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Headlines

Dear parents and carers

As we say goodbye to Year 11 and 13 in what has been an emotional year, I wanted to pay tribute to all of our students and all of our parents for working with us. We can look back on the last year and be incredibly proud of what we have achieved together. We really missed the Year 11 parents at the leavers' event but we recorded the assembly for them and hope that they will enjoy watching it, including what I had to say. You can watch the assembly here:

<https://vimeo.com/556110713>

After half term we will be keeping the same timings of the school day but younger students will have access to more specialist teaching spaces such as science labs and technology rooms.

Teachers will also be teaching in their own classrooms much more which will allow the school to be a little less hectic. Form tutors will be going through the timetables with their tutees on the first day back after half term to make sure that nobody gets lost. In the case of Year 7, a Teaching Assistant will be going with them to their lessons in the first week until they find all their new rooms. This is another step towards normality and it is one we very much look forward to. For parents who use Edulink, the new timetable will appear on there on Saturday 29 May. Thank you once again for your support this half term. I hope you have some time off next week and we have good weather!

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

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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

Message from Heads of Year

As the weather starts to improve and the drinking fountains are still out of action, please can we ask you to ensure that your child has a sufficient supply of drinking water on them for the day.

Water is also available for purchase from the canteen at lunchtime.

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/>

Payments



Yr 12 Geography Field Studies trip to Stratford, London
8th & 9th July 2021

£46 due via ParentPay and permission via Operoo no later than 16th June.

Hertfordshire County Council have asked us to share the following update with you ahead of half-term:

Thank you all so much for playing your part and helping to keep case rates of Covid-19 low in Hertfordshire. During half-term, and as restrictions ease more generally, it's more important than ever that we follow current guidance to help keep each other safe and our nurseries, schools and colleges free from outbreaks.

Please do not send children back into education if they are sick or feel unwell. If you or your children have symptoms you must self-isolate immediately and book a PCR test at: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

Reminder of some of the latest guidance from 17 May:

- 6 people, or two households (each household can include a support bubble, if eligible) can now meet indoors and up to 30 people can gather outside*
- If you are meeting with family and friends, the government is asking that you personally consider the risks associated with COVID-19 when deciding on things like wearing face coverings and social distancing for both you and your children*
- Restaurants, pubs and cafes can reopen and so can indoor entertainment and attractions such as cinemas, bowling alleys, museums and children's indoor play areas. All of these services will have COVID-secure measures in place, please encourage your children to follow the rules when out and about*

Travelling within the UK

If you do go away, you should aim to do so safely. For instance, one of our close neighbours, Bedford, has a high number of cases and people are being advised to avoid travelling in and out of the area unless it is essential (for work or education).

You can find the latest travel guidance for England and the rest of the UK at: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/covid-19-coronavirus-restrictions-what-you-can-and-cannot-do#travelling-within-the-uk-the-republic-of-ireland-and-the-channel-islands>

Travelling internationally from England

There are no longer any restrictions on leaving England to travel internationally, however to protect public health in the UK and the vaccine rollout, you should not travel to [countries or territories on the red or amber lists](#).

If you do need to travel to an **Amber** destination for an emergency, you must update any setting attended by your child(ren) and;

- *All family members who have travelled must quarantine for 10 days at home upon their return and can only leave home to take a test*
- *Paid for PCR tests must be completed by all those who have travelled aged 4 and above on day 2 and again on day 8 following your return*
- *Please do not send children back to nursery, school or college without completing the mandatory quarantine period*

Testing at home with Lateral Flow Devices (rapid tests)

During half-term you should continue to encourage children in year 7 and above to test and report their results as they have been in term time.

We would be grateful if you could ensure that children in year 7 and above take a rapid test on Sunday 6 June ahead of their return to school. Should they receive a positive result they must begin self-isolating immediately and book a confirmatory PCR test. Any student with symptoms of Covid-19 or feeling unwell should take a PCR test immediately and not attend school.

