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

## Headlines

Dear parents and carers

**“With the new day comes a new strength and new thoughts”**

*Eleanor Roosevelt*

Whilst life is still far from normal and Covid is very much with us, the half term which is drawing to a close has contained much that is rich and wonderful about secondary school life. As we emerged from behind our face coverings and revealed our smiles to the world, clubs, fixtures, maths challenges, a Harry Potter evening, a careers day, house assemblies and house events have all taken place, bringing opportunities for eager participants to mix with students of other ages and backgrounds. The latest of these is Mandela House Charity Week this week. As well as the usual cake sales and the less usual livestreamed leg waxings, we have had much interaction between forms of all ages as they come together for our common, altruistic drive to raise money for good causes and to raise awareness of our chosen charities. I am always impressed by the baking and salesmanship skills of our young people (and sometimes their parents!) which raise money with such zeal and enjoy themselves so much in the process! Well done to all who made, bought, suffered (in the case of leg waxing!) or sold to raise money!

The careers day was a huge success. Talking to employers and students, both enjoyed the interaction and opportunities to ask personal questions in small groups. I would like to thank the employers, many of whom were RPS parents, for giving up their time. It is much appreciated.

Yesterday, we had elections in form time for Head Girl and Head Boy. With so many opportunities to lead and give back taken by these fine young people throughout the years, the choice is going to be a difficult one. For me, RPS is the winner because all candidates will ultimately take their place in the new SLG. They will have a hard act to follow as the current group, ably led by A Holmes, K Stapleton, M Webb and O John, have done so much to improve our school over the last year. Congratulations to them for a job well done as they now turn their attention to their own futures and aspirations.

Next week, school will be finishing on Wednesday. On Thursday and Friday we will have a two day staff conference, with one of the days being at Ashridge Business School. The last two years have been tough for all of us in society, but our way of recognising, thanking and reinvigorating our amazing staff and the adversity they have faced, is to take them to an excellent venue to hear inspirational speakers spur us on to be even better and to remind us that what we do to enhance the lives of our young people is a wonderful calling for us, whatever role we play in school.

At the end of this half term, I want to finish by saying a massive thank you to parents for their continued support, partnership and encouragement. I hope you too get a chance to recharge those batteries in the next week or two.

**Alan Henshall**  
**Headteacher**

## Forthcoming Events & Information

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

Please also follow us on:

**Facebook, Instagram & Twitter**

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

## Half Term

School finishes on Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February at the normal time and students return on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February.

## Vacancies

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

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

## Feedback on Flu Vaccinations

The flu vaccinations team have asked for parental feedback on the recent immunisations:

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/family-feedback>

## Headteacher's Notices

Please could we remind you politely about driving safely near the school. We have had a couple of incidents recently related to the roadworks where drivers have prioritised their own time pressures above keeping children safe. Please treat safety as your utmost priority and allow as much time as you can for your journey, especially whilst the roadworks continue.

We have reluctantly taken the decision not to run the German and French trips this summer for our students. Whilst we regret this, we feel that the rising costs of insurance and uncertainties of the changing policies of the countries concerned have made the running of the trips unfeasible. We have taken this long to make our cancellation announcement officially because we have been trying very hard to make the trips work at a price and risk level which is appropriate for our families. Sadly, we were unable to achieve it. We can guarantee that our default position is to restore workable trips abroad as soon as we can. We are glad that we have been able to run the Iceland geography trip this half term, where the ages of the students, the vaccination status of our students, the insurance prices and policies of the Icelandic government have made this possible. We wish students and staff well on their visit.

# Headteacher's Commendations

Headteacher's Commendation Certificates have recently been awarded to the following students for their outstanding performance in the Youth Speaks competition.

## Year 9

Y Rampersad

E Roberts

T Veitch

## Year 10

J Binning

I Marke

M Piepgrass



**Many congratulations to them!**



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## PTA QUIZ NIGHT

**Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> February 2022**

**7.30pm in the School Hall**

£10 per person (max 8 per team, over 18's only).

