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Weekly Newsletter
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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

'Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all.'

Aristotle



WHOLE SCHOOL

Volunteers Needed

The school will be holding a careers evening on Wednesday 5th February 2014 from 7pm to 9pm, for the more senior students. We are looking for volunteers to help with this event and are reaching out to all parents of the school, no matter what year group your child is in!

We are keen to have a variety of businesses on show to broaden our students' awareness. This will hopefully give them new goals to work towards, especially when thinking of future courses and career direction.

If you would like to volunteer please let us know. We need and welcome all types of business. Your help would be greatly appreciated by the school and of course our pupils.

If you would like to volunteer please email *Helen Bryant* and *Lorelle Faife* at LRC@gatton-park.org.uk and we shall contact you with further details.

Duke of Edinburgh Award News

Congratulations to ex-pupil **Annette Abraham** on receiving her Duke of Edinburgh **Gold Award**.
Well done Annette!

JUNIOR SCHOOL

RAF museum year 6

On the 9th December 2013 year 6 visited the RAF museum to learn about WW2. Unfortunately the fire alarm went off as soon we entered the main building. However luckily we got to continue our tour of the museum.

Looking around the models of planes and artefacts some were simulators and you could sit in them like a pilot. The first thing we did was looking in the gift shop they had models, bouncy balls, bears and sweets (which most children enjoyed)

In the afternoon each pupil enjoyed making their own gas mask box and experiencing an air raid. To finish off the day we got to dress up as pilots which we all enjoyed, especially Mr Stafford!!

Written By Daniella, Shannon, Ella And Charleigh



Dates for your Diary – Spring Term

Week beginning 20 January - Autumn Term Interim Reports sent home

Friday 7 February – Safer Internet Assembly

Tuesday 11 February – 4 - 6pm - Parents Evening for Day/Flexi Boarders

Friday 14 February – 4 - 6pm - Parents Evening for Boarders



Friday 14 February – 3.30pm Break Up for Half Term

Sunday 23 February – 4 - 6pm Boarders return

Monday 24 February – 8.30am Lessons begin

Tuesday 25 February – Wednesday 5 March – Book Fair

Thursday 27 February – Y5 Egyptian Art Afternoon

Friday 28 February - Monday 3 March – Junior PGL Weekend

Book Week – starting Monday 3 March

Friday 7 March AM – Roald Dahl Fancy Dress Competition, PM – West End in Schools Performance



Tuesday 4 March – Childline Assembly for Y5 & 6

Tuesday 11 March – Childline Workshops Y5 & 6

Wednesday 12 March – Author Visit – Samira Osman

Saturday 15 March – Open Morning

Friday 28 March – Junior Spelling Bee Round 1

Tuesday 1 April 5 – 7 pm – HP Reward Trip to Pizza Express

Wednesday 2 April – Y5 Trip to Kew Gardens

Friday 4 April – Ski Trip Departs

Friday 4 April – Junior Spelling Bee Final



Class Assemblies for the Spring Term

Wednesday 22 January – 5T

Wednesday 29 January – 6L

Wednesday 5 February – 5C

Wednesday 5 March – 6B

Wednesday 12 March – 4H

Wednesday 19 March – 3C

***Please Note:** The class assemblies take place in the Dance Studio, please sign in at main reception first and then someone will escort you to the Dance Studio.*

The dates and times for these assemblies are also subject to change; please check with your child's teacher nearer the time if you intend to come and watch. Many thanks!!

Sports Fixtures

Thursday 16 January – Football Vs Wray Common (RAAS)

Friday 24 January – Y4, 5, 6 Swimming Gala @ Meath Green School

Thursday 30 January – Cross Country Event @ Wray Common

Wednesday 5 February – Football vs Earlswood (RAAS)

Tuesday 25 February – Football vs Furzefield (RAAS)

Thursday 6 March – District Cross Country Practice @ Reigate Priory

Wednesday 12 March – Football Vs St Josephs (RAAS)

Thursday 13 March – District Cross Country Competition @ Reigate Priory

Thursday 27 March – Football Tournament @ Sandcross



Friday 4 April 3:30pm – Break up for Easter

Boarders Return 4 – 6pm Tuesday 22 April

Summer Term begins Wednesday 23 April

Own Placement Work Experience

Monday 30th June – Friday 4th July 2014

REMINDER TO COLLECT OWN PLACEMENT WORK EXPERIENCE FORMS.

Should you wish to find a work experience placement for your child, please ask them to collect a form from the senior library before they break-up for the Christmas Holidays . **The Return Deadline for completed forms is Friday 31st January 2014.** We are unable to process own placements after this date and your son/daughter will then become part of the World of Work programme.

