ball, is to give the students fond memories and an enjoyable rite-of-passage moment that will stay with them throughout their lives.

Good luck to the Year 10 Climbing Trip, which departs today with several PE colleagues. We hope the assessments go very well for all concerned and that the heat does not prevent our students from being able to accomplish their targets.

Here's a reminder that Summer Concert Tickets (7pm on Wednesday 3rd July) are on sale from

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/rmay/s/rms-summer-concert/2019-07-03/19:00/t-vqeley>: proceeds will go to Naomi House.

We are trialling our new Facebook and Twitter pages. These are for the whole school community. If you decide to “like” anything you see, please make sure your own Facebook pages are locked down and very private. What’s the idea behind this? We thought it might be helpful to family members to have easy-to-access social media sites in which all letters home, piece of news and bulletins could be posted and read.



Robert May’s School



Robert May’s School Official

Have a great weekend, and take care in the heat.

Joanna West

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## Notices and news

### SPORTS DAY

This is a school event, therefore, students need to wear their school PE kit. Students are allowed to wear a t shirt in the colour of their form but this is not compulsory. Students are not permitted to wear leggings, unless they are RMS leggings, or Nike pro shorts, they are also not allowed face paint, hair colouring or anything that goes against the current school rules in terms of clothing.

Form colours:

S - red

T - orange

U - yellow

V - turquoise

W - green

X - dark blue

Y - purple

Z - pink

P - white

R - black

**Although shade will be provided, students will need plenty of water, sun cream and sun hats. The canteen will be open for one break only and that is at 10:40am so students can purchase food if needed.**

Thank you for your support.

*PE*

## **ENGINEERING NEWS**

Robert May's School is proud to announce that Rosie Dolan and Sadie Mansfield have been made Arkwright Engineering Scholars.

An Arkwright scholarship is the most prestigious scholarship of its type in the UK. It inspires and nurtures students to be the country's future leaders in the Engineering Profession. The Scholarships are awarded to only a few high-calibre 16 year old students through a rigorous selection process and supports students through the two years of their A levels.

This is the first time RMS has ever had two scholars in the same year - Rosie and Sadie's achievement is to be commended.

P Cain  
Head of Technology

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## **YEAR 9 TRIPLE SCIENCE**

The application process for the Year 9 Triple Science Trial Year is currently open. If your child would like to apply for the programme, but has not been invited, they can apply by collecting a letter from their class science teacher. The deadline for this is the 1st July.

Please be aware the Triple Science course is very demanding and students should have considerable ability in science and a willingness to put in the time needed to complete the work both inside, and outside, the classroom.

*Science Department*

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## **LOST PROPERTY**

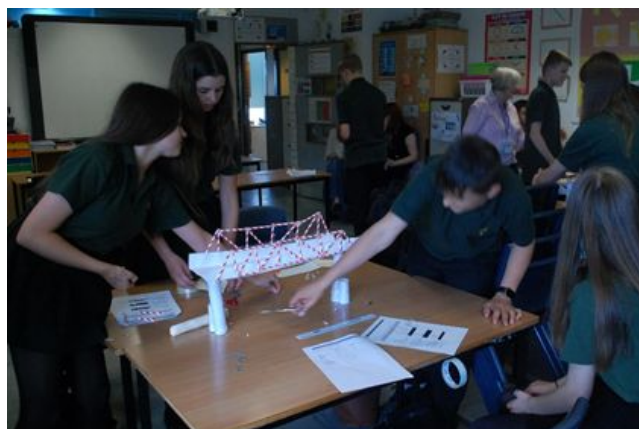
Coming to the end of the Summer term and the Lost Property cupboard is full to the brim! Any named items have been handed to the Tutors to return, however there is still a sizable amount of un-named lost property in the cupboards to be collected.

We have PE bags, coats, PE items etc – If your child has not had their lost items returned by their Tutor, please ask them to visit the Lost Property Cupboard before the end of this term. Any uncollected items at the end of the term will be sent for recycling.

## YEAR 9 SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATHEMATICS (STEM) DAY

On Tuesday 25th June the Year 9 students enjoyed a STEM Day where external providers came into Robert May's School and delivered a variety of topics as diverse as Bridge Building, Genetics, Polymers and CAD Programming. Students undertook three sessions where they predominantly worked in teams solving the practical problems set. The students really engaged with the tasks and there were a huge amount of positive comments. The external providers commented on how well Robert May's students had overcome the problem solving aspects of the day as well as how well they conducted themselves.

