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<http://www.roundwoodpark.co.uk>

Headlines

Dear parents and carers

I am pleased to say that with the school opening back up to its super-curriculum RoundUp is back as we have more to report about LIFE @ Roundwood Park.

As we reach the end of this week all of the Year 11 and 13 students have completed their first run of assessments. Year 13 followed the example of the Year 11s last week by being well prepared and focused. We know that this can be a stressful time for certain students despite our best efforts and we are always here to allay any fears or worries which students or parents may have. Our partnership with parents is one of our key strengths and in these crucial times it is important that all of us are there for our Year 11 and 13s.

I am delighted to say that after the kindness shown by our parents during the lockdown learning from January to March we have been able to purchase 40 Chromebooks for students to use for their school work and to “attend” live lessons during this period. These devices will continue to benefit students with home learning and blended learning in classrooms now and in the future. Thank you very much for your generosity and kindness. We are always at our best when our community works together, which we have done so magnificently over the last twelve months.

Enjoy the rest of RoundUp and have a lovely Bank Holiday weekend.

Alan Henshall
Headteacher

Reporting positive COVID Test Results

Please may we remind you to email us on positivecovidtest@roundwoodpark.co.uk if anyone in your family is unfortunate enough to receive a positive COVID test result. This is because we monitor this account out of school hours and will be able to act swiftly if action is required.

Non School Uniform Day Friday 14th May

Please note the non-school uniform day due to take place on Friday 30th April has now been moved to Friday 14th May.

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

[@RPSCREATIVE](#); [@RPSPE](#);

[@RPS Pastoral](#); [@RPSCAREERS](#)

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/>

Important Dates

Year 7

Date	Event
8 July 2021	Parent Consultation Evening (Virtual)

Year 12

Date	Event
4 th May 2021	Year 12 Revision Event

Inset Day

Date	Event
9 th June 2021	Inset Day

Payments

Residential Trips:

Jay Peaks Ski Trip 2022



Sat 2nd April – Sun 10th April 2022

3rd Instalment of £350.00 due by 30th April 2021

Please note this trip is full. Please contact finance@roundwoodpark.co.uk to add your son/daughter to the waiting list.

Day Trips:

Year 7 Camp Cuffley

Tues 20th July 2021

Deadline for payment and Operoo responses is Weds 12th May 2021

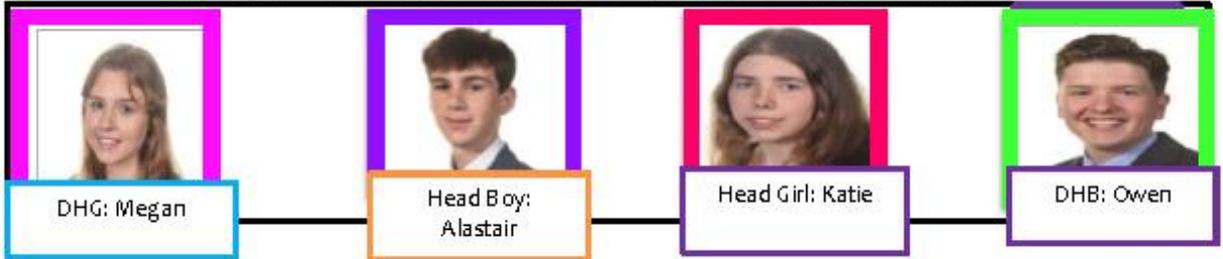
For financial aid for this trip, please contact finance@roundwoodpark.co.uk no later than 7th May.

