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Headlines

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been another busy week at Roundwood Park. As you probably know, we had our first positive COVID-19 case last week. We have learned a lot from this and, because of the bubbles we are operating, only a small number of students need to self-isolate. I am pleased that both parents and students responded well despite the fact that the DfE gave us erroneous advice on Saturday which had to be reversed on Sunday. We will triple check their advice before communicating with parents next time!

This evening would have been our Open Evening, one of the highlights of the Roundwood Park year. Thanks to Mrs Wallis and the faculties around the school we have put together a **virtual Open Evening** which will go live early next week. We urge you to watch it when it does.

We continue to be grateful for your support. We understand that this is not Roundwood as normal but we are prioritising lessons and teaching in the classroom at the moment.

Finally, members of the public are mentioning a lack of social distancing in the community, this time from some of our younger students. Please could you reinforce the message at home that once the students leave school “the bubble bursts” and they need to respect the same social distancing as the rest of the community, especially when they encounter elderly people who can be very nervous about the spread of the virus.

Enjoy the long weekend.

Alan Henshall

Headteacher

Advice from Public Health England



If your child has:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in, sense of
smell or taste

**This could be a sign of
coronavirus**

Book a test

If your child has:
a runny nose, is sneezing or
feeling unwell
But they don't have:
a high temperature
a new, continuous cough, or
a loss of, or change in,
sense of smell or taste

**These are
not normally symptoms of
coronavirus**

**Seek advice from a pharmacy, dial
111 or see your GP**

Inset Day

A reminder that we have an Inset day on **Friday 25 September** and school will be closed to students.

Forthcoming Events & Information

Please visit the [RPS website](#) for information including:

[RPS Calendar](#) [Letters Home](#) [Daily Bulletin](#)

[Latest News](#) [Trips & Visits](#) [PE News](#)

[Vacancies](#) [RPS](#) [HouseSystem](#)

Please also follow us on **Facebook & Twitter**

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[@RPS_Pastoral](#); [@RPS CAREERS](#)

Or download the Roundwood Park mobile app to keep up to date with our news.

Reporting Student Absence:

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

Vacancies



Any current vacancies are published on our website. Please follow the link below:

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

Payments



Day Trips:

Yr 13 Geography Field Studies days to Stratford, London.

Mon 12th & Tues 13th October 2020

(attendance is required both days)

Payment of £52.50 per student to be made by Friday 25th September.

Residential Trips:

The Jay Peaks Ski Trip scheduled for Easter 2021 is currently still going ahead and we have 3 places available. Full details can be found under the “What’s On” section of the school website under trips and events. If your son/daughter is interested in joining this trip, please contact c.manton@roundwoodpark.co.uk. Available places will be allocated on a first come - first served basis. This trip is open to all year groups.

All other planned residential trips are currently on hold.

Miss Manton & Mrs Kennedy / Trip Coordinators

Music Lessons



Instrumental music lessons are available with our school’s music provider, **Hertfordshire Music Service** from September. If you haven’t applied for lessons already, all the information you need to book is available at <http://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/registeronline>. HMS tutors will be teaching face to face or online and every effort has been taken to ensure both tutors and students are kept safe in line with guidance available.



Test and Trace

23 September 2020

Dear parents and guardians,

This is an important letter to share some information on how we can work together to make sure we can continue to give children and young people the best education in the safest way possible.

One important part of ensuring the safety and wellbeing of pupils, parents and our communities is testing for coronavirus. We all have a duty to make sure that the right people have access to get tested at the right time. Every time a test is used inappropriately, a person with Covid-19 symptoms may miss out on getting tested.

Therefore, I ask that you all follow these principles:

- You should only book a test if your child has any of these three coronavirus symptoms:
 1. **a high temperature:** any new high temperature where your child feels hot to touch on their chest or back (you do not need to measure the temperature)
 2. **a new continuous cough:** coughing a lot for more than an hour, or three or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
 3. **a loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste:** a noticeable loss of smell or taste or things smell and taste different to normal
- Your child **does not need a test** if they have a runny nose, are sneezing or feeling unwell but do not have a temperature, cough or loss of, or change in, sense of smell or taste because these are not normally symptoms of coronavirus.
- If you are unsure about whether to get a test, please check the official list of symptoms on the NHS website, which is reviewed regularly:
www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/
- Only the person with symptoms should get a test. You do not need to get a test for anyone else in the household unless they also have any of the three symptoms listed above. All members of the household need to self-isolate whilst waiting for the test result.

- If the person with symptoms' test comes back positive, other members of their household should continue self-isolating for 14 days and **only get a test if they develop coronavirus symptoms.**
- If a pupil in a class or bubble tests positive for coronavirus, anyone who is advised to self-isolate **does not require a test unless they subsequently develop symptoms.**

No one else in the same class or bubble as the symptomatic person needs to take any action unless advised by the school. Schools have detailed guidance and access to a Department for Education and Public Health England helpline for advice and support.

