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Headlines

Dear parents and carers

I am sure we were all encouraged by the announcement this week about Covid cases reducing nationally and the fact that the data is all moving in the right direction. As part of that announcement, the Prime Minister said that it was no longer recommended that face masks needed to be worn by students in school and that staff should only wear them in the corridors or other areas where social distancing was not possible. We are therefore adopting these new regulations from Monday 17 May. Students and staff who still wish to wear face coverings in lessons may continue to do so. All other Covid recommendations have remained the same so we are urging students to follow the rules of frequently washing their hands, wiping down tables at the end of each lesson, regular home testing which is reported to school and the NHS and generally keeping themselves and their families as safe as they can.

Face masks will still be required on public transport and school buses so please ensure that your children follow this rule and have a mask with them if they travel to school by bus or train.

In another step towards normality, we have been delighted to offer Year 7 students the Bushcraft experience that they missed out on in September. We are all looking forward to spending time with them there before we break up for the summer holidays.

We will be running a one-week summer school for students who will be joining us in Year 7 in September. This will take place week commencing 16 August. More details will follow in due course.

Year 11 and 13 parents have been notified separately about the leavers' days. We are looking forward to celebrating with the students on those days.

Have a lovely weekend.

Alan Henshall
Headteacher

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](#)

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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

Important Dates

Year 7

Date	Event
8 July 2021	Parent Consultation Evening (Virtual)

Inset Day

Date	Event
9 th June 2021	Inset Day

Vacancies



Any current vacancies are published on our website. Please follow the link below:
<https://roundwoodpark.co.uk/vacancies/>

Harpenden Town Council

Investment in Roundwood and Wood End Play Areas

Public Engagement Survey

Harpenden Town Council is anticipating the imminent transfer of ownership of both Roundwood and Wood End Open Spaces with the intention of making significant investments in the play areas at both sites.

They want views from local residents, including the children (of all ages), on how the £80k for each play area should be spent and would really appreciate if you could complete the survey via the link below.

WEB LINK: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LC2W729>

This survey will close at 5pm on Friday 16 July 2021.

REPORTING POSITIVE COVID CASES

I would like to remind you of the procedures for reporting positive COVID-19 cases to the school. If your child or anyone in your family has a positive result from a lateral flow test you should inform the school via the positivecovidtest@roundwoodpark.co.uk email address. This email account is monitored out of school hours and will enable us to act swiftly if action is required. You should also take your child for a PCR test as soon as possible.

These can be booked via <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>. Please let us know when the result of this test is received by using the positivecovidtest@roundwoodpark.co.uk email address.

When emailing us to report a positive test result, please include the following information in your email as this will help us expedite the track and trace process.

- 1: Name of student and Date of Birth
2. Date of onset of symptoms (and type of symptoms)
3. Date of positive test
4. When the student was last in school
5. Mode of transport when last in school
6. Year group
7. Any specific issues or concerns

Please also include a contact number for yourself, as it is likely that we will require a conversation with you.

May I also take the opportunity to remind you that students should be testing themselves twice a week, ideally on Sundays and Wednesdays, using the lateral flow tests provided by the school. Results should be reported to the NHS and to school via the Home Test Reporting tile on RMUnify.

Many thanks for your continued support.

SUMMER OF SPORT

Friday 16th July

WHOLE SCHOOL SPORTS DAY

All day event for Years 7, 8, 9, 10 & 12.

All students will be expected to be in in PE kit on this day.

INTERHOUSE SPORTS DAYS

Football, rounders and tug of war competitions taking place throughout the day – more information will be circulated to students by their form tutors nearer the time.

Weds 19th & 26th May

Year 12 Inter-house Sport

Friday 25th June

Year 10 Inter-house Sport

Monday 5th July

Year 9 Inter-house Sport

Thursday 8th July

Year 7 Inter-house Sport

Friday 9th July

Year 8 Inter-house Sport

NATIONAL TRACK AND FIELD CUP Round 1:

Wednesday 23rd June*

DISTRICT ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS

Friday 2nd July*

NATIONAL SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS:

9th 10th 11th July*

**All dates are subject to change.*



SIXTH FORM NEWS

Year 12 Inter-house Sport

This week kicked off our Inter-house tournament in PE. It is lovely to be able to get together at last, to have a House competition, and also to have some time as a Year Group in a team-building situation. Thank you to all the students who have taken part and we look forward to more fun in next week's tournament.