Miss Manton/Mrs Kennedy
Trips Coordinators

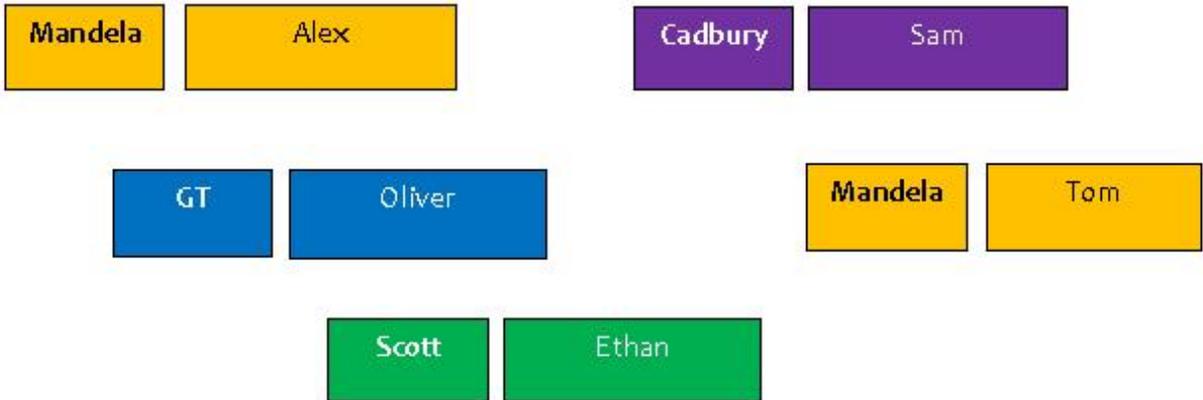
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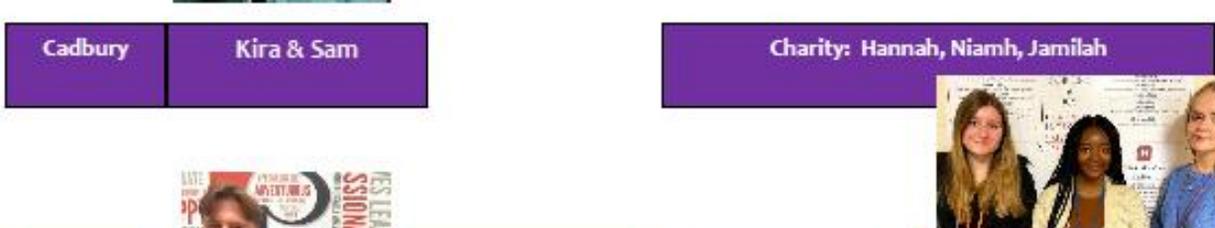
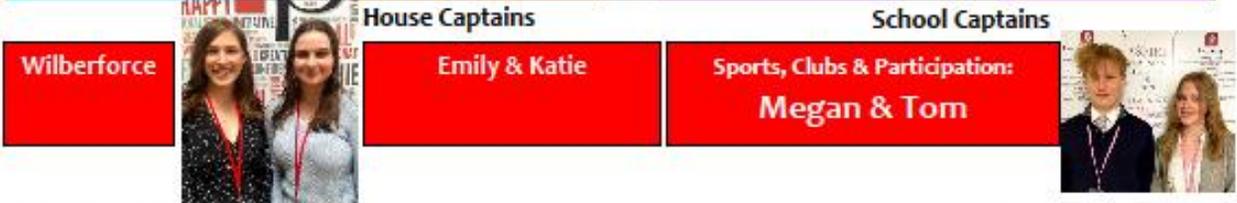
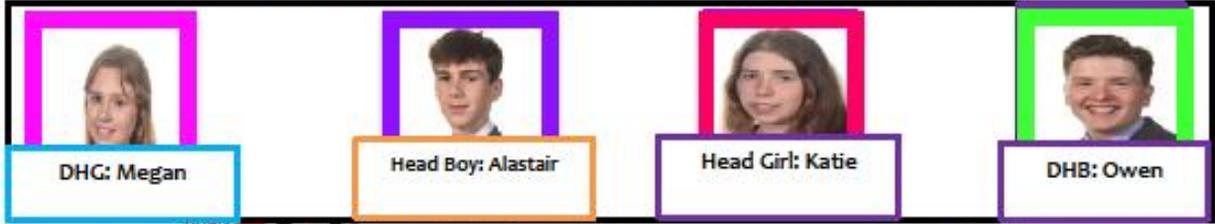
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PHYSICS SUCCESS AT THE OLYMPIAD



Great news from our A Level and GCSE physics students this spring!

