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Head's Up

Dear parents and carers,

The academic year is moving at an incredible pace, and we find ourselves at that poignant moment where we bid farewell to our Year 11 and Year 13 students. It was a pleasure to welcome Year 11 families to Wednesday's Leavers' Assembly; these students leave us as resilient, confident individuals ready for their next adventure. My thanks go to Miss Moxham and her tutor team for organising such a memorable send-off.

Today, we also celebrated our Year 13 leavers. This cohort has made an indelible mark on Roundwood Park. With our largest Student Leadership Government to date, they have truly enhanced our House system leaving behind a vibrant legacy, including the unforgettable Colour Run. Also, from Year 13, I'd like to offer my congratulations to Yash R for winning the Bill Hewetson Memorial Prize presented by the local Rotary club. Following a lovely dinner, Yash was recognised for his outstanding contributions to our community. Well done Yash - it was great to see you receive recognition for your outstanding work!

Last week's Spring Concert was also a seasonal highlight. The finale, which brought together our choirs, bands and orchestra, was truly spectacular. Thank you to Mrs McPhun, Ms Dyde and Ms Prince for their dedication and hard work in pulling this event together. We also shared a special goodbye with our Year 13 musicians, many of whom have performed with us since Year 7. We wish them all the best, particularly Owen and Oscar as they pursue Music at university.

As we head into the exam season, we wish all our students the very best of luck. Please remember that our staff are here to support both you and your children during this important time.

Have a lovely weekend.

Katie Barter
Headteacher



What's On

- 8 May - Y13 Leavers' Day
- 11 May - A Level Exams begin
- 11 May - Reading Week
- 11 May - SLG Curriculum Week
- 18 May - Wilberforce HOUSE Week
- 18 May - Y7 & Y8 Exams Begin
- 19 May - Y10 Work Shadowing Day
- 22 May - Sports Day
- 23 May - Gold DofE Practice Expedition
- 25-29 May - HALF TERM**
- 1 Jun - Back to School
- 1 Jun - Y9 Exams Begin
- 9 Jun - Y7 & 8 Maths Kangaroo
- 11 Jun - District Athletics Champs
- 15 Jun - Diversity Forum
- 15 Jun - Y10 DofE Qualifier
- 16 Jun - Y8 Parent Consultation (*Virtual*)

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

Transport Update...

Hertfordshire County Council is introducing HERT (Hertfordshire Essex Rapid Transit) - a new, electric public transport system designed to make travel across the county quicker, easier and more sustainable. Families can see a HERT vehicle up close and learn about greener travel at events across Hertfordshire this May. To find out more [CLICK HERE](#)

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Year 11 Leavers' Celebrations!

It was a joyful morning as we said goodbye to our Year 11 students on Wednesday (although we hope to see many of them back in our Sixth Form).

Shirts were signed, messages were written in yearbooks, hundreds of photographs were taken, speeches were given and a few tears were shed.

A lovely video message was played from Mrs Wilkins, and current Head of Year, Miss Moxham, told students she is "incredibly proud of what you have achieved - but even more proud of the people you have become. KS4 is not easy, and you have faced it with resilience and a lot of humour. As you head into your exams, do everything you can to give yourselves the best chance of success - work hard, stay focused, and look after yourselves."

While we hope to have inspired our students, and given them all they need to embody the true 'Roundwood Park Leaver', they have all given us so much in return and we thank them for the memories. We wish them the very best of luck in their upcoming exams, we have every faith they can achieve their very best. Please remember we are here for them in the coming weeks; revision session information has been emailed home and staff can be contacted as needed. Go for it team RPS!

All photos have already been shared with students



SPORTS DAY INFORMATION

Our PE Department hosts this year's Sports Day on **Friday 22 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
- Students should bring a water bottle that can be refilled 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 regularly

Our Sports Day is designed to be a balance of competition and participation, inclusive to all. It's always a lovely community event to round out the half-term and we're very much looking forward to it!

NB Parents cannot attend our Sports Day but look out for lots of photos on our social media pages and in the following RoundUp.

PLEASE READ!

Careers Corner



Upcoming RPS Events:

- 14 May** - Y10 West Herts College PAL Assembly
- 19 May** - Y10 Work Shadowing Day
- 20 May** - Y9 Assembly - Herts Library Volunteering Services
- 21 May** - Y10 Assembly - Herts Library Volunteering Services
- 16 June** - Y8 PAL Assembly
- 29 June-3 July** - Y12 Professional Work Placement Week

OVERDUE Reminder - Y10 Parents

Please complete the google form ASAP for the work shadowing day

> [HERE](#) <

OVERDUE Reminder - Y12 Parents & Students

Please enter all work experience information into Unifrog ASAP.

