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Headlines

Dear Parents and Carers

Over the last few months we have had three visits from a gentleman by the name of Andrew Muhammad, otherwise known as The Investigator. Andrew gave a truly inspiring speech to a group of students, telling them his own story about how he became successful and the students really enjoyed working with him. Andrew and his organisation have given us some really good ideas about how we can improve our approach to diversity in the school going forward. It has been a real pleasure to work with Andrew and we propose to work with him again in the future.

Last week we began the term with our mid-year assembly. Traditionally at this assembly the old Student Leadership Group hands over to the new one. This is therefore an opportunity to thank Head Boy Leo Gupta, Head Girl Kudzai Mukomba and Deputy Head Boy and Girl respectively Charlie Ball and Katie Twitchen, all of whom have led a fine SLG this year. We have high hopes of the new SLG and congratulations to Hugh O'Sullivan for being elected Head Boy and Anna Hayward-Surry for becoming Head Girl. Congratulations also to Gemma Smith and Theo Thomas who have been elected as Deputy Head Girl and Boy respectively.

Year 10 have been busy with their exams over the past two weeks. We have been pleased with their attendance and behaviour during this period so we hope that they will do well. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the staff who ran revision classes during the Easter holidays, giving up time with their families to do so. We hope that the students found them useful.

Year 11 and Year 13 students have returned from their holidays with a purposeful air and we are here to support them and help them over the next few weeks as the pressure of impending exams rises.

Finally, a reminder that students should be wearing summer uniform from Monday. We would advise students to be mindful of the vagaries of British Summertime and to wear their jumpers if they wish to.

Alan Henshall
Headteacher

Artificial Pitch Update

Construction of the new artificial pitch is now nearing completion. Please see the information on page 17 of the RoundUp regarding permitted footwear on the pitch.



Roundwood Park Community Pitch
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Trip Payments

Job Vacancies



Residential Trips

Y8 MFL Paris 2018:

Balance Payment: £128 OVERDUE

Y8 MFL Rhineland 2018:

Balance Payment: £54 1 May

Y12 Preston Montford Biology Trip 2018:

Balance Payment: £134 19 May

Y12 Liverpool Geography Trip 2018:

Interim Payment: £150 OVERDUE

Balance Payment: £138.50 4 May

Y10 South Wales 2018:

Interim Payment: £130 OVERDUE

Balance Payment: £73 14 May

Jeannine Blight, Residential Trip Coordinator

Forthcoming Events

Year 7 Parent Consultation Evening

Thursday 21st June 4.30 pm until 7.30 pm

**A reminder that further information can
be found on our website:**

[Daily Bulletin](#); [Latest News](#); [Copies of
Letters Home](#); [PE News](#)

or by following our twitter page:

[Roundwood Park School Twitter](#)

Roundwood Park School is currently recruiting for the position of:

School Librarian

37 hours per week; term-time plus two weeks; negotiable

NJC Pay Scale H8 (Points 29-32)

Salary: Actual salary based on quoted working times £23,783 - £26,108, based upon a full-time salary of £26,470 - £29,005 plus Fringe Allowance £597

Start date: Immediate

Closing date for applications is 9am on Wednesday 9th May 2018.

Interviews will be held on Tuesday 15th May 2018.

For further information including deadlines for application and details of how to apply, please visit our website or click on the link below:

<https://roundwoodpark.co.uk/vacancies/>

Absence Line

When you call in for absence, please use our dedicated 24 hour absence line:

01582 714049 or e-mail us at
absence@roundwoodpark.co.uk

RPS Music Department recognised with national award

For the second year in a row Roundwood's Music department has been honoured with a national award. **Music Mark UK** has officially recognised the hard work that goes on in the department with a certificate and logos which the school can now use on their website and in their letters. We are delighted that all the students and staff in the department who work so hard have been celebrated in this way.

Mr Gray
Head of Music

Introducing.. a new member of staff: Bertie



We are delighted to introduce to you Roundwood's latest addition to our 'Well Being Team' – Bertie!

Following much research into the positive effects of animals (particularly dogs) on mental health and well being, Bertie joined us at the beginning of this term. Bertie is currently undergoing his training and it is hoped that he will successfully make it through this to become a therapy dog here at RPS - to offer support to those who feel anxious, vulnerable or upset.

Bertie is being supervised at all times, and as he grows in maturity, he will be introduced very slowly to small groups of students and staff who would like to meet him. Please rest assured that any student who does not wish to meet Bertie will not have to come into contact with him.

Mrs Gray



Instrumental Grade Exam Results

Student	Instrument	Grade	Certificate
E Batt	Trombone	VII	Pass
A Sharp	Baritone	IV	Merit
M Nash	Trumpet	II	Pass
J Wright	Horn	III	Merit
A Algar	Piano	VIII	Pass
A Cheah	Piano	V	Distinction
G Bandell	Piano	III	Merit
E Beynon	Drums	II	Pass
G Roberts	Drums	I	Pass
K Cheema	Classical Guitar	V	Merit
A Baxter-Davis	Guitar	Debut	Merit
V Hawkins	Oboe	II	Merit
E Sanders	Flute	III	Distinction
H Hume	Flute	IV	Merit
J Bhandal	Violin	V	Pass
N Donnelly	Saxophone	IV	Merit
G Linter	Piano	II	Merit

Congratulations to everyone for working so hard and passing their exams!

Youth Speaks Competition



On Monday 8th January, the RPS English department took a team of students to compete in The Rotary Youth Speaks competition at St Alban's Westminster Lodge theatre.