£1 per bottle corkage. Please bring your own drinks & snacks. (glasses provided)

**Our popular Quiz Night is back and COVID safe.**

Get together with friends and family to form a team of maximum 8 people or we can arrange a team for you.

**There will be limited ticket sales due to COVID so please book early.**

**Tickets can be purchased by emailing [pta@roundwoodpark.co.uk](mailto:pta@roundwoodpark.co.uk).** Detailing:

- No of tickets (max 8 per table)
- Team Name (if whole group)
- Lead Name of group

We will be asking for payment direct to the PTA bank account to reduce admin.

The proceeds from this event will go towards the current fundraising campaign to upgrade the school library.

**Any questions please email [pta@roundwoodpark.co.uk](mailto:pta@roundwoodpark.co.uk)**

# RPS PTA Newsletter

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**Our next Second Hand Uniform sale will be on..  
Sat 12<sup>th</sup> March 2022**  
in the school Hall **2.30pm-4pm**

Please drop off donations to school reception, in particular we are keen to receive good quality laundered summer shirts and PE kits.

## PTA DONATIONS

You can also support our PTA fundraising campaign by donating on

**Parent Pay** or by **Standing Order**

(Barclays, Sort Code 20 74 09, Account 20784508)

## PTA SCHOOL FUNDRAISER

Roundwood Park PTA have begun their next fundraising campaign following the successful purchase of a new school minibus.

**We have contributed towards the new Learning Zone and are now fundraising for the remaining library refurbishments..**

Donations can be made via Parent pay : **£2 library book/ £10 library seating/ £20 library shelving**

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Not signed up to donate whilst you shop? Don't delay support your school today.



**<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/275739-0>**



**<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/roundwoodparkschoolpta>, or get the App or browser extension Donation reminder which reminds you when a donation is available.**

# School Hygiene Bank Collection

**From Mon 31<sup>st</sup> Jan to Wed 9<sup>th</sup> Feb we will be collecting for our local hygiene bank in school.**

The Harpenden and St Albans hygiene bank is a local charity who are trying to **end hygiene poverty**.

Hygiene poverty is not being able to afford many of the everyday hygiene and personal grooming products most of us take for granted.

The Harpenden hygiene bank supports local charity partners such as Azalea, Harpenden Cares, the St Albans & District Foodbank. They also support local schools and colleges such as Oaklands College.

**Each form in Years 7-11 will have a box in their form room, and there will be a large box in the Sixth Form Common Room for Years 12-13.** This is a house competition and there will be a prize for the form which collects the most.

**We are looking for new, unused and in-date toiletry items.**  
Basic is best!

For example: toothpaste, toothbrush (child/adult), shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, shaving foam, deodorant, hairbrush, hair ties, sanitary products, nappies, baby wipes, toilet roll, laundry detergent.



# Learning Support Parent Questionnaire

If you have a child in the school with Special Educational Needs and/or Disabilities (SEND), we would be grateful if you could please complete a short questionnaire, via the link below, in order for us to ensure we continue to provide the best support for our SEND students.

<https://forms.gle/1JpAHf2UGjMxWfTF8>

We will also be inviting students with SEND to complete a similar questionnaire.

Thank you for your time.

**Hollie Hall**  
**SENDCo**



# Introducing our new Parent Governor

## **Chris Kenny** **Parent Governor**

I am a Masters Business graduate and Chartered Manager, who initially trained as an apprentice in engineering before starting my commercial career in 1985, firstly in a sales and marketing capacity before moving into General Management. I have since managed a variety of businesses within the business to business services sector, running divisions within large global corporate organisations and smaller independent enterprises.



I became a partner & Chief Operating Officer of an international IT and Pharmaceutical staffing business with offices across Europe, whilst also joining the Board of the REC as a Non-Executive Director and Chair of the Professional Standards Committee.

