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

## Headlines

Dear Parents and Carers

It is great to see another step towards normality returning to school as younger year groups start using specialist teaching spaces. For Year 7, this is their first taste of science labs, workshops, the food room and other new areas of the school as they emerged blinking into the metaphorical and physical sunshine from the languages block! They found their way around the school so easily and calmly that it looked like they had been doing this for a long time. Well done to them and I hope that they are enjoying school even more as a result.

Last Wednesday we had an INSET day and I feel that it is important to explain to all parents and carers the reasons for this, especially as Years 11 and 13 are no longer in school and because all students were affected by the INSET day. In effect, the teachers of RPS and all other secondary schools have set, marked and moderated all the A Levels and GCSEs this year. On the INSET day we ensured that marking was standardised across all groups and cohorts and that each assessment was correctly inputted. On Friday, Mr Binks, Mrs Barter and I then looked at each cohort and each subject and spoke to nearly all the Heads of Subject in the school as part of an internal quality assurance process. We will now submit our grades to the board and they will begin to sample our work. During this process the exam board will make a decision about our grading and come back to us for further conversations and further sampling if necessary.

If they are then satisfied, they will award the grades to the students. The students will receive their grades on 10 August (A Level and BTEC Level 3) and on 12 August (GCSE and BTEC Levels 1 and 2). We have already corresponded with you about the process if you are a Year 11 or 13 parent, as well as holding a webinar before the assessments began in March. Despite that, I am providing you with the links again below via an extract from a previous letter sent to you so that you can see how the process will unfold from here. Ofqual have now published their new [student guide to awarding: summer 2021](#). This guide offers support for students taking GCSEs, A levels, vocational and technical qualifications this year. It is written for students and complements the materials that have already been published for teachers. It also contains important advice on where students and their families can go for more information and support, including support for those with mental health concerns. In addition JCQ have also published their [Guidance for students, parents and guardians: GCSEs and AS/A Levels in England. Summer 2021](#) which you may also find useful.

On Tuesday 8 June we held a Student Equality Conference in school. It was a very energising and positive occasion and I am very proud of the students and all they achieved during the day and the pledges they made to go out and spread the word in the school. For those of you haven't seen it already, here is a link to our Twitter feed to capture what was said on the day: [@Roundwood Park](#)

I hope that you 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](#)

Please also follow us on

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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](mailto:absence@roundwoodpark.co.uk)



**Drinking water is available from the water coolers in the canteen at break/lunchtimes, however, please note that all other water fountains remain closed due to Covid-19. Please ensure that students bring enough water with them to last the day, especially in the warmer weather.**

# Important Dates

## Year 7

Date	Event
8 July 2021	Parent Consultation Evening (Virtual)

## Vacancies

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

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

## Payments



### Holland Football Tour (Yr7 /8)

11-15<sup>th</sup> April 2022

Deposit payment of £150.00 due by 28<sup>th</sup> June.

### Camp Wilderness (new Year 7 intake Sept 21)

20-24<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Deposit payment of £150.00 due by 21<sup>st</sup> June.

### Athletics Team

#### English School, Track and Field Cup

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2021

No payment required, but permission response required no later than 18<sup>th</sup> June

**The Public Health team at Hertfordshire County Council has asked us to share the following information with you.**

Firstly, we want to thank you for all you are doing to play your part and help protect your school community – you're all doing an amazing job. As we head towards the end of the academic year, let's work together to reduce the number of cases in our nurseries, schools and colleges and make sure less children will need to learn remotely.

**We're now at a crucial time in our fight against coronavirus. In line with this week's Government announcement we're asking everyone to not drop your guard just yet – Covid-19 is still here.**

There are simple things you can do right now to continue to protect yourself, your family and your school community:

**Remember hands, face, space, fresh air** – each school may have different rules around face coverings, but everyone aged over 11 should be wearing a face covering when in indoor venues. If you can still meet outside, do.