Contacts of a person who has tested positive must follow the guidance carefully and in full, which means they must stay at home for 14 days. This is because it can take several days following contact with an infected person before an individual develops symptoms or the virus can be detected. Students should only book a test if they get symptoms.

The NHS has produced some guidance to help parents understand when their child can and cannot attend school which you may find useful: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

It is vital for children's learning and future opportunities that they are able to return to school and college. It is therefore vitally important that all we work together and do our bit to make this possible.

Yours sincerely,



Professor Viv Bennett CBE

Chief Nurse and Director Maternity and
Early Years | Public Health England

Head of World Health Organisation
Collaborating Centre for Public Health
Nursing and Midwifery

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Dr Susan Hopkins

Interim Chief Medical Officer |
NHS Test & Trace

Deputy Director | Public Health England

Consultant in Infectious Diseases &
Microbiology
Royal Free, London

WANTED!

Exam Invigilators



Are there any parents/carers who can help invigilate our November exams for Years 11 and 13?

The unusual situation this year means that we urgently need to recruit some additional invigilators just for our November exams (although opportunities to continue into future exam series might come about), and we wonder if any parents (or friends of parents) might be able to help?

Invigilators covering morning exams would need to be available by 8.15am, and those covering afternoon exams might not be able to leave until 4pm. Training will be given, since we cannot, and would not wish to, compromise our safeguarding standards, and any new invigilators always start with an experienced mentor. The work would be paid.

Details, and the application process, are on the vacancies page of our website at <https://roundwoodpark.co.uk/vacancies/>

If you have any questions please get in touch with:

Michele Darvill
Exams Officer
M.Darvill@roundwoodpark.co.uk

We are looking for native or near native French speaking volunteers to work with our Year 12 and Year 13 A-Level French students to provide conversation practice.

Could you spare an hour or two a week? In exchange, you will be rewarded by knowing that you are helping these enthusiastic students to reach their French potential.

If you are interested in knowing more, please contact:

Mrs Phillips
French department
cm.phillips@roundwoodpark.co.uk



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Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award (iDEA)

Congratulations to the students who completed an iDEA award during the school closure before summer. 150 students from Years 8, 9 and 10 achieved the BRONZE award and the following students achieved the SILVER award:

S Nadiger
A Burgess
M Gaches
L Godbee
S Parfitt
A Turner

Fantastic work!

The Inspiring Digital Enterprise Award, known as iDEA is an international programme that helps individuals develop digital, enterprise and employability skills for free. Through our series of online challenges, you can win career-enhancing badges, unlock new opportunities and, ultimately, gain industry-recognised Awards that help you stand out from the crowd.

Mrs Batt
Computer Science

Introducing 'Scientia', RPS Science's exciting new publication



RPS SCIENCE

Scientia

Welcome back everybody! Hope everyone had a relaxing summer holiday and is ready to learn again! If anybody is anxious about starting school again due to the covid situation there are plenty of teachers to talk to - if anybody does not feel comfortable doing that feel free to email Shadie or Sophie (the editors.) We are happy to help!

An introduction to Scientia, the first ever RPS Science magazine!

Welcome to the first issue of the RPS science magazine. We have gathered lots of interesting articles that will definitely teach you something new, as well as being fun and enjoyable to read. This issue also includes some puzzles and challenges along the way.

Meet the Editors:

Hi everyone, I am Shadie, one of the editors of the Science magazine. I wanted to put myself forward for this role and help edit Scientia with Sophie due to my love for Science and I know that my younger self would have loved to read a magazine like this! I am currently in Year 11 studying Biology, Chemistry and History, a bit of an unusual combination of A-levels but I love it none the less. I hope that everyone enjoys the magazine that me and Sophie have compiled together and thank you to everyone that sent anything in, it was all amazing!

Hi everyone, my name is Sophie, and Shadie and I make up your editorial! It has been extremely interesting reading through all the articles written by various students around the school and have enjoyed editing with Shadie. Thanks to my love for science! I cannot wait for you all to have a look through! I am currently in year 13 studying Biology, Geography and Chemistry.

Please visit our website to see Issue 1 of '[Scientia](#)', the Science department's new magazine.

Scientia showcases just some of the wide range of events which have taken place this year, as well as the exceptional talents of Roundwood Park students. In addition, there are helpful revision strategies and some taxing logic/mathematical problems.

For the next edition, due for publication around Easter, I am looking for student writers, scientists, good ICT skills, artists, and photographers, so please come and see me if you'd like to contribute – thank you!