We entered three teams in the competition, one in the intermediate category for students up to and below Year 9 and two teams in the senior category – intended for students from Year 10 up to the age of 20 years.

Having spoken with the organisers and coming straight off the huge success of our Parliamentary debate team we decided to enter our Year 9 teams in the Senior category. Our Year 8 team set the bar high as they proudly showcased our school as forward thinking and innovative. They argued that schools should be gender neutral places and they argued it with passion and flair. Charlie Soanes spoke confidently for 6 minutes and answered a rather tough question on Government funding from a member of the Rotary Club. She remained calm and relied on her research to answer intelligently. The proceedings were held together by our Chairperson Emma Craig, who introduced the area for debate and invited question. It was our Vote of Thanks, Eleanor Visocchi, who charmed the audience with her instant appeal and perfect manners. Sadly we didn't win this round, but we all commented that we lost to a strong debate team from SJL. We, however, are itching to come back fighting next year.

In the Senior category we felt the pace and academic rigour of the debate stepped up considerably. Emma Carney led her team on stage and certainly shocked the audience with her abundant charisma. She introduced the topic of Votes for 16 year olds and graciously stepped aside for Alastair Holmes to persuade us into his way of thinking. Any doubts that he was too young for the senior category were certainly squashed the moment he made his first point. We were spellbound. He was assertive, amusing, intelligent and forthright. Even the most cynical couldn't help but be swayed. Gemma Stapleton summarised the proceeding so skilfully that she earned special mention in the judges' comments.

Youth Speaks Competition continued...



Our second 'senior' team (from Year 9) to take to the stage debated the deeply original topic of the pandemic of Affluenza. It was highly original and you could tell that it made people sit up and listen. Kate Stapleton's writing of the speech showed a real flair for structure and persuasive techniques, but it was Tyler Birkwood's delivery that added the shine needed to make it so professional. He stood on stage and waxed lyrical with very few references to his notes. He looked so young on stage, but his words and ideas leaked the whole team's maturity. Owen John kept the team together, as Chairperson, beautifully. He was warm and generous in the planning phase and a delight to work with. Katie Stapleton, as Vote of Thanks, summarised the debate expertly. Indeed she had written the speech; certainly one to watch in the future!

The next round was at Astley Cooper School where we saw a second victory for Emma, Gemma and Alastair. Sadly, we had to say goodbye to our other team, but Tyler, Owen and Katie remained buoyant because they knew how strong they had been and the judges' comments were highly complimentary.

The final round saw us travel to Van Dyke Upper School in Leighton Buzzard where we were defeated by a fantastic Dame Alice Owen team exploring the issues of modern slavery. It was a great occasion where Roundwood was represented once again by enthusiastic and professional students as well as their parents.

I would like to thank all the students who took part, supported and enjoyed the ride in our Rotary journey. We can't wait to come back next year with all the experience we have accrued and we wish the Dame Alice Owen team well in the final.

Jo John
English Department



Senior District Athletics Champions

We are delighted to announce that our selected Year 11, 12 and 13 athletes retained the Senior District Athletics (combined gender) Championships title that we won last year.

With seven separate 1st place performances, the following students became personal district champions in their events:

Josh Woods (Triple jump & 200m inc. breaking 200m record)

Juliet Colledge (Hurdles)

Michael McPherson (Javelin)

Bella Hedges (Javelin)

Kathryn Canham (300m)

Boys 4x100m relay (**Leo Gupta, Josh Woods, Matthew Hubbard & Ben Whitehead**)

In addition to these standout displays, the RPS students picked up several second and third places along with hugely important efforts from those who didn't have aspirations of personal victory but put in huge efforts and picked up great team points, which we wouldn't have won without them.

Team spirit efforts of note:

Kai Cheema's effort on the steeplechase (including water jump) which he was running for the first time; **Lotty Nicholls** running 1500m to pick up some points having come back from knee surgery this year.

This group have secured us great points towards the overall district championships (which we also won last year for the first time in 26 years) which continues in June, with Year 7, 8, 9 and 10 points added to those of this evening.

A fantastic start to the summer – well done to everyone!

Matt Hunter, Head of PE



SPIKES: If any of our athletes have grown out of their old spikes and are replacing them for this season, please could we ask that you don't throw your old ones away...we'd love them for the PE bag if you're happy to donate them for shared use at fixtures – many thanks.

The Greatest National Finals



On 23rd March Roundwood Park trampolining squad prepared to leave for Nationals Finals with the largest group ever. The 2018 National finals were hosted in Northern Ireland which made us all even more excited as this was the first time it had happened here in 30 years!

Suitcases in hand and smiles on our faces we headed to Luton airport to catch our plane to Northern Ireland. On the plane we got a final bit of encouragement from the air crew who gave us a good luck message on landing. This spurred us on and confirmed that we wanted to go into Saturday with maximum effort levels and enthusiasm. But before we could do so we soon arrived at the hotel and had a surprise from ex-student Emily who was part of Roundwood Park trampolining squad all her school life and had come to give us some moral support! After even more excitement we were very ready for some food and a good night's rest.

The day of the competition



We had to be up bright and early to hop on a coach that would take us to Newtownards leisure centre in Belfast. The day was quickly underway starting with **Under 13 boys**, which Ellis in Year 7 was competing in as an individual. It was absolutely amazing that Ellis had made it to Nationals in his first year of trampolining and we were all excited to see the result of his performance. We are extremely proud that he secured 3rd place, coping excellently with the pressure of nationals and put together two very secure routines.