This year saw a record turnout for the Year 11 physics Olympiad. The RPS results are simply outstanding, and without doubt the best ever achieved by a cohort at RPS, so congratulations to our silver award winners: **J Brighton, W Chapple Norman, J Field, F Francis, G Lamb, E Martin, A Matharu, A Nicoli and C Soanes**, and our gold award winners: **D Bekat, A Corran, R Janes, A Sunkel, L Turnbull, M Webster and C Whitmore**.

We also saw a record-breaking cohort from Year 12, where **E Burns, A Feasy and T Sanwo** achieved a bronze award, **G Stapleton and A Williams** achieved a silver award, and **J Briggs and K Stapleton** achieved a remarkable gold award.

A special mention goes to **K Stapleton**, who did so well that she was invited to take part in the prestigious Astrophysics Selection Camp 2021 that selects to represent the whole country at the International Astronomy and Physics Olympiad!

It is worth noting that these competitions are only entered by the best students of physics nationally, and that they are dominated by academically selective independent school students, so receiving any award is a huge accomplishment!

Well done to all students that participated, the whole physics department is proud of you.



SLG EXPANSION 2021

New Leadership Opportunities for Sixth Form Students

We are thrilled to announce that we have added five Curriculum Captain roles to our Student Leadership Governance. They will be planning and delivering three different curriculum weeks throughout the next academic year. The Deputy Head students, O. John and M. Webb will be leading the endeavours and we are certain the activity weeks will be a success as they are in such capable hands.

In the Autumn there will be an Enterprise week, linked to Business and Economics. The week will be full of innovation and activities for all years to explore. The Spring term affords us two further opportunities and, without sharing too much about Humanities week before they start their promotions, it should grant younger students greater insight into criminology, psychology and sociology, subjects often reserved for Sixth Form or Further Education. The final week will be a repeat of the successful National Science Week; a hive of practical activities for all ages to try. We would like to congratulate O. Bhutiani, A. Velody, S. Franklin, T. Lowry and E. Simcox who have taken on these roles and wish them every success.

Mrs L Gallagher

**If you are struggling with the costs of studying in Sixth Form the
16-19 Bursary Fund
is here to help.**

**If you are facing financial hardship, or are in receipt of means tested benefits
you can apply for help with the additional expenses of post 16 study.**

For more information speak to

Mrs Hall in the Year 13 office or e-mail j.hall@roundwoodpark.co.uk

Year 12 Revision

Following our assembly, this week we are focusing on the Systems aspect of the VESPA Sixth Form Mindset Model. We will be talking more about this in our Year 12 Information Evening on Tuesday 4th May:



Systems

Systems refer to how you organise your learning and your time. In other words, what have you in place to support your learning?

- When you study, where do you put your mobile phone/tablet, etc.? Is it beside you while you work or do you place it somewhere out of view?
- Do you put it in night mode so that you don't hear alerts?
- Do you listen to music while studying?
- Where do you study?
- When are you most effective at learning; morning –afternoon or evening?

Many A Level students believe that their organisational skills are fixed, that these are linked to personality. However, like every element of mindset, these can be learned, developed & enhanced.

Systems refer to having the right resources. For A Levels, this means: A4 notepads, pens in a range of colours, highlighters, big folders and several sets of dividers, all necessary textbooks.

Use technology to add apps that will provide learning opportunities for you, for example, there are numerous apps that enable you to create cue cards that you can then use anywhere, anytime because these are on your phone!

REMINDER:

Mrs Gallagher and Mrs Bridgman will be hosting a Year 12 Revision event next Tuesday evening at 6.30pm, more details will follow shortly.

Well done to all Year 13s who have made a fantastic start to the assessment period. It has been great to see them coming in looking positive, smartly dressed and well prepared. It is a reminder of the calibre of young person who attends RPS when you receive emails on a Sunday night from students asking if it's ok to come into school at 7:30am so that they can get in some solid revision before the day starts.