Highlights of the day included students finding out the reasons how two parents with brown eyes can produce a child with blue eyes. Building virtual circuits where students could control the sequence of flashing lights and a bridge that was built to such a high standard that the bucket full of sand testing the force on the bridge, broke!



## **PTA UNIFORM SERVICE – UPDATE JUNE 2019**

### **New Intake:**

If you have yet to place your order for uniform for your current Year 6 student joining the school in September may we request that you do so urgently. We will endeavour to have your order ready for collection from 6pm onwards at New Parents Evening on Thursday 4th of July but this cannot be guaranteed for late orders.

### **Second Hand Uniform Donations:**

We are happy to receive donations of good quality preloved RMS logo uniform and PE kit. Simply hand your donations into the school office during term time in a bag labelled "PTA 2nd hand uniform". Please help us by donating laundered items only.

### **Year 10 Black Jumpers and Ties:**

Parents of Year 10's please remember to order your black jumpers and ties ready for September. The last order date for collections before the end of term is Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Second Hand Uniform Sales:**

A great opportunity for current Year 10's to purchase a black jumper ready for Year 11 at a bargain price!!

Monday 8th July - 2.25pm - 3.25pm \* subject to weather

Location: Find us in the green container near the astro pitches.

Cash or cheques only please, payable to RMS PTA.

All profits from our second-hand uniform sales are used to buy items and kit used by pupils.

Many thanks for your continued support.

RMS PTA UNIFORM SERVICE

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## **COLLEGE OPEN DAYS / EVENINGS**

### **Alton College:**

Open days / Evenings:

- Thursday 4th July 2019, 15:30pm - 20:30pm

### **Peter Symonds College:**

Open days / Evenings:

- Tuesday 9th July 2019, 17:30pm - 20:30pm
- Wednesday 10th July 2019, 17:30pm - 20:30pm

### **Farnborough College of Technology:**

Open Evenings / Days:

- School Leavers Open Event Wednesday 16th October 2019, 16:00pm - 19:30pm

- School Leavers Open Event Wednesday 20th November 2019, 16:00pm - 19:30pm
- School Leavers Open Event Wednesday 26th February 2020, 16:00pm - 19:30pm

Other Events:

- Family Fun Day - Saturday 22nd June 2019, 10:30am - 14:30pm
- A Levels Open Event - The difference between 6th Forms and Colleges Wednesday 25th March 2020, 16:00pm - 19:30pm

QMC:

Open Evenings / Days:

- Wednesday 2nd October, 17:30 - 20:30
- Thursday 3rd October, 17:30 - 20:30

Farnborough Sixth Form:

Open Evenings / Days:

- Wednesday 23rd October 2019 15:30pm - 21:30pm
- Thursday 24th October 2019 15:30pm - 21:30pm

Sparsholt College:

Open days:

- Open Event Thursday 20th June 2019, 16:00pm - 17:00pm

BCOT:

Open days / Evenings:

- Monday 14th October 2019, 16:30pm - 19:30pm

Other Events

- Top apprentice recruitment day Wednesday 26th June 2019, 10:00am - 16:00pm

Merrist Wood:

Open days / Evenings:

- Wednesday 26th June 2019, 17:30pm - 20:00pm
- Wednesday 16th October 2019, 17:30pm - 20:00pm
- Saturday 16th November 2019, 09:30am - 12:30pm
- Wednesday 26th February 2020, 17:30pm - 20:00pm
- Saturday 20th June 2020, 09:30am - 12:30pm

Other Events

- Festive Animal Fun Day, Sunday 1st December 2019 12pm - 16:00pm

Guildford:

Open days / Evenings:

- Wednesday 9th October 2019, 16:00pm - 19:00pm
- Saturday 9th November 2019, 09:30am - 12:30pm
- Wednesday 5th February 2020, 16:00pm - 19:00pm
- Saturday 6th June 2020, 09:30am - 12:30pm

**MESSAGE FROM HOOK INFANT SCHOOL**

Mrs Pat Cranham has served the children at Hook Infant School for 44 years and is retiring from her Lunchtime Supervisor role at the end of term.