Next up was the **Under 15 girls' novice team** which consisted of Milly, Katie, Bronwen and Ellie. An exceptional level of focus and determination was shown by the girls and resulted in them all performing two very good routines. We were later overjoyed to hear that their efforts had put them on top and they were British Champions!



The Greatest National Finals continued..



With such success in the morning, everyone left to compete was motivated and ready to do just as well. And it seemed to work as the **Under 15 boys' novice team** of Tom, Noah and Alex also went on to win their category, alongside Noah securing 3rd place as an individual which is amazing at Nationals! There is always more pressure when a team only has three people, however they kept their nerve and each member performed two excellent routines.



The winning did not stop there as the **Under 13 girls' novice team** including Amy, Olivia, Ellen and Tia smashed their first National finals and also became British Champions. It was wonderful to see such team support and confidence in their routines from some girls who have only been trampolining for a little as a year, truly outstanding.

As the afternoon went on the majority of the squad had competed and medalled leaving us all in very high spirits.



Now it was just the two under 19 teams to go! It started with the **Under 19 novice team** which consisted of Naomi, Claire and Scarlett. After a long wait to go on they finally competed and again managed to perform two very consistent routines which secured them with 3rd place which they were very delighted about.

Next it was the **Under 19 girls' intermediate team** which included Lucy, Ellie, Sarah and Izzy. The Intermediate category is always a very high standard and we were all thrilled to have made the finals! Although slightly nervous the girls all pulled out amazing routines securing 3rd place, a massive achievement!



After the most successful Nationals Roundwood has ever had we were all ecstatic to know that we had all got a medal and that all our hard work at training had paid off. However, none of it would have been possible without our amazing coach Mrs Moxham who constantly gives up her time so that we can do the best we can, alongside being so supportive and making our trampolining memories so enjoyable and ones we will always remember. We would all like to say a massive thank you to her for making it all possible! Also thank you to Mr Hunter who also supported and entertained the trampolining squad throughout the weekend.



Of course after all our victory we were all SO ready for some more food and excited to explore a bit of Ireland the next day!
Naomi Dumpleton

Further Student Achievements

Welsh National Swimming Event Medalist



Congratulations to JJ Wilde (9O) who swam brilliantly at the recent Welsh National Swimming Event in Swansea. He secured 2 medals – a silver in the 50 breaststroke and a bronze in the 50 freestyle, placing him 2nd in Wales for both events.

UKMT Junior Maths Challenge



At the end of March 4 of our students, Alice Corran (8M), Jay Shah (8S), Katie Stapleton (9W) and Gemma Stapleton (9GT) participated in an interschool mathematics competition at Haberdashers' Aske's School. The team performed impressively, coming 5th out of 31 teams - the highest place non-selective team! Congratulations on this achievement! *Maths Department*

Golfing Success



Ellen Hume won the girls Herts Rosebowl U18 Championship with a score of 74 and has qualified to represent Hertfordshire in the SE England schools competition in May. Sacha Brown won the Herts Mid Handicap Championship with a score of 43 points. This was his first time competing against other schools in a Hertfordshire tournament, which hopefully will inspire other handicap golfers to take part next year. Well done to these 2 students and a big thank you to all other students who have represented the school this year.

Herts Secondary Schools Inter-District Gala



Well done to Claire Burrell (12W) and Aggie Burns (11GT) who were selected to represent St Albans District at the Herts Secondary Schools Inter-District gala on 10th March.

Claire was one of the team captains; St Albans District won overall. Claire and Aggie were in the senior girls' team which came first in both relays. The girls were also both placed first in their individual events - Aggie won the 50m backstroke individual race and Claire won the 50m freestyle individual race. Both girls were also in the winning team for the 4 x 50m medley relay & 4 x 50m freestyle relay.

British Snowboarding Championships



Well done to Liam Tynan who has been training with the GB development team and has recently competed in four snowboarding competitions: Boardercross, Big Air, Slopestyle and Super Halfpipe.

Liam is now British Champion Under 16 in both Super Halfpipe and Slopestyle and Silver Under 16 Slopestyle! Liam qualified for the Super Halfpipe final which included the men and took Silver in this event, beating Ed Leigh (BBC's co-presenter snowboarder Ski Sunday) into third place.

Would you like to study Engineering?

Former student Will Thomas came back to Roundwood recently to inspire our students with his experiences of electronics at university.

