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Headlines

Dear Parents and Carers

This week we welcomed our new parents to RPS, as well as a host of current families via our virtual new parents' evening. Even though we were not able to do this face to face, I hope that the families who attended found it useful. Despite the challenges of the current times, we are looking forward to the transition day which has to be done remotely, comforted by the fact that the vast majority of our incoming Year 7s will be able to finally come on site for the exciting summer school programme we have in August.

As a community, I hope that normality is beginning to return to your lives and I sincerely hope that the further delay until 19 July has not unduly hampered businesses and job prospects in your family. In the educational world there seems to be a recognition from government that isolating large groups of students and staff every time a case is confirmed is not an ideal way to proceed in the coming year and it seems likely that there will be a change of policy nationally in the autumn. As long as we can be made as safe as possible as students and staff, this change is to be welcomed, as families across the country have had routines disrupted by such events and senior leaders in schools have had to spend an undue amount of time tracking and tracing.

Despite this, here at RPS we do have an ambitious school improvement plan for the coming academic year, which has a number of key priorities. One of them is to:

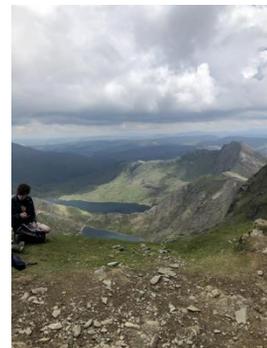
- undergo a review of Aspire that consults all relevant stakeholders to mark its tenth anniversary in 2022.

I am letting you know about this because we will be seeking the involvement of parents and students throughout this process. We will let you know more about this in the coming year. We are really proud of Aspire. We know it is successful, we know it is based on research but it is also based on the needs of our community. When we introduced it, we said that it would be for the next ten years. In that time, much further educational research has been done and the world has changed considerably, particularly in the last fifteen months! It is therefore time for a fresh look and a fresh debate. Does it still do everything it can to help our students become "The Roundwood Park Leaver"?

Finally, I am delighted to tell you that two of our students, Tom L in Year 8 and Brooke H in Year 10, successfully climbed Mount Snowdon recently, along with nearly 50 others from Markyate, in order to raise money for men's mental health. Many congratulations Tom and Brooke!

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](#)

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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



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



REMINDER - Year 12 Biology students will be visiting Kew Wakehurst on 6th July. Please ensure all students arrive at school at **7.45am**, they will be returning to school at approx. **16.45pm**.

Year 10 Food Preparation and Nutrition Students

Trip to Thrales End Farm on 12th July. Please ensure permission is given via Operoo and payment is made by 2nd July via Parentpay.

Lateral Flow Testing for Covid-19 – advice from Herts County Council

In line with Government and Public Health guidance, we provide rapid tests (also known as tests using Lateral Flow Devices/LFTs) for your child to take at home and/or complete at school and, if taken regularly, these can help reduce the risk of us spreading Covid-19 to one another and keep children in school.

Our staff are also taking regular tests and we're encouraging all parents and carers to do the same, order online, collect from a pharmacy or visit a mobile testing site, view your options at: www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/rapidtest.

Please do not test children below Year 7, these tests are not recommended or made for use on younger children.

If you test positive using a rapid test you must book a confirmatory PCR test at: www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test. Your whole household, including any children, must begin self-isolating immediately.

These are challenging times for us all, please do not send children in if:

- They have any symptoms of Covid-19 (a new, continuous cough, change or loss of taste or smell, a temperature) – in this instance you must book a PCR test.
- If they are generally unwell, especially with colds, headache and runny noses – it's better to be safe than sorry.
- They have been identified as a close contact and/or asked to self isolate.

Student Equality Conference – 8th June 2021

CROSSING THE LINE

Challenging inappropriate language and behaviour.

Raising awareness, changing attitudes.

Building respectful relationships.

