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

Headlines

Dear parents and carers

As we reach the end of a busy half term, I would like to thank you for all your support in the many curricular and extra-curricular activities that have taken place.

We are very grateful to all of the students for filling in the sexual harm survey that we did last week. The results were very positive and we will share the outcomes with you in due course.

On Wednesday evening it was our great pleasure to welcome back last year's Year 13 students to receive their certificates and the many awards they have achieved. It was lovely talking to parents and students and finding out what they have been up to since they left school. Thank you for the many comments about how we handled the Teacher Assessed Grades (TAG) process last year which allowed the students to progress to the next stage of their lives. I would also like to thank the excellent Student Leadership Group for helping with the catering arrangements and to

Julie Jefferies in the Sixth Form team for organising the whole event and for making the hall look so amazing.

We played two district cup finals this week. The Year 7 boys played magnificently against Sandringham and, whilst defeated, they played some excellent football and conducted themselves superbly. The senior girls' team were stoic in defeat and kept going to the end against a very fine Beaumont side. Congratulations to both teams for reaching the final.

It only leaves me to wish you a lovely Easter holiday and we will see you next term.

Alan Henshall
Headteacher

Roundwood Park Prayer Group

A group of Christian parents meet to pray every half term for staff, students and school life at Roundwood Park. If you would like to join any future meetings please contact:

Sadie Chamberlain - 07400 544547

Forthcoming Events & Information

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

Please also follow us on:

Facebook, Instagram & Twitter

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 email us at

absence@roundwoodpark.co.uk

Lost Property

Please can all parents/carers check that their child has the correct items of property. We have been contacted by a number of parents advising of missing items and it could be that another student has picked up the incorrect item by mistake. Please ensure all property is clearly labelled with the student's full name to prevent any mix ups!

End of Term Arrangements

Term ends at 3.20pm on **Friday 1st April**. We return to school on **Tuesday 19th April**. **Please ensure students return to school in Summer uniform after the Easter break.**

Please refer to the website for a full breakdown on summer uniform:

<https://roundwoodpark.co.uk/wpc-content/uploads/2019/04/Uniform-List-2019.pdf>

New Parent Governors

Following the recent Parent Governor election we are pleased to announce that **Eve Audis** and **Mark Franklin** have both been appointed to the governing board. Thank you to the parents who put their names forward for the position and all those who voted in the election.

Dropping off Equipment

Please can we ask parents and carers **NOT** to bring in forgotten bags/home learning/equipment during the school day. It is so important that students learn good organisational skills and check that they have everything they need before they leave home in the morning. We do not have the capacity to store or deliver these items.

Payment Reminders

Residential Trips

KS4 MFL Trip to Madrid
7-11 Oct 22
£250 deposit due by 19th April 22

Liverpool Geography Trip Y12
11-15 Jul 22
£280 balance due by 22nd April 22

South Wales Geography Trip Y10
21-24 Jun 22
£190 balance due by 22nd April 22

Preston Montford Biology Trip Y12
29 Jun – 1 Jul 22
£200 balance due by 30th April 22

Jay Peaks Ski Trip 23
31 Mar – 9 Apr 22
2nd interim instalment £350 due by 30th April 22

Holland Football Tour 23
3-7 April 23
2nd Interim instalment £125 due by 17th April 22

Day Trips

Year 9 Theatre Trip
The Play That Goes Wrong
14th July 2022
Deadline for payment is 1st April 2022 – Limited Places
Please also ensure permission is given on Operoo
This has also been opened up to Year 8 for the last remaining spaces, on a first come first served basis.

Year 10 Theatre Trip
An Inspector Calls
28th September 2022
Deadline for payment is 30th April 2022 – Limited Places
Please also can you ensure permission is given on Operoo

Protocols for contact between parents and staff at Roundwood Park School

Roundwood Park works closely with its parent and carer body and values the support it gets from parents and carers. We will always seek to make at least an initial response to any concerns within two working days during term time. We may need to investigate any concern and respond more fully later if appropriate or necessary. Staff are not expected to respond to requests in the evenings, at weekends or during school holidays unless it is an emergency such as a child protection issue or a bereavement. Please remember that some staff work part-time and may not be able to respond within 48 hours. Our advice on these occasions is to copy in the Headteacher. During August, enquiries about exams will be taken at various times as published on our website.

