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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"The best preparation for tomorrow is doing your best today."

H. Jackson Brown, Jnr



Chaplain's 400



in the world.

Understanding of Christmas has rightly widened in recent years. Just as Easter can only be understood via an entire week of contrasting days, so also Christmas. If the keyword for Easter is 'resurrection', that of Christmas is 'incarnation'. This word leads to discussion of who Jesus was - an 'enfleshed' person. It leads to debate about the value and meaning of human life, and examination of the value of all 'things', the material stuff,

Most people know it is unlikely that 25 December is the actual day when Jesus was born. The date was selected for interesting but historic reasons. Christmas Eve (24 December) is when many countries hold the main religious and family events. After the 25th, comes 1st January, for centuries prominently named as the festival of Jesus' Circumcision, forceful reminder of his Jewish roots. Squeamish people were relieved when the surgical overtones of this day were replaced by a focus on Mary. The season continues with Epiphany on the 6th January, remembering the arrival of the Three Wise Men bearing their gifts at Bethlehem. Most of the Orthodox Churches celebrate Christmas on this day. Some Spanish boys and girls are not amused by early starts to the RAAS term! Their families exchange gifts on 6th January, the day of 'Los reyes magos'.

I tuned in late on 1st January to KTO, a French Catholic TV channel, to watch Pope Francis' New Year's Day mass in St Peter's Rome. It is always interesting to see how Rome does things compared with other international centres. Music has improved at St Peter's – now almost Anglican you might say, after some excruciating past moments! Their ceremonial also was fun – full of picture and storytelling. Francis looked exhausted, but his address was lively. He talked about Mary, as woman, as mother. He talked about the universal relationship of human beings with their mother. He spoke of small children in Syria cruelly deprived of their mothers, of the spoliation in Western society of all that is glorious about womanhood. He was simple and earthy. Amid this, a roving cameraman became inspired. As Francis spoke of the warmth and security of babies with their mother, the frame filled with an enormous Ghanaian woman in bright national dress, her arms completely encircling a lovely baby girl. Francis moved to say that love was not a passive condition, but full of play and interaction – and the camera filled the screen with a woman's hands teasing and tickling the palms of a six or seven year old. It was inspired photography, and turned the Pope's address into a startling display of human life at its richest. Through such moments, we begin to see, at last, possible ways forward from the social and political mess which the West has produced. Recovery will be long and costly, but increasing numbers are waking up to it. Happy New Year. *FP*

Obituary: Melissa Newell RIP



The sympathy and condolences of everyone are with Sue and David Newell, whose daughter Melissa has died at the age of sixteen. Melissa was undergoing medical treatment when she succumbed unexpectedly to an infection. Melissa attended RAAS with her brother Alex. Both were greatly loved by their peers and teachers, were deeply supportive of one another, and showed huge promise. Melissa had already begun volunteer work to advance her ambition to work one day among vulnerable children. We deeply grieve this untimely and distressing loss of a talented and delightful girl. Melissa's funeral service is on Monday 16 January at Tunbridge Wells Crematorium at 4.00 p.m. Her family would like us to wear something turquoise in colour, and they suggest donations in Melissa's memory to Click Sergeant and the Teenage Cancer Trust.

NOTICE TO FLEXI-BOARDING PARENTS

Please ensure that your child/ren sign into the boarding House assigned to your child/ren
if you are unable to collect immediately after school

Thank you for your support in this matter

Activities Booking Confirmation Email

All children have now signed up for their activities!

You will receive an email by Sunday 8th January confirming which Activities your child has signed up for and all Activities start on Monday 9th January (with the exception of the Monday Trampolining sessions which will start on Monday 16th Jan).

If you have not received your confirmation email please check your emails junk folder.

Co Curriculum Admin

Drama Department

On January the 13th our incredibly well received Midsummer Nights Dream Performance that was given overwhelming praise at Leatherhead Theatre will be performed on the school stage.

The show runs at approx. 30 minutes.

For tickets email Oliphillips@gatton-park.org.uk

Oli Phillips
Drama and Production Manager

Partnership with Parents

The next meeting is on Saturday 21 January 10:30 – 11:50 in Gatton Hall.

Mrs Kate Ross, Deputy Head & Director of Studies, will comment on the academic programme, and answer questions regarding GCSE subject choices.



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.

HERE'S WHAT'S GOING ON OVER THE COMING WEEK...

Sat 7 th Jan 17	Gravity Force, Camberley	
Sun 8 th Jan 17	Cinema, Rogue One	
Sun 8 th Jan 17	Triangle, Burgess Hill	

AVAILABLE TRIPS ON WISEPAY

2017			
Sat 14 th Jan 17	LazerWorld, Crawley	£13.00	Junior Boarders
Sat 21 st Jan 17	LazerWorld, Crawley	£13.00	Senior Boarders
Sun 22 nd Jan 17	Rollerskating RAAS	£5.50 PLEASE EMAIL SHOE SIZE	Boarders
Sun 22 nd Jan 17	Duck Tour, Windsor	£12 (6-12years) £16 (13-16 years) £18 (over 16 years)	Boarders
Sat 28 th Jan 17	Pottery painting at Dish, Reigate	£17.25	Boarders
Sun 29 th Jan 17	Science Museum & WonderLab	£6.00	Boarders
Sat 25 th Feb 17	X Factor Live Tour at O2	£55.00 ONLY 1 PLACE REMAINING	Year 7 & above