#THISISME #RESPECT

We know that we are not perfect but as a community we are always trying to improve our school. With concerns raised in some schools and in our own around inappropriate language which propagates harmful stereotypes we decided as a school to hold an Equality conference, on 8th June. The conference was organised by Mrs Mansfield, our Safeguarding Lead, alongside a working party of staff and students, including our student Diversity Champions and our sixth formers. At the conference we covered many crucial subjects linked to respectful relationships and harmful stereotypes. We gathered student opinions on how we can make our school a better and a safer environment for all students.

FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION. FREEDOM OF BELIEF.
FREEDOM FROM GENDER EXPECTATIONS.



FREEDOM FROM HARRASSMENT

CROSSING THE LINE

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We discussed the analogy of a table: diversity is having a seat, inclusion is having a voice and belonging is that voice being heard. At Roundwood we think that everyone should have a seat, voice and feel like they are being heard. Another important issue we covered was the idea of respecting boundaries as students and to be aware of what might be seen as ‘crossing the line.’ We urged everyone to consider comments they may have experienced or heard around school that may have been problematic and even hurt other people’s feelings. Some of the comments could be considered to be quite innocent but depending on how they were being interpreted and different contexts, changed how people heard it. To tackle the problems of inequality we decided it would be better to learn to be more respectful and to become upstanders from a younger age. By the end of the conference each year had discussed comments such as “you cry like a girl” and “hey beautiful!”. After, we voiced our opinions to our Head Boy and many of the teachers. Overall, many of us agreed that both comments are inappropriate and may cause offence to both boys and girls and how we should react if we heard these comments being said. We also created word clouds that described what we thought a good RPS student should be, such as: respectful, an upstander and kind. We took those words and incorporated them into year pledges. To carry on the work from the conference, our house leaders took back these pledges and the different topics that came up in the conference to their forms and year group Equality pledges are about to be displayed around the school. This was a really inclusive conference where I found it very interesting to hear so many different people’s opinions. This is the first step to journey of creating a better school for everyone and giving everyone that seat, voice and feeling of being heard.

M Piepgrass Year 9 Diversity Champion






Well Done – You are a star!



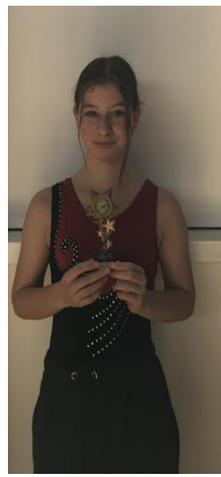
RPS Trampoline squad.

Congratulations to the following students who have been awarded gymnasts of the month for their hard work and excellent progress. *(pictured)*

April – N. McHale (Year 10) and A. Rees-Witham (Year 9)

May – C. Baily (Year 7) and P. Baxter (Year 7)

June – C. Wall (Year 10) and I. Glennie (Year 10)



RPS Chess team.

Congratulations to the following Roundwood Chess team students who are our Bronze Medal finalists (out of 10 teams). *(pictured)*

A Burgess – Year 9

L Genoud – Year 8

S Nadiger – Year 8

T Veitch – Year 8



Well done also to the following Year 8 students who finished in 5th place.

A Dai, J Kingsley, C Jump, M Willis

Chess Opportunities

At

Roundwood Park School

Roundwood Park School offers opportunities for pupils to learn the game of chess from basics, but also to those who already have some experience and played in tournaments.

On a Friday after school from 3:35 pm until 4:30 pm we organise the Chess Club which is open to all from Years 7 to 13.

If your child knows how to play chess we would love to meet them in chess club held in Music Block. If the child is a complete beginner, we can teach the basics and get started playing chess.

The sessions are planned and run by by me. I am an International Chess Master and also a certified coach of English Chess Federation.

I, as a National coach had travelled with junior squad representing England in the World Youth Chess Championship held in Halkidiki, Greece and Al Ain in United Arab Emirates. Our team of coaches has the experience to teach all abilities.

All lessons are researched and aimed at challenging chess skills within the group.