If it is an issue with a class or subject, please email the subject teacher and copy in the head of subject if you wish.

If it is a personal or social issue, please contact your child's form tutor and copy in the head of year if you wish.

If it is a child protection issue, please contact the Designated Teachers for Safeguarding:

Martina Mansfield (DSP)
Paula Cunningham (Deputy DSP)
Laura Davies (Deputy DSP)
Jennie Hall (Deputy DSP)
Tracey McAlinney (Deputy DSP)
Sue Wilkins (Deputy DSP)

In all correspondence between staff and parents we ask both parties to be courteous at all times. Our staff are professionals and deserve to be treated with respect and dignity, even if there is disagreement over the best way forward.

NB: We advise colleagues that good practice would be to copy in their line manager in any response they make via email or letter.

Review date: December 2022

RPS PTA Newsletter

Want to find out how you can support the school more and meet other RPS parents?

Have an idea for a PTA event/ activity?

Please come along to our next PTA meeting.

Tuesday 26th April 2022, 7pm
in the school reception meeting room.

More details email pta@roundwood park.co.uk.



Next Second Hand Uniform sale will be

Sat 16th July 2022
in the school Hall **12.30pm-2pm**

We welcome your donations to support this event, so if you have a Year 11 child who is leaving or just have outgrown school uniform, please drop off your good quality laundered school logo uniform at the school reception.

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

Still 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.

Intermediate Maths Challenge

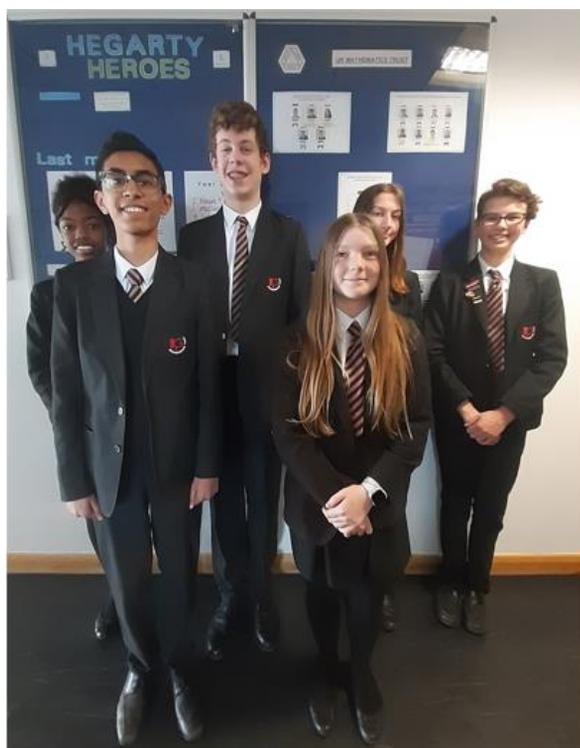
This year we entered our top set students from Year 9, 10 and 11 for the UKMT. This award encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency in using basic mathematical techniques to solve interesting problems. The problems are designed to make students think and challenge their thought processes.

Many of our students were awarded a mixture of bronze, silver and gold certificates for their scores in the challenge but T Lai (10S) got the best results in the school. Thirty students were further selected for the follow on rounds: Pink Kangaroo, Grey Kangaroo or the more prestigious Cayley challenge.

Special congratulations to **J Howie (9GT)**, **I Turner (9M)** who received a merit in the Grey Kangaroo and to **D Gaches (10F)**, **T Lai (10S)** and **B Wake (10W)** who were awarded a merit in the Pink Kangaroo. Special mention also goes to **B Taylor-Rose (9O)** who was selected for the very prestigious Cayley challenge.

The Intermediate Kangaroo challenge is an extremely difficult challenge. All of our students did exceptionally well to compete in this prestigious award.

Well done and congratulations!



Scholars

Mr Henshall awarded more five more scholars badges this week.

Five Year 7 students have worked really hard on their super-curriculum projects. They gave thorough, interesting, engaging presentations of their work to Mrs Martin and the SLG.