Parents and carers of children of school age are also encouraged to take regular rapid tests. You can find your nearest collection site or order online at www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/rapidtest.

Please only complete rapid tests on children in year 7 and above.

Support for families

This is a challenging time for everyone, and we want you know that help and support is available for anyone who needs it in Hertfordshire. HertsHelp can provide free, confidential advice and practical help for things like food, essential bills and emotional support. Call 0300 123 4044, email info@hertshelp.net or visit www.hertshelp.net

We hope you enjoy half-term and remember – hands, face, space, fresh air and test. These key things will help to keep you and your loved ones safe.

Hertfordshire County Council

Herts Music Service – Instrumental Offering

We are delighted to be offering in-school instrumental lessons through the Herts Music Service. Through their excellent team of teachers we can offer lessons on a wide range of instruments all within the school day.

The benefits of learning to play an instrument go well beyond the music room and can last a lifetime. As well as helping mental and cognitive development it is also known to enhance social skills and self-expression.

Lessons are available on Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Guitar, Piano, Drums, Voice, Oboe, Bassoon, Violin, Cello as well as Music Theory and Aural Training.

Sessions are rotated all the time so students do not miss the same subject each week.

For more information or to book lessons please go to

<http://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk/music-lessons>

or contact h.mcphun@roundwoodpark.co.uk

Due to the unprecedented effect of the pandemic Herts Music Service is currently offering non-means tested remissions of fees (25%) available to applicants.





*“As long
as I
have
Music”*

Roundwood Park School



Summer Picnic Concert



Wednesday 14th July – 6:30pm



The Music Department is delighted to present a Summer Picnic Concert

Tickets will be available from Wednesday 23rd June via Parent Pay

(all subject to the current roadmap plans going ahead as hoped)

What's happening in Maths?

Year 7 Hertfordshire Team Maths Challenge

A few weeks ago, a brilliant team of Year 7 students took part in the first heat of the Hertfordshire Team Challenge - they showed their skills in problem solving, estimation and memory tasks. They worked fantastically as a team and won the heat and are now progressing to the County final.

Well done and good luck!

C Smith

M Scholey

J Stocks

A Wright

Year 8 Hertfordshire Team Maths Challenge

Last week, the Year 8 team took on the challenge to follow in Year 7's success. They also worked well as a team, and showed great understanding and ability to apply themselves to problem solving and estimation tasks. The team also won the heat by a big margin and are going on to compete in the regional finals.

Well done and good luck!

B Taylor-Rose

E Fox

J Howie

M Lumb

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Puzzle
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PUZZLE OF THE WEEK

Entries open: Mon 24th May Entries close: Sun 30th May



scan to enter

A prime number of teams play in a football league.

Last season, the team Paris Sophie Germain:

- Won twice as many league games as they drew
- Lost one third as many league games as they won.

Each season, each team plays against every other team twice (home and away).

A team gets:

- 3 points for a win
- 1 point for a draw
- 0 points for a loss



There are fewer than 50 teams in the football league.

How many points did Paris Sophie Germain get last season?

Extension: Find out more about Sophie Germain primes.

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Puzzle created by Jon Treby

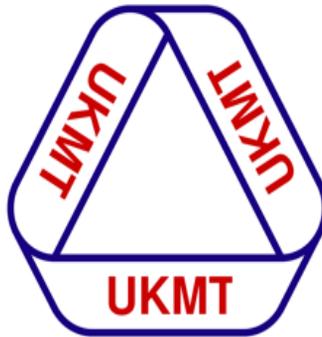
@puzzleoftheweek Puzzle of the Week @puzzleoftheweek

Roundwood are currently 6th on the international leaderboard for Puzzle of the Week. Students, teachers, parents or carers can all get involved, let's see if we can climb up the ranks! Why don't you give this week's puzzle a go?

Submit your answers via the link below:

<http://www.puzzleoftheweek.com/home>

Junior Maths Challenge



This year we entered our top set Maths students from Year 7 and 8 for the Junior Maths Challenge. This award encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. The problems are designed to make students think and challenge their thought processes.