As a school we hope to celebrate her service to the school and we are creating a happy memory book.

Please could you ask children, staff and parents if they would like to write a memory or message for our book.

Messages can be short and sweet and hand written or emailed to [office@hook-inf.hants.sch.uk](mailto:office@hook-inf.hants.sch.uk) for us to add to her collection.

Any help you can offer to help us make her retirement celebration great would be appreciated.

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## **FAMILY CONTACT DETAILS**

If you have moved house recently, or changed your mobile phone number, please get in touch with us via [info@rmays.com](mailto:info@rmays.com) and send in your updated details or click on the link to our website <http://www.rmays.org/parents/update-contact-details/> for our change of contact details form.

**We've experienced some difficulties with contacting some families recently, because landlines and mobile numbers are out of date and/or unobtainable. If you do not update your latest contact details, you are risking the safety of your child. If an emergency occurs and we cannot contact you, the matter becomes a serious safeguarding concern. Please help us to keep records up to date.**  
**WATER MAIN REPLACEMENT/ ROAD CLOSURES IN NEWNHAM TO BEGIN IN JULY FOR 36 WEEKS**

Please see link below for the schedule of works and road closures during this time:

<http://corporate.southeastwater.co.uk/newnham>

### **Newnham, Hook– Project Timeline**

#### **Site start and setup**

July 29

#### **Newnham Road closure from Old School Lane to Ridge Lane**

July 29 – November 11

#### **Ridge Lane closure**

November 12 – January 3, 2020

#### **Crown Lane closure**

January 6 – February 7

#### **Newnham Lane/Tylney Lane closure**

February 11 – March 6

\*Please note that dates are subject to change as works progress. To keep up to date please visit [corporate.southeastwater.co.uk/newnham](http://corporate.southeastwater.co.uk/newnham)

You can also visit our social media channels (@sewateruk) or sign up for text and email alerts by visiting the [In Your Area](#) map on our website

## 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 normal 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.

Funding for schools is now uncomfortably tight. Staffing has been cut over the last 3 years in order to try and maintain a prudent and balanced budget each year. This means that all staff in school are working to maximum capacity and are very time-constrained. Their main focus is always going to be the children and young people who are here. They do not have time to deal with matters that cannot be resolved sensibly and calmly. We will not tolerate rudeness, threats or aggression of any kind from visiting adults. It is not appropriate, for example, to demand to meet with a member of staff without an appointment, or to remain on-site without an invitation. The school has powers to bar adults who behave unacceptably. All staff working at the school have the right to work in a safe and positive environment. They are expected to be good role models for our students. The same is expected of visiting adults and parents.

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 our staff to exercise their right to a family life.

Thank you for respecting our approach to direct and online communications.

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## PE CLUBS WEEK BEGINNING 1ST JULY 2019

Day	Club	Running
Monday	GCSE PE PEP Catch Up (IT2/IT4) Athletics Trampolining Year 7 Girls Rounders Year 9 & 10 Boys Tennis	Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes
Tuesday	Athletics Year 8 Girls Rounders Year 9 Girls Rounders Year 7/8 Cricket Club	No Yes Yes Yes
Wednesday	GCSE PE Revision Athletics Year 7, 8 & 9 Mixed Rounders Girls Tennis	No Yes No Yes
Thursday	Athletics Year 10 Mixed Rounders Year 7 & 8 Boys Tennis	Yes Yes Yes



	B'ball drop sessions Yr7/8 - Yr9/10 alternating	Yes
Friday	GCSE Theory Clinic (Y10 & 11)	No

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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

1st July	Year 6 Induction Day Year 10 Drama Devised Performance
2nd July	Year 6 Induction Day Year 10 Drama Devised Performance
3rd July	Summer Concert in aid of Naomi House
4th July	Year 6 Parents' / Carers' Information Evening
5th July	Sports Day

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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### 2018/2019 TERM DATES

**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!*



# Water Safety..... ..... Information

## Water Safety for Children and Young People

October 2007

During the school holidays, and in particular in hot weather, increasing numbers of children put themselves at risk of drowning. In 2005, 39 children aged between 0-14 accidentally drowned in the UK.