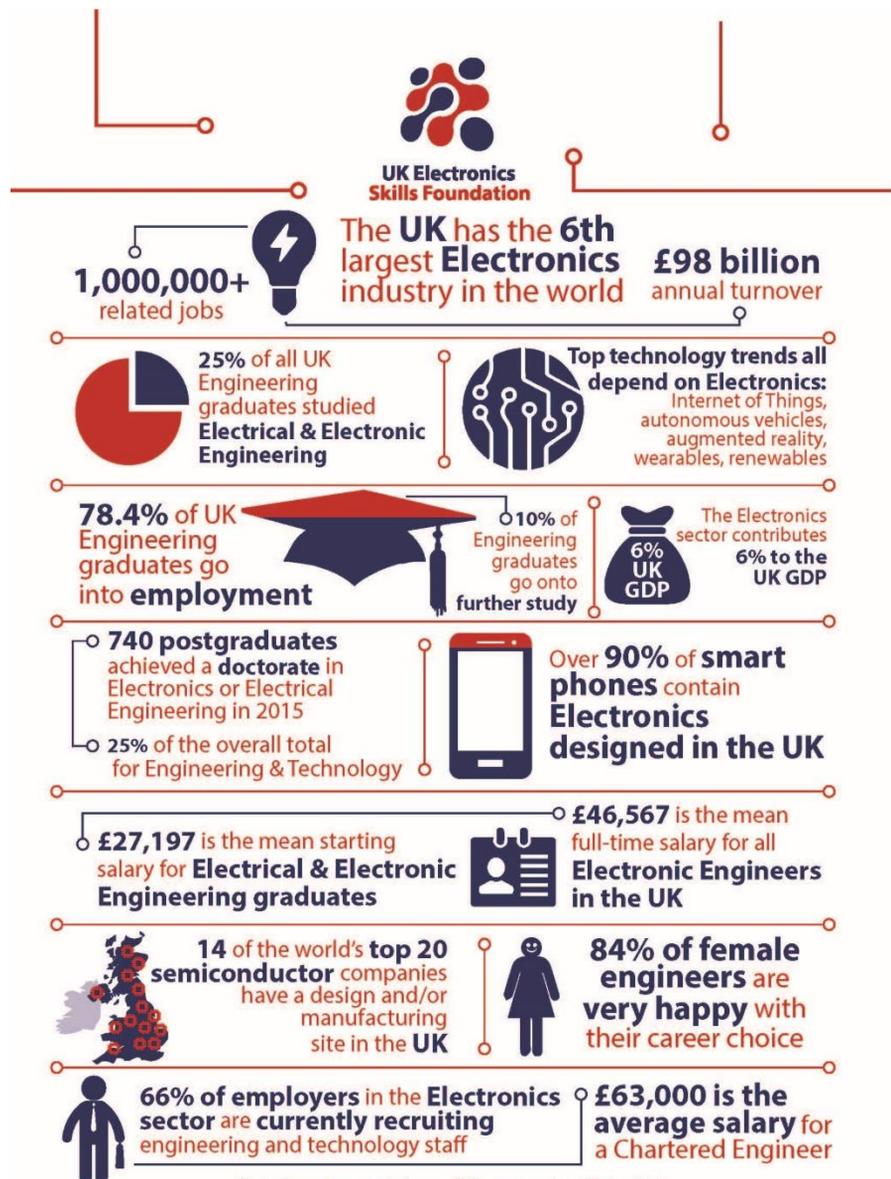
The UK electronics industry is booming and is great career choice with many exciting developments which our students can be part of. The infographic below gives some facts and figures about this ground breaking sector.

As well as telling us about the amazing work he has already been involved in, Will also shared his experiences of university life with our Year 12's including some valuable tips on strategies for applications and getting the best range of offer grades.

He then ran a workshop for a cross section of Year 7, 8 and 11 students on music mixing using electronics. The students built their own equipment and used it to mix sound tracks using their phones. Thanks to generous sponsorship from Southampton University and the UK Electronics Skills Foundation, Will has donated these kits to the school for us to use in STEM club.

Mrs Kathryn Robbins

Key Stage 4 & 5 Physics



Find out more at www.ukesf.org All figures correct as of Spring 2018.

Sources: Engineering UK 2017 Report, ESCO Report, The IET Skills Survey 2016, Top 10 Strategic Technology Trends 2016, TechWorks Survey 2017, IWS Statistics 2016.



HOUSE NEWS



Please see the following page which details the new members of the Student Leadership Group for 2018-19.

House Totals:



GT	187 pts
Frank	184 pts
Scott	180 pts
Cadbury	179 pts
Wilberforce	175 pts
Mandela	153 pts
Owens	146 pts

Please follow our House twitter pages to keep updated with all our weekly events:

[RPS HouseSystem](#)

STUDENT LEADERSHIP GROUP 2018-2019



DHG:
Gemma Smith



Head Boy:
Hugh O'Sullivan



Head Girl:
Anna Hayward-Surry



DHB:
Theo Thomas

House Captains

School Captains

Wilberforce

Alaya Rathor Mathur & Sarah Esfandiari

Wellbeing & Diversity: Abby Garfield & Katie Ellins



Mandela

Gemma Smith & Denis Vasev

Environment: Alex Mason & Jina Asha



Owens

Francesca Boschetti & Lucy Barter

Charity: Charlotte Jones & Eleanor Keating & Ana Velody



Scott

Theo Thomas & Emma Archer

Community Events: Lily Salter & Sofia Biggs & Katie Pynn



GT

Skye Alefounder & Libby Trayling

Learning: Katialin Dang & Jessica Bartlett



Cadbury

Lee Birch & Hena Khan

Sports, Clubs & Participation: Harriet Murray & Hannah Soanes



Frank

Corey Fletcher & Sima Esteki

Communication: Scarlett Orr & James Plumb





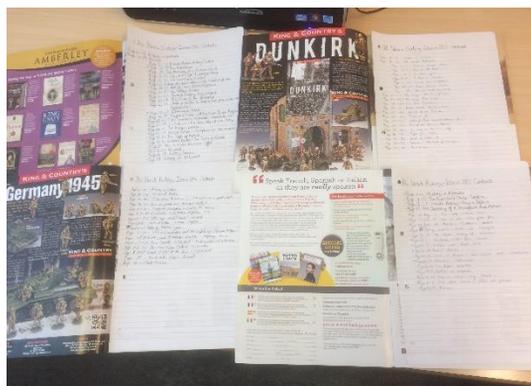
Owens House Charity Week

This year, Owens House Charity week lasted from 23rd to 29th March. As such, we decided to embrace the Easter theme and ran an **Easter Egg raffle**, **Easter themed cake sales** and a “**Guess the number of eggs in the jar**”. The raffle was won by Michael in Year 7 Scott House, whilst Isabelle in Year 7 Wilberforce won the “guess how many eggs in the jar” competition.

