

Parent Bulletin

18th October 2019



Excellence every day

Thought for the week Festivals of Light and Dark

Word of the week (Any student using the word of the week correctly will receive a conduct point).

Despot (n.) one who has total power and rules brutally (The despot issued a death sentence for anyone who disobeyed his laws.)

Book of the week from Mrs Bennett

Jasmine Skies by Sita Brahmachari

Dear Families,

This week, as usual, a lot has been going on! Mr Dovey, the science team, Mr Cain and the Design Engineering team hosted a potential future colleague from the Army on two days' observation and school experience days. It's always good to give a well-qualified and experienced person from another walk of life the chance to see what it's all about and encourage them to enter the teaching profession. If any parent or carer reading this is thinking of stepping away from HM forces and wants to explore teaching as a next career, please get in touch with us by using the info@rmays.com address and marking the message "Teaching". We will get back to you rapidly because there is a shortage of Maths, Science and English



teachers across the south-east right now.

Further superb activities and opportunities have been taking place during the week. PE colleagues took a number of students across year groups off to the English Schools' Cross County Cup, Round 1. Mrs Eastlake curated the Hampshire Book Awards "Meet the Author" event, Mr Cain took one of our F1 teams up to London on Wednesday to demonstrate at UCL's new Technology Centre of Excellence, Miss Thomas accompanied Sissi Herbert at the National Equestrian Championships and everyone in the school had a hand in the success of the Lord-Lieutenant's visit and the official opening of Invictus building. Pictured on the left: senior prefects with HM Lord-Lieutenant, Mr Nigel Atkinson. We look forward to sharing more photos and a full report at the end of term.



Good luck to RMS students on the Basketball Training Tour this weekend in Bristol and thanks to Mr Harper for curating this exciting opportunity. In the week ahead, British Cycling Coach, Keith Reed, is supporting PE students with some extra coaching and training during scheduled lessons. 4 students will be taking part in UKMT Winchester Maths Circle mid-week. There will be a visit to RAF Odiham focusing on Space Technology, a Macbeth Theatre visit will be going out one evening and our Design Engineering team will be running a fundraising 'FLY RACE NIGHT' on Thursday.

Well done to Mrs Bazan of our PE department! Mrs Bazan competed as a member of the GB beach soccer squad in the world beach games championships

this week. Team GB won silver- a marvellous achievement.

Have a tremendous weekend,
Joanna C West

Notices and news:

ADMISSIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

As with last week, we are reminding everyone who has a child in Year 6 that the deadline for applications to join Robert May's School is coming soon: October 31st 2019. Please apply on time. Here's the link:
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions>

HEALTH, WELLBEING ADVICE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

We repeat the information shared in recent weeks about advice and guidance for parents / carers on important child-safety and well-being topics, including cyber bullying, sexting, drugs and so-called "legal highs". Please read the materials in the link because they are specifically designed to support parents.
<https://www.safe4me.co.uk/parents/>

Internet use and social media concerns: please keep an eye on your child's/children's internet and social media use over the long holiday. If you have any concerns about any of their contacts or activities, you can use the information in the link above.

Alternatively, excellent advice, guidance and numbers to call can be found on:
<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/parents-and-carers>

Information from the East Hampshire School Nurse Team:

We are also seeing an increase in the need for emotional support for children and young people. A useful website for young people and parents is Young Minds:
<https://youngminds.org.uk/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMI50AisOh3gIVx7DtCh1qgQfuEAAYASAAEgKd8fD BwE>

Hampshire CAMHs have also recently released their new and very comprehensive website:
<https://www.acamh.org/topic/camhs/?gclid=EAIaIQobChMIhOqdyC0h3gIVy7ftCh2 NQVpEAAYASAAEgLbkPD BwE>

Tel: 02382 311221

Email: SHFT.EHSchoolNursingAdmin@nhs.net

BUSES AND BUS PASSES

Please could you remind your child to only catch the designated bus that their bus pass entitles them to catch. If students wish to visit a friend they must make alternative travel arrangements as bus drivers are within their right to refuse travel to a student who does not have the correct bus pass for that bus route.

BUS PASS REFUNDS

If students do not need late bus passes due to clubs being cancelled or for other unforeseen circumstances, refunds can only be claimed on the day or the following morning before school or during first break from Reception.

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 as usual.



Robert May's School



Robert May's School Official

PTA NEEDS A NEW CHAIR

Vacant Chair Role

The PTA is particularly keen to fill the **Chair** role which is currently vacant, as our previous Chair no longer has a child at the school. This is understandably a key role for the PTA, and so we would like to fill this asap.

