

# Parent Bulletin



*Excellence every day*

## 13th March 2020

### **Thought for the week Mothering Sunday**

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

**Serendipity** (n.) luck, finding good things without looking for them (In an amazing bit of serendipity, penniless Mark found a £50 on the back seat of the bus.)

### **Book of the week from Mrs Bennett**

*Looking at the Stars* by Lewis Hine

Dear Families,

### **Covid-19**

Given the recent announcements by the Government, here is the school's current position:

In the days ahead it may be necessary to make some small changes to our normal ways of working. This will be so that we can continue to run and maintain optimum staffing levels for safety reasons. We may withdraw from, or cancel certain non-essential activities during the school day that could cause a drain on staffing levels. We will not do this lightly.

We have been advised to cancel all trips/visits abroad for the foreseeable future. We will be contacting families whose children will be affected by foreign travel cancellations in the days ahead. We are very sorry about this, but have to follow government advice.

Internally, we are checking that our digital and remote systems are effective. Teachers and learning support staff will be ensuring that there is an appropriate amount of online/digital materials for students to use, in the event of self-isolations, partial or full closures. We bear in mind the national advice to GCSE examination students, which is to carry on studying as normal and make the best use of all the lessons and materials that the school is able to offer. It is of vital importance that Year 11 students can continue to study and revise in a calm environment, wherever that may be.

At all times we will endeavour to keep impacted students and families informed by direct electronic communications and, in any unlikely extreme instances, by notices on the school website.

Robert May's School aims to remain open and functioning normally for as long as it is possible to do so. The only authorities who can order the closure of the school are Public Health England and/or the Government.

School closures have a direct impact on NHS workers' ability to remain in work, emergency services, police and other essential services. There is a risk that older people, who could be more vulnerable to Covid-19, would be carrying the burden of childcare, as grandparents/retired relatives, if key workers cannot stay at home. This is not desirable.

Our aim is to ensure that our students' education and wellbeing is at the centre of all major decisions. We thank all our families for supporting us with this aim.

*J West, Headteacher*

## Other news and updates:

This week the second round English and Maths PPETs (mocks) went ahead as planned and again Year 11 students were very composed. Well done to the pastoral team and to all the students for taking this in their stride. These extra PPETs are all good practice for the real thing.

Year 8 JET students went off for their day in the Defence School of Policing and Guarding at Southwark Park on Tuesday. As I write, Year 9 students on the more senior JET programme are at the National Air Traffic Control Centre. Many thanks to Mr Parsons and Miss Buffoni, respectively, for curating, and to our friends in Jon Egging Trust who have made this all possible.

Well done to our Year 7 and Year 8 cross country runners who went to Down Grange on Tuesday. They did very well with Under-14 Girls 1st, 3rd and 5th out of 14 teams; under-13 Girls 2nd, 5th, 9th out of 15; Under-14 Boys came 2nd & 8th out of 11; Under 13 Boys came 2nd, 7th, 10th out of 17. Well done to all teams for such a terrific outing. A resounding round of applause goes to Owen Smith, Year 8 - who won Under-14 Boys!

Continuing with sports activities, Mr Grigg and his team held our Sports Relief fundraiser on Wednesday. Students and staff walked, cycled, Watt-biked, rowed and ran continuously throughout the day, covering the incredible distance of 12,800 miles- and that was without further Year 9 and staff mileage which still needs to be counted in! This was a superb effort. Meanwhile, back indoors, ten Year 9 students made excellent contributions to the BBC Young Reporter competition, under the guidance of Miss White and Mrs Cooper. They did very well and we hope to see recordings of their reports soon.

Huge thanks go to our Year 10 parents and carers this week, who thoughtfully adopted our hygiene requests and made it to the Year 10 consultation evening on Thursday night. We understand and appreciate that several families were not able to attend because of cold/flu symptoms. Teachers will be in touch via email and/or 'phone in the days ahead with families who were not able to come in. Thank you to all year 10 parents for your helpful and positive feedback on the night.

Good luck to everyone involved in the Magistrates' Mock Trial competition on Saturday, and good luck to our Cheerleaders who go off to perform in Derby on the same day. We're grateful to Mrs Eastlake and her team for supporting the Magistrates Trial students, and to Miss Robson and her team for supporting the cheerleaders. Full reports will appear in the end of term Bulletin.