Of course we also brought back our old favourite, **Roundwood’s Got Talent**, for the third year in a row. There was a combination of dancers, singers, musicians and comedians, but in spite of the tough competition, the winners of Roundwood’s Got Talent 2018 were Emilia and Emily, two incredible dancers from Year 7!

This year, our Charity Week not only coincided with Easter, but wellbeing week as well. We decided that this would be the perfect opportunity to raise awareness for the **OLLIE Foundation**, which is one of the charities our school support. Owens House has worked closely with them before, especially with regard to our students’ mental wellbeing, so this time we decided to focus on supporting our teachers’ mental health. We decided that the best way we could do this was to introduce a day of “**Random Acts of Kindness**”. As a part of this, a team of students managed to help Mrs Jefferies to carry refreshments from her car for the Year 13 awards evening; helped Mrs Upton to organise the history magazines; sorted out the ML3 cupboard and put the chairs up in Hum 1. We also decided to give out a thank you card to each department to show them how much we appreciate all of the work that they do for us. Some examples of our hard work can be seen pictured below. Special thanks for all of their efforts in this go to Charlotte Jones (12O), Alex Mason (12O), Sofia Biggs (12O), Tom Evans (12C), Freya Peters (10O) and Lucia Boschetti (10M).

Of course we must also give special praise to Ms Roubault, who shaved her head for the sake of our charities!



Overall, in just one week we managed to raise £1076! We are all very proud of this incredible total, but it is also important to note that we managed to raise awareness as well as money, as this is just as essential when supporting our school’s charities. It is fair to say that Owens House Charity Week 2018 was a success and we hope to keep up this momentum over the coming year.

Alumna of the Month: April

Helen Williamson (1983-90)



Helen is a highly experienced series producer with a proven record of delivering prime-time factual programmes. BBC1, BBC2, Channel 4, More4, Five, National Geographic, Discovery, History Channel & TLC credits.

She is experienced in making 30 and 60 minute programmes in various factual formats and genres (History, Art, Science, Current Affairs and Natural History).

After gaining A Levels, Helen went to Oxford University and gained a BA in Human Sciences. From there she studied Film & Television Production gaining an MA from the University of Bristol.

Her production experience started with two ITV1 series: "Secrets from the Asylum" & "Secrets from The Clink" which explored the history of prisons and asylums through the case studies of famous people's ancestors. She also worked freelance and is currently a Series Producer at Pioneer Productions in London.

Latest works include:

"How The Universe Works" for Discovery Science. 10 episodes exploring all things cosmological and astrophysical... from asteroids to Space-time.

Most recently she was co-executive producer of Channel 5's natural history programming with "Wild, Nocturnal Britain".

Introducing – new Governor

Stephen Fryer **Parent Governor / Resources Committee**



Moving to Harpenden in 2007 proved to be a great choice for my family. Both the town and schools are as good as we hoped and I am enjoying life here and being part of my children's educational journey. Being involved with the school enables me to contribute just a little more.

I graduated from the University of Leeds and I have spent most of my career in IT consultancy and management, in the public and private sector. My current role is focused on in-vehicle technology for a global automotive manufacturer. I act as mentor for a number of apprentices and undergraduates, a responsibility that I believe - at least in part - contributed to my becoming a Parent Governor.

To relax, you'll find me cycling around the quieter roads of Hertfordshire, or perhaps visiting National Trust houses and gardens. I love to travel and I am always planning the next 'big trip'.

Roundwood Park School
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present...



Roundwood Park Community Pitch

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING FOOTWEAR PERMITTED ON THE PITCH

We anticipate that students will be able to use the pitch after the May half-term, during lessons and at lunchtime. Please note that only the following footwear will be permitted: **Moulded multi- studded (rubber) football boots.** **NO metal studs, plastic blades or trainers.** **NO ONE WILL BE ALLOWED ON THE PITCH UNLESS THEY HAVE THE CORRECT FOOTWEAR.**

Acceptable Footwear



Not Acceptable Footwear



Pitch Update

Construction of the Roundwood Park Community Pitch has been proceeding well and we anticipate that completion of the build will be in **May**.



We still need your support to reach our fundraising target of £200,000

We have received over £55,000 in donations to date so many thanks for your support. If you would like to help us reach our fundraising target, please follow the link below to make a donation towards the pitch. In exchange for your donation, we will engrave a paving stone with your name or message – a legacy of your contribution to the new pitch. Every donation makes a huge difference. Please don't forget to complete the gift aid section upon checkout – by selecting gift aid, we receive an extra 25% of your donation.

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PTA Newsletter

Raising £30,000 for 570 new classroom tables



Festival on the Field

Sat 7th July 2018

40% of ticket sales referencing Roundwood Park will be donated to our PTA.

We are pleased to announce that Harpenden's largest outdoor music festival is returning with top UK tribute acts featuring; Coldplay, Little Mix and ELO. Local band Swanvesta Social Club and mass singing sensation Massaoke will also be performing. The one day family festival attracts over 2,500 people and includes a fairground, children's activities, food stalls and bars.

Tickets are on sale from now until Sun 23rd May
at www.festivalonthefield.co.uk



PTA DONATIONS

You can also support our PTA fundraising campaign by donating on **Parent Pay.**

Support our Co-op fund raising campaign and help us raise over £5,000.



1% of selected Co-op sales up to **27th October 2018** will be donated to our PTA.

Before your next shop, please sign up at www.coop.co.uk and select 'Roundwood Park PTA' as your chosen community fund.

SAVE THE DATE!



