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Weekly Newsletter  
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**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

*It always seems impossible until it's done.*

*- Nelson Mandela*



## WHOLE SCHOOL

### CHAPLAIN'S 300 THE ASCENSION

*Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!  
to his throne above the skies; Alleluia!  
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, Alleluia!  
enters now the highest heaven! Alleluia!*

*Lo! the heaven its Lord receives, Alleluia!  
yet he loves the earth he leaves; Alleluia!  
though returning to his throne, Alleluia!  
still he calls mankind his own. Alleluia!*



The sound of this hymn roared by thousands, supported by brass instruments and a huge cathedral organ, is an unforgettable experience. To be in the centre of such a crowd is a visceral experience. In the spirit of the occasion, it is a truly elevating moment.

Viewed concretely as an historical event, the Ascension makes even less sense than the Resurrection. For non-believers, it is puzzling at best and nonsense at worst. There was a final moment when the Jesus of history separated from his friends and was seen no more. However, shortage of mobile phones and other relevant devices at the time prevents us from knowing what this was. Some writers then, and most artists since, expressed it as a gentle rising from high ground into the sky. Others convey a general 'fading out'. Does it matter? As with the Resurrection, probably not.

Symbol is all. The words of the hymn celebrate community. Community, community and more community is the Easter message from Resurrection to Pentecost. This is what thrills beneath the hymn, not the organ, military trumpets or the singing *per se*. The gut tingles to this in 2014, because the last 200 years have progressively alienated Western people from their fundamental human roots. By contrast, faith says nothing can be the same again for all people of all times in all places. The pictured return of Christ conjoins man and God *in community*. What comes down, must go up! This is what is celebrated in these weeks and every day by a truly traditional and contemporary church.

### ABSENCE REQUESTS

If your child needs to be out of School, please can you ensure that you send through your absence requests to the Headmaster's office ([pa2head@gatton-park.org.uk](mailto:pa2head@gatton-park.org.uk)) at least 7 days in advance on the Absence Request Form which is located on the school's website in the [Information for Parents page](#).

All other absence requests, including illness, medical appointments and lateness can be sent to Mrs Godden, Attendance Officer ([attendanceofficer@gatton-park.org.uk](mailto:attendanceofficer@gatton-park.org.uk))

## 2015 RAAS SKI/SNOWBOARD TRIP

With Mr Ian Rowe departing the RAAS I have been handed the reins for organising the School ski trip. The details and payment letter for next year's ski/snowboard trip will be emailed out very soon to Junior and Senior School parents.

This time we will be going to Muhlbach in Austria, departing on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March** and returning on **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2015**. As always there are a restricted number of places and we expect these to be filled very quickly. The trip is open to anyone in Y3-11 and a deposit of £200 will be needed to secure your child's place.

If you have any questions or queries do feel free to email me – [charlenekaye@gatton-park.org.uk](mailto:charlenekaye@gatton-park.org.uk)

*Miss Charlene Kaye  
Head of PE*

## SENIOR SCHOOL

### PREP PROJECTS

Prep Projects to be handed out 2 June and due in 13 June.

Year 7 Geography Prep Project  
Year 8 Careers Prep Project  
Year 9 Religious Studies Prep Project

### MUFTI DAY

We raised a massive **£506** for Mental Health Awareness Week!  
I would like to thank everyone for their help and support during the mufti day!

*Natalia Langton  
Maths Teacher*

### UPCOMING DRAMA PRODUCTIONS

#### KS3 DRAMA FESTIVAL

*KS3 Speech & Drama performance competition*  
Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 7pm RAAS PAC  
Free entry, retiring collection

#### Y8 HORROR SHOW

*Performance of Y8 curricular work*  
Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June 7pm RAAS PAC  
Free entry, retiring collection

## DRAMA NEWS

**Comedy Club 4 Kids** is coming to Woking this half term, on **Friday 30 May**, with a **free** comedy workshop for 7 to 18-year-olds and a performance for kids age 6 upwards and their parents at the **Rhoda McGaw Theatre**. For more details, please email Mrs Love

**Summer Drama courses** – if you are interested in attending a Drama course over the Summer but aren't sure where to start looking, please contact Mrs Love & she'll try to point you in the right direction.