**Testing** – students in year 7 and above are being provided with a free, regular supply of rapid tests and they should continue to take these twice a week. Parents and carers of children in nursery, school or college should also take regular rapid tests along with the rest of the community, by doing this we can all help to reduce the spread of the virus. You can find your nearest collection site or order online at [www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/rapidtest](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/rapidtest)

**Vaccination** – please get your vaccine once you are invited to.

**Please do not send children back into education if they are sick or feel unwell – be cautious.**

If you or your child/ren receive a positive result from a rapid test you must begin self-isolating immediately, not attend school and book a confirmatory PCR test.

If you or your child/ren have symptoms (**new, continuous cough, change or loss of taste or smell or a temperature**) you must self-isolate immediately and book a PCR test at: <https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

If you need help to self-isolate contact HertsHelp for advice and practical help with things like getting food and medicine and accessing financial support. Call 0300 123 4044, email [info@hertshelp.net](mailto:info@hertshelp.net) or visit [www.hertshelp.net](http://www.hertshelp.net)

We know none of this is easy, but if we throw our arms around schools to protect them now, we can all look forward to the summer holidays we're hoping for. Thank you again for helping to keep yourselves and your community safe.

*Hertfordshire County Council*

## **Covid-19 Vaccination Eligibility**

Over 18's are now invited to the Harpenden Public Halls to receive their vaccination.

A clinic will be held on **Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> June.**

Local GP surgeries have sent out a text message to those eligible. Eligible pupils can call their surgery if they do not receive a text message.

# Reading Week – 21<sup>st</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> June

*Next week is Reading Week. This will mean that students will be set reading to complete as home learning in every subject via the Google Classroom. The material that they are asked to read could be anything: a news article about a topic recently studied, or one that is upcoming; a source or website; a chapter of a novel; super-curriculum that we would love students to engage with. As you are aware, students who read regularly make outstanding progress in school. We are hoping that this gives students a chance to see that reading is important in all subjects and inspires them to continue reading widely as well as preparing them for academic study in the future. We do hope that you all enjoy the week.*

*Mrs L Martin  
Literacy & Scholars Coordinator*



# Athletics County Championships

On Saturday 12 June a number of students from Roundwood Park took part in the County Championships for Athletics.

## WELL DONE TO OUR COUNTY CHAMPIONS

G Lamb (Year 11) - county discus champion

T Gaunce (Year 11) - county 400m champion

M McIntosh (Year 11) - county 80m hurdles champion

H Booth (Year 13) - county triple jump champion

N Franklin (Year 9) - county discus **AND** 80m hurdles champion



Pictured left – T Gaunce Year 11 County 400m champion)



Pictured right – M McIntosh Year 11 County 80m hurdles champion)

# Athletics County Championships

## 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> PLACE

M Soanes (Year 13) - 400m hurdles

J Lilley (Year 11) - 1500m

E Fabode (Year 9) - shot

E Clement (Year 9) - 1500m

## WELL DONE TO ALL STUDENTS WHO ATTENDED AND PERFORMED REALLY WELL!

S Parfitt (Year 10) - 80m hurdles - 4<sup>th</sup> place, B Day (Year 8) - 100m - 4<sup>th</sup> place, F Adio-Moses (Year 10) - 4<sup>th</sup> place - 100m **and** high jump, E Starkey (Year 9) - 200m - 4<sup>th</sup> place, L Bruzas (Year 10) - 200m, H Burrows (Year 10) – Javelin, R. West (Year 8) - 100m, I Turner (Year 8) - 75m hurdles **and** high jump, A Murat (Year 8) - 100m, B Riley (Year 9) - long jump, S Havenga (Year 8) - 200m, R Owen (Year 8) - 100m, S Nadiger (Year 8) - 200m.