Second Hand Uniform Sale
Sat 30th June

We have a great selection of good quality second hand uniform at low prices.

Please continue to donate any laundered, good quality second hand uniform to Reception.

The PTA is a registered charity. We can be emailed on pta@roundwoodpark.co.uk

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John
Lawes
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Saturday 7 July 2018

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PLUS: fairground, children's activities, food stalls & bars

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What will I do?

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Take part in hands on STEM projects, lectures and workshops

Learn how to manage a project, develop research techniques, or write reports

Hear about university life from lecturers, admissions tutors and post-grad students

Meet engineers, researchers and professionals who'll explain their own achievements

Be confident and enthusiastic about your next level of study in STEM subjects



The 2018 Inspire Programme

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- Brunel University
- University of Cambridge
- City, University of London
- Coventry University
- Durham University
- University of Edinburgh
- Glasgow Caledonian University
- Glasgow Caledonian University (boys course)
- Manchester Metropolitan University
- Queen Mary, University of London
- University of Sheffield
- University of Southampton
- University of Warwick

Partner organisations:



Courses take place straight after your GCSEs and run throughout June and July, so why not come along with a friend?
If you attend an Inspire course we'll treat you as a priority applicant when you apply for a Headstart course the following year.

Find out more and apply online from 1st September 2017

www.etrust.org.uk/inspirecourse



Inspiring future engineers & scientists





Would you like to help your Son/Daughter make well-informed choices about their future study and careers?

Let's work together to inspire the next generation of Scientists, Engineers and world changers.

The [Engineering Development Trust \(EDT\)](#) has arranged an insightful local course over the May half term [29th 30th & 31st May 2018], collaborating with; Barnfield College, The University of Bedfordshire and Leonardo to deliver their [Routes into STEM](#) programme.

What is Routes into STEM?

Routes is an innovative 3 day course which provides young people aged 13 to 15 (Yr 9 & 10) with an understanding of the amazing opportunities offered by **STEM** based careers (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths).

The course allows your child to engage with a **college**, a **university** and a **company** who have put together an interesting agenda to showcase STEM courses, apprenticeships, degrees and careers, giving your child the best chance to make informed decisions and to meet role models.

Day 1: [Barnfield College](#) - 29th May 2018

Day 2: [The University of Bedfordshire](#) - 30th May 2018

Day 3: [Leonardo](#) - 31st May 2018

Benefits include:

- Engages all students no matter their academic level
- Practical taster sessions of STEM courses at College and University helping with decision making
- Visualisation of future STEM career opportunities and how to access them through apprenticeship & graduate schemes
- Gaining a bronze industry-led accreditation from [Industrial Cadets](#) (Inspired by HRH The Prince of Wales)
- Meet role models

Course fee, bursaries & other support: The course costs **£135** for all 3 days including the Industrial Cadets accreditation fee. Pupil Premium (free school meal) students should speak to their teachers for any opportunities for school support available.

For More Information Contact EDT: routesintostem@etrust.org.uk or 01707 386 151

Lunch & Travel Arrangements: Students are responsible for their own travel; we encourage car sharing to fit around your work schedules. Lunch is sometimes provided for the course and this will be confirmed along with all other details in the Course Joining Instructions.

Apply Online: <http://bit.ly/2n1KzYo> (scroll down to 'Students' tab to access application form)

****Please note that interested students should apply ASAP due to the limited amount of spaces available ****

Mrs Smith, Careers Co-ordinator at RPS, is also speak to anyone who is interested in attending this course with any queries they may have. Please contact her at s.smith@roundwoodpark.co.uk

OPEN OAKLANDS COLLEGE EVENINGS

Tue 6th February
St Albans Campus
(5 – 8pm)

Wed 7th February
Welwyn GC Campus
(5 – 8pm)

Tue 24th April
St Albans Campus
(5 – 7pm)

Wed 25th April
Welwyn GC Campus
(5 – 7pm)

Wed 29th Aug
St Albans Campus
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NEW PLAYERS WANTED!

Girls' U13s Football Team



Get fit * Learn new skills * Enjoy a team sport * Make new friends * Have fun!

Harpenden Colts 'Bobcats' team is open to girls in Years 7 and 8 (season 2017/18). This friendly team caters for players of all abilities - we are looking for committed players who are able to attend most games and training sessions.

Training: Tuesdays **Matches:** Saturday mornings

We train Tuesday evenings 8pm-9pm, and have a limited number of spaces available for girls who wish to play competitive games in the Hertfordshire Girls Football Partnership League. All coaches are parent volunteers with current CRC and each squad has at least one FA qualified coach.



**WHY NOT COME FOR A
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Contact Andrew Whitehouse

andrew@whitehouse.org.uk

www.harpendencolts.com

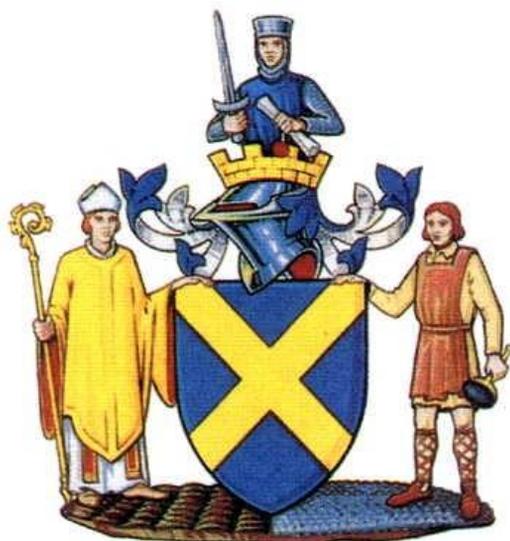
St Albans City Youth Under 13 Girls North (2017/18)



We are looking for experienced players of a good standard and ability, including a goalkeeper, to join our squad for this season. In addition we will also be looking to increase the squad for next season (2018/19) when we move to 11 a side.

