

Parent Bulletin

23rd April 2021



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School

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Thoughts for the week: Mutual Respect

Word of the week: Insoluble - adjective - something which cannot be dissolved into another liquid or aqueous solution. From the Latin 'solvere' meaning to loosen or unfasten, which also gives us solve and resolve.

Book of the week: Look Both Ways by Jason Reynolds

Dear Families,

Welcome back! We hope you had a good break. It's been good to see the school settling in well and I would like to praise all the Year 7, 8 and 9 winners of the Lockdown Challenge who received their awards yesterday in a socially distanced certificate ceremony. Thanks to Mrs Bazan, Miss Ellison and colleagues for arranging this. Well done to the winners! We would also like to praise the maturity and sensible attitudes of all students moving around the site at the moment, as some spaces are constrained by scaffolding. This is while our internal electrical and external window/fascia replacements are put in. Scaffolding should be removed from most areas by the end of August.

Here are a few housekeeping items that have cropped up since we started back, and for which we would appreciate your attention and support.

Driving on to the school site and parking near the school site: local authority traffic flow analysts monitor what is happening on the road next to the school on a regular basis. They were present and watching this week. In addition, the police attend from time to time, sometimes to monitor speeding offenders and other road-use infractions. We've been concerned about the potential for a collision when parents are dropping off their children in the outer loop. It is vital that you drive with caution if you are directed to the end of the loop. It is also vital that when you pull in, you leave the outer lane completely clear so that those leaving the site can access the exit. Please do not let children out of your car on the road side. Please always look in your rear view mirror before pulling out. Regarding parking, there have been some upsetting incidents this week when parents have parked across the driveways of local residents. Some of our local residents have mobility issues, and it is unfair to restrict their movement and access. Please be considerate of other people's needs.

School shoes: we are aware that a well-known sports brand has produced a shoe that has a black upper and sole that looks like a good imitation of an approved school shoe. We know these are, in fact, trainers. While we understand that there may be significant pressure from young people to obtain these shoes, we would remind families that they are not approved school shoes. Please do not purchase these shoes for your children. They are very expensive for the amount of wear that your child will get out of them. We would wish to see all our students revert to proper school shoes by the time the new academic year starts in September.

Ties: apologies to all. There was a typo in the previous bulletin. Ties are not to be worn with green or black polo shirts. Ties must be worn if the student is wearing a closed collar (winter) white shirt (also referred to as boys' uniform). Ties are not worn with an open collar (revere) v-necked shirt (also referred to as girls' uniform).

Nose studs/any kind of facial piercing: RMS has never approved of, or tolerated nose/facial piercings. Students with nose studs/facial piercings will be asked to remove any studs/rings and cover the hole with medical tape. Please do not allow your child to get nose/facial piercings.

Lunch cards: we reminded families to top up lunch cards before the Easter break. Thank you to those who have done so. Since Monday we have found that a significant number of students have lost their lunch cards. When

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

Maths

KS3 Maths Clinics are back on on a Thursday after school. Please ask your child to come along if they would like some help with their homework or if they would like some support with the Maths they are currently doing in class.

Year 7 in M3

Year 8 in M7

Year 9 in M6

We look forward to supporting your child.

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 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

Monday after school: 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.

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

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

YEAR 7 PARENT/CARER CONSULTATIONS WITH SUBJECT TEACHERS

Our online booking system opened on Tuesday evening for appointments with the Year 7 subject teachers. Appointments run all next week between 2.30pm - 5.00pm. Parents of Year 7 students should have received a notification email Tuesday afternoon.

A link to the Parent/Carer Consultations system can be found under the Parents menu option on our website. Please use the login you were provided previously to make your bookings.

Thank you

School Office

EMOTIONAL LITERACY

This week all students in Years 7-10 began some work on emotional literacy with their tutors. The aim is to support students in their ability to understand, express and cope with a wide spectrum of emotions. A tool that we will be introducing this week is a 'feelings wheel' which you can view [here](#) and it would be great if you could discuss this with your child(ren) at home. Many thanks for your support with this important project.

