

Parent Bulletin



Robert
May's
School

Excellence every day

17th January 2020

Thought for the week Incredible Achievements

Word of the week (Any student using the word of the week correctly will receive an achievement point).

Lurid (adj.) ghastly, sensational (Barry's story was too lurid to publish in the newspaper.)

Book of the week from Mrs Bennett

Shadows of Winterspell by Amy Wilson

Dear Families,

On Wednesday morning it was an absolute delight to co-judge the Year 9 Persuasive Speaking Competition with my "Speak-Off" colleagues, Miss Evans (Head of Year 9) and Mrs Parke (English KS4 Leader)! Many thanks to Mr Heaton (English KS3 leader) for devising and arranging this stimulating and enjoyable part of the Year 9 English curriculum. All the speakers did so well, in crafting their speeches and then delivering them. The two runners-up were Ed Davey (a stunning, dead-pan raconteur who surely has a future in stand-up) and Harmony Woodford (impassioned arguments in favour of the vegan way of life). The outright winner was Alistair Horobin whose entire delivery style captivated and held everyone. He pleaded for an end to hunger with passion, precision and strong moral purpose. Well done, and congratulations!

Senior leaders have been visiting English and Maths lessons this week to study the curriculum content and how well the new rich knowledge is being sequenced. It's been incredibly interesting to hear teachers and leaders talking about the way in which new knowledge has been layered on top of what's gone before, and how it points to future success in GCSE examinations. The rich seam of cultural background that is now underpinning the teaching of English texts, for example, is remarkable. The way in which Maths teaching enables long term memory to change by embedding practice in the classroom, repeating formulae or mnemonics by coming at problems from different angles (literally) is another excellent demonstration of effective learning.

This week we have been hosting Farnborough Sixth Form College colleagues while they interview our Year 11 students for their college places next year. As one senior prefect said earlier this week: "It's all becoming a bit real." Well done to Year 11 for settling back in quickly, and getting stuck into their learning and revision. Every minute counts now.

Looking ahead, we hope to see as many Year 9 parents and carers as possible at our Options information evening on Thursday 23rd January. This event is a presentation at which we explain how the Options choices process works, and how families can best support their children at this exciting time. There is no need to bring students as they will have received this information already through assemblies.

Please may I point you towards two consultation events? One is a non-statutory consultation for planning permission to develop Bufton Field. This is being run by Hampshire CC colleagues in the Library of Invictus on February 5th from 3pm until 5pm.

The other consultation event is to do with future transport/travel arrangements from Hook to Robert May's School and is being held on the same night in Hook Junior School, starting at 6pm. Again, this is being run by Hampshire County Council (Robert May's does not organise or pay for the county school bus system, only the Late Bus). It is vital that if you are a Hook resident, with a child at, or intending to be at Robert May's School, and you think you may be affected by possible planned changes to the bus system, you should attend, so that your views are taken into consideration. We have given the details of that public meeting and two others below for your diaries.

Have a relaxing weekend,

Joanna C West

Notices and news:

HEALTH, WELLBEING ADVICE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

Please see the Norovirus notice below

Helpful information for children or families that are in trouble:

We bear in mind that not all families have the best of times during the Christmas break. Some struggle with the extra pressure, and with this in mind we are sharing some essential helpline numbers:

Childline: 0800 1111

Samaritans: 116 123

NSPCC: 0808 800 5000

Online child protection: <https://ceop.police.uk/safety-centre/> (also a call to ChildLine will help)

Internet Safety: <http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/>

Hampshire Children's Services (to report a safeguarding concern about a child) : **0300 555 1384**

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/>

There is a new texting support service in our area. It is called **ChatHealth** and is run by the NHS. If your child is aged 11-19 and wants confidential advice from a ChatHealth nurse on anything to do with relationships, depression, weight, body matters, drugs, anxiety, self harm, smoking, please give them this number to text:

07507 332160

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=EAlaIQobChMIm50AisOh3gIVx7DtCh1qgOfuEAAYASAAEgKd8fD_BwE

Hampshire CAMHs have also recently released their new and very comprehensive website:

https://www.acamh.org/topic/camhs/?gclid=EAlaIQobChMIhOqdyCOh3gIVy7ftCh2_NQVpEAAYASAAEgLbkPD_BwE

Tel: 02382 311221

Email: SHFT.EHSchoolNursingAdmin@nhs.net

Hart Counselling CIC is a social enterprise offering affordable counselling and psychotherapy to young people aged over 11, adults and couples in Hook who are looking for mental health support. Please contact us at: hartcounsellingcic@gmail.com or visit our website www.hartcounsellingcic.org.uk for more information or if you have any questions.

