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Headlines

Dear parents and carers

I write on the morning after House Music. Whether you watched the livestream or were there in person, I hope you enjoyed this spectacular event as much as I did. The amount of work that the students put into their rehearsals and performances, on top of their studies, was a wonderful sight to behold. Of all the things I love about House Music (and there are many!) the element I enjoy the most is watching students of different age groups work together to produce a collective performance. This is something we really missed last year when we were in bubbles. Schools are judged in many ways but I think those who experience an event like this know how special a place Roundwood Park is. It was a privilege to share the event with the parents and students.

As we approach the mock examination season for both Years 11 and 13 I wish students well as they commence their revision and remind all parents and students that we are here to help and support with the stress of exams.

As we come to the end of a long half term we can look back with a sense of satisfaction that we have successfully returned to school, kept Covid numbers very low in the school and had a successful Open Evening.

I wish you a restful half term and hope that you get to have some time with your families next week. Thanks for all of your continued support.

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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01582 714049

or e-mail us at

absence@roundwoodpark.co.uk

Concussion

If you suspect that your child may have symptoms of concussion following a head injury, we would always recommend seeking medical attention. If your child is diagnosed with concussion, it is important that you let their form tutor and PE teacher know as soon as possible. This is important so that we can monitor your child's recovery in school and because they must follow the protocols for safe return to activity.

M Hunter – Head of PE

Chromebook Payments

Please note the final payment for Chromebook instalment plan is due on Monday 8th November 2021. Please ensure all payments are completed by this date.



Overseas Trips

We have been in close contact with our tour operators regarding overseas trips that we have booked to check the Covid-19 related entry requirements of the destinations we are set to visit, and what that means for our students. We will communicate the requirements to parents shortly, on a trip by trip basis.

We are currently not booking any new overseas trips for 2022 until the entry restrictions for travellers from the UK are clearer.

Vacancies

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

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



Give Ofsted your view on your child's school

We would be grateful if you could spare a moment to click on the link in the banner above and give your views on our school.

Thank you.

REPORTING COVID CASES

Dear parents and carers

When you are informing us about your child potentially having Covid-19 or who might be absent for another reason, please can you closely follow the bullets below to help us manage these as efficiently and effectively as possible, to keep everyone safe and as many students attending school as possible:

- When reporting illness via Edulink, the Absence email or voicemail, please indicate if the student has, or has not got, **a cough, a temperature or a loss of sense of taste or smell** - it is *not enough to simply tell us that they are "unwell" or "sick" or have a cold;*
- If they do have **ANY** of the three key COVID symptoms listed above, please book a PCR test and let us know;
- If a student has **ONE** of the three key COVID symptoms, but a Lateral Flow Test is negative, you should still book a PCR test as these are more sensitive and it is not uncommon for a PCR test to be positive when a previous LFT has been negative;
- If a student has **ANY** of the symptoms, or has had a positive Lateral Flow Test, we ask that you keep them at home to self-isolate, whilst waiting for the test results;
- If a student **DOES NOT** have COVID symptoms, or a positive Lateral Flow Test, they do **NOT** need to self-isolate while they are waiting for a PCR test result – *even if someone in their household has had a positive PCR test;*

Please provide a copy of the PCR test results when these are available, we must have sight of this before the student returns to school.

Thank you for following this guidance closely and helping Louise Evans [School Attendance Officer] and her supporting team to continue to do the amazing work they have now for the past 18 months under immense pressure and challenge – I know it will go a long way to help them and will be greatly appreciated!

Many thanks and best wishes

Glen Pettengell
Deputy Headteacher

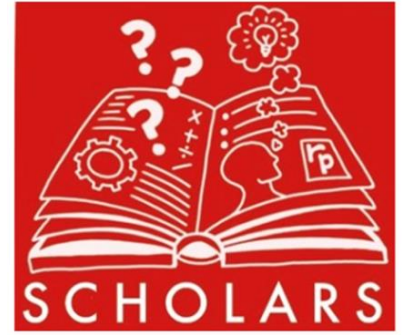
Please click [here](#) to read a joint letter to parents about Covid vaccination and testing from the Education Secretary **Nadhim Zahawi** and Health Secretary **Sajid Javid**.