This primarily involves overseeing the meetings (making sure they are planned and conducted effectively), and building/ leading the team in their activities.

The role would therefore suit a person who is approachable and an excellent communicator, to ensure the PTA are successful in raising funds to support the children at the school.

Alternatively, if you and a friend (who is also a parent) might consider **sharing this role**, then it could be split between a **Chair and Vice Chair Role**.

If you are interested in supporting the PTA, **and therefore the children**, in this role (roles) or would like to be on our list of volunteers please contact the committee at:

committee@rmspta.co.uk to find out more.

We will be really delighted to hear from you.

Please also make a note that our next meeting is scheduled for October 21st at 7pm to which all parents/carers/grandparents are welcome, regardless of whether they are members of the committee. We hope to see some new faces at this meeting.

FIRST AID ROOM

The first aid room is open daily during break-times for non-emergencies (for example, headaches, stomach aches or toothache).

Outside of break-times, should a student become so unwell that they are unable to continue with their lessons, they will need permission from their teacher to visit the First Aid Room and will be given a green slip. They will be required to report to Reception so a first aider can be called. They will be assessed and their needs treated accordingly. The parent/carer will be contacted by a member of staff should the child need to be sent home.

Please note, students should not contact parents via mobile phone to request collection from school.

LOST PROPERTY

We currently have lots of school shoes and boots/trainers (PE) in our lost property. If your child has misplaced theirs, please send them along to Reception and the staff will direct them to the cupboard.

Any items not claimed by October 1/2 term break will be recycled.

Many thanks,
School Office

LIBRARY NEWS

We currently have a Book Sale of old stock that we are selling for 20p a book. All the proceeds of the sale will go towards new books so please support us to raise funds for new releases.

We have a Book Group for all students on Mondays 2.30 – 3.30pm in the Library. If you love books please come along and join in.

Mrs Bennett
Library Manager

COLLEGE OPEN DAYS / EVENINGS

Alton College

Open Evenings:

- Wednesday 13th November - 5.00pm - 8:30pm

Farnborough College of Technology (FCOT)

Open Evenings / Days:

- School Leavers Open Event Wednesday 20th November 2019, 4pm - 7:30pm

- School Leavers Open Event Wednesday 26th February 2020, 4pm - 7:30pm

Other Events:

- A Levels Open Event - The difference between 6th Forms and Colleges Wednesday 25th March 2020, 16:00pm - 19:30pm

Aldershot Construction College (FCOT)

Open Evenings / Days:

- Wednesday 27th November 2019, 4pm - 7:30pm
- Wednesday 4th March 2020, 4pm - 7:30pm

The Sixth Form College Farnborough

Open Evenings / Days:

- Wednesday 23rd October 2019, 3:30pm - 9pm
- Thursday 24th October 2019, 3:30pm - 9pm

BCOT

Open days / Evenings:

- Monday 10th February 2020, 4:30pm - 7pm
- Monday 11th May 2020, 4:30pm - 7pm

Apprenticeship Event:

- Monday 9th March 2020, 4:30pm - 7pm
- Monday 15th June 2020, 4:30pm - 7pm

Merrist Wood

Open days / Evenings:

- Saturday 16th November 2019, 9:30am - 12:30pm
- Wednesday 26th February 2020, 5:30pm - 8:00pm
- Saturday 20th June 2020, 9:30am - 12:30pm

Other Events

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

Guildford

Open days / Evenings:

- Saturday 9th November 2019, 9:30am - 12:30pm
- Wednesday 5th February 2020, 4pm - 7pm
- Saturday 6th June 2020, 9:30am - 12:30pm

Farnham College

Open days / Evenings

- Saturday 12th October 2019, 9:30am - 12:30pm
- Wednesday 13th November 2019, 4pm - 7pm
- Wednesday 12th February 2020, 4pm - 7pm
- Saturday 13th June 2020, 9:30am - 12:30pm

Peter Symonds College

Open day / evenings:

- Wednesday 23rd October 2019, 5:30pm - 8:30pm

- Thursday 24th October 2019, 5:30pm - 8:30pm

Sparsholt College

Open day / evenings:

- Saturday 16th November 2019, 10am - 2pm
- Saturday 1st February 2020, 10am - 2pm
- Saturday 7th March 2020, 10am - 2pm
- Wednesday 1st April 2020, 4pm - 7pm
- Thursday 18th June 2020, 4pm - 7pm

RMS PTA UNIFORM SERVICE

All our new uniform is ordered online, our website is www.rmspta.co.uk and our contact email is uniform@rmspta.co.uk. Once an order is placed you will receive an email, usually within 2-3 school days, advising you that it is ready for collection. Students can collect uniform any MORNING breaktime from the PTA office on the far left of the school, near the DT block. Please look at our website for any latest information about our service and for how to exchange or return items should you need to.