As we look forward to starting back next week for in-school revision please remember that normal working week rules still apply regarding attendance, times on school site and Sixth Form dress code. It has been really positive to hear how much students have appreciated the revision sessions they have already taken. Staff are going out of their way to ensure they are reassuring as well as reinforcing learning. Some have even been kind enough to offer refreshments! We really are lucky to have such great students and caring staff.

So, remember to keep the good revision habits going, support your mental and physical health (re-watch our Learning to Learn video) and of course best of luck for assessment week 2.0.

*Mr R Mercel
Head of Year 13*

FOODBANK DONATION



During the last week of term prior to the Christmas holidays, we went and delivered the outstanding amount of food donations we had received to a local foodbank in Harpenden. At Roundwood we feel it is so important to give back and support those in our local community where we can, and we were extremely grateful to be able to do this given the current circumstances.



With Herts Young Homeless as Roundwood's current local charity, we felt our delivery to the foodbank could help those in need in our local area and it enabled us to promote awareness.

We gathered all the donations we had received and categorised them into specific items, with the help from members of the SLG, some Year 12s, Mrs Tattersall and Mrs Gallagher. We then filled up the school's minibus and took them to the foodbank, who were extremely grateful for our contributions.

We want to say a massive thank you to any of you who brought in any donations we received such a large selection of products from soups to cereals to hygiene products. It was brilliant to see how much we could collect with all year groups coming together in such a short space of time.

Charity Captains:

L. Graham, E. Beynon and G. Pimm



DofE WITH A DIFFERENCE



Over the Easter holidays, our Year 10 Bronze and Year 12 Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award students undertook three days each of training and expeditions.

Fifty-four Year 10 students learnt how to put up tents, plan their food as a group, cook on a Trangia stove, plot their walking route, what to do in an emergency and took part in a first aid course. They then walked their routes to complete their expedition. Whilst this was not a traditional expedition as no camping overnight was allowed due to COVID restrictions, the students learnt invaluable skills which will stand them in good stead if they wish to progress to the Silver award.

Twenty-three Year 12 students also took part in their three day practice expedition in and around Harpenden. We look forward to taking them away on their Qualifying expedition in the summer when, hopefully, a few more restrictions may be lifted.

Well done to all the students who took part.



Thank you to Miss Atkin, Miss Budarkiewicz, Mr Desborough, Miss Gardner, Mrs Hubbard, Dr Inglima, Mr Jacquinot, Miss McMahan, Ms Mooney, Mr Pettengell, Mr Stowe, Mrs Turberville who all gave up their time to come in and help with the groups over the six days. Thank you also to Mr Seymour, Miss Manton, the site team, lettings and Mrs Gallagher for enabling this to happen at short notice.

Mrs Thomson, Mrs James and Mrs Godbee

RPS 100k your way

1 May – 31 May

Walk, run, row, cycle or skate 100 kilometres, or do it in any other way you choose! All the money we raise goes to our international charity, Doctors Without Borders.

- **Break up the 100k however you like. Do a little bit regularly or cycle it all in one day.**
- **Donate on behalf of a participant at <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rps100kyourway>**
- **If you want to post your journey, we would love to see it! Tag us @frankhouserps or @rpshousesystem.**



RPS 100k your way

Weekly challenges

**House points are up for grabs! Send your entries to
15GibsonT@roundwoodpark.co.uk or
15WebbM@roundwoodpark.co.uk**

Week One : Fastest 1k/5k

Record your fastest 1k or 5k with evidence

Week Two : Best photo

**Go on a walk and send us your best photo of the
most interesting location.**

Week Three: Most unusual 100k

**Share how you've covered your 100k, send us your
photos of you on your bike your horses or out with
your family and Friends.**

Week Four : Most kms covered

**The final rush! Record your total distance covered
over the week and send it in to us.**

Roundwood Park Chess Club

Held on Fridays 3.30 - 4.30 pm

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are delighted that schools have resumed. The chess club will restart in the summer term.

We will follow Covid-19 guidelines and the chess coaches will wear mask / face shield. The tables and chairs will be spray cleaned with anti-bacterial spray.