Video instructions > [HERE](#)

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Bill Hewetson Award

We are incredibly proud that Year 13 student, **Yash R**, has been awarded the Bill Hewetson Rotary Club Prize for 2026. The award celebrates the principle of 'Service Above Self', celebrating a young person's contribution to society. **Yash** is an exceptional student, leader, role model and wonderfully caring student.

He has gone out of his way to help others and also raise the profile of a love of learning and creativity. He became a Communications Captain for our Student Leadership



Government - a key prestigious student leadership role within our school community - and quickly became the most vital and valued member of the team - volunteering for every opportunity presented. **We are so proud of you Yash!**

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Year 13 Leavers' Celebrations

We have enjoyed a wonderful morning as we bid farewell to our 26 Year 13 Leavers today. Gathering for juice and pastries while signing each others' Yearbooks, posing for hundreds of photos, sharing memories and emotional last moments with their Form Tutors, before heading into the hall for one final assembly.

Mrs Bridgman said "We have watched you grow, not just academically but as people. We've seen the resilience you have shown through challenging times and watched as you demonstrated determination. You have supported one another, challenged one another, and ultimately embodied what it is to be a Roundwood Park Leaver". Mrs Gilpin referenced 'the long goodbye' as it is not really goodbye, we are here for you over the next few weeks, and after that for as long as you want to be part of RPS - you will be welcomed back with open arms anytime!

We wish them all the very best as they head off to their next adventure, we hope to have inspired them, and given them all they need to go out in to the world and flourish. Thank you for the memories Year 13 and good luck, we're right behind you.

All photos have already been shared with students



ALVIAR COHEN AWARD



We were very proud to present The Alviar Award at our Year 13 Leavers' Assembly

This is a very special, and beautiful, trophy given in memory of Alviar, a much loved and missed, RPS student and outstanding scientist who sadly passed away in 2021. To win the annual award, students in Year 13 are invited to write a report about an area of science that they are passionate about. This year **Ralph J** was awarded the prize for his amazing piece 'how physics can help turn global shipping green.

Read it [HERE](#).

Well done to our brilliant runners-up too (click names to read their essays):

Alice F & Isobel B

You're all amazing!

Music Grade Exam Results

Huge congratulations to our students who have achieved the following music grades this term...

Piano

Oliver G - 6*

Emily H - 1*

Trumpet

Rae B - 1*

Flute

Izzy R - 7*

Anna R - 3**

Penny H - 2

Nicholas B - 2

Martha S - 7

French Horn

Thomas B - 3

Musical Theatre

Evie P - 4**

Trombone

Ed R - 1**

Owen B - 8*

Viola

Lana R - 4*

Violin

Heidi W - 8**

Katie M - 4

Rafi A - 8**

Cello

Charlotte W - 1**

Abbie B - 1*

Drums

Emily A - 5*

* Passed with Merit

** Passed with Distinction



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Spring Concert

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We enjoyed another fantastic concert in school last week. It is always such a pleasure to be uplifted by our students' incredible music.

From classical melodies to contemporary songs, from Harry Styles to Haydn, our talented students dazzled the audience with an array of different styles and ensembles. Highlights included our Chamber Choir performing an incredible a cappella version of 'Here Comes The Sun', Daniel W playing a breathtaking piece by Liszt on the piano, Owen B & Oscar T performing their last RPS solos, an Abba medley by the Concert Band and a stunning whole-cast finale of Celestial by Ed Sheeran. We were also excited to hear brand new RPS band, Glass Gecko, we're sure we'll see more of them at Battle of Bands!

Thank you as always to our fabulous Music Department, and especially Mrs McPhun, for hosting this joyous event for us all to enjoy, and a huge thank you to all of our wonderful performers, you continue to amaze us with your talent!



Meet the SLG

Hi everyone, we're your new Curriculum Captains: **Amy, Matilda & Marley** and we are so excited to have been given these roles.

We are really looking forward to organising all of the subject weeks and getting students more involved with the subjects that they love, as well as just being part of the SLG. It was a huge honour to be selected as Curriculum Captains, and we jumped straight in with organising the World Book Day SLG dress up and treasure hunt.

Our first big event is Humanities Week which starts the week beginning 11 May; which is going to include a series of murder mysteries, we really hope this gets a lot of participation and is a big success. We are also planning future subject weeks for the next academic year, which we hope will be really fun for everyone!

Don't forget to give our SLG a follow on our House System Instagram page!



Community News

Please follow the links below for further information...