During the first few sessions, the players will be assessed and then allocated into groups of similar playing strength, each of which is led by one of our team of chess coaches. Each session will have an element of chess teaching from our syllabus as well as the opportunity to play games, on both a casual and competitive level.

The pupils with ability and experience will be considered for the Chess Teams which represent Roundwood Park in national and regional competitions and matches throughout the year.

There are tournaments for all chess ability, and we hope that those who join us will benefit from the social side as well as the competitive side of the game.

To enable pupils to become accustomed to the routines of the Chess Club, the first session is on Friday 17th September 2021, afterschool, and the last session of the term on Friday 10th December 2021.

Pupils are released after chess club to make their own way home. If collecting please come directly to the pickup point just outside the music block entrance.

We welcome your child to join the Chess Club. Please email me the details to efrocltd@gmail.com.

Pupil's Name _____

Surname _____ Class _____

Contact number _____

Email _____

Allergens info. _____

We very much hope that the Chess Club at Roundwood Park is of interest to you and your child.

Should you have any further questions, please feel free to text on my mobile 07951 414489 or by email to efrocltd@gmail.com.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Kumar

Chess Coach

Nickey Line Closure

GB Construction, working on behalf of UK Power Networks, are carrying out planned maintenance on the above-mentioned site.

There will be planned maintenance work involving the closure of certain sections of the Nickey Line between the B487 and Roundwood Park School. No other sections of the footpath will be closed or affected. The closure will take place in 3 separate stages as highlighted on the attached plan.

The Closure:

Closed daily between: **05/07/2021 – 13/07/2021**

Closed between the hours of: **09.30AM – 14.30PM**

Stage 1: 05/07/2021 – 06/07/2021

Back of Roundwood School to the Five ways Junction on the Nickey Line -

This section will close for 2 days to allow works to take place on the overhead network.

Stage 2: 07/07/2021 – 09/07/2021

Section from 5 ways through to the next footpath crossing to the rear of the golf club -

This section will close for 3 days to allow works to take place on the overhead network.

Stage 3: 12/07/2021 – 13/07/2021

Section where footpath crosses over through to the B487 -

This section will close for 2 days to allow works to take place on the overhead network.

Unfortunately, due to the unique nature of the Nickey Line they will not be able to offer a diversion. They will be erecting signage along the line which will display closure information.



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28th June – 14th 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.

16th 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 26th July until 1st August or for the Harpenden Branch 28th June until 14th 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 1st August, to ensure in stock items can be delivered for the start of the autumn term.**

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Respect

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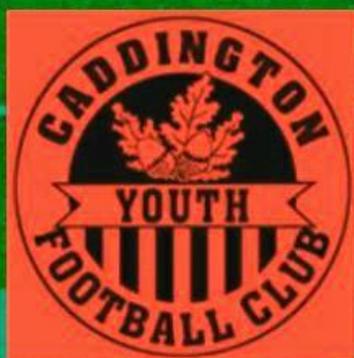
AS CURRENT BEDS FA DIVISION 2 CHAMPIONS
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STRAWBERRY NICE CREAM



Who needs Haagen Daaz or Ben & Jerry's when you can make your own delicious strawberry ice cream at home – it's cheaper AND healthier. Using coconut milk for creaminess and real strawberries for flavour, this simple healthier ice cream recipe is pretty cool!

You could even try using any fruit of your choice instead of strawberries. How about raspberries, mango or peach?

INGREDIENTS

- 1 can full-fat coconut milk
- 3 teaspoons honey
- 1 teaspoon vanilla essence
- strawberries

METHOD

- Combine the coconut milk, honey and vanilla essence in a bowl and mix thoroughly
- Pour mixture into ice cube trays and freeze for at least four hours
- Once frozen, add the frozen cubes to a food processor with two handfuls of chopped strawberries.
- Blend together until smooth, stirring occasionally
- Serve immediately as a soft-serve, or refreeze for a harder ice cream consistency.

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