Please keep up the reminders about the regular, thorough handwashing at home. Please make sure that if your child starts coughing and/or showing cold/flu symptoms in the days ahead you do not send them into school, and please contact the school via email ([info@rmays.com](mailto:info@rmays.com)) with the full name of your child and their tutor group in the heading. Thank you for your support for this as we move forward.

Have a good weekend,

Joanna C West

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## **RMS PTA FUNDRAISING**

Easyfundraising turns your everyday online shopping into FREE donations when you use easyfundraising to shop with over 3,600 retailers such as Amazon, eBay, John Lewis, Argos, NEXT and Booking.com.

Our retailers then make a small donation to say 'thank you' and easyfundraising gives those free funds to the cause.

Please register using this unique link – just search for 'Robert Mays PTA' and click 'support us' -

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/robertmayspta-1582874283-755391685/?invite=4225V1&referral-campaign=c2s>

Plus, once you've signed up and raised £5 in donations, easyfundraising will give us an extra £5 donation.

There's no catch or hidden charges and Robert May's PTA will be really grateful for your donations.

## RMS CHALLENGE ANNOUNCEMENT UPDATES! MRS ROBINSON SAYS:

	Date: 13th March
Running Total	1345
Cycling Total	1149
Rowing Total	111
Walking Total	2425
Swimming Total	50
Total Miles	5080
Where are we?	We have made it to Siberia! And then another 55% of the way from Siberia to Alaska (destination 2)

If you would like to support staff efforts and help us to run, cycle, ride, row, swim and walk further and harder, please visit our fundraising site: <https://givepenny.com/round-the-world-challenge> All funds will go straight to completing the building of Jordan Wylie's School in Djibouti.

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## Notices and news:

### MUSIC DEPARTMENT DATES

**Thursday 19th March** - GCSE Concert 7pm. All year 10 GCSE music students will be performing in this concert. This is also an opportunity for the Year 11's to perform their exam pieces. [Link to tickets for GCSE Concert on 19th March](#)

**Tuesday 31st March** - Spring Concert 7pm. All extra curricular music groups will be showcasing their talent in this end of term concert. [Link to tickets for Spring Concert on 31st March](#)

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### SCIENCE WEEK

Following on from Science Week we are proud to announce we have a guest speaker with us next week....

18th March - Chemical Engineer Nicole Pickup is providing a talk about her amazing career to date in chemical engineering. All year groups welcome in S7 from 2.30pm.

*Mr McTaggart*

*KS3 Science Coordinator*

## GCSE DRAMA REVISION SESSION SCHEDULE

**Every Monday - Drop in session starting 23rd March**

**Every Tuesday revision sessions (details below) starting 17th March**

Week beginning...	Question/topic
16th March	4 mark question
23rd March	6 Mark question
30th March	9 mark question
20th April	12 mark question
27th April	14 mark question
4th May	Review 6 and 9 mark question

## ***EXAM - 18th May 2020***

*Miss Thomas*

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## RMS HISTORY PODCAST CLUB

The History Podcast Club needs you! Pupils in all years are welcome to come and research and record Podcasts on their favourite parts of History! Whether that be something they are currently studying, or have an interest in! All ages are welcome, not only will we be researching and recording these podcasts we will also be editing them and sharing them amongst the school. Below are just some of the topics being researched;

- History of Nike Trainers
- Operation Barbarossa
- Battle of Thermopylae
- St Bartholomew's Hospital
- Assassination of JFK

*Mr Symonds-Keates, Head of History*

## **SCHOOL UNIFORM - GREEN AND BLACK SUMMER POLO SHIRTS – PLEASE ORDER NOW!**

After Easter students may wear green summer polo shirts (or black polo shirts for Year 11 students). We kindly request you place your orders for these now to help our volunteers process the high volume of orders expected and ensure your child has their uniform in time. Please place your orders online at [www.rmspta.co.uk](http://www.rmspta.co.uk).

Once you have received an email notification that the order is ready, the polos can be collected by students from the RMS PTA uniform office during any first break.

Thank you,  
RMS PTA UNIFORM SERVICE

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## **SCHOOL TRANSPORT**

We have been asked by Hampshire County Council to reiterate to all Parents and Students that places on School Routes and their pertaining buses are by allocation only.