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL HOOK TRANSPORT TO SCHOOL CONSULTATION

Hampshire County Council (HCC) have confirmed the dates when they will return to Hook to present their proposals to create a walking route between Hook and Odiham. Once this walking route is in place, they will remove school transport for children in Hook living less than 3 miles walking distance from Robert Mays School.

The approximate timings are:

Public Meeting - 5th February - 6pm - Hook Junior School

Public Meeting - 12 February - 6pm - Hook Junior School

Public Exhibition - 25 February - 3-8pm - Hook Community Centre

It is understood that feedback provided to HCC will be shared with the Executive Member before she makes her decision in March as to whether the scheme is to proceed or not.

YEAR 10 - MEDIEVAL MEDICINE: URINE CHART

In Year 10 History we have recently changed topics from Weimar and Nazi Germany to Medicine in Britain, c1250 - present. This week pupils have been looking at Medieval methods of diagnosis, such as the urine chart. Pupils got the chance to look at 'urine' samples and compare them to the image on the Urine Chart, and see what actions Medieval physicians would take.



Mr Symonds-Keates, Head of History

NOROVIRUS

Norovirus is now circulating in Hampshire schools. If your child has diarrhoea and/or vomiting please ensure they do not return to school until they have been **without** symptoms for 48hrs consecutively.

Thank you

COUGHS AND COLDS

If your child has a cough or cold, could you please ensure they bring sufficient tissues or a handkerchief with them and take any required medication prior to arrival at school.

Please also see the attachment at the end of the bulletin which gives advice about various illnesses and whether your child should attend school.

Many Thanks

Mrs T Brown, First Aid

PE CLUBS WEEK COMMENCING 20TH JANUARY 2020

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

REQUESTS FROM DEPARTMENTS

Empty and clean, sweet or biscuit containers after the Christmas break (e.g. the large tubs from Celebrations, Heroes, Roses etc.) that you no longer require, please can you donate them to the Food Department for them to reuse as their stocks are very low.

Donations of old newspapers and magazines and old (clean) towels would be gratefully received by the Art Department.

NEW PE BOYS' SPORTS TRAINING PANTS

Following feedback from pupils, the school has introduced a new style of Boys Sports Training Pants. These offer a slim leg, elasticated waist with drawstring, zipped pockets and ankle zips.

This is an optional item of PE kit for boys and is available to order now. The training pants are embroidered with the RMS logo and these will be the only training pants allowed to be worn during PE lessons. These are also available for girls to order if preferred in place of the Aptus leggings.

As this is a new item, we initially have limited stock and orders will be fulfilled on a 'first come first served' basis. The PE department currently have all sample sizes and we would strongly urge for children to TRY BEFORE YOU BUY, to ensure the correct size is purchased and avoid disappointment with stock being unavailable for exchange.

If you wish to purchase the Sports Training Pants, please place your order with the Uniform Shop online at www.rmspta.co.uk.

Many thanks for your continued support.
RMS PTA UNIFORM SERVICE

ALDERSHOT AND DISTRICT SCHOOLS ATHLETICS ASSOCIATION

During January the Aldershot and District Schools Athletics Association will have one of the token tubes in the Fleet Waitrose under their Community Support Scheme. At the end of the month we will get a percentage of £1000 towards the association depending on the number of tokens we have accumulated. If you shop in Fleet Waitrose **PLEASE** can you donate into our box whenever possible. All the money goes back into the association and will help the athletics and cross-country in the area.

Thank you for your support

FACEBOOK AND TWITTER PAGES

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



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COLLEGE OPEN DAYS / EVENINGS

Farnborough College of Technology (FCOT)

Open Evenings / Days:

- 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 4th March 2020, 4pm - 7:30pm

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:

- 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:

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

Farnham College

Open days / Evenings

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

Sparsholt College

Open day / evenings:

- 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 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.

Second Hand Uniform Sales

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

Monday 20th January - 2.25pm - 3.25pm

Monday 3rd February - 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 ROBERT MAYS PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION.

Many thanks for your continued support.