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](#)

Good luck!



Today we say goodbye to Sonia Papworth our Catering Manager who has been in her position here at Roundwood Park for over 20 years!

We would like to thank you for all you have done in feeding all our hungry students and we wish you all the best for the future!

KS3 Astro Club Launch!



The science department is excited to announce the imminent launch (approx. mid Nov) of a new KS3 Astro Club.

As such, we would love to benefit from the gift, or loan, of any astronomy equipment you or your family and friends would be willing to part with; binoculars, telescopes, or anything related.

**The club will run after school on Wednesdays
between 3:30pm and 4:30pm.**

Students will be informed of the launch date and details after the half-term.

If you are an avid amateur, would you be willing to come and speak one afternoon this winter?

Please contact our Head of Physics, Mr Jacquinot, on
j.jacquinot@roundwoodpark.co.uk

Any donated equipment can be dropped off at reception.

Thanks very much for your support!



Success for Roundwood's Trampoline Squad

Open Evening:

Thursday 30th September was Roundwood Park's first Open Evening since 2019. It was the first display of the year by the Trampoline Squad. The night consisted of three different displays where each member of the squad participated in Box Work, Trampette and Trampolining. The night was extremely important for the newer, younger members of the squad where for them this was their first performance in front of a large audience as well as simulating what their future competition life would be like.



Trampette and Tumble:

Thursday 7th October 2021 saw our first competition since the National Trampolining Finals in March 2020 and we are all very happy that everyone did exceptionally well. An afternoon at the St Albans High School for Girls has students competing in both Trampette and Tumble at all different levels. Throughout the squad 28 medals were won with 16 in trampette, 12 in tumble, and an additional 3 medals awarded for those who achieved the overall best scores. Together, the squad brought home 11 gold medals, 9 silver medals and 8 bronze medals.

The Best Gymnasts of the Day:

Throughout the day we had some outstanding performances with the following gymnasts securing some of the best overall scores out of everyone competing.

N McHale - Best score for Trampette

E Day – 2nd best score for Tumble

K Upjohn – 3rd best score for Tumble



N McHale was the overall best gymnast of the day, being awarded 3 gold medals for Trampette, Tumble and the best overall score in Trampette.



Coaching Qualifications:

In more success, a huge congratulations to **I Glennie, E Lowry, C Wall** and **A Hall** who have recently completed the Award Scheme Coaching Trampoline Proficiency, run by British Gymnastics.



The Squad:

(top to bottom, left to right)

L. Nightingale, E. Lowry, E. Graham, A. Rees-Witham, B. Colyer, N. Bates, E. Bignell, E. Roberts, E. Day, I. Glennie, S. Haxton, N. McHale, E. Sandilands, A. Humphrey, J. Qureshi, M. Lumb, C. White, C. Baily, I. Turner, P. Baxter, I. Kinnon, K. Upjohn, S. Baloch, M. Davies, R. Godbee, R. Warren, P. Moxham (Head Coach)

Owens Charity Week – Thank you!

Thank you to students, parents and staff for giving money to the Owens charity events – cake sale and raffle.



We raised over £1800 for our school chosen charities –
Macmillan Cancer Support, Herts Young Homeless, and
WWF.

A big thank you to all the Owens students and families that helped with bringing in cakes and donating prizes for the raffle. We could not have done it without you.