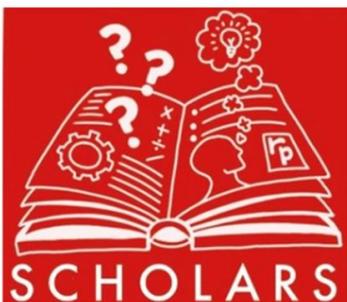
They have visited places, researched aplenty, read tons, created and learned along the way. All of their learning has been enrichment to the curriculum taught in school.

Rose said “Even though I struggle with maths. I am proud how I have learned in maths this year and so I wanted to find out more about the subject”.



If you would like to find out more about how to become an RPS Scholar, see:

<https://roundwoodpark.co.uk/super-curriculum/>

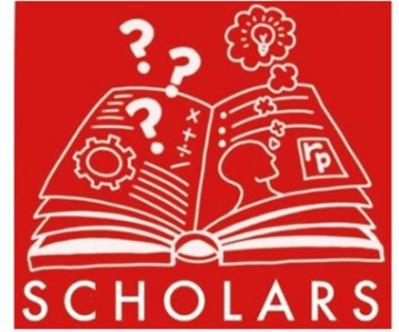


Super-Curriculum

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](#)

RPS Trampoline Squad National Success

What more can we say? After 2 years of uncertainty, no venues and disrupted training we were all seriously doubting whether there would actually be a full 3-stage competition this year and whether anyone would be in a fit state to compete. After fighting through the regional and zonal rounds, over 550 gymnasts descended upon Kings School in Macclesfield and proceeded to amaze everyone with their skill and aerial precision over 10 hours of competition on Saturday 12th March. The RPS trampoline squad have been working hard all year to get to these finals.

We had a tremendous day of success with the senior boys and girls team being crowned National Champion, Yr 9-10 girls placing in 2nd, and Yr 7-8 girls were 6th. L Nightingale was 3rd in his age group. There was no shortage of love and support between the whole RPS team.

Thank you to the staff that gave up their time to come with us and to our coaches too.



RPS Trampoline Squad News

Congratulations to the following gymnasts who have been awarded **gymnasts of the month** for their hard work and excellent progress:

January – Jemima Q

February – Izzy T

**March – Elle B and
Bri-Ann C**



Congratulations to **Evie S, Anna R-W and Izzy T** who have completed and passed their British Gymnastics trampoline helper award!



RPS Catering - Sustainability

Vegware is a manufacturer and visionary brand, the global specialist in plant-based compostable foodservice packaging. Their award-winning products are known for their quality, performance and design.

Vegware is sold in over 70 countries, with distribution throughout Europe, the Middle East, South America, and the Caribbean, and operational bases in the UK, USA, Hong Kong and Australia. They work with the world's largest contract caterers and distributors, helping foodservice establishments meet their sustainability goals.

Here at Roundwood Park School Catering we are committed to continually improving our offer making all food choices accessible embracing the '**Grab & Go**' preference of our students.

We are mindful of the impact on the environment and have worked hard to use up many on stock plastics and are now making sustainable swaps for new products.

Mrs Jacobs
Catering Manager



Calling All String Players!

After Easter, we will be starting a string ensemble for all string players:



violin
viola
cello
double bass



It will be led by Katy Wilmshurst, our violin teacher and everyone is welcome, whatever your level.

You don't have to learn in school to take part.
We will be playing all sorts of music from classical to film music.

So come along to MU1 on Thursday lunchtimes at 1:40!

The holidays might be just around the corner, but we are still busily adding resources to the Tooled Up library. In fact, the Easter break provides the perfect opportunity for tweens and teens to use our updated 14 day [Wellbeing Journal](#). Following useful feedback from some of the young people who've enjoyed it, we've changed things up and given it a new, more usable, booklet format. [Check it out now!](#)

We can't believe that we've recorded nearly 100 podcasts with leading researchers from around the world! We've just published number 95, a fascinating interview with [Dr Rory Devine](#) about interacting with children during the early years, where we learnt lots of simple ways that parents and educators can make a positive difference to outcomes.

In response to a request from our community, we've also added two simple activities to encourage primary-aged children to seek help when they need it. One encourages them to name [five people who are there to support them](#) and the other nudges them to [consider what might make them reluctant to ask for help](#) (the latter can be used as a prompt for discussion in class or at home).

