

Parent Bulletin

For w/c 19th April 2021



Robert
May's
School

A community seeking excellence for all

For week commencing 19th April 2021

Thoughts for the week: Tolerance

Word of the week: Effulgent - adjective - from the Latin *effulgere*, meaning to shine forth, brightly or be radiant

Book of the week: Clap When you Land by Elizabeth Acevedo

Dear Families,

Before we break for Easter, here are some notices and reminders which we hope will be helpful.

Telling the school about a positive case of Covid in your child:

- **Covid symptoms:** if your RMS child develops symptoms of Covid on Thursday 1st April or Friday 2nd April (Maundy Thursday or Good Friday) you must please arrange for them to have a confirmatory PCR test as quickly as possible and inform us by emailing info@rmays.com. Please also inform us of any negative or positive confirmatory PCR test result as a matter of urgency. This is because we are tasked with contact tracing other students/staff who might have been near to your child during the 48 hours before their first symptom.
- **Lateral Flow Test:** if your child's regular home lateral flow test result is positive when taken on Thursday 1st April or Friday 2nd April, please arrange for them to have a confirmatory PCR test straight away. Please also tell us immediately by emailing info@rmays.com. Please also tell us the result of the PCR test. Again, this is so that contact tracing can take place for the 48 hours prior to the test, when your child would have been in school and when they would have been infectious.
- **From Saturday 3rd April onwards,** if your child has a positive lateral flow test from a home test kit taken on that day (or on any days after that), or if they start to experience Covid symptoms on that day (or any day after that) you are asked to contact NHS Covid information websites for further information: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. NHS contact tracing service will then take up the next steps, not the school.
- The government has asked us to remind families who have agreed to use the home LFD tests to keep this up during the Easter holiday. Thank you. Here is a letter to students from Rt Hon Gavin Williamson: [A letter to young people from Gavin Williamson MP, Secretary of State for Education - Education in the media](#)
- **Before returning to school on Monday 19th April:** please do not send your RMS child into school if they are suffering from any Covid symptoms or if they have tested positive with a home lateral flow test. Please follow the government health instructions [Get a free PCR test to check if you have coronavirus](#) and please tell us through info@rmays.com. Following the isolation instructions is important so that the virus does not spread. Thank you.

Hook & Odiham Lions - we are pleased to promote the local Hook & Odiham Lions fundraiser on Saturday 10th April. This group have helped RMS with financial support and were volunteer helpers during the recent

Covid-19 in school testing process. Please follow this [link](#) to find out how you can support them in their endeavours to purchase a new community van.

Big reminder about uniform! After the Easter break, our slightly relaxed indoor uniform rules are no longer needed, as the ambient air temperatures rise. Please can we all have a strong push towards ensuring that students are wearing the correct uniform from 19th April. This means no trainers, no hoodies, no facial piercings, no long nails or acrylics, no outdoor coats indoors. Yes to correct length skirts, shirts tucked in and ties worn with white shirts (or the correct non-tie blouse is worn), and long hair tied is back where appropriate (in PE and DT/Science/Food). The RMS green (Yrs 7-10) or black (Yr 11) polo shirt is available from the PTFA (<https://www.rmspta.co.uk/>) and is a summer term option for those who wish to wear it. There should be time during the Easter break to enable your child to have the correct uniform ready for school next term, please. Please do not give in to misinformation about trainers! They are only to be worn for authorised sports activities and not around the school site. If your child is eligible for financial support because they have free school meals please email finance@rmays.com for assistance with the purchase cost of any uniform items that your RMS child might need.

Families eligible for Free School Meals will be receiving electronic vouchers for weekday lunches through *Wonde*, our online distributors. Eligible families who do not have internet access will receive printed vouchers through the post.

We wish you all a very happy, joyful and blessed Easter and look forward to seeing your children on Monday, 19th April, refreshed, rested and ready to tackle another term's learning.

Joanna C West
Headteacher



CONFIRMED TERM DATES FOR 2021-2022

Please see Dates for your Diary at the foot of this newsletter for the confirmed dates for 2021 - 2022.