Chess club will be held as per bubble group.

Each session consists of casual games, interactive puzzles and a lesson from our chess syllabus. Chess improvement comes from playing many casual games, matches and tournaments. Each session consists of a structured lesson from our syllabus, interactive puzzle and casual games with analysis.

Pupils are welcome whether they are complete beginners or have basic knowledge of chess. Kindly register your interest by email.

Regards

Mrs. Kumar 07951 414489

Email: efrocltd@gmail.com

Email your interest to efrocltd@gmail.com.

I would like _____ to join Chess Club

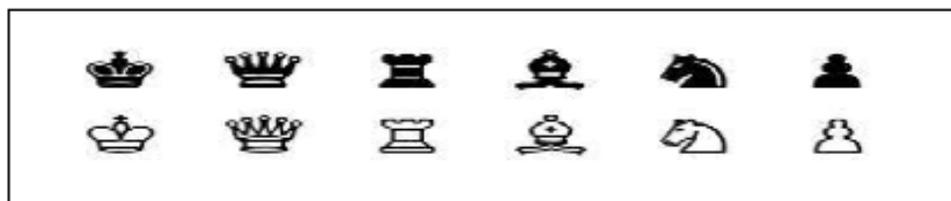
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Month and Year of Birth: _____ Year/Class: _____

Email: _____ Contact Number: _____

Medical information (if any) on allergies: _____

Signed _____ Print Name _____ Date _____





Queen Mary
University of London



Girls into Physics Year 10 Summer School

Wednesday 28th - Friday 30th July 2021

FREE to attend

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The journey through secondary school, further education and starting work is an exciting but expensive time. JMF offers funding towards items and activities such as:

- **School uniform**
- **Educational residential school trips**
- **Extra-curricular: sport, music, creative arts, Scouts/Guides, DofE**
- **Laptops & printers**
- **Study books for GCSE, Diploma and A level**
- **Career development**
- **Equipment, clothing & travel relating to work/apprenticeships**
- **Accommodation costs, travel & course fees for university or college**

In 2020 we awarded over 350 grants totalling over £180k to young people and children in the local community. If you need financial help please get in touch, or you can apply directly via our website using the online application.

**T : 01582 760735 | E : GRANTS@JAMESMARSHALLFOUNDATION.CO.UK
WWW.JAMESMARSHALLFOUNDATION.CO.UK | CHARITY NO: 1181004**



Projects and programmes for young people in Dacorum

Summer 2021

**Targeted prevention and early intervention
to enable young people to succeed**

Team Manager: Karen Haswell
Youth Work Team Leader: Robert Brown
Tel 01442 454060 Service Text 07860 065195
ychsfp.dacorum@hertfordshire.gov.uk
 @DacorumTeam  @ychsfp.dacorum

For full details of all the projects, including age eligibility and how to refer
a young person to any project, please visit:

www.ychsfp.dacorum.org

Services for Young People

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Services for Young People

The Thrive Project (Positive Pathways)

Astley Cooper School
Monday 3.15pm – 5.15pm
Making positive choices
For young people aged 13 - 17

Reach Out

Bennetts End Young People's Centre, Kimps Way, Hemel Hempstead HP3 8EN
Monday 4.00pm – 6.00pm
Making positive choices
For young people aged 11 - 14

The Monday Night Project (Positive Pathways)

Bennetts End Young People's Centre, Kimps Way, Hemel Hempstead HP3 8EN
Monday 6.30pm - 8.30pm
Making positive choices and moving away from risky behaviour
For young people aged 13 - 17

Stand Up

Phone 01442 454060 or email ychsfp.dacorum@hertfordshire.gov.uk for details
Come and join us if you are a black young person or are of mixed heritage
Monday 6.30 – 8.30pm
For young people aged 13 - 17