If you've got a YouTube lover in the house, you might want to read our latest [Wednesday Wisdom](#) and our March [Researcher of the Month](#) posts. Both focus on fascinating new research examining the impact of influencers and advertising on children and young people and are eye-opening stuff!

We hope you all enjoy some R&R over the break. Should you hear the dreaded phrase, "I'm bored", don't forget that we have [just the thing to help](#) in the library

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20 January 2021



100 Things to Suggest
if Your Child
Complains They Are
Bored

FEATURED

29 March 2022



What Stops Me
Asking for Help?

FEATURED

27 March 2022



Dr Weston Talks with
Dr Rory Devine:
Interacting with
Children in the Early
Years

FEATURED

29 March 2022



Five Fingers of
Support: My Helping
Hand

15 April 2021



My Wellbeing Journal



RedbournFunRun.co.uk

1km, 3km & 5km
Plus relay races

Redbourn Fun Run



Redbourn Leisure Centre
Sunday 8th May - 10am

Sponsored By



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Redbourn
Community Group
Connecting and
supporting the village



Redbourn Fun Run

The sixth year of the Redbourn Fun Run is set to be another great event. The 1km, 3km, 5km and relay races will be back once again motivating the community to get fit and raise money for local causes, while enjoying a fabulous day out for all the family!

All races will start in the grounds of Redbourn Leisure Centre and children in school years 2 - 6 can sign up in teams of 4 to compete in the relay races.



RUN REDBOURN!



All runners will be presented with a bespoke Redbourn Fun Run medal and a trophy for the fastest in each race.

After running or supporting we have plenty of activities and stalls for you all to enjoy.

All proceeds from the event will go to Redbourn Primary School and The Amy Robinson Charitable Foundation.

See more details on the website and follow us on Facebook and Twitter for all the latest news and updates.

Register now at RedbournFunRun.co.uk

Don't forget to join the Run Redbourn! group on Facebook to support your training - there to motivate and support runners at all levels.

This Run is Made For Fun!



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ROCK & ROLL RIVALS & DISCO DIVAS



COME AND JOIN US!
THREE DAYS OF DRAMA, GAMES & CRAFTS

£63.00 PP / £32.00 PER SIBLING

Plus optional £6.00 hot
lunchtime meal pp per day
(advanced payment only)



5TH APRIL - 7TH APRIL

St Mary's Church Hall, Hemel Hempstead HP1 3AE
from 10:00am - 3:00pm
For ages 7 - 13 years

12TH - 14TH APRIL

Elstree Screen Arts Academy, Borehamwood WD6 5NN
from 10:00am - 3:00pm
For ages 9 - 16

Partnered with

Hertfordshire's
Holiday Activity Programme



Contact to book: admin@hit-theatre.org.uk / 01923216951
www.hit-theatre.org.uk



Easter Soccer Camp

12th-14th April 2022

Ages 9-16

Watford Ladies FC are pleased to announce their Easter soccer camp which will take place at Queens' School, Bushey 9:30am-12:30 Tuesday 12th - Thursday 14th April.

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

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To register please use the link below:

<https://www.watfordladiesfc.com/camp-apr22>





Free Playing Out Information Sessions



Make your street a place to play and meet
Fri 22nd April 10.30am or Mon 25th April 8.00pm
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 | playingout@sustainablestalbans.org



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HARPENDEN
CHORAL
SOCIETY

Registered Charity
Number 275986

Conductor
Deborah
Miles-Johnson

Piano
Vivien Powles



**making
music**

SATURDAY 23 APRIL 2022

HIGH STREET METHODIST CHURCH, HARPENDEN

HARPENDEN CHORAL SOCIETY
INVITES YOU TO

COME & SING VERDI'S REQUIEM

- Registration from 10.30am
- Workshop from 11.00am to 3.30pm
- Non-members and members welcome
- Score and buffet lunch included in ticket price

Tickets: Adults £17 in advance, £20 on the door. Students (18 or over) £10 in advance, £12 on the door. Available from Creature Comforts, Vaughan Road, Harpenden AL5 4EF and from the Box Office Manager on 01582 462024 or email tickets@harpendenchoralsociety.org Alternatively, book online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/harpendenchoralsociety