To book tickets or to request information about RAAS Drama events and activities, please email [emmalove@gatton-park.org.uk](mailto:emmalove@gatton-park.org.uk)

Also, for more updates, news & pictures why not 'like' our new Facebook page?  
<https://www.facebook.com/raasdrama>

*Mrs Love  
Head of Drama*

## RAAS DANCING AT THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL

On Saturday evening, Antonia Johnstone, Phoebe Clark and Esther Rowe were dancing at the Royal Albert Hall. Our three pupils are members of the Reigate School of Ballet and attend classes every week. The School of Ballet was selected along with other dance and ballet schools to perform in front of the Royal Albert Hall audience.

It was a brilliant, well-rehearsed professional show and all the extra lessons for the last ten weeks paid off. Well done to all three dancers who have shown real dedication to what is probably one of their performing highlights.

*Mr Rowe  
Head of Kent House (and ballet run driver)*

## PARTNERSHIP WITH PARENTS

Last meeting this academic year:

**Saturday 07 June 2014 11:15-11:55  
in the Colman Study of Gatton Hall**

To place agenda items or table questions  
(by 30 May at 16:00) please mail:

[PaulJOHNSTONE@gatton-park.org.uk](mailto:PaulJOHNSTONE@gatton-park.org.uk)



## YEAR 11 GLOUCESTER BOARDERS

As a thank you to the 2014 Year 11 Gloucester boarders, Mr and Mrs Harrison arranged for them to have 17 pizzas on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May ahead of their last official day in school. Leon Shattock was given a special thank you for his role as House Captain and all of the boys enjoyed reminiscing about their time in the house since Year 9.



## KENT HOUSE ANNUAL PRIZE GIVING

On Friday evening all of Kent House gathered in the common room for its annual presentation. The Headmaster, senior management, previous staff, governors and current staff were all present for the occasion. First of all the leavers or boys going into the 6<sup>th</sup> form all stood up and told us what they are doing next year. Father Paul then offered a prayer for the house and boys. Mr Rowe then gave the address which recapped much of the year and then the awards were announced.

The following received awards:

**Karl Jones Cup for Kent House Pool champion** - Djarrow Chilman-Hay

**Kent House Table Football Champion** - Charlie Longley

**Kent House Table Tennis Champion** - Charlie Campbell

**Kent House Chess Champion** - Sagar Gurung

**Key Stage 3 Commitment to Kent House** - David Towers-Clark

**Key Stage 4 Commitment to Kent House** - Zac Richman

**Pam Pederson Cup for most commitment shown by a day boarder/pupil to Kent House** - Bradley Gills

**Commitment Plate for Academic Studies** – Rio Burrage

**Tony Smith Shield for Sporting Endeavour** – Dylan Rogers

**Tony Smith Award** – Ewan Kersey

**Jason Maynard Cup for 6th Former Academic Effort in Kent House**-Jacob Sayers

**Frank Young Trophy for Outstanding Contribution to Kent House** – Ben Harrison

**Ian Rowe Cup for Head Prefect of Kent House** – Jacob Sayers

The evening was capped off by the Headmaster offering a vote of thanks to everyone associated with Kent House. It was a wonderful evening!

*Mr Rowe  
Head of Kent House*

# JUNIOR SCHOOL

## JUNIOR NEWS

Dear Parents/Guardians

Please could you return all scheme readers and library books after half-term as we seem to have quite a lot missing at the moment.

Could I also ask you to again check your child's uniform as we still have reports of named blazers being lost.

Wishing you all a very happy half-term and we look forward to seeing you on 2 June for the remainder of the Summer Term.

*Ines Salman  
Head of the Junior Department*



## ANGELS OF THE WEEK



**Emily-Jane Ryle**

**Lucinda Nicholson**

## TOP MEN

**Seedy Badjie**

**Alexander Flamant**

*Well done. Keep it up!*

*Mr Stafford  
Head of Rank-Weston*



**Star of the Week**  
**Summer Term**  
**Week 3**



3C	Jake Bendall	For putting 100% effort into everything he does.
4H	Alicia Deng	For an outstanding improvement in all her assessment grades. You're a star!
5C	Euan Anderson	For outstanding progress in all his assessments.
5T	Courtney Cook	For focus and determination to succeed even when she finds things hard.
6B	Oliver Kong	For excellent effort doing his SATs despite being poorly all week.
6L	Jason Munyawiri	For being a mature and sensible member of the class.