For safety and insurance purposes it is strictly forbidden for children to swap their routes and use alternative buses on one off basis for example to visit another child for tea, meet parents at alternative locations, attend doctor's appointments and such like.

Each Bus driver is only insured for the students they have listed for their route and when other children try and get on the incorrect bus they are possibly taking the seat of a child that is expected to travel on that route.

Everyone's understanding and assistance with this situation is very much appreciated.

*The School Office*

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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.**

## YEAR 11 REVISION TIMETABLE

**Year 11 Revision Timetable**

MONDAY			TUESDAY			WEDNESDAY			THURSDAY			FRIDAY		
Room	Session 1 2.30 - 3.00	Session 2 3.00 - 3.30	Room	Session 1 2.30 - 3.00	Session 2 3.00 - 3.30	Room	Session 1 2.30 - 3.00	Session 2 3.00 - 3.30	Room	Session 1 2.30 - 3.00	Session 2 3.00 - 3.30	Room	Session 1 2.30 - 3.00	Session 2 3.00 - 3.30
E1	History	History	M7	Maths	Maths	H7	PE	PE	M7	Maths	Maths	Drama Studio	Drama Portfolio	Drama Portfolio
S3	Science	Science	I5	English (Invite Only)	English (Invite Only)	M7	Maths	Maths	S3	Science	Science	M7	Maths	Maths
DT 1	Engineering & DT	Engineering & DT	H3	Geography	Geography	I5	English	English	E4	Ethics	Ethics	MU1	Music	Music
I5	English	English	M4	Maths (Invite Only)	Maths (Invite Only)	FT1	Food Tech	Food Tech	FT1	Child Development	Child Development			
IT4	Comp Science /IT (After Oct HT)	Comp Science/IT (After Oct HT)				A4	Art	Art						
L4	German	German				S3	Science	Science						
L3	French	French				E1	History	History						
L1	Spanish	Spanish												

## PE CLUBS WEEK COMMENCING 16th March 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	Yes No Yes Yes Yes
Wednesday	Year 7+8 Netball Club Hockey Club Girls (7 & 8) Rugby (9,10,11) Boys Basketball (7,8) Cheerleading PE Revision (11)	Yes Yes No Yes Yes Yes
Thursday	Boys Hockey (All Years) Netball (9, 10 & 11) Girls Basketball (10 & 11) Boys Basketball (9, 10 & 11)	Yes Yes Yes No

	Boys Football (7 & 8) Dance (7, 8 & 9)	Yes Yes
Friday	GCSE Theory Clinic (Y10 & 11)	Yes

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### 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](mailto:info@rmays.com) as usual.



Robert May's School



Robert May's School Official

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### RMS PTA UNIFORM SERVICE

All our new uniform is ordered online, our website is [www.rmspta.co.uk](http://www.rmspta.co.uk) and our contact email is [uniform@rmspta.co.uk](mailto: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 logo uniform for sale, now including polo shirts for the Summer Term. We also have a supply of preloved 'old style' Track Pants available. Our next sales are on the following dates:

**Monday 16th March 2.25pm - 3.25pm**

**Monday 30th March 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, made payable to ROBERT MAYS PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION.

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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

14th March Cheerleading Nationals 2020  
Magistrates' Court Mock Trial Competition  
GCSE Drama Exam Rehearsal

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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### RMS TERM DATES: 2019-2020