**Thanks also to Mr Keenleyside, for managing the entries and coaching and motivating students throughout the day and Miss Mullally who was in charge of officiating for us.**



More photos and videos of our champions, can be found on our twitter feed:

[https://twitter.com/RPSPE?ref\\_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Eauthor](https://twitter.com/RPSPE?ref_src=twsrc%5Egoogle%7Ctwcamp%5Eserp%7Ctwgr%5Eauthor)

Pictured – S Parfitt Year 10 County 80m hurdles (4<sup>th</sup> Place)



## Tennis Success

Also, a huge congratulations to R Lawlor, who will move up to No.2 in the UK, having played 10 matches in 6 days and finished as runner up (singles and doubles) in last week's Tennis Europe event.





In early July the RPS Careers Department is running a series of careers insight evenings.

Each event will host guest speakers that include RPS alumni and parents talking about their current career and their career journey. We are lucky to have academic insight from competitive faculties including law, medicine, dentistry and finance. There will then be a Q&A session with each speaker.

These events are designed for Sixth Form students and parents ahead of their university or apprenticeship applications and for all students and parents in Years 9, 10 and 11, particularly students considering one of the professions where early insight and work experience planning is especially important.

Full details are on the next page, please use the sign-up link below to register for your place to the insight evenings by the deadline of ***Friday 25<sup>th</sup> June***. Once you have booked your place, a Zoom link will be sent to you ahead of the event.

[Sign Up Here](#)

Should you have any further questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact the careers team:  
[careers@roundwoodpark.co.uk](mailto:careers@roundwoodpark.co.uk)



## Weds 7<sup>th</sup> July 6.30pm - Business, Accountancy and Finance

Emma Williams	Buying & Graduate Manager	Tesco
Victoria Knill	Recruitment and Financial Careers Specialist	University of Lancaster Management School
Georgie Calle	Account Director	Weber Shandwick (Public Relations)
Ben Maurer ACA	Director, Global Fixed Income	BlackRock
Luke Firmin	Associate Director	Grant Thornton
Crystal Boston	Director and Recruitment Lead	Foxley Kingham Accountancy & Business (local apprentice employer)

## Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> July 7.00pm - Law & Politics

Rebecca Cousin	Partner	Slaughter & May
Shahnaaz Ayub	Trial Solicitor, Family Law	Solomon Levy Solicitors
Katherine Wilde	Legal Recruitment Lead	Farrer & Co
Georgie Calle	Account Director, Corporate Affairs	Weber Shandwick (Government Relations)
Bim Afolami	MP	UK Parliament

## Mon 12<sup>th</sup> July 7.00pm - Medical, Dentistry and Pharmaceutical Science

Nicola Phillips	Teaching Fellow & Admissions Tutor	University of Lancaster Medical School
Rick Linforth	Consultant Surgeon	Bradford Teaching Hospitals
Manjeet Ahlowalia BDS	Dentist and Deputy MSc Programme Director	Kings College Harpenden Dental Centre
Aleena Ayub	Dentistry Student & Student Mentor	Leeds University
Paul Wright	Principal Scientist (Drug Discovery)	Life Arc
Joanna Betts	Head of Computational Biology, Human Genetics	GlaxoSmithKline



## Health and social care

Do you work in the Health and Social Care Sector?

Could you spare between twenty minutes to an hour to share your experiences with our students and bring health and social care to life?

We teach BTEC Health and Social Care to KS4 and KS4 students and there is nothing better to bring this subject to life than speaking to professionals who work on the front line.

The roles we would love to talk to are doctors, nurses, midwives, healthcare assistants, social workers, occupational therapists, youth workers, care managers/assistants or support workers.

If this is something you are able to help with then please email either Mrs Glennie ([e.glennie@roundwoodpark.co.uk](mailto:e.glennie@roundwoodpark.co.uk)) or Mrs Turberville ([k.turberville@roundwoodpark.co.uk](mailto:k.turberville@roundwoodpark.co.uk))

## **IMPORTANT MESSAGE**

**From: Playpark Action Rothamsted Committee**

Construction work has now begun on the Rothamsted Park playpark. Disappointingly, there have been reports of teenagers entering the site after school hours on a number of occasions this week. As an active construction site it is clearly not a safe place for teens to be, however tempting it may look.

