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Headlines

Dear parents and carers

Thank you to all of our parents and carers for getting the students ready for the start of term. They have begun very well and we remain, for the time being, very low in terms of numbers of students and staff with Covid. Long may this continue. Once again, the start of the term was only possible with a volunteer army of parents and community members who did such a great job in ensuring that all of our students were tested in school. I cannot thank you enough and, if I didn't see you on one of the days that you were here testing, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you now. Please continue to test students twice weekly at home and we would ask parents and carers to ensure that they report the results to school via RMUnify and, even more importantly, to the NHS. Testing keeps us all as safe as possible as we get through the winter together.

Yesterday, we had mock results day for Year 13. The idea of the day is to ensure that students can get the help and support they need between now and the examinations in the summer.

Students responded very well to the morning and, although some will be disappointed with their results, as I reiterated to the students in the hall, there are still approximately 70 more teaching days until they go on study leave and therefore lots of time to improve and to be prepared for the summer examinations. The Education Secretary has been very clear that exams are to go ahead and we certainly believe that this will be the case at Roundwood Park. Any assessments that we do along the way serve the dual purpose of preparing for the likely exam and also to act as a contingency if needed.

On Tuesday I joined the Harpenden secondary school Headteachers in having a wonderful evening at the 72nd Harpenden and Wheathampstead District Scout Gangshow. For those who don't know, the Gangshow is thriving in our area and is still going strong after all these years. This year, it is in the grand new setting of the Eric Morecambe Centre, which is a fitting venue for such a great spectacle. Congratulations to the students from all schools who took part, as well as the many adults behind the scenes who made it all happen.

Have a lovely weekend.

Alan Henshall
Headteacher

Forthcoming Events & Information

Please visit the [RPS website](#) for information including: [PE News](#)

Please also follow us on:

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Facebook: [Roundwood Park School](#)

Instagram: [Roundwood Park School](#)

Twitter:; [@Roundwood Park](#); [@RPSPE](#)

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

You can also download the Roundwood Park mobile app to keep up to date with our news.

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

Vacancies

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

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

2023 Ski Trip

Places Available – open to all students

We now have a number of places available on our 2023 Ski Trip to Jay Peaks and Boston, USA.

The trip will run from 31st March – 9th April 2023.

The total cost is £1759 per student which includes 7 nights in resort, with 6 full days of skiing, plus an overnight stop in Boston.

If your son/daughter is interested in joining this trip or you would like further info, please contact Miss Manton in the finance office (c.manton@roundwoodpark.co.uk).

The deposit required is £250 per student.

D&T London Olympia Trip

Unfortunately the D&T London Olympia trip on 24th January has had to be cancelled. Explanatory letters have been sent to parents of students attending and refunds have been given. We are staying in close contact with the venue/operator who, along with Miss O’Coy, want re-arrange a new date as soon as possible. Any queries or questions, please contact Mrs B Kennedy in the finance office (b.kennedy@roundwoodpark.co.uk).

COVID-19 Vaccinations

What to do if your 12-15 year-old child missed their appointment at school to receive their Covid vaccination

If for any reason your child missed the opportunity to receive their vaccination at school, or were declined their vaccination because they tested positive for COVID-19 in the last 12 weeks, you have the following alternative options. You will need to accompany your child to any venues offering the vaccination to give consent:

Booking vaccination appointments online

You can book your child's 1st dose online from the day they turn 12. You can usually book their 2nd dose from 24 hours after they had their 1st dose. You'll be offered appointment dates from 12 weeks after their 1st dose. [Book a COVID-19 vaccination appointment](#)

Getting the vaccine at a walk-in vaccination site

Your child can get a 1st dose at a walk-in COVID-19 vaccination site from the day they turn 12. They can get a 2nd dose if it's been 12 weeks since their 1st dose. [Find a walk-in COVID-19 vaccination site](#) (also see overleaf).

The Hertfordshire and East Anglia Community School Age Immunisation Service

Hertfordshire Community NHS Trust

Tel: 0300 555 5055 | **e-mail:** hct.immsenquiries@nhs.net |

Twitter: @HCTNHS

COVID-19 Vaccinations

The Harpenden Vaccination Centre is a local GP-led vaccination site, which is not available for booking on the central NHS system. Patients registered with the 3 local GPs should have received a text message to enable them to book an appointment. We will accept walk-ins whenever we are open for any patients eligible for their vaccination, including those not registered with a local surgery.

Our next vaccination clinics are:

Tuesday 18th January - 2:30pm to 5:30pm

Saturday 22nd January - 9:30am to 12:30pm

Thursday 27th January - 2:30pm to 5:30pm

Thursday 3rd February - 2:30pm to 5:30pm

Vaccinations available:

12yrs+ First dose

12yrs+ Second dose if 12 weeks after First dose date

16yrs+ Booster dose if 3 months after Second dose date

If a child under 18 years has tested positive for COVID-19 they need to wait 12 weeks after the positive PCR test. If they have any COVID-19 symptoms or feeling unwell, please do not come for vaccination. Parents are encouraged to attend with their child, but is not essential. More information can be found here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/consent-to-treatment/children/>

If you need assistance with booking an appointment or have any queries please contact us via email or telephone.

Harpenden Vaccination Centre

Harpenden Public Halls

Southdown Road

Harpenden

AL5 1TE

hertsvalleysccg.harpendenvax@nhs.net

07518796500

Headteacher's Commendations

Headteacher's Commendation Certificates have recently been awarded to the following Year 10 students for excellence in Design Technology:

S Cook

T Lai

G Moseley

L Nightingale

B Riley

I Shaikh

F Stevens

Many congratulations to them!