YEAR 11 ENHANCING SUBJECT KNOWLEDGE AFTER SCHOOL TIMETABLE

Week 1

MONDAY			TUESDAY			WEDNESDAY			THURSDAY		
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
M7	Maths	Maths	H3	Geog	Geog	Hall	Drama	Drama	E1	History	History
E8 and E4	Ethics	Ethics	H9	English (Open)	English (Open)	FT1	Food	Food	H9	English - invited students	English - invited students

S4	Science - invited students	Science - invited students	H6	PE	PE	IT3	Comp Science (from Oct)	Comp Science (from Oct)			
S3	Science	Science				Mu1	Music	Music	S3	Science	Science
DT1 DT2	Engineering /D&T	Engineering /D&T				L2	German	German	L5	Spanish	Spanish
L3	French	French				E8	Ethics	Ethics			
L5	German	German									

Week 2

MONDAY			TUESDAY			WEDNESDAY			THURSDAY		
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
			FT1	C.Dev	C.Dev	M7	Maths	Maths	H3	Geog	Geog
S4	Science - invited students	Science - invited students	H9	English - Open	English - Open	E4 and E8	Ethics	Ethics	S3	Science	Science
S3	Science	Science	H6	PE	PE	FT1	Food	Food	Mu1	Music	Music
IT3	Comp Science	Comp Science				E1	History	History	hall	Drama	Drama
DT1/D T2	Engineering/D&T	Engineering/D&T				L2	German	German	H9	English - invited students	English - invited students
L3	French	French				L3	French	French	L5	Spanish	Spanish
L5	German	German									

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

Music and Drama

Students need to sign up using the google form [here](#) for Music clubs.

Day	Club	Time	Room	Teacher
MONDAY	Yr 7 Ensemble Open to all students. All instruments are welcome.	2.30pm - 3.30pm	Mu2	Mr Blake
MONDAY	Yr 7 Performing Arts Open to all students.	2.30pm - 3.30pm	Mu1	Mrs Hills

MONDAY	Yr 8 Performing Arts Open to all students.	2.30pm - 3.30pm	Hall	Miss Thomas
TUESDAY	Yr 8 Ensemble Open to all students. All instruments are welcome.	2.30pm - 3.30pm	Mu1	Mrs Hills
WEDNESDAY	Yr 9 Acapella Open to all students.	2.30pm - 3.30pm	Mu1	Mrs Hills
THURSDAY	Yr 10 Acapella Open to all students.	2.30pm - 3.30pm	Mu1	Mrs Hills
THURSDAY	Yr 10/11 Grade 5 Theory See Mrs Hills if interested in this club.	2.30pm - 3.30pm	Mu2	Mrs de Souza
THURSDAY	String Quartets Invitation from Mrs de Souza.	12.15pm - 12.45pm	Mu2	Mrs de Souza
FRIDAY	Year 7 Folk Group Open to all students. We would love some more guitarists and drummers to join this group.	8.25am - 8.45am	Mu2	Mrs de Souza
FRIDAY	Year 9 Ensemble Open to all students.	12.15pm - 12.45pm	Mu2	Mrs Cartledge

PE

Due to the need to keep year groups in their bubbles, we will need to offer after school activities in year groups, so one year group per night. This will work on a year group rotational basis.

2.30 - 3.25pm (Boys to change in the Sports Hall / Girls to change in the Gym)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Year Group</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Year Group</u>
Monday 19th April	7	Wednesday 21st April	8	Thursday 22nd April	9
Monday 26th April	Parents Consultation Eventing	Tuesday 27th April	Parents Consultation Eventing	Wednesday 28th April	10
Thursday 29th April	11	Tuesday 4th May	Tutor Meetings	Wednesday 5th May	7
Thursday 6th May	8	Monday 10th May	9	Tuesday 11th May	10
Wednesday 12th May	11	Thursday 13th May	7	Monday 17th May	8

Tuesday 18th May	9	Wednesday 19th May	10	Thursday 20th May	11
Monday 24th May	7	Tuesday 25th May	8	Wednesday 26th May	9
Thursday 27th May	10				

Science

Year 7 Science Club Sign Up

Year 7 Science Club is starting on Monday 19th April from 2.30 - 3.30pm in S6 with Mrs Roman. Students will have the opportunity to gain practical experience as they experiment through a host of investigations. If your child wishes to attend please encourage them to sign up through the google form emailed to them and shared on their google classroom by their class teachers.

Please be aware places are limited and names will be drawn out the hat should the club be oversubscribed.

Years 7, 8 and 9 Science Homework and Revision Clubs

Starting up again in the Summer Term we are pleased to be able to provide homework and revision drop in sessions again for Years 7, 8 and 9 in Science. These will recommence on Monday 19th April. These sessions are an ideal opportunity to get on top of Science homework, complete Educake quizzes or get some help with classwork.

Science Homework and Revision Clubs	Where and When
Year 7 Science	Monday 2.30 - 3.30pm S7 with Mr McTaggart
Year 8 Science	Monday 2.30 - 3.30pm S2 with Mrs Lobo
Year 9 Combined and Triple Science	Monday 2.30 - 3.30pm S9 with Mrs Ashton

INSTRUMENTAL LESSONS

Due to the electrical works taking place in the Music Department there will be no instrumental lessons for the first two weeks after the Easter holidays. Students will still receive their contracted 10 lessons for the term and may have two lessons within one week to make sure this commitment is fulfilled.