The playpark contractor is doing what they can to better secure the site and the police are aware and will be stepping up patrols in the area.

Please remind your children that they should not ever enter a construction site without permission due to the risk of serious injury.

There is a short you tube video available that highlights the dangers. Please encourage your children to watch:

<https://youtu.be/MYWWFHmy2Po>

## **HERTS FIRE & RESCUE ARE LOOKING FOR NEW CADETS**

Herts Fire & Rescue are recruiting for new fire cadets to join our scheme. It is a nationally recognised educational programme open to young people aged 14 – 17 and supports them to make a positive contribution to society.

This programme provides an opportunity to learn about, engage with and experience the Fire & Rescue service and enables young people to gain skills and knowledge in a fun, safe and secure environment.

For more information please contact the [Herts, Fire & Rescue service](#)



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## Summer Appointments at BSU

If your child is starting at a new school we recommend booking one of our personal shopping appointments for expert fitting advice that will save you time, effort and expense.

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Appointments will at the shop and can be made via phone or online

## Book Your



## Appointment

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[www.beatschooluniforms.co.uk](http://www.beatschooluniforms.co.uk)  
020 33622930

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## Your local branch is St. Albans or Harpenden

10 Leyton Road, Harpenden, Hertfordshire, AL5 2TL

St. Albans Telephone: **01727 853262**

Harpenden Telephone: **01582 968939**

**28<sup>th</sup> June – 14<sup>th</sup> August:** Open for pre-booked appointments and Click&Collect only. Please call the branch directly to book an appointment at Harpenden, or book via our website for St Albans branch appointments.

**16<sup>th</sup> August onwards:** Walk-in customers welcome.

Please refer to our website for information on extended opening times.

### In-store Fitting

#### Appointments:

Following the success of our service last year, appointments will take the same format this summer. They are recommended for new starters (rather than online ordering) and will be bookable online. Pre-register now, if you don't already have an online account, and we'll send you an email in advance of booking opening.

#### The recommended appointment window for your school at St.

**Albans Branch is 26<sup>th</sup> July until 1<sup>st</sup> August or for the Harpenden Branch 28<sup>th</sup> June until 14<sup>th</sup> August.** Please, where possible, book during this window. This helps us to maximise school specific stock and reduce the time taken to serve you.

### Online Ordering:

Our website will continue to operate as normal. **Orders should be placed by Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> August, to ensure in stock items can be delivered for the start of the autumn term.**

If you choose our 'Click&Collect' service when ordering you can collect, even when our branches are open 'by appointment only'. However, we may need to ask you to queue to pick up your order, while we manage social distancing in our stores.

### Customer Services:

Want to talk to a member of our team? Our phone lines are open Monday – Saturday 9am-5.30pm. Your branch contact number is **01727 853262**

### Safe Shopping

We continue to follow government guidance to provide 'safe shopping' for our customers and staff. So, customers visiting us are kindly asked to wear a mask (over the age of 11), observe social distancing measures and sanitise their hands on entry to our branches. Where possible, payment by credit/debit card is preferred.

### 120 day returns policy

You can buy now and still be able to exchange unused garments 120 days later if your child has a sudden growth spurt before the start of school.

For more information  
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# STEVENSONS

SCHOOL UNIFORM OUTFITTERS

Final sessions  
of 2021

 **Playing Out**

# Free Playing Out Information Sessions



Make your street a place to play

Monday 21st June, 8.00pm

or

Wednesday 23rd June, 10.30am

on Zoom

Book via <https://playingoutstainfo.eventbrite.co.uk>

*Find out how to apply to open up your street for play and community building up to 8 times a year at this free, informal zoom session with the Playing Out St Albans District team.*

[www.sustainablestalbans.org/playingout](http://www.sustainablestalbans.org/playingout) | [playingout@sustainablestalbans.org](mailto:playingout@sustainablestalbans.org)



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# Photography Competition

Your opportunity to have your photos published in the 2022 Remarkable World of Trees calendar, on sale at the exhibition.