Second Hand Uniform Sales

We have a selection of second hand uniform for sale on the following dates:

Monday 21st October - 2.25pm - 3.25pm

Monday 25th November - 2.25pm - 3.25pm

* please note these are weather dependent and may be postponed in heavy rain

Location: Find us in the green container between the DT block and the astro pitches

Cash or cheques only please, payable to RMS PTA

Second Hand Uniform Donations

We are happy to receive donations of good quality preloved RMS logo uniform and PE kit (no skirts or trousers please). 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.

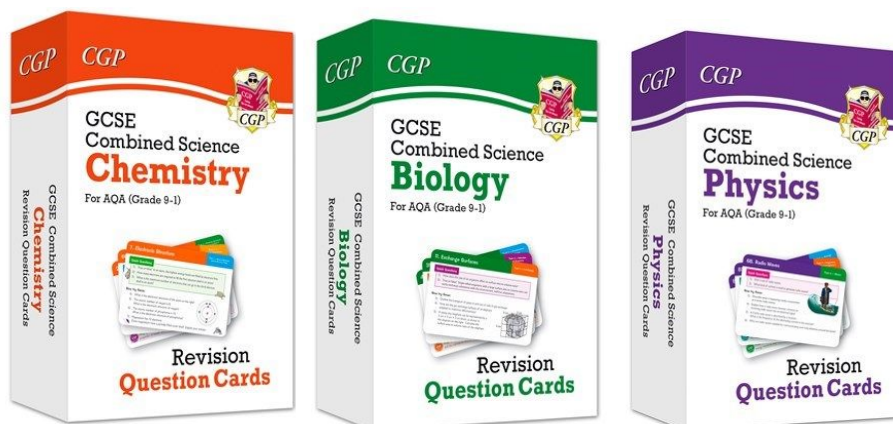
All profits from our uniform sales are used to enrich the pupils learning and experiences.

Many thanks for your continued support.

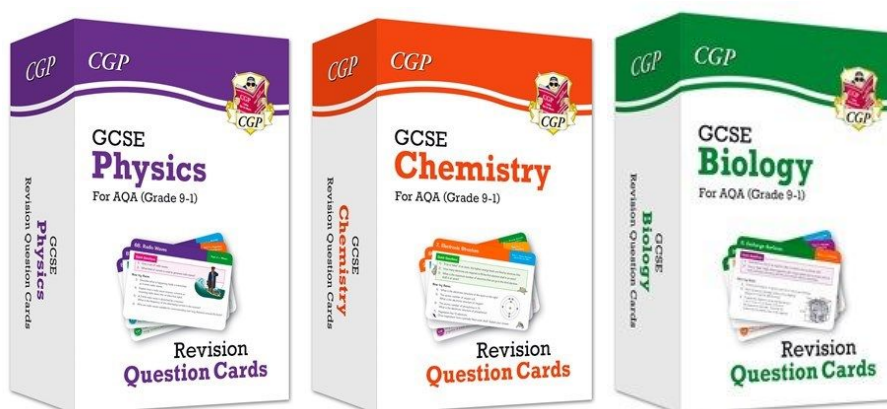
RMS PTA UNIFORM SERVICE

NEW SCIENCE REVISION RESOURCES AVAILABLE!

For Combined Science Students:- £3.50 each (RRP 5.99)



Also For Separate Science Students:- £4.50 each (RRP £8.99)



These will be available on SCOPAY(preferred method) and via our order slips which can be collected from your science teacher.

Orders placed by Midnight on the following dates	Orders will be received and given to science teachers for distribution by the following dates
Monday 14.10.19	Tuesday 22.10.19
Monday 2.12.19	Tuesday 10.12.19
Monday 3.2.2020	Tuesday 11.2.2020
Monday 23.3.2020 (Last chance for year 11)	Tuesday 31.3.2020
Monday 11.5.2020 (Last chance this year for year 10)	Tuesday 19.5.2020
Monday 6.7.2020	Tuesday 14.7.2020

All other revision resources are still available i.e. revision guides, workbooks, answer books and maths skills for science.

The recent introduction of KS3 revision guides will follow the same order deadlines as the KS4.

SCHOOL OF ROCK REHEARSAL PLAN

The weekend rehearsals and Performance dates are listed below. The timings for the rehearsals will go out in the parent bulletin and will be on the notice boards in school. Please ask your child to check when they are needed. They will not be needed for the whole weekend.