Following a successful management buy-out, I entered into the training and education industry, fulfilling my passion for working with and developing young people. Starting initially as a Programme Manager, I qualified as an Assessor, IQA and teacher before progressing through the company and now apply my blend of commercial & business acumen, love of all things learning and keen operational and practical experience to ensure effective, quality and meaningful training programmes are delivered. In 2020, I completed a management buy-out of this company and have taken on a Directorial position to drive the strategic direction and growth of this business.

I currently have two sons at Roundwood Park School.

# Year 10 PSHCE Careers Investigator Day

On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February, Year 10 took part in a Careers Investigator day as part of their PSHCE programme.

Students spent the morning researching different career and pathway options using Unifrog and also had the pleasure of being able to speak to twenty external speakers who gave up their time to come in and share their stories with our students.

The wide range of career sectors represented on the day gave students plenty to think about and has helped them move towards planning their next steps.

In addition to the informative research sessions, the Year 10 work shadowing day was launched to students. Letters will be going out to parents shortly to explain more about this exciting opportunity scheduled for later this year.

Many thanks to our external speakers who kindly came in to help us with this day, we are extremely grateful. Getting to hear first-hand experiences from employers is a vital part of the careers education we offer students at Roundwood Park.

If you would like to get involved with helping us with a future careers event, face to face or virtual please get in touch via [careers@roundwoodpark.co.uk](mailto:careers@roundwoodpark.co.uk)

*Sarah Hilliard*  
*Subject Leader of Careers*



# National Apprenticeship Week

Mon 7th Feb- Sun 13<sup>th</sup> Feb 2022



**National Apprenticeship Week 2022** is the 15th annual week-long celebration of apprenticeships.

The week brings together businesses and apprentices across the country to shine a light on the positive impact that apprenticeships make to individuals, businesses and the wider economy.

The theme for National Apprenticeship Week 2022 will be '**build the future**'; reflecting on how apprenticeships can help individuals to develop the skills and knowledge required for a rewarding career, and businesses to develop a talented workforce that is equipped with future-ready skills.

To find out more about the nationwide events taking place during this please visit:

<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/influencers/naw-2022>

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EXCELLENCE

## RPS 'Virtual' Apprenticeship Evening

*Save the date!* On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March at 6.30pm Roundwood Park School welcomes three guest speakers to talk about Apprenticeships. This session is aimed at parents to introduce them to apprenticeships, and to present this pathway as a credible option for any student to take post-16 or post-18. Students are also welcome to join.

To register your interest in this virtual event, please email [careers@roundwoodpark.co.uk](mailto:careers@roundwoodpark.co.uk)



If you are interested in finding out more about the different apprenticeships on offer, you can browse and apply here:

<https://www.apprenticeships.gov.uk/apprentices/browse-apprenticeships>

**QUIZ:** Click this link for a fun quiz to work out which apprenticeship is being described & find out more:

[Which Apprenticeship Am I?](#)



# Trampolining Squad Head to Nationals

Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> January saw the Roundwood Park Trampolining Squad compete at Brentwood in the Zonal Trampolining competition. The squad set off at 7:30am ready for the full day ahead. Nerves were high, mixed with feelings of excitement. The first to compete were 10-14 Boys Inter, 10-14 Girls Inter, and the 7-8 Girls Novice setting the tone for the rest of the day ahead. It was a day of huge successes and amazing results.

