

# Parent Bulletin



Robert  
May's  
School

*Excellence every day*

## 5th July 2019

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Dear Families,

This week we publish advice and guidance for parents / carers on the link below for important child-safety and well-being topics, including cyber bullying, sexting, drugs and legal highs. Please read the materials in the link because they are specifically designed to support parents.

<https://www.safe4me.co.uk/parents/>

We were very pleased to see Year 6 on their Induction Days. Thank you to parents who gave us so much spontaneous positive feedback about their children's experiences. Last night's information evening for Year 6 parents and carers was very well attended, and it was a pleasure to see so many familiar faces and new families at the same time. A PDF of the slides from our information presentation is now available on the school website and on our Facebook and Twitter pages.

During the week the last of the Drama Devised Performances took place. Well done to the students concerned and thank you to Miss Thomas for arranging and curating the sessions. We are also grateful for all the support shown by families. Our Resourced Provision staff and families came together on Tuesday night to celebrate the final chapter of two Year 11 students' time with us. Thank you also to those families for all the support and encouragement you have given us over the years. Our summer concert took place on Wednesday night. Family and friends came along to enjoy the performances, and funds raised totalled over £700 which will go to Naomi House. This is a magnificent achievement, and thanks are due to our music staff, all the performers and of course, all the supporters who gave so generously. On Thursday several students went to Queen Mary's College in Basingstoke to participate in the Model United Nations project. By all accounts the debate was topical, far-reaching and mature, well-considered resolutions were made.

As I write, the whole school is enjoying Sports Day. Following the tradition of great athletics events, the final relay races get everyone jumping up and down, cheering for their teams. This year's Sports Day has been a tremendous effort, so thanks are due to Mr Grigg and his team, ably supported by Alfie Payne who came in to help with the sound system and digital scoring. Looking ahead, our cricket teams have made it to the County finals this coming Tuesday. Please look out for tweets from RMSPE for the scores and thank you, in advance, to parents who are travelling down to St Cross to watch and give encouragement.

It was a privilege to sit in on the final interviews for roles in the Head Prefect team yesterday. The standard was exceptional. We are all delighted that Emily Robinson Gianassi, Liam Thompson and Max Simpson have been appointed Head Prefects. They will be ably supported by Zach Taylor, Dami Adeyeye and Ben Faulkner who will be the new Deputy Head Prefects. This is a fabulous team and we are looking forward to working with them in the months ahead.

Here's a reminder that information about the school's social media sites and about school skirts is given below.

Have a great weekend,

Joanna West

## Notices and news

### FACEBOOK AND TWITTER PAGES

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/tweets are locked down. 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. They are for information broadcasting only. They are not for people to post comments or queries. If you have any queries, or comments, please email the school using [info@rmays.com](mailto:info@rmays.com) as usual.



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### SCHOOL SKIRTS

We continue to press home the message that we would like students who wear skirts to wear them at the correct length and not to roll them up. Years 7 and 8 are doing very well. Where a skirt-wearer is slim but tall, we are aware that standard skirt length can be a challenge. However, Marks and Spencer, John Lewis, Tesco and Asda all have box pleated skirts of differing lengths and it is possible to find the right kind of box-pleat black skirt for the start of the new term. The school stocks a small number of skirts that are £10 each, if any families are having difficulty sourcing skirts. The recommended skirt is listed on the PTA uniform website and a picture of it is also in the New Parents' / Carers' Information evening slides, published today.

We are investigating kilts. The reason for considering kilts is that it is very difficult to roll them up or make the hems ridiculously short. Skirt-wearers in school agree with us that they would rather wear their black skirts properly than suffer the challenge of wearing an over-the knee kilt. Thank you to all parents for helping us in this crusade to get skirt lengths decent and appropriate- that is on the knee, or no more than 2 cms above the top of the knee cap. An easy test is to ask your child to kneel upright on the floor. Ideally, the skirt hem should touch the floor when they are in this position.

All students who choose to wear trousers are reminded that trousers must not be jeans, or imitate jeggings or leggings- that is, they must not be skin-tight and they must have appropriate pockets. The trouser hem must be straight and not tapered. Again, suitable examples can be found on the PTA uniform website. Thank you.

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### NON-UNIFORM DAY - FRIDAY 12TH JULY

All proceeds will be donated to the Charlie Waller Memorial Trust. The Trust was set up in 1997 in memory of Charlie Waller, a young man who took his own life whilst suffering from depression. His family wanted to equip other young people to know how to look after and maintain their mental well-being. The Trust seeks to achieve this through talks and training to young people, teachers and healthcare professionals, and by supporting research at the Charlie Waller Institute at the University of Reading.

Miss Tozer

## BIG BANG SCIENCE FAIR

Last week a group of Robert May's students embarked for the Big Bang Science Fair at the South of England showground. Among coming face to face with a python and large constrictor Robert May's students enjoyed the scientific delights ranging from Arboriculture to microbiology, virtual reality to the future of robotic surgery. Finishing the day students visited a show about dry ice, with audience participation!



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## JUNIOR MATHS CHALLENGE

Congratulations to the following students for their achievement in the next round of the Junior Maths Challenge. This part of the challenge is substantially more challenging than the first round so these achievements are exceptional.

<u>Year 7</u>			
	Samuel Mossley	83	Qualification
<u>Year 8</u>			
	Max Rudman	94	Merit
	Adam Schuilbrewer	62	Qualification
	Maxwell Barker	47	Qualification
	Chris Parry	40	Qualification

Well done to all of you!