We are happy for girls to come along to a training session.

For details please contact Graeme at grahamrose04@aol.com





Disability Football Session

**Tuesday's 5pm - 6pm
Hemel Hempstead School**



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**Tuesday 1st May to Tuesday 10th July (Exc. 29th May)
£10 for 10 Sessions or pay as you go for £2 per session**

Watford FC's CSE Trust are delivering a weekly football session at Hemel Hempstead School for girls and boys aged 8 - 18 years old with any disability impairment. Fully qualified coaches will provide a safe and fun learning environment.

To book please follow the link

<https://www.watfordfccsetrust.com/disability-football-sessions>

For further information please contact Karen Stephanou on karen.stephanou@watfordfc.com or 07841 028229



Herts Youth Inclusive Football Football Festival



**COMMUNITY SPORTS
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REGISTERED CHARITY NO: 1102239

**Saturday 28th April 2018
11am to 1pm
Hemel Hempstead School**

Affiliated Football Clubs and Watford FC's CSE Trust are working together to run a Football Festival for 5 – 25 years old players, with a disability and/or additional need. All abilities welcome, including friends and siblings of participants.

There will be FA qualified coaches who will provide free, safe and enjoyable activities. All coaches have up-to-date DBS checks and have attended the FA's safeguarding workshop.

To book a place or for more information please contact Karen Stephanou on karen.stephanou@watfordfc.com or 07841028229 or book here:

<https://www.watfordfccsetrust.com/herts-youth-inclusive-festival-hemel-hempstead>

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Our help is offered in different ways to suit your needs including:

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- Workshops and/or group work

How to get help:

You can make a self-referral by calling the Single Point of Access Team on 0300 777 0707. Or find out more about what we do and make an on-line referral by visiting

www.talkwellbeing.co.uk

We pride ourselves on seeing people quickly – and you will be contacted within a week of referral to book your first appointment.



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- Improving relationships and communication
 - Raising confidence and self-esteem
 - Building networks of support

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8th 15th, 22nd, 29th June 2018

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Harpenden Plus Partnership, Pickford Hill, Harpenden

Bookings for this course will be taken by emailing
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You will be sent a booking form and places will be secured upon receipt of your completed form and a refundable deposit.

All information is correct at the time of going to press, but may be subject to change.

*£50 if your child does not attend a HarpendenPlus Partnership school

List of partnership schools: Beech Hyde, Crabtree schools, The Grove schools, Harpenden Academy, High Beeches, Kimpton, Lea, Manland, Redbourn, Roundwood Park, Roundwood Primary, Sauncey Wood, Sir John Lawes, St Dominic, St George's, St Helen's, St Nicholas, Wood End

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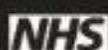
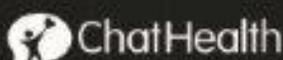
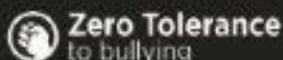
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World Record Breaking Mosaic of Bayeux Tapestry comes to St Albans Cathedral

This summer, St Albans Cathedral will host a unique exhibition as a complete recreation of the Bayeux Tapestry handcrafted in 3 million tiny pieces goes on display for visitors.

With the original Bayeux Tapestry due to travel to Britain in 2020, this is a unique opportunity to see the events of 1066 and the Norman conquest of England played out in exquisite mosaic form, 2 years before the world famous tapestry arrives.

Opening on 7th June and running until 27th August, the '1066 Medieval Mosaic' is the work of artist Michael Linton who, over the course of 33 years, designed and assembled the work using three million tiny pieces of steel left over from industrial textile manufacturing. The result of this labour of love is a 64m installation weighing approximately 350 kilograms. This impressive display of skill and craftsmanship has earned itself a place in the Guinness World Record book as the longest steel mosaic.

Since historians have long since believed that the original is missing at least two panels, Michael added an 8m section highlighting what might have been missing from the original. To do so, he was joined by his daughter Rachael to tell the stories from the end of the Battle of Hastings to the coronation of William the Conqueror on Christmas Day in 1066. This add on section of the mosaic is the result of 3 years of research on all aspects of the period in order to achieve a truthful depiction of the events immediately after the Norman conquest. The result of these years of meticulous research is a seamless transition from Michael's original Medieval Mosaic into the Finale panels.

Canon Chancellor, Kevin Walton, said of the upcoming exhibition 'The Norman conquest, told by the Bayeux tapestry, is very much part of the story of St Albans Cathedral, rebuilt by its first Norman abbot. We are therefore very pleased to be hosting this innovative exhibition, which is sure to generate a lot of interest'.

School groups and Educational visits are gladly welcome, but are requested to book their visit in advance. Please contact the Cathedral Education Centre on 01727 890212 or education@stalbanscathedral.org for more details.

For more information about the exhibition, see www.stalbanscathedral.org.