Year 7-8 Girls Novice A team as Zonal Champions with K.Upjohn in 1<sup>st</sup> and J.Qureshi in 3<sup>rd</sup> and the B team placing in 4<sup>th</sup>

Year 9-10 Girls Novice also Zonal Champions with E.Sandilands in 2<sup>nd</sup> and I.Turner placing in 5<sup>th</sup>

Year 9-10 Boys Novice placed L.Nightingale in 3<sup>rd</sup>

Year 11-14 Girls Novice Zonal Champions with I.Glennie in 1<sup>st</sup> and B.Colyer in 2<sup>nd</sup>

Year 10-14 Boys Intermediate Zonal Champions with E.Lowry 1<sup>st</sup>

Year 10-14 Girls Intermediate placing 4<sup>th</sup>

Out of the 24 individuals competing, 17 will be going through to compete in the National Finals in March. It was a fantastic day, well done to everyone who bounced!



# Hertfordshire Secondary Schools Inter-District Swimming Championships

**The Hertfordshire Secondary Schools' Inter-District  
Swimming Championships is to be held on  
Friday 25th March, 2022.**

**At Watford Woodside pool starting at 7.30pm  
(7.00pm warm-up).**

Entry for consideration is made by using the online form below.

<http://www.stassa.org.uk/---entry-for-consideration.html>

Selection is based on times (from Swim England Rankings or submitted times if needed).

**The deadline for submission is Thursday 3rd March, 2022** (to enable time for team selection and submission to the Herts Schools Swimming Association).

Swimmers selected for the St Albans District team will be informed by **Sunday 6th March, 2022.**

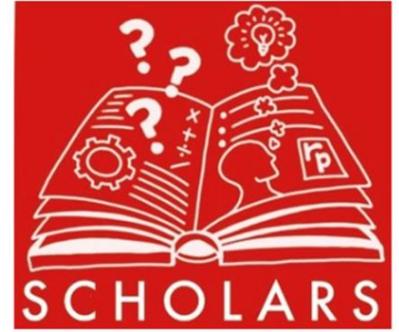
**Mrs Porter  
PE**

# 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](#)



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Interested in becoming a teacher in Hertfordshire? To find out more about the School Direct route come along to our virtual information event.



Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March  
Online Webinar (register for the link)  
5.30pm -6.45pm



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afgtpenquiries@sandringham.herts.sch.uk  
www.albanfederation.com



Register <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/243724706157>



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Primary Trainee 2019/20

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*Come along on and meet our friendly and experienced staff and explore our fabulous Forest School, School Gardens and our inside and outside learning spaces.*

*We currently offer spaces for children 3 years and older. This is a great opportunity to put younger children's names on the waiting list.*

*\*Contact Roundwood Nursery to book your space*

Roundwood Primary School, Roundwood Park, Harpenden, Herts. AL5 3AD  
Tel: 01582 460756

e-mail: [admin@roundwoodprimary.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admin@roundwoodprimary.herts.sch.uk)



<https://roundwoodprimary.herts.sch.uk/>



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# Half Term Soccer Camp



15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> February 2022 – Ages 9-16



Watford Ladies FC are pleased to announce their February Half Term soccer camp which will take place at Queens' School, Bushey 9:30am-12:30 Tuesday 15th - Thursday 17th February.

You can look forward to lots of great football and fun with our outstanding UEFA coaches so book early so you don't miss out.

To register please use the link below:

<https://www.watfordladiesfc.com/camp-feb22>

**WWW.WATFORDLADIESFC.COM**

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# Free Playing Out Information Sessions



Make your street a place to play and meet

Weds 23rd February 8pm or Mon 28th February 11am  
on Zoom

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

*Find out how to apply to close your street to through traffic for play and community building up to 8 times a year at one of these free, informal sessions 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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# Get Playing

at Roundwood Park School

We have an exciting new opportunity to 'Get Playing' musical instruments via FREE taster lessons for 1/2 a term, including the loan of an instrument .

The Get Playing project has the ambition to enable and inspire 2,000 young people in Hertfordshire to start instrumental music lessons and we would like to offer an exciting opportunity to get into music.