Our students completed the challenge online and were awarded a mixture of gold, silver and bronze certificates.

B Taylor-Rose was further invited to participate in the Junior Olympiad which is an excellent achievement and we wish him luck with this challenge which will also be online.

A further eight of our students were invited to go forward for the Junior Kangaroo: B Aujla (Year 8), C Foley (Year 8), O Hedge (Year 7), D Mills (Year 8), S Nadiger (Year 8), M Sanwo (Year 8), C Smith (Year 7) and I Turner (Year 8).

All nine of our students have done exceptionally well to compete at this level and we wish them the best of luck in their competitions. Well done!

Volunteering Opportunities

There are volunteering opportunities available at the Redbourn Classics Motor Show on Saturday 4 September. This will raise funds for The Redbourn Care Group Charity helping the community. See www.redbournclassics.co.uk for further details and information on how to volunteer.

Charity Fundraiser

Luca in Year 13 is undertaking an amateur Mixed Martial Arts (MMA) fight in Watford on 10 July to raise money for Cancer Research. Please support him via his JustGiving page: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/luca-kawahara-musiu1



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.



Want a 'Class of Covid' or 'Quaranteen' hoodie?



Sizes:

S,
M,
L,
XL,
2XL

£20 each:

80% to my World Challenge, 20% to school charities.

In black, grey, purple, red or blue!

Email me at 17turnera@roundwoodpark.co.uk with 'hoodies' in the subject line to place your order



Deadline for orders is 18th June.

Anoushka Turner
10GT
World Challenge

SCHOOL CROSSING PATROL WANTED!



We are looking for someone
who would be interested in becoming the
School Crossing Patrol for

ROUNDWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

**THE PAY IS £9.25 PER HOUR
(excluding enhancements)
AFTERNOONS ONLY**

If you are interested or would like further
information please contact The Active and Safer Travel Team
on 01992 556816

Please take extra care while
the crossing is unmanned.

**Hertfordshire County Council, Transport, Access and Road Safety,
County Hall, Pegs Lane, Hertford, SG13 8DN.
Tel: 01992 556816 MAY 2021**

**Can we please remind you that it is parental
responsibility to get your child to and
from school safely**



  @oaklandscycling



CYCLING ACADEMY

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TALENT DISCOVERY NIGHT

Register now at oaklandswolves.com/events



TUESDAY 15TH JUNE | 6-8PM

For Year 10 & 11 students from other sports that want to test themselves on a bike!
No experience needed.



Ever wondered what you'd be like as a racing cyclist or mountain biker?

The leading college-based cycling academy in the UK is running its first ever talent discovery night for boys and girls who are not yet regular cyclists. No bike is needed, just turn up with a parent or carer in sportswear and trainers and take on our Wattbike Challenge Programme!

The session will involve completing a six-second sprint, a 30-second sprint and then a 3-minute effort, after a sensible warm-up. It will feature testing, but in a fun and supportive environment. There will also be a chance to meet some of our existing academy cyclists and to find out more about how the Wolves Academies work. We would recommend that you do not eat too close to joining us for the event, but don't let that put you off! It's all about discovering what you are capable of. In the days leading up to the event, we will contact all those who have signed up to offer further details about the event."

More details can be found at the following link : <https://www.oaklands.ac.uk/news-events/events/cycling-talent-discovery-night> or email jez.cox@oaklands.ac.uk