**Spring Term 2020:**

**Monday 6th Jan- first day back for all**

**CPD day: Friday 14th Feb - School closed to students with the exception of Year 9 students with Options' Interviews**

**Half term break: 17-21 Feb**

**Fri 3rd April- last day of term**

**Summer Term 2020**

**Monday 20th April- CPD Day - School closed to students**

**Tuesday 21st April -first day back for all**

**Half term break- 25-29 May**

**Friday June 26th CPD Day - School closed to students**

**Friday 17th July -last day of term (*HCC finishes on 22 July*)**

### RMS CONFIRMED TERM DATES: 2020-2021

**Autumn Term 2020:**

**Thursday 3rd September 2020 - CPD Day - School closed to students**

**Friday 4th September 2020 - CPD Day - School closed to students**

**Monday 7th September 2020 - First Day of Term - Years 7 and 11 only**

**Tuesday 8th September 2020 - Whole School return**

**Half Term Break - 26th October 2020 - 30th October 2020**

## Wednesday 16th December 2020 - Last Day of Term

### Spring Term 2021:

**Monday 4th January 2021 - CPD Day - School closed to students**

**Tuesday 5th January 2021 - First Day of Term**

**Half Term Break - 15th February 2021 - 19th February 2021**

**Monday 22nd February 2021 - CPD Day - School closed to students**

**Wednesday 31st March 2021 - Last Day of Term**

### Summer Term 2021:

**Monday 19th April 2021 - First Day of Term**

**Half Term Break - 31st May 2021 - 4th June 2021**

**Friday 25th June 2021 - CPD Day - School closed to students**

**Friday 23rd July 2021 - Last Day of Term**

*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.*

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## HEALTH, WELLBEING ADVICE FOR PARENTS AND FAMILIES

### Helpful information for children or families that are in trouble:

**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=EA1aIQobChMI50AisOh3gIVx7DtCh1qgQfuEAAYASAAEgKd8fD\\_BwE](https://youngminds.org.uk/?gclid=EA1aIQobChMI50AisOh3gIVx7DtCh1qgQfuEAAYASAAEgKd8fD_BwE)

Hampshire CAMHs have also recently released their new and very comprehensive website:  
[https://www.acamh.org/topic/camhs/?gclid=EA1aIQobChMIhOqdyC0h3gIVy7ftCh2\\_NQVpEAAAYASAAEgLbkPD\\_BwE](https://www.acamh.org/topic/camhs/?gclid=EA1aIQobChMIhOqdyC0h3gIVy7ftCh2_NQVpEAAAYASAAEgLbkPD_BwE)

Tel: 02382 311221

Email: [SHFT.EHSchoolNursingAdmin@nhs.net](mailto: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](mailto:hartcounsellingcic@gmail.com) or visit our website [www.hartcounsellingcic.org.uk](http://www.hartcounsellingcic.org.uk) for more information or if you have any questions.

## CONTACTING THE SCHOOL

Robert May's School aims to ensure that all students have access to the best possible educational experience, in order that your children - our young people -leave us as well-qualified, accomplished, rounded people who are able and willing to make a positive contribution to others' lives, in the locality, the country and the world.

We support our aims by asking our students to follow the Robert May's Way. The three key pillars of the Robert May's Way are *Respect, Manage* and *Support*. We ask everyone to respect each other and respect the hard work that is going on to enable students to lead fulfilling lives in the future. We invite all to manage themselves, their work and their behaviour so that relationships are harmonious and all activities lead to fruitful outcomes for our young people. We ask everyone to support each other, so that no-one is left behind or left out.

We are asking parents, carers and all adult visitors to adhere to the Robert May's Way when dealing with the school and its staff, and to be aware of the following points:

- 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/carers.
- Staff should not be expected to deal with matters that cannot be resolved sensibly and calmly. The school will not tolerate rudeness, threats or aggression of any kind from visiting adults/parents/carers. It is not appropriate, for example, to demand to meet with a member of staff instantly without an appointment, or to remain on-site without an invitation. The school has powers to bar adults who behave unacceptably. Between 8.25am and 2.25pm our teachers, team leaders and tutors are teaching. If you need to get in touch over an academic or pastoral matter 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.
- 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 has been uncomfortably tight for a number of years. 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 on roll at RMS.

All staff have been directed not to answer emails between 5pm and 8am on weekday evenings/nights, 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 face-to-face and online communications, and thank you for your continuing support.

**FACILITY HIRE AT ROBERT MAY'S SCHOOL**



**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
<b>Weekday evenings</b>		
one third	£41.00	£35.80
two thirds	£58.30	£47.65
Whole	£75.75	£64.50
<b>Weekends</b>		
one third	£32.25	£22.00
two thirds	£47.85	£37.65
Whole	£63.50	£53.25

**MUGA**

<b>Weekday evenings</b>		
Whole	£41.00	£35.80
Single netball court	£20.50	£15.35
<b>Weekends</b>		
Whole	£32.25	£22.00
Single netball court	£18.45	£13.30

If you are interested in booking our facilities please email [communityfacilities@rmays.com](mailto:communityfacilities@rmays.com) or phone 01256 393140