Congratulations! 

PTA News

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Please make supporting Roundwood Park School PTA your 2022 resolution! It's easy, FREE and makes such a BIG difference to us.

All you need to do is use #easyfundraising to raise FREE donations every time you shop online with over 6,000 retailers. Plus if you sign up, we will receive a £5 bonus donation!



The graphic features the Easyfundraising logo with the tagline 'feel good shopping' and a record of '£38M Raised'. The central text reads 'Help us raise FREE funds every time you shop online'. To the right, an illustration shows a man and a woman with shopping bags, with '££' symbols and hearts floating around them. At the bottom, a yellow banner contains the text: '• You Shop • +6,000 Retailers Donate • For Free'.

Please sign up using the link below:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/roundwoodpark-schoolpta/?invite=9BFKXN&referral_campaign=c2s&utm_source=refsharebox

Roundwood Park PTA

SAVE THE DATE!

26th February 2022

PTA Quiz Night for staff and parents.

Further details to follow subject to Covid Regulations.

Super-Curriculum



This week, three more students were added to our scholars list: two Y9 mathematicians and the first sixth former! They impressed Mr Henshall with the breath of their work and their enthusiasm towards their independent learning.

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?

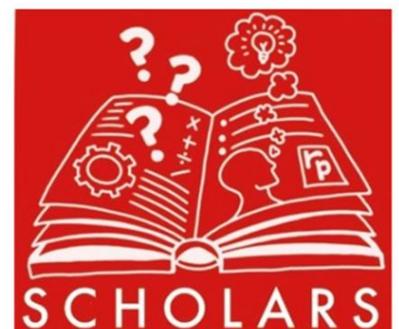
Completing these stretch and challenge tasks will give your child an opportunity to shine. Committing to these learning challenges will help them to develop many Aspire habits too; they will become a more resilient, ambitious and independent learner. These are skills that are sought after by employers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



Park Times

The latest edition of Park Times, which is researched, designed and produced by our Student Leadership Group Communication Captains, has now been published.

Please read it [here](#).



MATILDA....signing off!

As great as it was to get some well-earned rest for all staff and students involved in the school show last term, there was a real vacuum left behind after we closed the curtains on Matilda for a final time. I know that the cast and crew have all felt this and I just wanted to say a final thank you to them. I also wanted to thank all the audience members who took the time to write lovely things to us about their experience. The show was successful on a lot of levels and we owe that to every single person who contributed time, enthusiasm, skill and support. All money raised will be going towards future projects and the maintenance and development of the performance spaces within the school.

Watch this space for news of this term's project that is already underway which involves a cast of 25 Year 9s and 10s developing a piece of new writing for the National Theatre Connections festival in April.

Finally, we would all like to send Miss Dale our very best wishes for her maternity leave, which starts next week - the school will be a less colourful place without you for the next few months!

Mr Mike Garbutt



Winner, Winner Turkey Dinner

Despite many closures, delays and hurdles, RPS Christmas lunches went ahead as planned.

Many thanks to all the staff involved in making this a success, we really couldn't pull it off without you! To name a few: the finance and premises teams, lettings department and many members of SLT, teaching and support staff.



'TELL ME A STORY'

Writing competition for senior school students



Write story **up to** 1,500 words

3 age categories

Prizes for students & schools

Launch Nov 6

Submit entries by Feb 4th 2022

Winners announced March 16th 2022

Prize Presentation TBC

I'm back with a new competition for you to enter...get writing



'TELL ME A STORY'

Themes & Specifications

- **We're challenging students to write an original story up to 1,500 words about one of the following subjects:**
 - What initiatives should the local community and schools be doing to reduce the impact of climate change.
 - How would you survive being washed up on a desert island?
 - A fictitious story on a subject of your own choosing.
 - How you would like to see Harpenden 10 years from now.
 - NB. Your story could be an introduction to a longer piece so you have some flexibility to work with.
- **The judges will be looking for:**
 - An interesting, relevant and original read.
 - It must be your own work
 - It must not have been previously published or used elsewhere
 - No spelling mistakes
 - No more than 1,500 words; 14 point, double-spaced (if typed)
 - Non-fiction work must include sources and references
 - **Language is a powerful weapon, use words well to impress the judges.**



Age Groups, Prizes and Timelines

- The competition will be open to 3 age groups: **11- 13 years;** **14 -15 years** and **16 - 18 years**
- There will be a 1st, 2nd, 3rd prize for each age group
- Prizes will be in the form of Book Tokens of £100, £50 & £25
- Each School with a winner will receive a donation of £100.
- Launch to students on Nov 6 via School web site. facebook etc. With a closing date of Jan 15 2021.
- Schools to check individual entries and select up to 40 final entries, split into the 3 age categories.
- Submit the final entries as A4 PDF's to The Harpenden Society by Feb 4 2022.
- The Judging panel will review each entry and announce winners by March 16 2022.
- Presentation details TBC.



A Judging panel of literary experts

- We have secured the services of 3 literary experts to help with the judging:
- Leigh Russell. Chair CWA Debut Dagger Award; Consultant Royal Literary Fellow. **OVER A MILLION BOOKS SOLD**
- Ion Mills. The owner of No Exit Press and Oldcastle Books, based in Harpenden.
- Amanda Thomas. Author of *The Nonconformist Revolution*, *Cholera: The Victorian Plague*; *The Lambeth Cholera Outbreak of 1848-1849*; Editorial Consultant at Harpendia.com