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HARPENDEN ACADEMY SESSIONS

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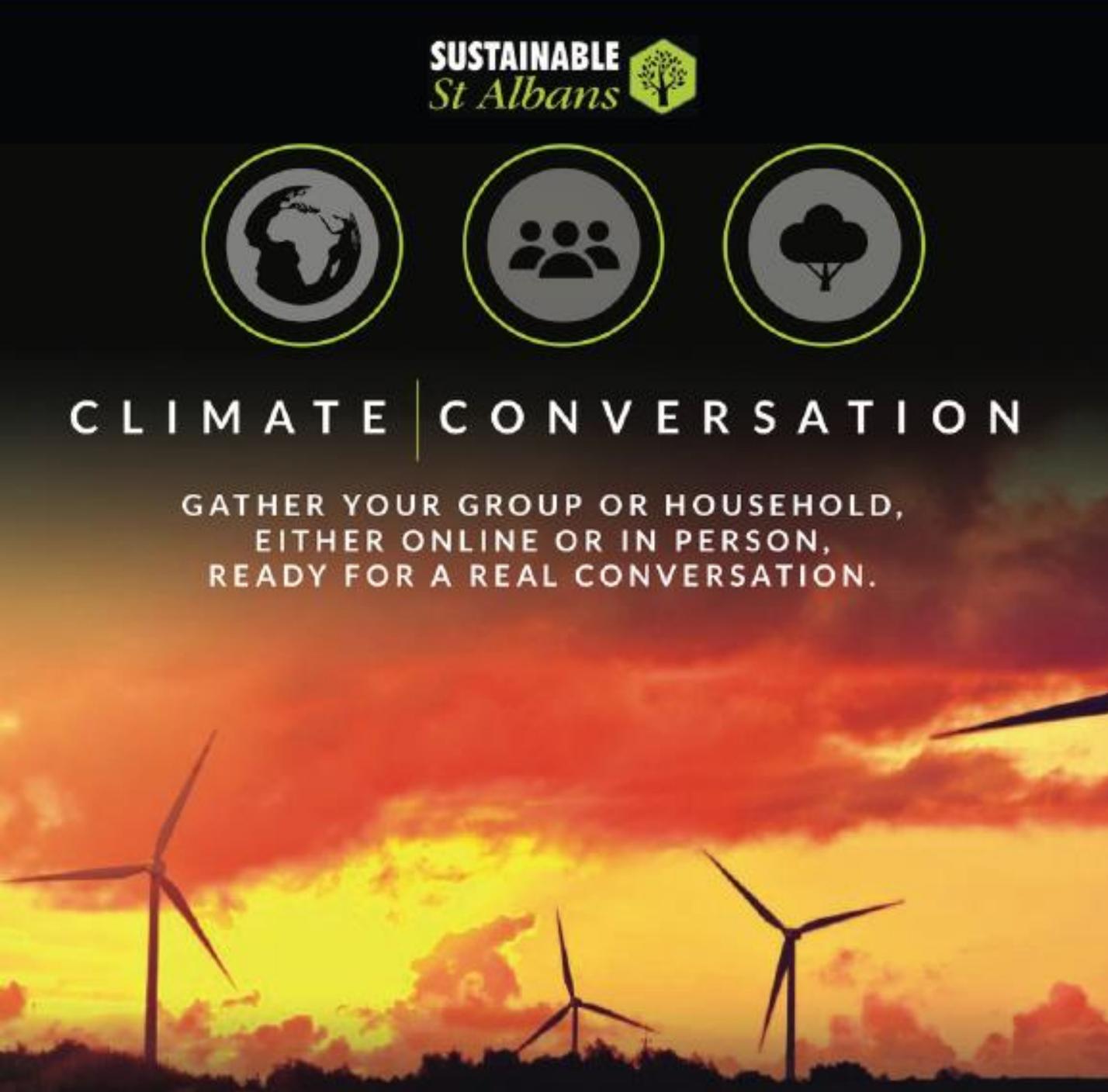
AGES - **5 TO 15 YEARS** / SURFACE - **4G ASTRO**

VENUE - **HARPENDEN RUGBY CLUB. REDBOURN LN, HARPENDEN AL5 2BA**



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WHEATHAMSTEAD WHO NEED FINANCIAL HELP FOR EDUCATIONAL
AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT PURPOSES.**



**CAN
WE HELP
YOU?**

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.

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