**Music is good for your brain**  
Regularly singing or playing an instrument is linked with improvements in your brain, especially memory and focus.  
#HMSGetPlaying



**Music is rewarding**  
Improving musical skills takes time, patience, and perseverance, but the rewards are significant – the more you put in, the more you get out.  
#HMSGetPlaying

At Roundwood Park School we are going to be offering **half a term of free group lessons** for those who don't already learn these instruments.

## Trumpet, French horn, Clarinet, Alto Sax, Trombone, Tuba.

We will **loan you the instrument for free**, over the duration of the lessons, and if you choose to continue lessons the loan will continue for the rest of the year.



**Music makes you smile**  
Music helps with confidence and self-esteem, and plays an important part in nurturing a positive attitude to life.  
#HMSGetPlaying



To sign up please visit <https://surveys.hertfordshire.gov.uk/s/GetPlaying/> or scan the QR code



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GOOD NEWS! WE HAVE NEW 12 WEEK COURSES STARTING NEAR YOU WEEK COMMENCING 21ST FEBRUARY.

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**CLICK HERE OR SCAN THE QR CODE WITH YOUR SMARTPHONE CAMERA TO SIGN UP FOR YOUR FAMILY'S FREE PLACE**



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
<b>WELWYN</b> Ridgeway Academy 17:00 - 19:00	<b>STEVENAGE</b> Barnwell Middle School 17:30 - 19:30	<b>CHESHUNT</b> Goff's Academy 17:00 - 19:00	<b>WATFORD</b> Knutsford Primary School 17:30 - 19:30
<b>HARPENDEN</b> Katherine Warrington School 17:30 - 19:30		<b>HEMEL HEMPSTEAD</b> Longdean School 17:30 - 19:30	<b>HERTFORD</b> The Sele School 17:30 - 19:30
<b>BOREHAMWOOD</b> Allum Hall 17:00 - 19:00			
<b>ONLINE</b> Age 9 - 12 17:30 - 18:30	<b>ONLINE</b> Age 5 - 8 16:30 - 17:30	<b>ONLINE</b> Age 5 - 8 17:30 - 18:30	<b>ONLINE</b> Age 9 - 12 16:30 - 17:30

## HAPPY LUNAR NEW YEAR!

### LETS MAKE CHICKEN CHINESE NOODLES

CELEBRATE THE YEAR OF THE TIGER WITH THIS CHINESE INSPIRED NOODLE DISH!

**WHAT YOU'LL NEED:**

- 200g mushrooms, sliced
- 4 spring onions, sliced
- 2 peppers, seeds removed and cut into strips
- 150g sugar snap peas
- 3 skinless, boneless chicken breasts, diced
- 340g egg noodles
- 2tbsp reduced sugar or "light" sweet chilli sauce
- 1 ½ tbsp. reduced salt soy sauce

**WHAT TO DO:**

- Wash and cut your vegetables. Put them in a bowl and set aside for later.
- Cut the chicken into bite size pieces.
- Heat 1tbsp of vegetable oil in a large frying pan, then stir- fry the chicken for about 3 mins until golden and cooked through.
- Add all the vegetables, stir and cook until the vegetables have softened.
- While the vegetables and chicken are cooking, prepare your noodles following the packet instructions. Place noodles into a large pan and cover with boiling water. Simmer for 4 mins, loosening the noodles with a fork. Drain well in a sieve.
- Add the noodles, sweet chilli and soy sauce to the frying pan and toss everything together for a final 2 mins of cooking. Serve straight away and enjoy!



[beezeebodies.com](http://beezeebodies.com)

BeeZee Families

01707 248648



# Children and air pollution. What should I worry about? And what can I do?



## Guest Speaker Dr. Abigail Whitehouse

Academic Clinical Lecturer in the Queen Mary,(London),University  
Centre for Genomics and Child Health.

will discuss the effects of air pollution on children, present the latest research, and advise on how we can all act to improve the air we breathe.

**A 45 minute presentation followed by 45 minute Q&A**

## Public Meeting

7.30pm start Thursday

April 21

Katherine Warrington

School

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