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

## Headlines

Dear parents and carers

Welcome back after the summer holidays to all of our students. Thank you to all the parents for getting them so well equipped, smartly turned out and ready to learn. A particular congratulations goes to Year 7 who have started really well with lots to take in at a new school and lots of places to visit. They have been keeping the lost property office quite busy and I hope this subsides as they get more used to secondary school life!

As we open up more with fewer restrictions placed on schools, I wanted to inform you that we are taking plenty of precautions with frequent handwashing, wiping down of tables and other safety measures within the school. We have also retained the one-way systems in blocks to ensure that mixing is restricted. That said, seeing students of all year groups out at lunchtime across the school using the facilities and the open spaces communally is a wonderful sight to behold.

This is also a good opportunity to remind you to follow us on Twitter, Instagram and Facebook, the links to which can be found below.

[Twitter](#)

[Instagram](#)

[Facebook](#)

There really is so much going on and there are so many opportunities for your children now that I want you to be aware of what is happening in your child's school.

I wish you a happy weekend and look forward to the Bushcraft trips for Years 7 and 8 in the coming weeks.

**Alan Henshall**  
Headteacher

## Open Evening

Our Year 6 open evening  
will be held on **Thursday**  
**30<sup>th</sup> September** from  
5:30pm to 8:30pm.

Further details can be  
found on our website by  
following the link below:

[Roundwood Park Open  
Evening](#)

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

## Vacancies

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

## Inset Day

A reminder that we have an Inset day on **Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October** and school will be closed to students.

## Parent Information Evenings Reminder of Dates

**Years 12 & 13** - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September

**Year 7** - Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September

**Year 11** - Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> September

## Year 10 English GCSE Information Evening

**Year 10** - Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September

## KS3 Languages Support Evening

**Year 7** - Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September

## Year 7 Camp Wilderness

**Week commencing 20<sup>th</sup> September**

X Half – Mon 20<sup>th</sup> – Weds 22<sup>nd</sup>

Y Half – Weds 22<sup>nd</sup> – Fri 24<sup>th</sup>

## Year 8 Bushcraft Trip

**Year 8** – Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September

**Owens House Charity Week**  
w/c 27<sup>th</sup> September

# Introduction to new staff

I would like to introduce you to our new staff and welcome them to Roundwood Park:

Lynn Duffy – Science

Helen Allum – Science

Rhiannon Dowling – Maths

Annushia Goede – Computer Science

Kevin Norwood – PRE

Sophie Darby – Trainee in Computer Science

Jack Mannion – Trainee in Maths

Hugh Roberts – Trainee in Maths

Anne MacIntyre – Trainee in Science

Kate Cohen – Cover Supervisor

Laura Jones – Cover Supervisor

Dante Pavanelli – Learning Support Assistant

Sarah Laho-Roberts – Learning Support Assistant

Jermaine Hylton – Learning Support Assistant

Michelle Gregory – Library Assistant

Rita Waugh – Science Technician

Sarah Johnson – Canteen Assistant

Richard Bohan – Deputy Site Manager

Richard Frederick – Caretaker

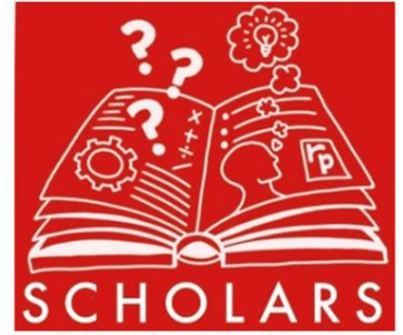
**Alan Henshall**  
**Headteacher**

# Super-Curriculum

## What is the Super-Curriculum?

Learning does not just happen in the classroom and those who go on to be masters in their field spend lots of time independently exploring, asking questions and finding answers. So we have developed the

Roundwood Park Super-Curriculum to help your children follow their passions and achieve mastery in the subjects that may shape their future.



## Why complete the Super-Curriculum?

Completing these stretch and challenge tasks will give your child an opportunity to shine. Committing to these learning challenges will help them to develop many Aspire habits too; they will become a more resilient, ambitious and independent learner. These are skills that are sought after by employers and universities alike.

## What is a Roundwood Park Scholar?

Students who complete either ALL of the challenges in ONE subject or FIVE in FIVE subjects will become a Roundwood Park Scholar and be given a scholars badge to wear on their blazer.

Please see the school website for details.