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.

LIBRARY NEWS

Student Timetable for Library Use

Day	Before School	First Break	Second Break	After School
Monday	Year 7	Year 10	Year 11	Year 9
Tuesday	Year 8	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Wednesday	Year 9	Year 11	Year 10	Year 8
Thursday	Year 10	Year 7	Year 8	Year 7
Friday	Year 11	Year 9	Year 7	

Student Book Groups

- Year 7 Book Group meeting is at 2.30 - 3.30pm on Thursdays in the Library.
- Years 8 - 11 Book Group (Booked) meeting is online on Mondays at 4.30 - 5.15pm.

Both Groups are currently shadowing the Carnegie Award and we are reading the following books:



Students can email Library@rmays.com if they would like to join in.

Many thanks,
Mrs Bennett

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


MATHS BRAINTEASER

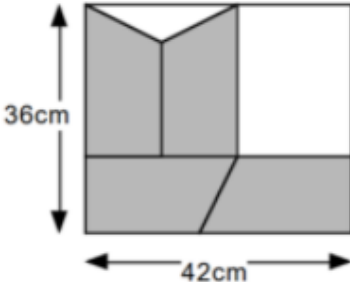
Hello everybody and welcome back to another edition of the Weekly Maths Brainteasers! I hope you are all safe, well and champing at the bit to get stuck into some eagerly anticipated Maths. Here is the Week 4 teaser. Answers from everybody are welcome and my worked solution will be posted in next week's bulletin.

The RMS Weekly Maths Brainteaser

Week 4 Shaperone

Here is a trapezium-shaped tile





Four of these tiles are arranged inside a rectangle that measures 36cm by 42cm

Calculate the area of one trapezium tile.

not drawn to scale

Please send your answer with your name and form to Mr Pooles at graham.pooles@rmays.com.
The correct answer will be revealed at the end of next week, along with another brainteaser!

Mr Pooles

SCIENCE REVISION RESOURCES

Science revision resources have resumed. Any orders placed on Scopay will be delivered on a week by week basis. The deadline for placing orders is midnight on Sunday and this will ensure your order is processed for delivery the following week. An email will be sent to Parents/Carers upon receipt of the goods and the parent can then either request a home delivery or to confirm that their child will collect the items from school.

Please email info@rmays.com, marked for the attention of the Science Department, to request further information. If you haven't received a log-in for scopay please contact finance@rmays.com.

RMS PTFA UPDATE

Uniform Service

Our Online uniform shop is open for parents to purchase all new RMS logo school uniform and can be found at www.rmspta.co.uk.

The uniform office is open daily during first break for attending students to collect their uniform.

Collection of Uniform Orders

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 Sale

We have a wide selection of second hand logo uniform and PE kit for sale and our next Second Hand Uniform sale will be held on:

Saturday 1st May 9.30am – 12.00noon

Location: Find us on the left hand side of school between the DT block and the Astroturf pitches.

Contactless payment is preferred. Cash and cheques made payable to 'Robert Mays School Parent Teacher Association' can be accepted if unable to pay by card.

Our sale is held outside and may be postponed in the event of bad weather. There is no or limited supply of medium sized green and black summer polo shirts.

Second Hand Uniform Donations

We are happy to receive donations of good quality pre-loved RMS logo uniform and PE kit (no skirts or trousers please). These can be handed to us during our second hand sales or left at any time on the desk in the foyer of the Invictus Building and clearly labelled 'Second Hand Donation'. Please help us by donating laundered items only.

For any uniform queries or urgent second hand uniform requests, please email the uniform team at uniform@rmspta.co.uk. Thank you for your continued support.

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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

07387 116947

or email us at odihamfoodbank@gmail.com

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