*Mrs F Bridgman
Head of Year 12*



Year 13 Leavers' Breakfast Friday 28th May

Friday 28th May sees the last day for our Year 13 students. Plans are underway for a celebration breakfast and assembly, with a few little surprises. We are sad to see them go, but look forward to celebrating their last day with them. We are so proud of how they have all conducted themselves throughout this assessment process and we are confident that their hard work will be rewarded. Good luck and best wishes to you all!

Year 12 Learning to Learn Evening

Thank you to all those who attended our revision evening last week. We have received some really positive feedback and have already seen a shift in the quality of the revision that some of our Year 12s are undertaking. If you have any concerns or you feel that your child requires any additional support with their revision, then please do not hesitate to contact the Sixth Form team.

SIXTH FORM NEWS



Year 13 Community Success



Every Year Roundwood Park, Sir John Lawes, St George's Schools and Harpenden Scouts are offered the opportunity to put forward a candidate for the Bill Hewetson Award run by Rotary in Harpenden.

The award celebrates young people who have made a significant impact to the communities of Harpenden and the surrounding villages.

It was our pleasure to nominate Adam Sharp for the award this year. Adam has a keen love of sport, in particular table tennis. Before the pandemic he regularly ran coaching sessions, supported his local club and supported younger players keen to engage at a higher level. During the pandemic Adam went into overdrive giving online training sessions every day of the week, supporting people from 7-70 years of age and helped ensure his club was Covid safe when they were allowed to reopen.

The ceremony this year was somewhat different, being held via Zoom, but no less important or personal. The Rotary Club members were keen to ask Adam questions after the ceremony and he was even offered the opportunity to be engaged as an ambassador for another charity.

As a crowning glory, Adam was the only candidate to receive an award this year! He has truly not let the pandemic slow down his ability to make a difference to others and to lead by example.

Adam, we wish you the best for the future and thank you for the example you continue to set.

*Mr R Mercel
Head of Year 13*



THE QUEEN'S COMMONWEALTH ESSAY COMPETITION 2021



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ABOUT

The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition is the world's oldest international writing competition for schools, established in 1883. With thousands of young people taking part every year, it is an important way to recognise achievement, elevate youth voices and develop key skills through creative writing.

THEME

COMMUNITY IN THE COMMONWEALTH

With the global spread of COVID-19, we've seen the lives of many Commonwealth citizens affected.

However through adversity, societies came together and stories of growth, community and hope continue to emerge.

ENTER BY 30 JUNE 2021

AWARDS

One winner and runner-up will be chosen from each category. Winners and runners-up will be brought to London for a week of educational and cultural events, culminating in a special Awards Ceremony.

A number of Gold, Silver and Bronze Awards will be given in both the Senior and Junior categories, rewarding excellence in writing. All successful entries will receive a Certificate of Participation.



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THE QUEEN'S COMMONWEALTH ESSAY COMPETITION 2021

The Commonwealth is a voluntary network of 54 countries, based on a shared English language and the key values of democracy, equality, tolerance, human rights and the rule of law.

CATEGORIES

SENIOR CATEGORY

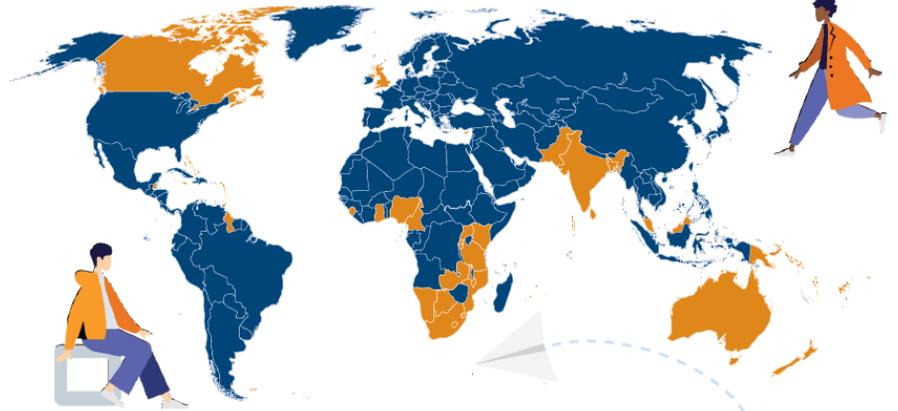
Born between 1 July 2002 and 30 June 2007 (14-18 years of age)

1. Discuss the following: "The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members." – Coretta Scott King
2. Keeping connected through COVID-19
3. It's been 30 years since the end of the COVID-19 pandemic, what does the world look like
4. Imagine you are the Head of a Commonwealth nation heavily affected by COVID-19 and giving a national address at the end of the pandemic. What would you say to your community?