[Roundwood Park Super-Curriculum](#)

# Music Clubs



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Lunchtime</b> <b>1:15-1:45</b>	Glee Choir (Whole school) MU2	Rock School MU2	African Drumming MU2  Flute Choir MU1	Concert Band MU2	Composition Club
<b>After school</b> <b>3:30-4:30</b>	Chamber Choir MU2				

Training Band **TBC**  
String Group **TBC**

**Please collect a lunchtime pass from the music office at break time**

# Summer 2021 Music Exam Results



Student	Instrument & Grade	Grade	Result
Faith M	Clarinet	6	Pass
Matthew G	Trombone	5	Pass
Matthew G	Music Theory	5	Merit
Daniel G	Piano	5	Pass
Owen B	Piano	4	Merit
Sophie P	Flute	2	Merit
Hannah S	Flute	3	Merit
Betsy B	Flute	3	Merit
Charlie T	Flute	4	Merit
Sienna P	Flute	6	Merit
Alice W	Cello	7	Merit
Robert F	Cello	3	Merit
Charlotte W	Cello	1	Distinction

# Meet the Tutor

## Try an Instrument

### 20<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> September

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Break		Cello			Clarinet & Saxophone  Brass
Lunch	Singing	Piano	Flute & Bassoon	Guitar & Drums	Clarinet & Saxophone

Our team of instrumental tutors are offering drop-in taster sessions for any student interested in trying an instrument.

**Why not pop over to music and have a go!**





**RSC**

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**We are really excited to announce that in  
December 2021,  
Roundwood Park School will be presenting...**

ROALD DAHL'S  
**Matilda**  
THE MUSICAL  
JR.

**AUDITIONS in September 2021**

We will have key roles for all year groups! Whether you fancy being a backstage technical wizard, a front of house promoter or seller, a lead performer, a chorus member or a musician— we want you all to be involved. All information will be on the bulletin you get in form time. This includes the timings for auditions on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th September. If you have questions make sure you speak to your drama teacher!



RPS GERMAN DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

**KS4**

**FILM**

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JOIN US EVERY FRIDAY  
LUNCHTIME TO WATCH  
GERMAN LANGUAGE  
FILMS!

**1 : 3 0 p m - 2 : 1 0 p m**

# Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award Expedition



On Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> of July at 6am, a coach of 16 Year 12s left the school turning circle ready to embark on their Silver Duke of Edinburgh qualifying expedition. We each had huge rucksacks filled with everything that we would need for the next 3 days, and a pair of sturdy boots. Enthusiastic, excited and slightly sleepy, we left for the Peak District.

We reached Hartington mid-morning and met with the ICY supervisors who would be assessing us. Facing high temperatures (which would later in the week trigger an extreme heat warning in parts of the country) and armed with many bottles of water and a map, we headed off into the hills in 3 small groups. We were reunited briefly over lunch where there was a small stone shelter which provided an excellent cool contrast to the outside.

With our energy rejuvenated, we headed on through fields and over styles until we reached Mandale House campsite. We put up our tents, relaxed in the shade and cooked dinner in our groups using the Trangias. From chilli con carne to sausages and pasta, there was a range of ambitious meals planned which were very tasty and well deserved!



The next morning the campsite awoke early and everyone packed up their tents in order to start walking and beat the heat. The second day's walk included following a river through a beautiful valley, as well as 2 checkpoints to fill up our water bottles. Despite facing a steep uphill climb through a wood and a field full of cows as we neared the campsite, we didn't give up. When we reached Barn Farm, we sat down under a shaded tree (or even had a shower!). There was a huge Connect 4 game at the campsite, and some competitive matches ensued, with much support and cheering from the spectators. Evening activities included route planning for the next day, making hot chocolates and playing cards.



We woke up early again for our final day on Monday when we would be walking to Biggin. Everyone was tired, battling against blisters and longing for a few minutes of internet connection, but we persevered. By this point, we had really come together as a team and got to know each other a lot better, so the time passed more quickly as we walked. We ate lunch all together at a checkpoint and set off for the final stretch. As we entered Biggin, seeing Mrs James and Mrs Thomson waving down at us from a bridge overhead filled us with relief and a great sense of achievement that we had completed our DofE challenge. On the bus home we celebrated by stopping off to buy mini Colin the Caterpillar cakes, and switching on our phones!

Although this expedition had been delayed by a year, I really enjoyed the unforgettable experience, spending time outdoors and developing skills such as Trangia cooking and map reading, as well as independence and resilience. I would whole-heartedly recommend DofE to any future participants because of the opportunity to make new friends, gain a sense of responsibility and achieve an award that you can be proud of.

Finally, without the commitment from Mrs Godbee, Mrs James and Mrs Thomson as well as Mr Desborough and other dedicated staff, this trip would not be able to go ahead so I would like to thank them for their continuous support on behalf of the Silver 2021 cohort.

**K Stapleton, 13W**





## **French Language Assistants**

**We are looking for native or near native French speaking volunteers to work with our Year 12 and Year 13 A Level French students to provide conversation practice.**

Could you spare an hour or two a week? In exchange, you will be rewarded by knowing that you are helping these enthusiastic students to reach their French potential.

These sessions can be conducted in school during the school day and scheduled around your availability and that of the students. Alternatively, early evening remote sessions proved very successful last year and may be a more convenient time.

If you are interested in finding out more, please contact Mrs Phillips in the French department by emailing: **[cm.phillips@roundwoodpark.co.uk](mailto:cm.phillips@roundwoodpark.co.uk)**

Merci!!