Mr Bibb and the Maths Department

## SCIENCE REVISION GUIDES

Next week is the last order of the year for books! As the year 10 students are on work experience in the last week of term, I have brought the **deadline forward a day to midnight on Sunday 7th July**. The order will be placed on Monday with the intention of getting them distributed via their science teacher before the end of next week. If you have placed an order since the last deadline of 13th May please be assured they will be included in this order.

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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.

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## PTA UNIFORM SERVICE – UPDATE JULY 2019

### Last order and collection dates for PTA School Uniform

If you have any further uniform orders you wish to place with the PTA to be ready for September please order online ASAP at [www.rmspta.co.uk](http://www.rmspta.co.uk). Parents of Y10'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.

Students can collect these orders as usual or exchange items (with a completed exchanges form) at any first break-time.

In addition, we have special opening times in July should parents/carers wish to come to the PTA office to collect any orders, and for item exchanges. **We are open 5.30pm to 7.00pm on: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July, Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July, Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July and Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July.**

We are then closed for the summer holidays and our email is monitored only intermittently, however if you need to order further items before term starts please order online. **We will reopen for collections/exchanges at the end of the summer holidays between 5.30pm - 7.30pm on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September and 10.00am –1.00pm on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September.** No cash or cheque purchases can be taken so please order online beforehand for collection at this time.

Please see our website over the summer holidays for any updates about our opening times and service.

### 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.

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> July - 2.25pm - 3.25pm** \* weather dependent

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

### 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:

- 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

### BCOT:

Open days / Evenings:

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

### Merrist Wood:

Open days / Evenings:

- 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
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## **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.**

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## **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

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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 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.

## PE CLUBS WEEK BEGINNING 8TH 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	Yes No No No
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 B'ball drop sessions Yr7/8 - Yr9/10 alternating	No No Yes 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

9th July	Year 10 PSHE Day
10th July	Founder's Day Sports Awards Evening
11th July	Drama Club Showcase Evening
12th July	Non-uniform Day in aid of the Charlie Waller Memorial Trust Year 7 Cyber Day
14th July	Cheerleading Competition - Sheffield
15th July	Year 10 Work Experience Week
16th July	Year 9 Hengistbury Head Visit
17th July	Year 9 Hengistbury Head Visit
18th July	Year 9 Hengistbury Head Visit



19th July **Last Day of Term - Earlier Finish - 12.15pm**

**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!*



## Parent drug awareness workshops

Find out more about cannabis and other drugs, potential signs to look out for and what you can do to help

Book on one of our **FREE** workshops

**15 July** at Hart District Council offices - 7pm-8.30pm

**16 July** at Rushmoor Borough Council offices - 7pm-8.30pm

**18 July** at Basingstoke and Deane Borough Council offices - 7pm-8.30pm

To book, please email  
**[communitysafetyteam@communitysafetynh.org](mailto:communitysafetyteam@communitysafetynh.org)**  
stating workshop you would like to attend and how many spaces you need

**[www.safernh.co.uk](http://www.safernh.co.uk)**



## Community Safety News

### Drug awareness sessions for parents and carers

A series of drug awareness workshops will be held in July to help parents/carers know where to look for support and what to do if they suspect young people are using drugs or are caught up in gangs involved in drugs.

The FREE workshops, organised and delivered by Safer North Hampshire, will be held on the following dates:

- 15<sup>th</sup> July, Hart District Council
- 16<sup>th</sup> July, Rushmoor Borough Council
- 18<sup>th</sup> July, Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council

The sessions will all be held from 19:00 – 20:30.

A variety of information will be on offer during the workshops, including spotting signs that a young person is using drugs, the risks of drug-use, and how to help young people and vulnerable adults avoid getting caught up in drug gangs who may exploit them by using them to smuggle and sell drugs across county lines. To book onto a workshop, please email [communitysafetyteam@communitysafetynh.org](mailto:communitysafetyteam@communitysafetynh.org)

### School holiday risk to children

Most school children look forward to the summer holidays, but for some, it is a time of dread due to the increased risk of being taken abroad and forced into marriage or FGM (Female Genital Mutilation). Around 80 per cent of UK forced marriages happen during the summer holidays, and as many as 24,000 girls under 15 years-old are at risk of FGM.

If you know someone who may be at risk, call 999 if the person is in immediate danger of FGM, or call the NPSCC helpline on 0800 0283550 or email [fgm-help@nspcc.org.uk](mailto:fgm-help@nspcc.org.uk). For forced marriage, call the FM Unit on 020 7008023.

### Think Safe

This year's Think Safe events for year six children took place during June and July across Basingstoke, Hart and Rushmoor.



Around 2000 children from 40+ schools took part in the Basingstoke event, organised by Basingstoke & Deane Borough Council and held at Bramley Army Training Camp.

Around 1500 children from 26 schools took part in the Hart and Rushmoor events, which were held at the Aldershot Enterprise Centre, and organised by Safer North Hampshire.

The youngsters spent time with Hampshire Fire & Rescue Service, Hampshire Police, Network Rail/South Western Railway, Royal Military Police, Stop Domestic Abuse, First Aiders, Sainsbury's, Dogs Trust and Safer North Hampshire learning through a series of interactive activities.

Skills taught included how to make an emergency 999 call; what to do if a stranger approaches you; railway safety; healthy relationships; dog behaviour; basic first aid; road safety; internet safety and antisocial behaviour.



We would like to say a big 'thank you' to Aldershot Enterprise Centre for hosting the Hart and Rushmoor events and to Vine Dining for the catering. Thank you to Bramley Army Training Camp for hosting the Basingstoke event.

Also, a huge 'thank you' to all the agencies that supported these events. We couldn't do it without you! And to the schools who took part. We hope you enjoyed it as much as we did ....



Basingstoke and Deane



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