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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 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

23rd January Year 9 Parents'/Carers' Options Evening

30th January Year 9 Parents'/Carers' Evening

3rd February Year 9 Immunisations

4th February Year 9 Immunisations

14th February Whole Staff CPD Day (school closed to students with the exception of Year 9 students who have options' interviews)

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

www.rmays.org/news/calendar/

RMS TERM DATES: 2019-2020

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

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



RMS HIRE CHARGES 2019-2020

LETTINGS CHARGES Ex VAT	2019-2020 <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 -2020	
	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

What to do:
advice on
childhood

Go to school: if
needed get
treatments as shown

Can be spread to
other children. Some
restrictions for school
attendance

Don't go to school
and see the GP

What it's called	What it's like	Going to school	More advice
Chicken Pox	Rash begins as small, red flat spots that develop into itchy fluid-filled blisters		Back to school 5 days after the on-set of the rash
Common cold	Runny nose, sneezing, sore throat		Children should be given paracetamol, plenty of fluids to drink and can be sent to school. Ensure good hand hygiene – dispose of tissues and regularly wash hand with soap and water
Conjunctivitis	Teary, red, itchy, painful eyes		Treatment is not usually required. Try not to touch eye to avoid spreading
Flu	Fever, cough, sneezing, runny nose, headache, body aches and pain, exhaustion, sore throat		Children should go back to school when recovered - this is usually about five days Ensure good hand hygiene
Glandular Fever	High temperature, sore throat (usually more painful than any before) and swollen glands		Child needs to be well enough to concentrate at school
Hand, Foot and Mouth disease	Fever, sore throat, headache, small painful blisters inside the mouth and on tongue and gums (may also appear on hands and feet)		Children can go to school with hand, foot and mouth disease
Head Lice	Itchy scalp (may be worse at night)		Treat child and all other family members by wet combing with a nit comb and conditioner
Impetigo	Clusters of red bumps or blisters surrounded by area of redness		See GP. Back to school when the lesions crust over or 48 hours after the start of antibiotics
Measles	Fever, cough, runny nose, and watery inflamed eyes. Small red spots with white or bluish white centres in the mouth, red blotchy rash		Contact your GP (by phone initially) if you think that your child might have measles. Back to school 4 days from on-set of rash
Ringworm	Red ring shaped rash , may be itchy rash, may be dry and scaly or wet and crusty		See pharmacist for advice about treatment.
Scabies	Intense itching, pimple-like rash . Itching and rash may be all over the body but is commonly between the fingers, wrists, elbows and arms		See pharmacist for advice about treatment. Back to school after first treatment
Scarlet fever / strep throat	Severe sore throat and painful glands in neck. No runny nose or cough. Associated with sandpaper-like pink/red rash in scarlet fever.		See G.P. Return to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics
Shingles	Pain, itching, or tingling along the affected nerve pathway. Blister type rash.		Only stay off school if rash is weeping and not covered
Sickness bug/diarrhoea	Stomach cramps, nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea		Return to school 48 hours after the last episode of diarrhoea or vomiting. See G.P if they appear to be getting dehydrated (passing little urine or becoming lethargic)
Threadworms	Intense itchiness around the anus		Get treatment from local pharmacy or GP. Everyone at home should be treated
Mild tonsillitis	Sore throat associated with runny nose or cough		See G.P if they are not starting to improve or fever persists for more than 5 days

Please visit the following websites for more information:

[Worried Your Child is Unwell](#)

[Child Unwell? Ok to go to School or nursery school](#)

This information is a guide and has been checked by health professionals, however if you are unsure about your child's wellbeing we recommend you contact your pharmacy or GP to check

CATCH IT

Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.



BIN IT

Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.



KILL IT

Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.



Healthier Together

Improving the health of children and young people in Dorset, Hampshire and the Isle of Wight





Odiham Community Pre-school (LeapFrogs)
Recreation Road
Odiham
Hampshire
RG29 1NU
01256 701471
mail@leapfrogs-odiham.org.uk

14th January 2020

OFFICE MANAGER REQUIRED

Leapfrogs Odiham require an Office Manager to start after February half term.

The ideal candidate will need to be **exceptionally** well organised and have experience of working in a busy office environment. Their responsibilities include invoicing, running the register, claiming the termly grant funding and all admin duties. They will need to be flexible and willing to support the Manager and Committee in the daily running of the setting.

Hours of work will be 21 per week, (with frequent extra hours needed to complete tasks) A starting salary of £10.31 per hour is offered.

Experience of Word and Excel is essential. Quick Books is our accounting system, knowledge of this would be preferred, but not essential as full training will be given.

This is a busy and demanding role and the successful applicant will need to spend some time with the existing office manager for training, prior to starting. An Enhanced DBS will be required for the successful candidate.

If you are interested, please email your CV, we will then send you an application form. If you would like any further information, please contact either Karen Waters or Tracy Bodimeade on the above number or email address.

Applications to be in by **FRIDAY 24TH JANUARY 2020** please.



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