All raffle prizes have been handed out, well done to the lucky winners! Also, a big thank you to the local businesses that donated prizes:

Watford FC
The Snow Centre
Porsche
Hello Blondie
The Yard Pizzeria
Full on Marketing

Miss Braggins
Head of Owens House

Matilda News



As the half term draws to an end, I would like to say a huge congratulations to the cast and crew of Matilda. The rehearsals are going at quite a pace, even carrying on alongside House Music. Thank you so much for the dedication of the staff and students involved; we are making excellent progress.

Of course we have a long way to go to get the show ready, but we are very excited about the coming couple of months. We also have a slot confirmed at the Lights-up Festival in Harpenden on 29th November at 1.30. We would love to see you there.



It was brilliant to see so many of our cast performing in House Music this week and gives me a really good feeling about just how good they are going to be in our show.



We want Matilda to be a real celebration of the people involved and of the school within the community. Due to the scale of the show, financially it is expensive to stage, (the royalties alone will cost us over £1000 by the end of the run). If you would like to become a sponsor of the show and have your name listed in the programme or if you are a local business who would like advertising space, **please get in touch with me by email to m.garbutt@roundwoodpark.co.uk** and I can provide further information. Any help would be gratefully appreciated.

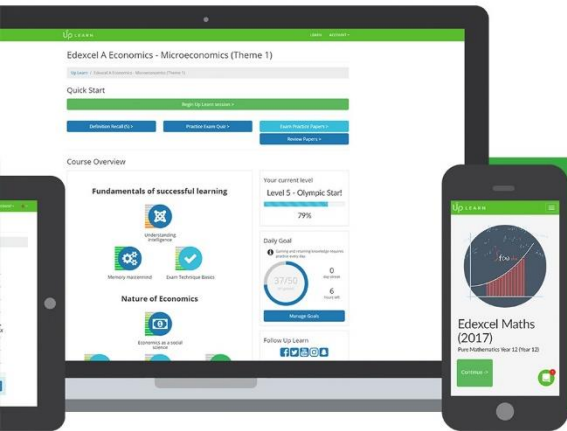


**Tickets will be on sale after the half term holiday.
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Mike Garbutt**



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Speech, Language, Communication &
Autism needs?

**1:1 Advice Sessions via MS Teams
19th November and 3rd December 2021**

9.30am – 9.50am
9.55am – 10.15am
10.20am – 10.40am
10.45am – 11.05am
11.10am – 11.30am
11.35am – 11.55am

Louise Howe and Louisa Smyth, Specialist Advisory Teachers for Speech, Language, Communication & Autism will be holding free 20 minute 1:1 advice sessions for Harpenden, Kimpton, Redbourn & Wheathampstead parents with children and young people who have an Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD) Diagnosis or suspected ASD and associated challenges.

Sessions will be held on MS Teams

To book a session or to find out more information, please
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50% off all ticket sales will be donated to Roundwood Park PTA. Tickets are available from Reception



VACANCY - KATHERINE WARINGTON SCHOOL

FINANCE ASSISTANT, incorporating the role of School Trips Co-ordinator

Full time or part-time (minimum 18 hrs) – required from November 2021

Term time only plus three weeks (including inset days)

Days and hours to be agreed with Head of Finance - can be worked around school drop off / pick up, with one day working from home, if preferred (once training has been completed).

Salary H3 - H4 depending on experience (£19,312 - £20,903, pro rata)

For further details, please visit www.teachinherts.com or email recruitment@kwschool.co.uk

If you would like to discuss the role further before submitting an application please email Karen Peters: k.peters@kwschool.co.uk

Closing date: Monday 1st November at 5pm.

We are committed to the safeguarding and promotion of children's welfare and an equal opportunities employer. We will need to obtain references in advance on any candidate short-listed for interview and all job offers are subject to satisfactory Disclosure and Barring Service clearance.

Can you help?

The Harpenden Trust's single annual fund-raising project - The Christmas Appeal - is just around the corner!

Last year the annual appeal envelopes raised £65,000 to help support those in our town who are struggling to make ends meet for all sorts of reasons.

The Appeal envelopes are delivered and collected back by an army of more than 200 volunteers.