- [Sporting Kids - May Football Camp](#)
- [Coram Family Lives Workshops](#)
- [Classics in the Walled Garden](#)
- [Wheel Power Charity Bike Ride](#)
- [DENS Castle Walk](#)
- [Performance Herts Summer Camps](#)
- [COPE - Impacts of Bullying Study](#)
- [Stevensons Summer Shopping](#)
- [Children's Art Competition](#)
- [Open Air Cinema in Radlett](#)

Senior District Final

Huge congratulations to our Senior Girls who played at Clarence Park in the final of the football District Cup last week.

Unfortunately missing out on the trophy to a strong Sandringham side, the girls made some brilliant opportunities - and Laoura H pulled off some incredible saves (including a penalty!), we are extremely proud of every single one of them.

Well done to our MVP, Lou M, and thank you for the last 7 years to our Y13 players, Miss Ellis will miss you all very much.



YEAR 11 INTERHOUSE

Our Y11 students have enjoyed their final Interhouse Sport Competition over the last 2 weeks. It was a great celebration of RPS House sport - well done to them all. Congratulations go to **Grey Thomson** for taking the win!



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Athletics: County Combined Events

A beautiful day weather-wise allowed for some fantastic athletics in the County Combined Events last week in Watford. Students of different ages competed well across different events and worked really hard against some challenging competition.

In terms of results; our junior girls (**Hamilton-Watson, Baloch, Khakpour-Smith & Jadeja**) came 3rd, led by **Khakpour-Smith** who finished 4th individually and put herself in a great place to earn a Hertfordshire vest.

Junior boys (**Palmer, Barrett, Timmons & Grebby**) missed out on a medal but we must make a special mention to **Grebby** who, competing a year young, finished brilliantly in 8th place.

Our intermediate girls performed well with **Upjohn** taking 3rd - earning another Hertfordshire vest - and **Wright** finishing 6th.


The inter boys team (**Gill, Adejuwon, Hudson & Starkey**) took 3rd with **Starkey** earning 2nd place and, once again, looking to join Herts at the next level of the competition.

Thank you to all of our students for their efforts so far in the athletics season, follow our [PE team on Instagram](#) to stay up to date!

National Theatre Connections


Recently, the Drama Department took our Y10 GCSE Drama group to the Royal and Derngate Theatre in Northampton, with their performance of a National Theatre Connections play called Fishville.

Our students were amazing ambassadors for RPS, showing excellent skills in the Stage Combat workshop, fully engaging in the performances given by other theatre companies and school groups, and performing brilliantly to those same groups. Well done to them all - we are a very proud Drama Department!

 The staff were great - made me want to work there! The workshops and everything was so so so so fun and I loved being able to talk to all the staff and meeting people from other schools.

The other schools did amazing performances that we could watch and I loved making new memories with my friends!

The whole day was really fun, especially the stage fighting workshop as we learnt lots of new techniques.

It was a fantastic day and overall experience that felt varied and gave us some intriguing insights. 





| 2nd Hand Uniform Sale |

Saturday, 11 July

ONLINE SUMMER SHIRT ORDERS

We would like to offer you the opportunity to order summer shirts online - pls email pta@roundwoodpark.co.uk with size/quantity and choice of fitted or loose. Cost is £3 per shirt.

THE SPONSORED WALK!

Friday 10 July

Date for your diary!

More information about our bi-annual whole school Sponsored Walk will be sent home soon.

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Scott House Week

Scott House Week was one to remember - huge thanks for your generosity!

We saw a massive turnout from our Year 7 students for our Dodgeball tournament, and they brought an incredible level of enthusiasm to the court. It wasn't just about the ducking and diving - the teamwork and sportsmanship on display were truly lovely to see. Later in the week, "Pie the SLG" got very messy, very quickly. Watching our Y12 students take a face full of whipped cream for a good cause was definitely the highlight of the week!

Our charity sweet sale ran all week long, and it's safe to say we have a school full of sweet teeth! The stall was constantly busy, and these daily treats played a huge role in boosting our final fundraising total.

We want to extend a huge thank you to everyone who participated, whether you were dodging balls, buying sweets, or cheering from the sidelines. A special shout-out goes to our volunteers and the SLG members who were brave enough to get pied - your willingness to get messy for charity made the event a hit!

Interhouse Squad Trampolining

Well done to our Trampolining Squad for last week's Interhouse Competition, it was a great day of teamwork and some impressive individual performances.

Congratulations go to **CADBURY HOUSE** for winning overall, and to our individual Champions; **Benfield, Upjohn and Ferris**.



Read all about it...