# The Harpenden Food & Drink Festival

**18<sup>th</sup> September 2021**

The Harpenden Food and Drink Festival is taking place on **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2021** and set to be a highlight for residents and visitors to the Town with an incredible array of attractions across the High Street and green spaces.

With delicious food stalls, community seating areas, live music and lots of entertainment.

We would like to encourage families with secondary school aged children to come and enjoy all that is on offer on our High Street and green spaces. The day will include a Children's Zone at the Sensory Gardens, featuring a pop-up beach with interactive activities and outdoor games. Food stalls to suit everyone's taste will line Bowers Parade and make a great refreshment stop on the way to the Statty Fun Fair on the Common. Additionally, there will be live music for all the family on the Concourse, a DJ and fabulous art work to admire at Art on the Common.

The Roundtable Festival Field, in Rothamsted Park, also has some fantastic activities including a climbing wall, arts and crafts, and inflatables. The Cookery Theatre may be of interest too with entertaining demonstrations from professional chefs.

You can view the brochure below:

[\*\*Harpenden Food & Drink Festival\*\*](#)

It's going to be a great day for all the family - we do hope to see you there!



The Jean-Christophe Novelli Academy are excited to introduce you to Shahnaaz Ayub who will be hosting her popular master classes in Indian cuisine. Shahnaaz is a cookbook author (Perfectly Easy Indian Food), host of tv series (For the Love of Food) and food writer. Classes will be hands on and will include a three course meal, drinks and nibbles throughout the day and gifts to take home.



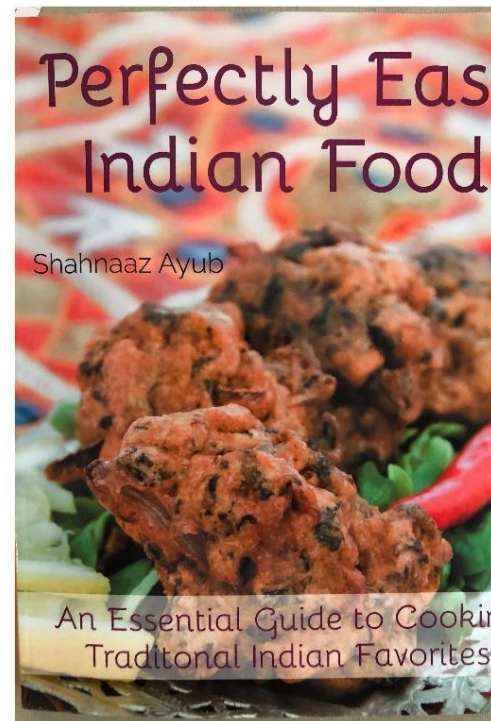
You will also have the chance to meet Jean-Christophe Novelli during your course.

Please visit the website and email Shahnaaz-novelliacademy@hotmail.com for all enquiries.

The first classes will be held on the 29th September and 12th November 2021 at the academy (15 minute drive from Harpenden), from 10.30am to 4pm.

For further information please click the link below.

<https://www.jeanchristophenovelli.com/shahnaaz-ayub/>





# DO YOU NEED FINANCIAL HELP FOR EDUCATION OR CAREER DEVELOPMENT OPPORTUNITIES?

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JAMES MARSHALL  
FOUNDATION  
EST. 1722

JMF has always supported under 25s living in Harpenden and Wheathampstead, but now we also offer grants to those living in Kimpton, Redbourn, Flamstead and Markyate.



The journey through education and into work can be an expensive time. We may be able to help with:

- **Equipment and travel for work/ apprenticeships**
- **Further education courses**
- **College/University costs**
- **Extra-Curricular activities: sport, music, creative arts**
- **Scouts/Guides and DofE**
- **Laptops and printers**
- **Residential school trips**
- **School uniform**

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GRANTS**

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Choose from after-school sessions running across Hertfordshire, or online courses which you can do from home.

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
 <b>WELWYN GARDEN CITY</b> Ridegeway Academy  17:00 – 19:00 Age 5 – 15	 <b>HEMEL HEMPSTEAD</b> The Hemel Hempstead School  17:00 – 19:00 Age 5 – 15		 <b>STEVENAGE</b> Barnwell Middle School  17:30 – 19:30 Age 5 – 15
 <b>BOREHAMWOOD</b> Allum Hall  17:00 – 19:00 Age 5 – 15	 <b>SOUTH OXHEY</b> Oxhey Wood Primary School  17:30 – 19:30 Age 5 – 15		
 <b>ONLINE</b>  16:45 – 18:00 Age 5 – 8	 <b>ONLINE</b>  18:00 – 19:15 Age 9 – 12	 <b>ONLINE</b>  17:45 – 19:00 Age 9– 12	

Courses begin week of 20th September 2021

**CLICK HERE TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR FAMILY'S FREE PLACE!**