LOST LUNCH CARDS

Lunch cards must be used by all students to pay for purchases in the canteen.

Students who have lost their cards are causing delays in the lunch lines, resulting in hungry students being required to wait longer than usual.

If your child has lost their card please ensure they:

- request a replacement card from the IT Office
- collect their new card from Reception, usually available the following day

Replacement lunch cards cost 50p, payable on collection, this is to cover the cost of the new card.

Thank you

IT Office and School Office

RMS PTFA UPDATE

Uniform Service

The Online uniform shop is open for parents to purchase all new RMS logo school uniform. The uniform office will reopen on Monday 19th April during the first break for attending students to collect their uniform. **It is important that you please wait for receipt of your confirmation email before sending students to collect their order, as otherwise it will not be ready.** Orders are processed by parent volunteers and these may take longer than the usual 2/3 days during busy ordering periods.

Collection of Uniform Orders - COVID 19

Due to the separation of year groups, we request that orders are collected at FIRST BREAK on the following days and BY STUDENTS ONLY. We request that only **one student per order** come to collect from our team, that students wear a mask (unless exempt) and ensure that social distancing rules are maintained. We are situated between the DT block and the Astroturf pitches.

Monday	Year 11
Tuesday	Year 10
Wednesday	Year 9
Thursday	Year 8
Friday	Year 7

Exchange/Refunds - An 'Exchange/Refund Form' must be fully completed and enclosed with any returned items within 4 months of purchase. Items MUST be in original packaging, unworn (other than to try on) with any tags and labels still attached. The form can be downloaded from our website.

Second Hand Uniform

We plan to resume Second Hand Uniform Sales once the current Covid-19 restrictions have been relaxed by the government. For any urgent enquiries, please email the uniform team at uniform@rmspta.co.uk. We will publish any updates on our website and in the Parent Bulletin.

Our website is www.rmspta.co.uk and our contact email is uniform@rmspta.co.uk

Thank you for your continued support.

RMS PTFA Uniform Service

Fundraising

Robert Mays PTFA is listed as a charity with Amazon Smile. [Amazon Smile - Robert May's School](#)



Please follow the link above, select us as your chosen charity, and then when you shop online through Amazon Smile, a commission donation will be made automatically. There is no cost to you.

Thank you so much
Sian Taylor, PTFA Treasurer

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' - [Easy fundraising](#)

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 PTFA will be really grateful for your donations.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

RMS PLANNED TERM DATES: 2020-2021 (please note, these may be subject to change, depending on Government advice)

Please do not attempt to come onto the school site without a previously arranged appointment.

Uninvited adults found on the school site will be turned away.

Summer Term 2021:

Monday 19th April 2021 - First Day of Term

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

Monday 7th June 2021 - CPD Day - (School closed to students)

Tuesday 8th June 2021 - School reopens for students after Half Term Break

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

Friday 23rd July 2021 - Last Day of Term

CONFIRMED TERM DATES FOR 2021-2022

Autumn Term 2021:

Thursday 2nd September- Whole staff CPD day

Friday 3rd September- Whole staff CPD day

Monday 6th September- Years 7 and 11 start

Tuesday 7th September- All year groups start

Friday 22nd October- last day of Autumn Term 1

Monday 1st November- first day of Autumn Term 2

Friday 17th December- last day of Autumn Term 2

Spring Term 2022:

Tuesday 4th January 2022- Whole staff CPD Day

Wednesday 5th January 2022- All year groups in: first teaching day of Spring Term 1

Friday 18th February- last day of Spring Term 1

Monday 28th February- first day of Spring Term 2

Friday 8th April- last day of Spring Term 2

Summer Term 2022:

Monday 25th April 2022- Whole staff CPD day

Tuesday 26th April- All year groups in: first teaching day of Summer Term 1

Friday 27th May 2022- last day of Summer Term 1

Monday 6th June 2022- first day of Summer Term 2

Friday 24th June 2022- Whole staff CPD day

Friday 22nd July 2022- last day of academic year

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.

ODIHAM FOODBANK

The Foodbank is here for everyone in Odiham and the surrounding villages. Times are hard. Don't hesitate to get in touch if you need extra help and are faced with making a choice between paying bills or buying food for your children. Text or phone us on the number below and we can help provide your needs in confidence.

If you are able to donate non-perishable items please either drop them off at the Foodbank on Monday and Thursday afternoons or anytime in the Co-op bin by the tills.



Open

1.30-3pm Mondays and Thursdays

The Church Office, Ostlers Place, Deer Park View,
Odiham RG29 1JY

We can also be contacted Monday to Friday 9am to 5pm
by phone or text on

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or email us at odihamfoodbank@gmail.com

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