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Our Whole School Read

As you know, in September we launched our Whole School Read and invited students and staff to immerse themselves in 'The Things We Leave Behind' by Clare Furniss, a story set in a dystopian vision of Britain, following two sisters who have to escape London and undertake a perilous journey to safety in Scotland. We are delighted to report we have seen lots of take up, with many enjoying this year's choice.

Now's the time to pass the baton onto you! Has your child already read it, if so why not ask them for their review? If not, this is a great opportunity to take up the challenge together, either reading with them and talking through, or racing to see who can read it first! Once completed, please submit your reviews via the google

form, so we can see what you thought and pass your views on.

Add your review here!

Here are some reviews from our staff to whet your appetite...

I loved the dystopian feel of it, but it was also so relatable in many aspects - what an excellent twist at the end! **Miss Garner, Science**

If you enjoyed 'The Giver' in Year 7, this is definitely a book for you. It's a dystopian novel, full of twists and turns, that leaves you with more questions than answers. Loved the book and I don't normally read dystopian novels. **Mrs Wilton, Learning Support**



Read more staff reviews here!



I enjoyed the story and found it easy to read with interesting characters. I thought there were fascinating parallels with some issues in society today (especially with some far right politicians and their stance on anti-immigration). The family dynamics between Clem, her Dad, her Step mother and her half sister were fascinating. I loved seeing Clem develop as she struggles to protect her sister whilst also being terrified herself. She really does want to keep her safe. The twist at the end of the book was unexpected! **Mrs Barter, Headteacher**

We have plenty of copies in our library - ask your child to pick one up for the whole family to read!



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Young Enterprise Success!

We are thrilled to announce that both of our Year 12 Young Enterprise teams have advanced to the East of England Regional Finals after taking the top spots at last week's North & East Herts competition. Branch Out secured first place, earning the Robert Landau Award for their excellence in the 'Best Interview' and 'Best Team Journey' categories. Releaf followed closely in second place, winning the award for 'Best Report.' We are incredibly proud of both teams for their hard work and look forward to seeing them compete at the regional level. Good luck!

Visit our teams' websites and read more about their teams, products and ethos:

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RPS SPORTS CENTRE & LETTINGS

Monkey Music

We were delighted to welcome Monkey Music to Roundwood Park recently for their annual staff training day with more than 60 teachers present!

Monkey Music offer captivating musical sessions where parents and carers actively participate, fostering a musical journey in a safe and nurturing environment so it was great to host their staff training event. Find our more > [HERE](#)

There is now less than 2 weeks until May Half Term and we are set for another bumper week of activities ranging from Circus Skills to Art:

APEX Multi-Sports are in the Primary School and offer a wide range of activities including Nerf Guns! They are offering an extra date on Thursday 21 May as the Primary School have an INSET Day. [BOOK HERE](#)

Art Shed are also in the Primary School and have some exciting new projects including their space inspired "Life on Mars" painting! [BOOK HERE](#)

Showtime Circus return with their holiday camps which are jam packed full of fun, including a full schedule of new activities, warm-ups, dance, poster designing and of course, the Showtime Showcase Finale! [REGISTER HERE](#)

Watford FC offer a great opportunity to develop Football skills for a wide range of ages and abilities! [BOOK HERE](#)

Finally, we have the amazing **Mini-Chef Academy** run by Caroline, children get to learn basic cookery skills in a fun and safe environment, be sure to keep an eye on their Facebook page - Harpenden Mini Chef Academy.

There will be **NO Pay & Play** that week but it will return in the summer holidays.

Bank Holiday Closure: 25 May

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Exam Stress Webinar

If your child is approaching key qualifications or end-of-year assessments, this period can feel particularly busy and at times, stressful.

Follow the link to watch a recording of a webinar by TooledUp, [Dealing with Exam Stress](#), where Dr Kathy Weston and teacher and examiner Patrick Cragg share advice and strategies to manage both your own and your child's stress and help you feel prepared and ready to face exam season. Contact the school if you are unsure of your login details for TooledUp.

Residential Trips

- [June 26 - Y9 Euro Space Centre, Belgium](#)
- [June 26 - Y8 MFL, France & Germany](#)
- [June 26 - Y10 Geography, South Wales](#)
- [July 26 - Y12 Geography, Liverpool](#)
- [September 26 - Y13 Cranedale Centre](#)
- [November 26 - Y10/11 MFL, Hamburg](#)
- [February 27 - Y11-13 Geography, Iceland](#)
- [April 27 - All Years Ski Trip, Jay Peak, USA](#)
- [April 27 - Y8&9, PE, Holland](#)

VACANCIES

- Cover Supervisor

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