Mrs Rashid
Science Department

Sixth Form News



Year 12 have settled into Sixth Form incredibly well. It certainly hasn't been the easiest of starts with all of the new guidance and we are reacting to a constantly changing landscape in these times of Covid but would like to extend our thanks to the Year 12s for showing such great resilience and just getting on with it, without complaint. In our webinar last week we spoke about the ASPIRE learning habits and the new Year 12s have certainly shown their ability to collaborate and cooperate and to work together. We have heard lots of really positive comments from teachers regarding great bridging work and a great start to their courses. Well done Year 12 on a fantastic start!

A number of students have already taken advantage of the extended opening hours for the common room and are often still seen studying after 5pm. This is a great way to start the year and will hugely help with staying one step ahead in their courses.

Mrs Bridgman, Head of Year 12

#Save Alviar



Last Friday we organised a non-school uniform day to try and raise funds for the 'Save Alviar!' campaign. We raised £5,357.77, with more being donated directly to his funding page.

As well as trying to raise money for Alviar, we also wanted to support his cause by

raising awareness for Leukaemia UK. We did this by having the non-school uniform theme as a 'splash of red' (the colour of Leukaemia UK). Additionally, as a school, we organised a sponsored walk, cycle, swim or run to Singapore as another way to raise funds and awareness for Alviar. We are still working towards the 6,742 mile target so make sure you try and get involved!

Ben Honnywill, Head Boy

UCAS

The UCAS process is now underway and many Year 13 students will probably be on draft 5 or 6 of their personal statements by this stage. With the UCAS predicted grades due to be released next week students will understandably also be champing at the bit to send off their applications. To that end please take note of the following dates and guidance:

- **Oxbridge, Meds, Vets and Dentistry applications MUST be sent to UCAS by October 15th**
- **All students should do their best to send off their application by October half term**
- **Full guidance has been sent to ALL parents and students**
- **Students will shortly be able to book an appointment with Mr Mercel to send off their application. Details of how to do this will be shared via email and through tutors.**
- **In the event of a school closure – UCAS meetings will be held online with a member of the Sixth Form team.**

Historically RPS students make very good applications, send them to UCAS earlier than other schools and gain more favourable offers. I'm sure even in these unprecedented times that they will again do themselves proud.

Mr Mercel, Head of Year 13

Trampolining Awards 2020



Best newcomer
E Gallagher

Most Improved
E Lowry
L Nightingale

Best Effort
B Colyer
E Bignell

Club Commitment
E Graham

Best performance
I Glennie

TEAMS OF THE YEAR

Year 7-9 Intermediate boys
E Lowry, A Hall, E Roberts,
S Haxton

Year 9-10 Novice girls
E Graham, T Bowles, I Glennie,
E Gallagher

Congratulations to the whole squad for all your hard work and amazing achievements last year.

Goodbye and good luck to Josh, Alex, Jacob, Izzy and Sarah from Year 13, who have all been key members of the squad for many years, achieving so much success at numerous National Finals. Thanks to these very special gymnasts for all their hard work for the squad and leading by example, setting themselves as role models for future success by the squad.

We also say goodbye to Grace from Year 11 and wish her every success in her future adventures.

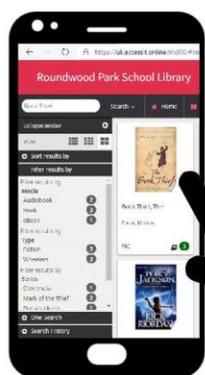
We wish all our leavers the very best for their futures. We will miss you all.

Mrs Moxham

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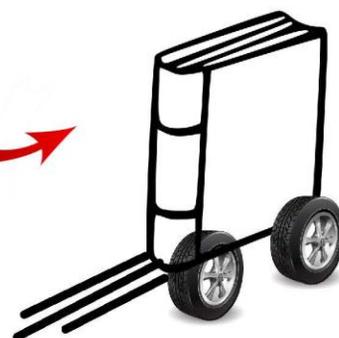
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SATURDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2020 3PM
ROTHAMSTED PARK

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Tickets available from the online ticket portal:

<https://thelittleboxoffice.com/harpentownfc/>

Aged 14 - 18?

Want to do something creative to help you unwind?

A Space To Be...

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Need some quality time out?

*If this sounds like you then
A Space To Be... is the place to be!*

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What is it?

8 weekly 1.5 hour workshops.

Who is it for?

Anyone aged 14-18 who needs a bit of quality time out to unwind.

When is it?

Weekdays after school.

What will I be doing?

Different venues will be hosting different creative activities – it might be art, writing, collage, book-making...

Most importantly - **you don't need any experience** - everyone is welcome including complete beginners.

It is NOT a formal art class.

Where does it take place?

Online, working with museums in:

Bishop's Stortford

Hatfield

Hitchin

St Albans

Stevenage

Watford

How do I find out more?