Dacorum Detached Project

Hemel Hempstead Town Centre
Monday 6.45pm – 8.45pm
For young people aged 13 - 17

Dacorum Sexual Health Outreach Project

Various locations
Tuesday 3.15pm – 4.30pm
For young people aged 13 - 17

The Healthy Lifestyle Project

Hemel Hempstead Young People's Centre,
1st Floor XC Centre, Jarman Park, Hemel Hempstead HP2 4JS
Tuesday 6.00pm – 8.00pm
For young people aged 13 - 17

Girls Allowed Project

Hemel Hempstead Young People's Centre,
1st Floor XC Centre, Jarman Park, Hemel Hempstead HP2 4JS
Tuesday 6.00pm - 8.00pm
For young women aged 13 - 17

Dacorum Youth Council

Hemel Hempstead Young People's Centre,
1st Floor XC Centre, Jarman Park, Hemel Hempstead HP2 4JS
Tuesday 6.00pm - 8.00pm
For young people aged 11–17 to have a voice in their community

Boys Allowed Project

Bennetts End Young People's Centre, Kimps Way, Hemel Hempstead HP3 8EN
Tuesday 6.00pm – 8.00pm
For young men aged 13 - 17

The Resilience Project

Bennetts End Young People's Centre, Kimps Way, Hemel Hempstead HP3 8EN
Wednesday 11.00am – 1.00pm
For young people aged 13 -17 out of formal education

The Care Leavers Independent Living Skills Project

Bennetts End Young People's Centre, Kimps Way, Hemel Hempstead HP3 8EN
Wednesday 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Accredited programme for care leavers aged 13-21

Creative Spark LD Project

Hemel Hempstead Young People's Centre,
1st Floor XC Centre, Jarman Park, Hemel Hempstead HP2 4JS
Wednesday 6.30pm - 8.30pm
For young people with additional learning needs aged 13 - 17

Young Parents Project

Hemel Hempstead Young People's Centre,
1st Floor XC Centre, Jarman Park, Hemel Hempstead HP2 4JS
Thursday 11.00am - 1.30pm
For young parents and parents to be up to the age of 21

The Emotional Wellbeing Project

Phone 01442 454060 or email yhsfyp.dacorum@hertfordshire.gov.uk for details
Thursday 4.00pm – 6.00pm
For young people aged 11 - 14

LGBT+ Project

Phone 01442 454060 or email yhsfyp.dacorum@hertfordshire.gov.uk for details
Thursday 4.30pm - 6.30pm
For LGBT+ young people aged 13 - 17

Discovery Project

Phone 01442 454060 or email ychsfp.dacorum@hertfordshire.gov.uk for details
Thursday 7.00pm - 9.00pm For Trans & Non Binary young people aged 13 -17

The Emotional Wellbeing Project

Phone 01442 454060 or email ychsfp.dacorum@hertfordshire.gov.uk for details
Thursday 6.30pm - 8.30pm
For young people aged 15 -17

Dacorum Street Project (Skate Parks)

Phone 01442 454060 or email ychsfp.dacorum@hertfordshire.gov.uk for details
Friday 6.30pm – 8.30pm

The Friday Night Project (Positive Alternatives)

Bennetts End Young People's Centre, Kimps Way, Hemel Hempstead HP3 8EN
Friday 6.00pm - 8.00pm
Making positive choices and moving away from risky behaviour
For young people aged 13 - 17

The Friday Night Project

Hemel Hempstead Young Peoples Centre,
1st Floor XC Centre, Jarman Park, Hemel Hempstead HP2 4JS
Friday 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Dacorum Street Project (Grovehill & Highfield)

Phone 01442 454060 or email ychsfp.dacorum@hertfordshire.gov.uk for details
Friday 6.30pm – 8.30pm

NHS Cadets

If you are thinking about a career in the NHS
Phone 01442 454060 or email ychsfp.dacorum@hertfordshire.gov.uk for details

Information, advice, guidance and sexual health services including free condoms, chlamydia and pregnancy testing at The Hemel Hempstead Young People's Centre

1st Floor XC Centre, Jarman Park, Hemel Hempstead HP2 4JS
Monday, Wednesday and Friday 3.00pm - 6.00pm
For all young people

0300 1237538

ychsfp@hertfordshire.gov.uk

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