Students wishing to find their own work placement need to be aware of the following:

- Work experience is unpaid.
- Students are responsible for their own travel to and from their work placement.
- Students must provide their own lunch each day.
- All students **MUST** work the full five days of their placement.
- All employers must pass Health and Safety checks before any student may work for them.
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If you require any further information about Work Experience placements then please contact our Work Experience Co-ordinators: Mrs Bryant and Mrs Faife on 01737 6499019 who are based in the LRC, 2nd floor of the main school building (for pupil information). Alternatively E-mail them at LRC@gatton-park.org.uk.

Year 11 Mock Examination Results

Year 11 mock results will be handed out to all pupils on Saturday 11th January during period 4. We will be replicating examination results day when pupils will be collecting their final results. Please do encourage your son/daughter to share these results with you.

Form tutors and subject teachers will be working with all pupils over the next few weeks to go over the exam papers and questions and to identify areas for additional focus.

We would anticipate that the mock results will be lower than we expect pupils to achieve in the final exams but we also hope that all pupils will be able to reflect on what they now need to do in order to enhance their grades.

Support will be available from the Year 11 Team, Form Tutors, Subject staff, Careers staff, Pupil Services and the Sixth form team. In addition we do run sessions that any pupil can attend on exam and revision skills and preparation.

Further information will be sent out regarding exam entries in due course.

If you have any queries regarding the mock results please contact kathrynhobbs@gatton-park.org.uk

Learning to Program using Scratch

You may have heard that learning programming is now regarded as an important thing for all school pupils to do. Currently our students in Year 7 are learning computer programming using Scratch. It is a very user friendly programming environment that has been developed by the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

One of the most exciting aspects of Scratch is that there is a user community website that allows users to share what they have created with others and gain feedback. This can help people to improve on what they have done already, and give them ideas for things that they would like to create in the future.

During my lessons I have been recommending that students register on the site and download the software so that they can use it at home, after all it is free. However, some students have told me that they are not allowed to download software at home for understandable reasons. May I encourage any parents who have concerns over downloading software to supervise their child if they want to use Scratch at home, or to download it for them. Doing so will give them the opportunity to learn at their own pace, spend extra time developing their skills, and allow them to develop their creativity. Who knows, we may have here at RAAS another Nick D'Aloisio, who sold his Summly app to Yahoo! for \$30m.

Jonathan Gayner, Teacher of Computer Science and IT

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Royal Alexandra and Albert School Lunch Menu – Week Two						
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
LUNCHEON	LUNCHEON	LUNCHEON	LUNCHEON	LUNCHEON	LUNCHEON	LUNCHEON
Breaded Pork Chops served with White Wine Mushroom Sauce	Roasted Cajun Chicken	Lasagne (Beef)	Sweet and Sour Pork	Homemade Bubble and Squeak Fish Cakes Sweet Chilli and Tartare Sauce	Lemon Chicken	
Mediterranean Fish Stew	Roast Lamb and Mint Gravy	Beef Bourguignon	Lamb Passanda	Chilli Filled Tortilla Wraps	Caramelised Red Onion and Goats Cheese Tart	
Mushroom Stroganoff	Vegetarian Stuffed Peppers	Quorn and Mushroom Bourguignon	Mixed Vegetable Bhaji served with Pepper and Mango Chutney	Vegetarian Chilli Filled Tortilla		
Dauphinoise Potatoes	Roast Potatoes	New Potatoes	Two Colour Rice	Chips	Parsley Potatoes	
Broccoli and Red Onion	Carrots and Parsnips	Leeks And Sweetcorn	Stir Fry Vegetables	Mushy Peas, Peas and Carrots	Green Beans	
Eves Pudding with Custard	Apricot Crunch with Custard	Vanilla Rice Pudding with Mixed Fruit Jam Sauce	Coconut Cake with Cream	Sultana and Orange Sponge and Custard	Spotted Dick With Custard	
SUPPER	SUPPER	SUPPER	SUPPER	SUPPER	SUPPER	SUPPER
Chilli Beef Tacos ,Salsa And Sour Cream	Hot Dogs	Pasta Bolognaise	Breaded Chicken Fillets	Baked Jacket Potatoes	Sausage Roll	
Chilli Chicken Tacos , Salsa And Sour Cream	Beef Burger	Pasta Carbonara	Beef And Onion Pie	Lamb Bolognaise	Vegetarian Sausage Roll	Roast Beef with Yorkshire Pudding and Gravy
Sweet Chilli Vegetable Tacos	Vegetarian Burger	Macaroni Cheese	Individual Vegetable Pie	Vegetable Bolognaise		Vegetarian Stuffed Mushroom
Potato Wedges	Chips and Fried Onions		Minted new Potatoes	Baked Beans and Cheese	Spicy Wedges	Roast Potatoes
Peas and Carrots	Baked Beans	Roasted Mediterranean Vegetables	Carrots and Broccoli	Tuna and Sweetcorn	Baked Beans	Carrots and Cabbage
Apple Pie	Arctic Roll	Toffee Cheesecake	Fruit Jelly	Chocolate Cake	Shortbread	Chocolate Crispy Muffin