Call or text: **07746 578 292**

Email: aspacetobeherts@gmail.com

Web: hertfordshitemuseums.org.uk/news-articles/a-space-to-be.aspx

Search Facebook: [aspacetobeherts](https://www.facebook.com/aspacetobeherts)

Or talk to your teacher.



Parent and Carer Support Online Courses 2020 Autumn Half-Term 2

TALKING FAMILIES

Our FREE 6 week course for parents and carers of children aged 0-12 will cover

- Manage challenging behaviour with consistency
- Encourage positive behaviour
- Build your child's self esteem
- Set and maintain boundaries
- Respond to tantrums and difficult feelings in children
- Develop a strong parent/child relationship now and for the future



Tuesdays 10-11.15am
3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th Nov
1st, 8th Dec 2020

Course ID 392

Wednesdays 10-11.15am
4th, 11th, 18th, 25th Nov
2nd, 9th Dec 2020

Course ID 391

TALKING TEENS

Our FREE 6 week course for parents and carers of children aged 12-19 will cover

- The Teen Brain: Recognising the physical and emotional changes taking place during the teenage years and why their behaviour changes.
- The link between behaviour and communicating difficult feelings.
- How to maintain your relationship with good communication.
- Understanding risk taking behaviour around drugs, alcohol and gang culture.
- How to negotiate and reduce conflict.



Mondays 8-9.15pm
2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
Nov 7th Dec 2020

Course ID 393

Thursdays 8-9.15pm
5th, 12th, 19th, 26th Nov
3rd, 10th Dec 2020

Course ID 395

Pre-booking essential
To check eligibility and
book a place, please
contact Supporting
Links on:

07512 709556

bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk

[Quoting the Course ID](#)

TALKING DADS

Dads play an important role in a child's life. This FREE course will help you be the Dad you want to be! Over 6 weekly sessions, fathers and male carers of children aged 0-19 will be supported to:

- Increase confidence in your parenting.
- Develop your dad/child relationship, now and for the future.
- Improve listening and communication skills.
- Develop strategies for dealing with anger and conflict.
- Learn how to enforce boundaries.



Dads,
Step-Dads,
Stay at home Dads,
Working Dads...

Tuesday 8-9.15pm
3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th Nov
1st, 8th Dec 2020
Course ID 397

UNDERSTANDING BEHAVIOUR IN YOUR CHILD WITH ADDITIONAL NEEDS

A free 6 week course for parents and carers of children aged 2-19 years with a recognised additional need. We will help you to:

- Understand your child's behaviour.
- Find strategies that really work.
- Understand conflict : why it happens and how to handle it.
- Manage anger effectively.
- Motivate, encourage and support your child.
- Manage the different needs within your family.



Diagnosis
not
essential!

Monday 8-9.15pm
2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th
Nov 7th Dec 2020
Course ID 387



Sessions will be run over Zoom so you will need access to a device such as a phone, tablet or computer with a webcam and microphone. We will help you get set up if you haven't used Zoom before. No special skills are needed.

Courses are open to parents and carers living in Hertfordshire
Pre-booking essential

To check eligibility and book a place, please contact Supporting Links on:

07512 709556 or bookings@supportinglinks.co.uk

Quoting the Course ID

www.supportinglinks.co.uk

This course is provided free to parents
by Hertfordshire County Council





Living with an Anxious Child

A workshop for parents and carers of children aged 5-19 who worry, and show signs or symptoms of anxiety.

We will cover :

- ⇒ **What anxiety looks and feels like**
- ⇒ **When anxiety becomes a problem**
- ⇒ **How to respond to an anxious child**

**Thursday 30th September
10.15—12.15 (maximum time)**

Via Zoom

email : dmarsden@saunceywood.herts.sch.uk

With your name, your children's School and their ages

***£20 fee if your child does not attend a HarpendenPlus Partnership school**

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

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Harpenden-Kimpton-Redbourn-Wheathampstead

Parenting Pre - teens



A free* Zoom work shop for Parents and Carers of children in year 6 and 7

Have you noticed your child is developing into a Teenager?, would you like some strategies to support your developing child?, Is your child about to/ recently transitioned to Secondary School? - come and find out how to support them, does your child want more independence? - find out how to safely meet their needs without the worry.

Wednesday 14th October 10.-15 - 12.15 (maximum time)

**To express interest please contact
dmarsden@saunceywood.herts.sch.uk**

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Email us at suebe@familylives.org.uk for more information.

Visit us at www.familylives.org.uk.



PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION

Show off your pumpkin carving skills and support the Mayor's Nominated Charities in our photo competition!



Carve your pumpkins at home and send us pictures of your work. Entry is £2 per photo



Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners



Competition closes 31 October



Enter the competition at www.harpenden.gov.uk

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