

13 May 2022



Head's Up

Dear parents and carers,

The Year 11 and Year 13 leavers' days this week have been really enjoyable and a fitting tribute to two wonderful year groups. We wish the students well as they start their exams and remind them that we are here to support them throughout.

Please enjoy a few photos of the celebrations below, and have a nice weekend.

A Henshall

Alan Henshall



Visit our [website](#) to see more photos and videos from both Leavers Events

What's On

- 16 May - Yr 12 Work Placement Week
- 16 May - GCSE & A Level Exams begin
- 20 May - World Challenge Meeting (Virtual)
- 21 May - Exam Week Yrs 7 & 8
- 26 May - Jubilee Celebration Day
- 27 May - Sports Day
- 6 June - INSET Day
- 7 June - Exam Week Yrs 7 & 8
- 10 June - Non Uniform Day

Please check our [SCHOOL CALENDAR](#) for all key dates and school events

Letters Home

10 May - Uniform Review: Parent Survey

Please visit our [WEBSITE](#) to see all letters home

Notice

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



The Great Big Dance Off 2022

We had the pleasure of taking 15 students to the regional heats of the National Schools Dance Competition at the Beck Theatre in Hayes earlier this week. They were phenomenal and a credit to the school, we are very proud of them all. With some very strong competition, our performance resulted in 5th place (with one of the judges scoring them as the best group in their category, which was fantastic). The concept was *children in a concentration camp* and the lyrics of the song ('It was Lovely' by Billie Eilish & Khalid), chosen by the girls, really did fit the performance. The squad has worked so hard since September and after the originally scheduled date was postponed, have stayed focussed and determined to deliver their best.

Our congratulations for their fantastic performance, attitude and resilience go to R. Godbee, C. Baily, E. Burdett, I. Kinnon, A. Lever P. Watson, E. Fox, R. West, M. Lumb, E. Corran, E. Larkins, M. Ithier B, Brady, M. Sparshott and J. Binning. Well done team!

Interhouse Trampolining

It was our Interhouse Trampolining competition last week and as always, the standard was extremely high. Well done to all of our students involved - and a shout out to MANDELA HOUSE for finishing top of the podium this time.

Current Housepoint Standings



262



247



241



232



223



219



218

Wellbeing@RPS

This week was Mental Health Awareness Week and the focus this year is on Loneliness. Sadly experienced by so many more people due to effects of the pandemic.

All students watched a presentation in form time opening discussion around our mental health and pointing them towards people and organisations that can help should they need it.

Visit our Wellbeing page on the school website where you can find out all about our Five Ways to Wellbeing...



Trips & Visits

- 21-24 Jun 22 - South Wales Geog Trip Yr10
- 11-15 Jul 22 - Liverpool Geog Trip Yr12
- 29 Jun-1 Jul - Preston Montford Biology Trip Yr 12
- 7-11 Oct 22 - KS4 Trip to Madrid
- 31 Mar-9 Apr 23 - Jay Peaks Ski Trip 2023
- 3-7 Apr 23 - Holland Football Tour 2023

PTA News

If you have any good quality, laundered uniform (with logo) that you are able to donate, please drop it in to Reception

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

SATURDAY 16 July 2022
12.30-14.00



To keep up to date on all the latest school news and see what your young people are up to, click the logo links and give us a like or follow on social media:



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Sports Day 2022

Our PE Department hosts this year's Sports Day on Friday 27 May. This is a day of house athletics with students leaving lessons to compete through the morning before an early lunch (12:20pm) and then an afternoon on the field together to watch the final events, including the much anticipated relays.

Things to know for the day:

- All students are permitted to attend school in PE kit
- Any additional items, worn for warmth, should mainly be black and/or red in colour
- Students should bring a water bottle that can be filled up throughout the day
- Hats should be brought in, in case of hot weather in the afternoon
- Sun cream will be needed and students should re-apply it throughout the day

Our Sports Day is designed to be a balance of competition and participation, so please emphasise the importance of full engagement to your children. It's always a lovely community event to round out the half-term and we're very much looking forward to it.



Meet our Student Leaders

In this edition we would like you to meet our **Deputy Head Girl, Emma** and our **Deputy Head Boy, Gabe**...

"Hi everyone, we are Emma and Gabe, and this year we are your Deputy Head Students! As well as undertaking these roles, we are lucky enough to be a Frank House Captain (Emma) and an Environment Captain (Gabe). As deputies we are working closely alongside Head Boy Zak and Head Girl Charlie - as well as the rest of the SLG. We have also been working on our own projects such as: refocusing the awareness of the House Points system and creating a more engaging and immersive science garden. We can't wait to see what is in store for us over the coming year!"



Careers Corner

Upcoming Events:

Monday 16 -20 May 2022
Y12 Work Placement Week

Monday 13 June 2022
Year 10 Work Shadowing Day

Opportunities:

[Business, Finance and Technology Apprenticeships](#)

[NHS Insight Evenings hosted by Addenbrookes Hospital](#)

Job of the Week:

Trainee Accountant, St Albans
Immediate start

[CLICK HERE](#)

Follow us on Twitter for the latest Careers news!



RPS Scholars

On Tuesday, three more Y7 students were awarded scholars badges after presenting their impressive super-curriculum work to Mr Henshall. He was impressed to hear about music compositions, whole family trips geocaching and lots of sporting endeavours. Huge congratulations to O. Gache, E.Wright and E. Broadbent who join our growing list of RPS Scholars.

To find out how to become an RPS Scholar, explore the super curriculum information which can be found on our website -

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New Parent Governors



We would like to welcome two new Parent Governors to Roundwood Park - Eve Audis and Mark Franklin. They come to us with a wealth of knowledge and experience and of course with children at RPS themselves, are already valued members of our community.

Please visit the [Governors page on our website](#) for more information on our Governing Board and various Committees, as well as not only Mark and Eve's resumes, but all those currently serving on the Board.

We thank them all for the work they do and the support they give our school.



Community News

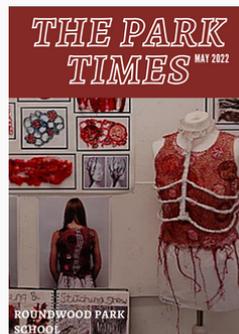
Please follow the links below for further information...

- [Harpenden's Celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee](#)
- [Harpenden & Wheathampstead District Scouts seeking volunteers](#)
- [Active Summer Camps at Beechwood School, St Albans](#)
- [St Albans Annual Sustainability Festival 15-31 May](#)
- [Talking Teens Free Parental Course](#)

Park Times - OUT NOW!

The latest edition of our online student magazine, Park Times, is OUT NOW! Researched, designed and produced by our SLG Communication Captains; Faith Moss and Josie Salmon, it's jam packed full with information on charity weeks, school clubs and initiatives, current affairs as well as some fantastic, and very thought provoking, articles written by students from across the school. We hope you enjoy it!

[READ IT HERE](#)



We are hiring!
 Teachers (inc ECTS) -
 Maths, Chemistry, & MF Languages
 Deputy Head of Maths
 Head of Year (KS5)
 Support Staff -
 Cover Supervisor
 Time Table Coordinator
 Café Supervisor
 All current vacancies
 are advertised on our [website](#)

Focus On: Geography Club

Geography Club has been very active this term, planting seeds and plants in our new science garden and spreading the word across the school community on how, and why, we should be choosing Fair Trade products. They also joined a number of other local schools to protest on Harpenden High Street in order to raise awareness of the climate crisis we are facing. We are very proud of their passion in wanting to make a difference.



Visit our [website](#) to see the full summer term clubs programme