**The Golden Book**  
**Summer Term**  
**Week 3**

Sophie Ford	3C	For a fantastic result in her reading assessment.
Aimee Wall	3C	For making great progress in reading this year.
Maddie Jones	3C	For making great progress in numeracy this year.
Joe McCallion	4H	For making huge advances in his handwriting.
Libby Elphick	4H	For some eye catching collage work using animal pictures.
Declan Shadrach Kalyan Sirohi	5T	For superb progress in their reading assessment.
Lucia Garcia-Mumary	5C	For excellent progress in her reading assessment especially considering the facts she barely spoke any English at the start of this year!
Alexander Flamant	5C	For getting 100% in his SPAG test despite his French origins!
All of 6B	6B	For helping Mrs Bradley with everything she's needed over the past few months - it has been very much appreciated, thank you all very much!
Gabriel Wong Arjun Kakkattel	6	For exceptional effort in Level 6 maths.
Daniel Singleton	6	For excellent knowledge in science.



## JUNIOR SCHOOL BALL



Friday, 27 June 2014 – 6.30 to 8.30pm

Venue: Gatton Hall

Dress: Smart £2

The annual Junior School Ball will take place as above, if your child would like to purchase a ticket (£2) these will be available after half-term from Mrs Atkins and Mrs Moorcraft at break time in the staff room.

If anyone has access to a disco or is a DJ that could volunteer to run the music at the event, we would be very grateful indeed. Please either speak to us directly or email [sandramoorcraft@gatton-park.org.uk](mailto:sandramoorcraft@gatton-park.org.uk)

A number of very kind parents lent us various disco lights last year, please could we ask to borrow these once again.

## CRICKET TOURNAMENT REPORT – YEARS 5 & 6



On Monday 19<sup>TH</sup> May RAAS played a Kwik cricket tournament v 8 other schools. Our captain was Arjun Kakkattel. In the group stage we played 3 schools and managed to beat them all. We got through to the finals and played Furzefield - it was a close match but with brilliant batting and bowling we beat them too.

We managed to win the tournament as Matthew got the winning runs that helped us to victory. At the end all the schools received a certificate for playing well. And now we have got into the Surrey finals which will be played at the Oval.

*By Henry and Arjun*



# Royal Alexandra and Albert School Lunch Menu – Week One

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>LUNCHEON</b>	<b>LUNCHEON</b>	<b>LUNCHEON</b>	<b>LUNCHEON</b>	<b>LUNCHEON</b>	<b>LUNCHEON</b>	<b>LUNCHEON</b>
Brazilian Beef Stew (Feijoada)	Baked Fish with Red Pepper Pesto	Keema Curry	Steamed Gammon	Breaded Fish and Tartare Sauce	Pork and Leek Burger	Roast Pork with Apple Sauce and Gravy
Pork Meatballs with Tomato and Basil Sauce	Portuguese Style Chicken Piri Piri	Pork Goulash	Homemade Meatloaf (Lamb)	Lasagne (Beef)		
Creamy Mash Potato	New Potatoes	Two Coloured Rice with Peas and Grated Carrots	Roast Potatoes	Vegetable and Lentil Lasagne	Vegetarian Bean Burger	Watercress and Blue Stilton Quiche
Beetroot, Feta and Sweet Potato Filo Parcel	Roasted Vegetables	Broccoli and Cauliflower	Vegetarian Stuffed Jackets	Chips	Roasted Jacket Wedges	Fondant Potatoes
Savoy Cabbage	Leek and Cheese Puffs	Spinach, Panner and Sweet Potato Curry		Mushy Peas, Peas and Carrots	Sweetcorn and Carrots	Parsnips, Fried Cabbage
Banana Cake with Custard	Toffee and Apple Crumble with Custard	Ginger Cake with Cream	Bread and Butter Pudding	Chocolate Cake with Chocolate Sauce	Lemon Tart	Jam Roly Poly
<b>SUPPER</b>	<b>SUPPER</b>	<b>SUPPER</b>	<b>SUPPER</b>	<b>SUPPER</b>	<b>SUPPER</b>	<b>SUPPER</b>
Chilli Con Carne	Pastichio (Beef)	BBQ Pork Chops BBQ Chicken	Selection of Sausages with Onion Sauce	Turkey La King	Pizza of the Day	
Chicken Korma and Rice	Tuna Pasta Bake Vegetable Cannelloni	Vegetarian Koftas	Vegetarian Sausages	Vegetable and Bean Stew	Vegetarian Pizza	
Vegetable Chilli	Garlic Bread	New Potatoes	Mashed Potatoes	Parsley Potatoes	Chips	
Garlic Mushrooms	Roasted Vegetables	Peas and Sweetcorn	Baked Beans	Seasonal Vegetables	Baked Beans	
Toffee Mousse	Shortbread	Chocolate Brownie	Peaches and Cream	Lemon Cheesecake	Chocolate Muffin	