To keep yourself safe, when you are in, on or beside water, always follow the Water Safety Code.



### The Water Safety Code

#### Spot the dangers!

Water may look safe, but it can be dangerous. Learn to spot and keep away from dangers. You may swim well in a warm indoor pool, but that does not mean that you will be able to swim in cold water.

*The dangers of water include:*

- *Very cold temperatures*
- *Hidden currents*
- *It can be deep*
- *It is difficult to estimate depth*
- *There may be hidden rubbish like shopping trolleys or broken glass*
- *It can be difficult to get out (steep slimy banks)*
- *No lifeguards*
- *Water pollution may make you ill*

#### Take safety advice!

Special flags and notices may warn you of danger. Know what the signs mean and do what they tell you.

#### Go together!

Children should always go with an adult, not by themselves. An adult can point out dangers or help if somebody gets into trouble.

#### Learn how to help!

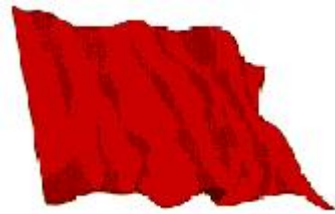
You may be able to help yourself and others if you know what to do in an emergency. If you see someone in difficulty, tell somebody, preferably a Lifeguard if there is one nearby, or go to the nearest telephone, dial **999**, ask for the **Police** at inland water sites and the **Coastguard** at the beach.

## Understanding Water Safety Signs and Symbols

At the seaside there is a flag system to let you know when and where it is safe to enter the water. If you follow these it means that a lifeguard can assist you if you get into difficulties while in the water. If you do not use the flags there may be no one around to help you.



Red and yellow flags mean Lifeguards are on patrol. You should only swim or boogie board in the area between the flags.



The red flag means it is dangerous to bathe or swim and you should not go into the water.



The quartered black and white flag indicates the area zoned for surf craft and Malibu boards. It is not safe for swimmers and bathers.

There are also national water safety signs that are commonly used around the country. These let the public know what is safe to do on a particular stretch of water and what the dangers are. They can warn of dangers that the public may not be able to see themselves. Using the same signs around the country means that everyone can understand the messages wherever they are. Some examples of national water safety signs are:



**No Swimming**



**DANGER  
Deep Water**



**DANGER  
Strong Currents**



**Lifejackets must  
be worn**

More signs can be viewed at <http://www.rospa.com/waterandleisuresafety/info/signs.pdf>.

## How You Can Help

Dial 999.

Rescuing a drowning person is the last resort and you should do everything possible to avoid getting into a dangerous situation in the first place. If you have to make a rescue attempt, think of your own safety first and never put yourself in danger. If the rescue is too dangerous, wait until the emergency services arrive.

### Get Help

The first thing you must do if you see someone in trouble in the water is to shout for help; send someone to ring 999.

# 999



### Reach

With a long stick, a scarf, clothes or anything else. Crouch or lie down to avoid being pulled in.

### Wade

Test the depth with a long stick before wading in and then use the stick to reach out. Hold on to someone else or the bank.



### Throw

A rope is best - you can then pull in the person. Otherwise throw something that will float - a ball, a plastic bottle, a lifebuoy; this will keep the person afloat until help comes.

### Row

Use a boat if there is one nearby and if you can use it safely. Do not try to pull the person on board in case they panic and capsize the boat.



### Once Rescued

Keep the casualty warm and make sure they get medical help.

## Further Information and Links

- RoSPA Water & Leisure resources <http://www.rospa.com/waterandleisuresafety/youngpeople/waterresources.htm>
- Water Safety Fact Sheet <http://www.rospa.com/waterandleisuresafety/factsheets/watersafety.htm>
- WOW Waterside Safety Challenge [http://www.rospa.com/waterandleisuresafety/wow\\_watersidesafetychallenge.htm](http://www.rospa.com/waterandleisuresafety/wow_watersidesafetychallenge.htm)
- The Royal National Lifeboat Institution <http://www.rnli.org.uk/>
- The Royal Life Saving Society <http://www.rlss.org.uk/>
- BBC Health: First Aid Action [http://www.bbc.co.uk/health/first\\_aid\\_action/es\\_drown.shtml](http://www.bbc.co.uk/health/first_aid_action/es_drown.shtml)