JUNIOR CATEGORY

Born on or after 1 July 2007 (under 14 years of age)

1. The year is 2050 and you've been asked to write about the coronavirus pandemic for a museum. What story would you tell?
2. Tell a story of how you, or someone you know, helped others during the pandemic.
3. 'We will be with our friends again. We will be with our families again. We will meet again' – HM Queen Elizabeth II
After the pandemic, you are seeing a friend for the first time. What new hobbies would you share with them?
4. What did you miss most during the pandemic?



STARTER ACTIVITIES

GIVE ME FIVE!

To help children plan stories and identify key plot points

1. Start with a closed hand. Pick a story the child knows well and explain it to them in 5 key points, open one finger each time you start a new point.
2. Help the child plan their story: What will happen? Who is in the story? How will it end?
3. Ask them to share their own story outline using the same method you did. Each time they start a new point, raise a finger.
4. Encourage them to use words like 'First..', 'Then..' and 'Finally..' to create a clear structure.

SPARK A STORY

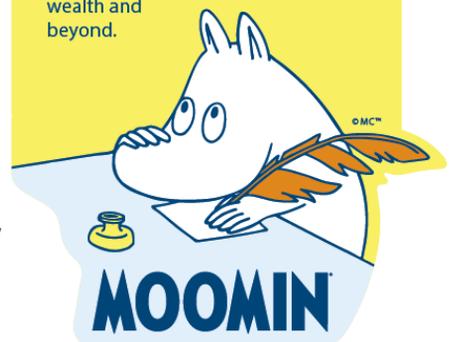
To encourage imagination and consider different perspectives

1. Ask the child to think about how their friends and family have been living through the pandemic.
2. Ask the child to imagine what they would do with their family and friends once the pandemic ends. Where would they go?
3. Consider what life might be like in the future. What stories should be told in the future about life right now?
4. Write a story, poem or essay based on these observations.

GUIDELINES

- Nationals and residents of all Commonwealth countries and territories aged 18 and under are eligible to enter the competition, including entrants from Zimbabwe.
 - All entries must be written in English
 - Entries are accepted from residents of non-Commonwealth countries who submit through their local RCS branch.
 - Entrants can be presented in any form/ method of creative writing. Pictures/ Illustrations are particularly encouraged in the Junior Category.
 - Full terms and conditions are available at <https://www.royalcwsociety.org/enterthecompetition>.
-  [competitions@royalcwsociety.org](https://www.royalcwsociety.org)
 www.royalcwsociety.org/enterthecompetition

The Moomins, created by Finnish artist Tove Jansson, are a family of friendly, brave trolls who live an adventurous life in the idyllic and peaceful Moominvalley in harmony with nature. The original Moomin books have been translated into more than 50 languages and are much loved across the Commonwealth and beyond.



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Highlights



Activism & Optimism: with local politicians

Wednesday 2nd June, 7pm. Online. Free. Please book.

Event for young people aged 14-27 to talk all things sustainable with the district's MPs and councillors.

Meet the Climate Change Engineer

Thursday 27th May, 6pm. Online. Free. Please book.

Interactive session with the Woodcraft Folk (ages 6-15).

Helping Wild Hedgehogs with Hornbeam Wood

Saturday 29th May 2pm. Livestream from the sanctuary.

How they help our garden friends and we can too.

Sustainable Fashion with panel inc Lauren Bravo

Thursday 27th May. 7.30pm. £15. Please book.

Discussion & showcase. Suitable for older teens & adults.

Plus: lots of family events especially at half term!

- | butterflies in Heartwood | litter picks | seed bombs |
- | family trails | bug hunting | gardening for kids | crafts |
- | scavenger hunts | sustainable markets | photo comp |



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