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Weekly Newsletter
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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“Do not judge me by my successes, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again.”

Nelson Mandela



WHOLE SCHOOL

Drama Department News:

Booking is now open for the school Christmas show:

Alice 13

Alice Carroll is having a bit of a hard time. The day before her 13th birthday she decides to run away from home but things don't work out for her quite the way she expects. Instead of ending up at her aunt's house in Crawley, she finds herself in Wonderland, surrounded by an array of strange and interesting creatures. As she travels through this strange world, finding herself in a variety of curious situations and meeting some very familiar looking people, she begins to realise that life at home wasn't so bad after all. Devised by the cast, Alice 13 is a modern and creative take on the original Lewis Carroll story, with overtones of The Wizard of Oz and of course a hearty twist of Gatton humour. We have a cast and crew of approximately 60, including pupils from Y3 – 12. There will of course be a few special guest appearances.

You can book your place by emailing emmalove@gatton-park.org.uk . Please specify which evening you would like to attend and how many seats you would like.

Performances:

Thursday 12th December – Y7 & Juniors

Friday 13th December – Y8 – 13

***We do not use paper tickets. When you book, your name will be held on our lists ***

We do not charge entry to our productions but we do ask for a financial contribution afterwards, which is used to subsidise Drama Trips and activities

LAMDA Coaching:

We offer small group lessons with a professional coach, working towards graded Speech & Drama exams. These sessions are extremely useful for developing young people's physical and vocal communication skills, as well as offering focused development of performance skills. At the higher levels, LAMDA awards carry UCAS points.

For further details, please email Mrs Love emmalove@gatton-park.org.uk

Music Department News

The Winter Wrap-up concert is on Monday 16th December at 7pm in the PAC. Emails have been sent to the parents of those pupils who are participating, but please contact me if you have any further questions. This is an informal event and performers do not have to wear school uniform.

The Key Stage 4 Girls Vocal Ensemble are also leading music in the **Carol Service** on Saturday 14th December at 6pm in the Chapel.

ABRSM music exams are on Monday 16th December. All candidates should be aware of their exam time and rehearsal details.

For regular updates about music events, 'like' us on Facebook:
<http://www.facebook.com/RAASmusic>

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Year 3 applications

Do you have a child who will be in Year 3 next September?

If you do, and want your child to join this School in September 2014, you must apply by 15th January. You must apply on our application form http://www.raa-school.co.uk/application_form.asp **and** to the Local Authority by that deadline.



If you have any questions about admissions please get in touch by email admissions@gatton-park.org.uk or by calling the School Office and asking for Admissions.

The Admissions Team

School Photos

School photos have now been delivered back to school. These will be given to each child – (Boarders will go to the House to be issued) in Tutor Time on the final Monday of term. Please check with your child/ren that they have them.

JUNIOR SCHOOL

 Star of the Week  Autumn Term Week 11		
3C	Mario Diodato	For having a fantastic week.
4H	Namish Mahadawoo	A lovely member of the class, who is hard working, reliable and is taking a fuller part in the class.
5C	Catrin Wise	For being a helpful member of the class and for asking lots of good questions during lessons.
5T	Suzanna Hobbs	For being a hard working and sensible member of the class.
6B	Enya O'Toole	For being thoughtful and accommodating in DT this week.
6L	Tinashe Madondo	For setting a good example to the rest of the class.
The Golden Book Autumn Term Week 11		
Benjamin Lehain	3C	For always completing his prep to a very high standard.
Jemima Philip	3C	For great work on fractions this week.
Finlay Willsher Evie Owsnett	4H	For great fractions work in numeracy this week.
Oliver Grover	5	For excellent work on understanding time in numeracy.
Artur Sults	5	For an excellent effort when using fractions in maths this week.
Tierney Scott	5	For writing an excellent legend over the course of this week
Livia Piner	5	For a much more focused, positive and enthusiastic approach to numeracy.
Lizzie Fenton	6	For interesting and creative mask making in art.
Lester Baylie Oliver Kong	6	For working together superbly during their science investigation.
Thomas Holloway	6	For writing an excellent biography in literacy.
James Dorrell	6	For excellent work adding detail to sentences.

SENIOR SCHOOL

Prep Projects

Year 7 Touch Typing Competition Project	Closing date 18 December
Year 8 History Prep Project	Due date 18 December
Year 9 Options Tutor Task Prep Project	Due date 10 January 2014

Free School Meals

Surrey County Council through Babcock 4S provide a simple service to process claims for free school meals by checking entitlement via a secure government website. As we are a Boarding School, records about provision of free school meals are used for statistical purposes only. An excellent school lunch is always provided for every pupil. Free school meals are part of the formula that the Department for Education use to calculate the funding available to pupils and we are therefore very keen to maximise this.

In order to qualify for free school meals, the parent/guardian must be in receipt of at least one of the qualifying benefits, set out by Surrey County Council. Please see the School's website under 'Information for Parents' for our guidance letter and application form http://www.raa-school.co.uk/information_for_parents.asp

If you are eligible for free school meals, please complete and return the application form to the School Office as soon as possible. If you are already in receipt of free school meals then you do not need to re-apply.

Autumn Reports – Years 7-11

All pupils, except Boarders, will be given a sealed copy of their Autumn Report to bring home to you at the end of School on Saturday 14th December. There will be an additional tutor period before the end of morning school and teachers will be handing out the reports to their tutor groups.

For pupils who board with us, their reports will be given to their Head of House ready to be handed out when they leave at the end of term on Wednesday 18th December.

Years 9 and 11 will receive a Full Report and for Years 7, 8 and 10 this will be an Interim Report.

For any pupils that are absent on Saturday, their Report will be posted home the following Monday.

SENIOR SCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS



NETBALL

FIXTURE	RESULT	MAN of the MATCH
District Tournament		
Year 10	vs Oakwood Won 6-5	
	vs LND 'A' Lost 3-10	
	vs St Bedes Lost 3-11	



RUGBY

FIXTURE	RESULT	MAN of the MATCH
Surrey Cup		
Year 7	RAAS 10 Rutlish 22	Josh Hill
Year 9	RAAS 12 Salesians 19	Cameron Francis: Alex Mallalieu
Year 11	RAAS 21 Salesians 24	



FOOTBALL

FIXTURE	RESULT	MAN of the TOURNAMENT
5 a side Tournament		
Year 10 Pool	RAAS 0 Oxted 3	Adam Angedembe
	RAAS 0 Warlingham 2	
	RAAS 0 Reigate 1	



BASKETBALL

FIXTURE	RESULT	PLAYER of the MATCH
District League		
Year 7	RAAS 24 Beacon 8	Jaime Lopez Valero
Year 8	RAAS 30 Beacon 3	Lennox Williams