But we need a few more people in some areas to join the team. Please think about whether YOU can help.

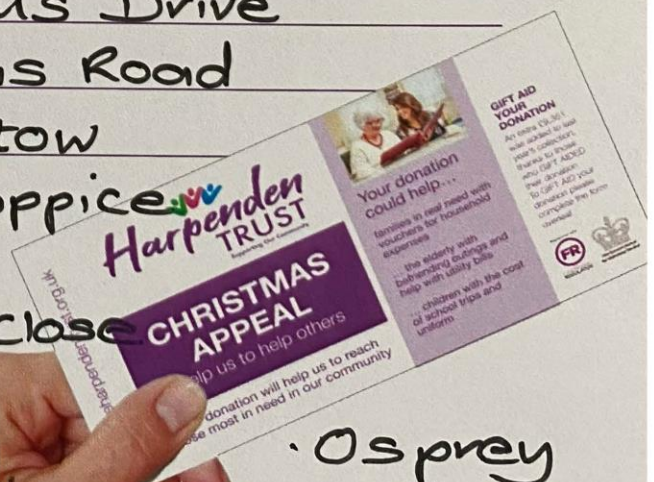
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- Wood End Rd.
- Park Rise
- Roundwood Lane
- Osprey Close



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INGREDIENTS

FOR THE SAUCE:

- 1.5tbsp olive oil
- 1 onion
- 1 carrot
- 1 celery stick
- 1 garlic clove
- Optional: bay leaf
- 2 tins chopped tomato

FOR THE WORMS (SPAGHETTI):

- 520g Flour (00 is preferable but if you have Plain Flour that will work just fine)
- 200ml water- plus a bit extra, it will depend on the type of flour you are using
- 2 tbsp olive oil
- Extra flour for dusting and kneading
- 6-8 tbsp. of tomato paste
- Salt for the cooking water

METHOD

- Finely chop the vegetables
- Heat the oil in the pan and add the veg, and the bay leaf if using.
- Allow to soften for 10-15 minutes- get someone to keep an eye and stir this occasionally. Add a pinch of salt if using.
- When tender and slightly golden, stir in the tinned tomatoes- add about 75ml of water and leave to simmer for 15-20 minutes or until thickened making sure to stir occasionally so that the sauce doesn't stick.
- While you're waiting for the sauce to thicken you can get started on your worms.
- Sieve flour into mixing bowl and make a well in the middle for the oil and water.
- Add oil to the flour and add lukewarm water to the mix and blend together using a fork/your hands.
- Once the mix has started to take form, don't worry if it's a bit dry or crumbly at this stage, split the dough in two.
- Add 6tbsp of the tomato paste to one half. If the mixture is still a little dry you can add the 7th and 8th if needed. Mix this in with your hands, as you knead the dough it will mix to be one colour.
- To the other half add some more water if needed.
- Sprinkle some flour over the work surface and knead the dough until the mix has blended completely. Do this for both your white and red dough.
- All hands on deck! Now we need to make our worms. Pinch off balls of dough from your main ball, about the size of £1 coin.
- Roll this in your floured hands to make a tube shape, once the tube is as big as the hand continue rolling on the floured surface until the tube is about ½ cm thick.
- Place each tube on a floured chopping board until you're ready to cook. Do this for both the white and the red dough.
- Boil some water in a pan and add a pinch of salt to the water. Cooking time varies depending on the thickness of the pasta you have made, this averages between 30 seconds and 1 ½ minutes. If you taste the pasta, you want it to still be slightly chewy but making sure the flour has cooked.
- Once the pasta is cooked, drain the water, save about 2tbsp and add to the tomato sauce and stir. Add the tomato sauce to the pasta.
- Serve on the plate and add a small sprinkling of cheese.