Photo by Justin Lyett

1066 A MEDIEVAL MOSAIC EXHIBITION

GUINNESS WORLD RECORD

ST. ALBANS CATHEDRAL 7th JUNE 2018 - 27th August 2018

A 3 million piece, 210 foot long mosaic recreating the Bayeux Tapestry. It tells the story of the Norman Conquest and depicts the Battle of Hastings, the Battle of Fulford and the Battle of Stamford Bridge.

by Michael A. Linton

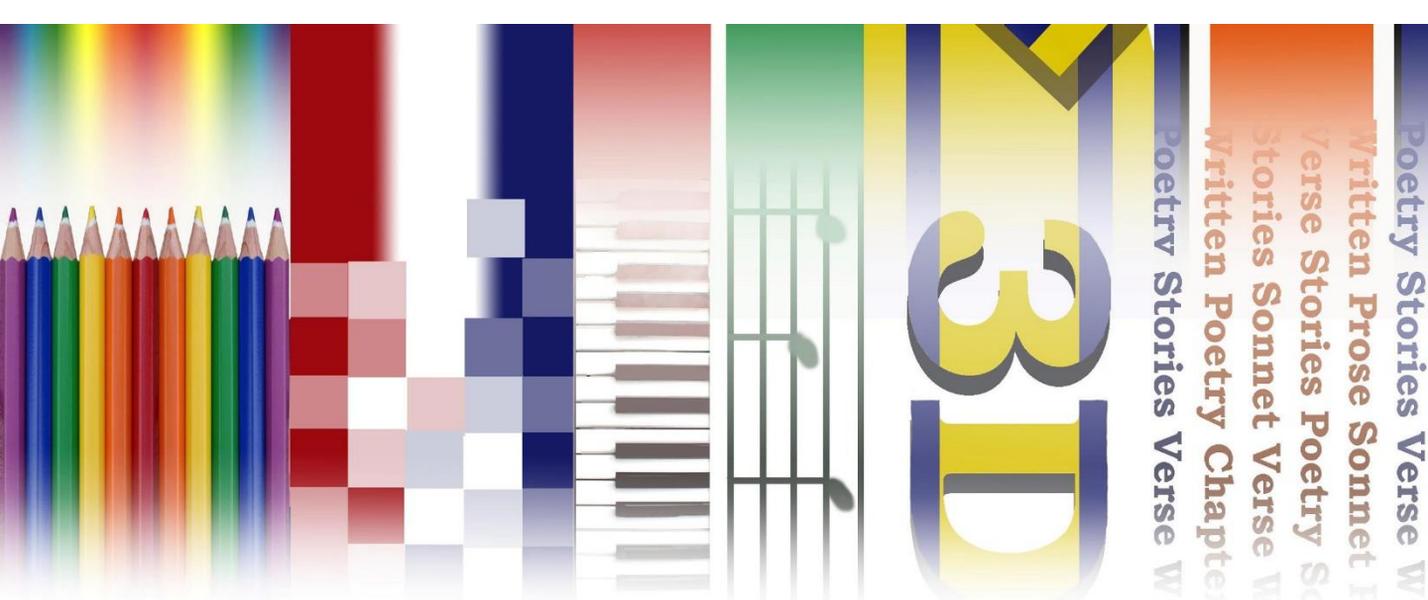


"1066 - A Medieval Mosaic" will be exhibited at St Albans Cathedral from Thursday 7th June 2018 to Monday 27th August 2018

The Medieval Mosaic is a complete recreation of the Bayeux Tapestry handcrafted from 3 million tiny pieces of spring steel. The mosaic, created by Michael A. Linton, is 64m long, weighs 350kg and took 33 years to complete. It is listed in the Guinness Book of World Records as the world's largest steel mosaic. In 2005 Michael added a 27 foot 'Finale Section' to the mosaic to bring the story to its rightful conclusion of William the Conqueror being crowned King of England. In 2012, a 72 foot section was added to cover the Battles of Fulford and Stamford Bridge. The mosaic now measures 210 feet long and is close to double the length of the Bayeux Tapestry.

www.medievalmosaic.com





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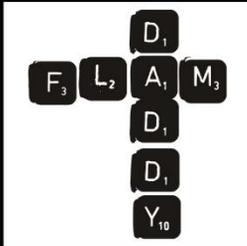


StickyJack are a 5 piece band from Buckinghamshire who are looking forward to headlining for us at our 2018 Wish Tree Music Festival. They are an exciting and energetic covers band playing covers from the 60's, 70's, 80's 90's and 00's, including rock, pop, reggae and current hits.

Sticky Jack



StickyJack will get the party started and make the night an unforgettable one! It's time to get those dancing shoes on! www.stickyjack.co.uk



We welcome back **Flamdaddy** - 'Four Dad's that should know better!' who have faithfully supported The Wish Tree Music Festival since 2012 and back by popular demand. They are a Hertfordshire based band that formed in 2010 and have been playing to packed out venues both locally and further afield, performing popular rock classics from the 80's to the present day. Flamdaddy value the support from a group of loyal supporters and enjoy playing to those who want to listen. They look forward to getting you up and onto the dance floor and hope you enjoy what they have to offer, after all -there's only one F in Flamdaddy!

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OVO's performance at the Wish Tree Festival will feature songs from our upcoming musical summer Shakespeare production of *Much Ado About Nothing*, set in the American Mid West as the fabulous fifties twist and jive into the swinging sixties including music from Elvis Presley, The Supremes, Chuck Berry and Jerry Lee Lewis. www.ovotheatre.org.uk



Jim Kirby is a local talented singer-songwriter and blues guitarist from St Albans who oozes passion for music. He has released several songs including his latest album release 'Just Jim Kirby'. Jim has an unassuming presence where his personality is laid bare via his music. He has a unique sound and his vocals are drenched in blues. He is the Founder/Director of a local music project in Herts called 'Blues from the Herts' which fundraises for SANE - a mental health charity in St Albans to support their 24 hour support teams.

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