## 3 Categories: Under 14 and 14+

All photographs submitted must be landscape format.

All photographs must be a minimum of 1MB and a maximum of 10MB in a jpeg or TIFF file.

Photographs can be taken on any camera or device  
Submit through <https://worldoftrees.org.uk/photography-competition/submit-your-entries/>

## Instagram Category

This category is open to any Instagram user.  
Enter by tagging @worldoftrees\_ and using the hashtag #RWOTcomp

You cannot enter the same picture on Instagram as you have done in the main category.

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<https://worldoftrees.org.uk/photography-competition/competition-terms-conditions/>



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## Get social with us!

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OR CALL JANE ON 01582 463 662



# SEASON TICKETS 2021/2022

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# JOIN OLLIE FOR A BEGINNERS MEDITATION COURSE

Have you been recommended mindful meditation but don't know where to start?

Join OLLIE for our 4-week beginners course for a supportive, peaceful space with the healing power of community

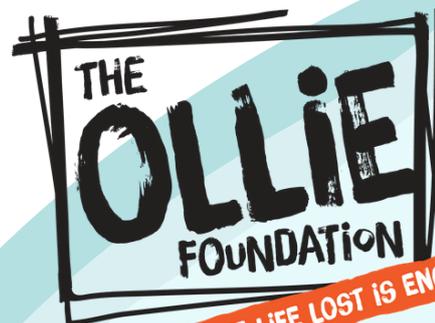
Fridays at 9:30 am  
via Zoom, starting on  
Friday 18th of June



All 4 sessions for £20, FREE to NHS workers, other concessions available - [book via Eventbrite here](#) or email [louise@theolliefoundation.org](mailto:louise@theolliefoundation.org) for concessions

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# LONELY, LOST OR GRIEVING?

## JOIN US FOR A MEN'S WALK IN HEARTWOOD FOREST

It's not always easy to talk about how you're feeling or what's going on in your life. The OLLIE Men's Walking Group is a great way to get together with others and enjoy the calmness and new perspectives that being outside in the fresh air brings. There's no pressure to talk if you don't feel like it, but simply knowing you're with others who understand and won't judge can lift you up when you most need it. These free walks are led by OLLIE's Wellbeing Walk Leader, John.

Click [here](#) to book your space via Eventbrite or for more information email [contactus@theolliefoundation.org](mailto:contactus@theolliefoundation.org)



### Friday dates:

25th June  
30th July  
27th August

### Venue:

Heartwood Forest,  
Sandridge,  
Hertfordshire  
AL4 9DQ.

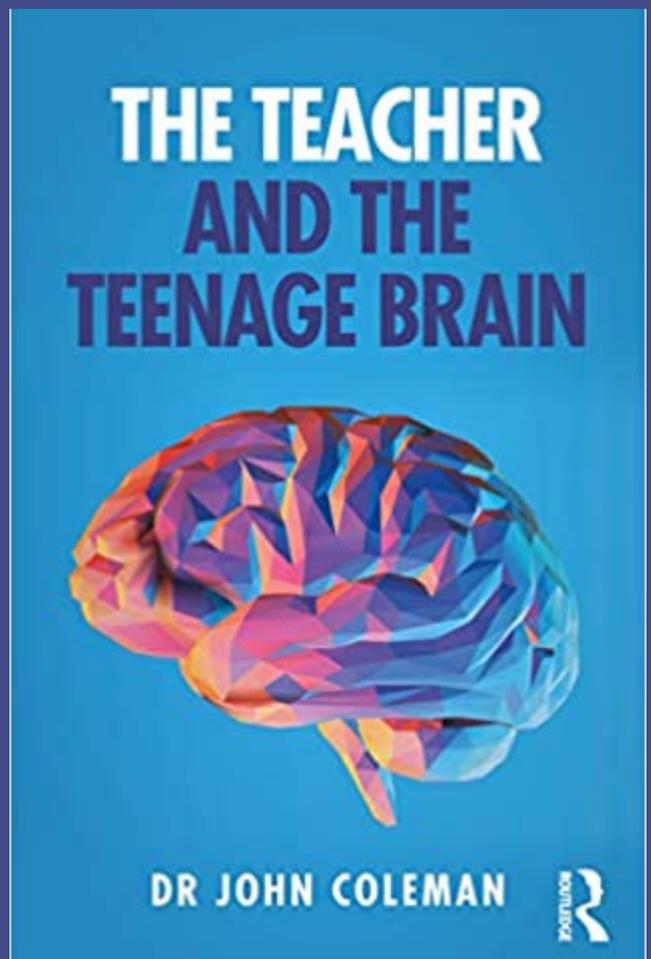
### Meet:

In the car park at  
11.30am for a  
brisk hour's walk.



Friday 8th July

4 :00 PM - 5:15 PM



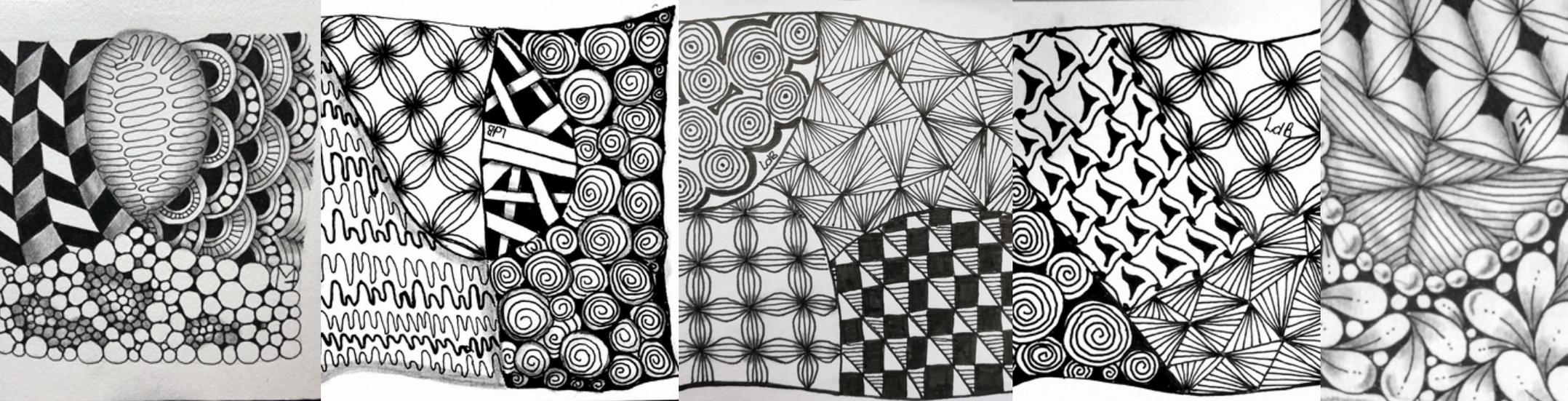
# THE TEACHER AND THE TEENAGE BRAIN

Online webinar based on Dr John Coleman's recently published book "The teacher and the teenage brain"

Tickets £5 a concession available.  
[Book via Eventbrite link here](#)

In addition to the newest insights about the teenage brain in relation to learning and memory, Dr Coleman will look at the effects of stress, and of the impact of Covid-19 on learning and on mental health. The session will explore trauma and adversity, and how that impacts on brain development. Dr Coleman's will describe some of the workshops and lesson plans that he has developed for students, parents and teachers in training.

If you would like to submit a question in advance for Dr Coleman, please send to [vicky@theolliefoundation.org](mailto:vicky@theolliefoundation.org)



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4:30PM -  
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