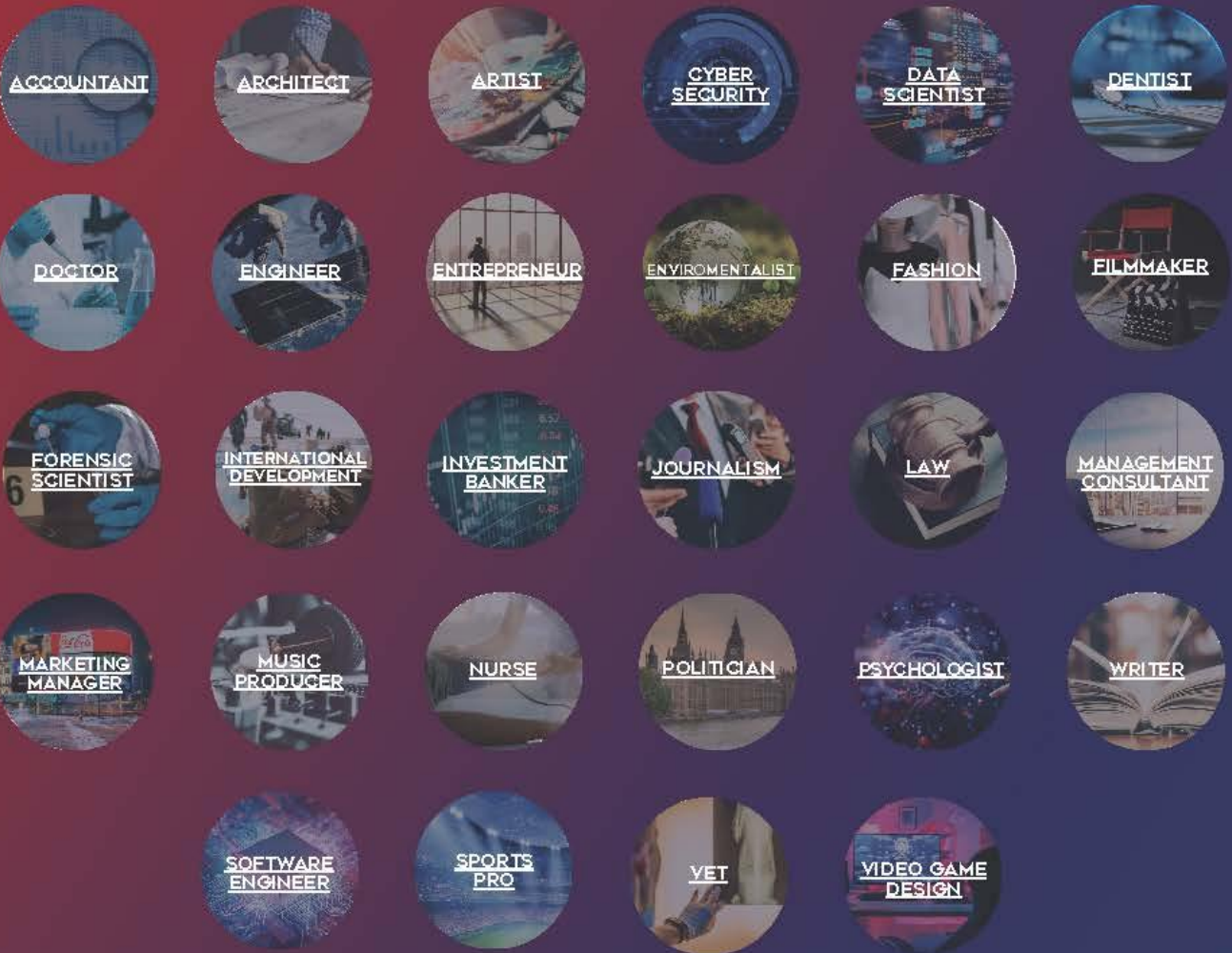
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We want to get your views on initial plans for Rothamsted Park and are carrying out a community engagement survey until Friday 3rd December 2021.

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