Weekend Rehearsals

Saturday 16th November (10am-4pm) and Sunday 17th November (10am-4pm)

Saturday 30th November and Sunday 1st December (timings to be confirmed)

Performance Dates

Monday 2nd December - Thursday 5th December 7pm

Friday 6th December - 6.00pm

Monday 21st October	Act 2 scene 8 All named children Dewey Patty Ned ‘If only you would listen reprise’ (Mr Hiscock) All parents and teachers (All songs) - Mrs Hills	Blue Chair Hall
Tuesday 22nd October	Show band All Named Children Dewey Lead Dancers “You’re in the band’	MU2 Drama Studio
Wednesday 23rd October	Act 2 scene 9 Everyone Lead Dancers (student led)	Blue Chair Hall Drama Studio
Thursday 24th October	Act 2 scene 9 Everyone Lead Dancers	Blue Chair Hall Drama Studio

PE CLUBS AUTUMN 2019:

Week beginning: 21/10/19

Day	Club	Running
Monday	Badminton (All Years) Rugby (7+8) Trampolining Club (Invite only) Girls Football (all years) Table Tennis (all years) PE GCSE Homework support (Y10)	3:10pm Yes Yes Yes No Yes
Tuesday	Fitness Girls Basketball (Y7, 8, 9) Football (9,10,11) Running (all years)	Yes No Yes Yes
Wednesday	Year 7+8 Netball Club Hockey Club Girls (all years) Rugby (9,10,11) Boys Basketball (7,8) Cheerleading PE Revision (11)	No Yes Yes Yes Yes Yes
Thursday	Boys Hockey (All Years) Netball (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

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 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

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, team leaders and tutors are teaching. If you need to get in contact over an academic or pastoral matter 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 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 learning and well-being of the children and young people who are here. Teachers 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's 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.

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

19th October	RMS Basketball Tour
20th October	RMS Basketball Tour
21st October	PTA Second Hand Uniform Sale
24th October	Macbeth Theatre Trip Family Race Evening
28th October - 1st November	Half Term
4th November	Whole Staff CPD Day - school closed to students
6th November	School of Rock Theatre Trip
7th November	Bar Mock Trial Team Court Visit Year 7 Parents'/Carers' Evening
8th November	U14 County Hockey Tournament

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

www.rmays.org/news/calendar/

RMS 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*)

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FACILITY HIRE AT ROBERT MAY'S SCHOOL

If you are interested in booking our facilities please email community.facilities@rmays.com or phone 01256 393140



RMS HIRE CHARGES 2019

LETTINGS CHARGES Ex VAT	2019 <i>from 1 Sept 2019</i>	
	STANDARD RATES	UNDER 18 RATES
SPORTS HALL	£46.00	£23.00
MAIN HALL	£33.00	£16.00
DINING HALL	£26.00	£13.50
GYM	£32.00	£16.00
LIBRARY	£22.00	£11.00
DRAMA STUDIO	£22.00	£11.00
CLASSROOM	£15.30	£9.75
MEETING ROOM	POA (dependent on rooms size)	
IT SUITE	£30.00 +vat	
FOOD TECH ROOM	£30.00 +vat	
FIELD / PITCH	£21.50	£10.75
TENNIS COURT / HARD COURT	£7.00	
NETBALL / HARD COURT	£15.30	
ATP CHARGES	2019	
	STANDARD RATES	UNDER 18 RATES
Weekday evenings		
one third	£41.00	£35.80
two thirds	£58.30	£47.65
Whole	£75.75	£64.50
Weekends		
one third	£32.25	£22.00
two thirds	£47.85	£37.65
Whole	£63.50	£53.25
MUGA		
Weekday evenings		
Whole	£41.00	£35.80
Single netball court	£20.50	£15.35
Weekends		
Whole	£32.25	£22.00
Single netball court	£18.45	£13.30

F1 FAMILY RACE EVENING

Our National Champion F1 in Schools™ teams, Britannia Red and Vision, are holding a fundraising evening for nearly everyone. The evening will include various design & make challenges, culminating in your team racing a model car down our brand new £5K race track. This is an evening for rolling up your sleeves, having some fun and getting wheel dirty!

Refreshments will be available throughout the evening. No alcohol will be served as this is a family event. There are only 90 places available and this event has always been a sell-out!

When: Thursday 24th October
Time: 7pm-10pm
Where: The Technology Block
Admission: £8.00 pp
Who: 10-110 y.o.

**TICKETS NOW
ON SALE!**



Robert May's School

Tickets can be booked via the link below:

<https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/booking/t-jlpnjm>