Sun 26 th Feb 17	JRC Global Buffet	£10.00* *Juniors under 150cms £20.00 2 x junior places left	Boarders
Sun 26 th Feb 17	Butterflies at Wisley	£5.00	Boarders
Sat 4 th Mar 17	Triangle, Burgess Hill	£5.00	Boarders
Sat 4 th Mar 17	Ghost Musical, Woking	£25.00	Year 7 +
Sun 5 th Mar 17	Kidzania	£20.00	Years 3 -9
Sat 25 th Mar 17	Ultimate Laser Tag	£15.00	Junior Boarders
Sat 25 th Mar 17	Sister Act, Woking	£28.00	Years 7 +
Sun 19 th Mar 17	Cadburys' World	£25.00	All Year 7 & All Boarders
Sun 26 th Mar 17	Snozone, Milton Keynes	£35.00 ski lesson £35.50 snow board lesson £34.50 1 hour lift pass (free ski for confident skiers) All with 45 mins sledging	All



SING HALLELUJAH FOR THE NEW UK TOUR

THIS DIVA'S GOT A SECRET...
AND IT'S NUN OF YOUR BUSINESS

Jamie Wilson presents the Curve, Leicester production
of

Sister Act

A DIVINE MUSICAL COMEDY

Starring **Alexandra Burke**

Directed by **Craig Revel Horwood**

MUSIC BY **Alan Menken**

LYRICS BY **Glenn Slater**

BOOK BY **Cheri Steinkellner**

ADDITIONAL BOOK MATERIAL BY **Douglas Carter Beane**

& **Bill Steinkellner**

Based on the Touchstone Pictures Motion Picture "Sister Act" written by Joseph Howard

Presented by arrangement with MUSIC THEATRE INTERNATIONAL (Europe) Ltd.

SCIENCE
NOUVEAU
MUSEUM

WONDERLAB
THE STATOIL GALLERY



SENIOR SCHOOL

GCSE MFL Conference

REMINDER- don't forget to sign up your Year 10 linguist (French or Spanish) to the GCSE MFL conference!

It is happening on March 21st here at RAAS. Your child will receive new resources and great advice as to how to tackle the new GCSE, how to improve their grades in all areas of the exam and how to feel more confident for next year's exam.

Sign up on WisePay now!

Year 11 Mock Examination Results

Year 11 pupils will be receiving their mock examination results on Saturday 7th January during period 4. There will be a short talk by the Headmaster, Mr Mark Dixon, before form tutors hand out the 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 those areas pupils should be focusing on in preparation for their GCSE exams.

We would anticipate that the mock results will be lower than we expect pupils to achieve in the final exams but we would encourage pupils to reflect on what they now need to do in order to enhance their grades and maximise their success in the summer.

Ongoing support will be available to pupils from the Year 11 Team, Form Tutors, Subject staff, Careers staff, and the Enhanced Learning Team.

Information regarding summer exam entries will be sent out in due course.

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

Changes to prep in Years 7 and 8

In light of feedback from the Parental Listening Groups held last year, pupils and staff, this term will see changes to the prep policy in Years 7 and 8. Instead of pupils continuing to complete prep projects, a prep timetable will be introduced across subjects. We believe that such a change will help build the independent learning habits that are so crucial for success and help support pupils in taking responsibility for their own learning. The setting of regular prep will also encourage the development of positive study habits in pupils as well as important skills in planning and organising their time.

The prep timetables have now been updated for all year groups and have been published to parents on the learning gateway in the prep information section. To get there please use the link below, you will need your username and password for this.

<https://hslg11.capitacso.co.uk/Schools/RAAS/SLG/Parents/Prep%20Project%20Information/Forms/AllItems.aspx>

If you have forgotten your log in details or have not received them please can you send an email request to SLGsupport@gatton-park.org.uk

Kate Ross
Deputy Head Academic

Vaccinations

All of year 9's and 10's will be offered their Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio vaccination along with the Meningitis ACWY vaccination later this term on February 23rd and March 21st.

Consent forms will be emailed next week, and must be returned by 10th February at the latest. If you require a paper copy posted to you, please let the health centre know asap.

Health Centre Manager

JUNIOR SCHOOL

<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> <h3>Star of the Week</h3> <h4>Autumn Term</h4> <h4>Week 12</h4> </div>  </div>		
3B	Albey Summers	For showing much better effort and concentration in class.
4M	Aoibhin Evans	For showing enthusiasm and trying to contribute her ideas in all lessons.
5C	Joshua Bowring	For trying his best in all lessons.
5S	Yash Rajkoomar	For improved effort and concentration in class.
6L	Nathaniel Frindall	For being a positive and enthusiastic member of the class.
6S	Lottie O'Brien	For improved effort and concentration in class.
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> <h3>The Golden Book</h3> <h4>Autumn Term</h4> <h4>Week 12</h4> </div>  </div>		
Lilly Jackson	3B	For trying hard to secure her understanding of formal written methods when multiplying this week.
Dan Carr	3B	For writing an outstanding persuasive letter in Literacy.
Naomi Cribb	4M	For drawing an accurate horizontal bar charts in maths.
Grace Love	4M	For writing an amusing and imaginative poem in literacy.
Evie King	5C	For producing a fantastic piece of artwork in the style of Paul Klee.
Harry Shephard	5C	For working hard and producing some fantastic work when solving time problems.
Umar Usman	5S	For writing some imaginative instructions for 'How To Survive at Sea', full of accurately punctuated adverbial phrases.
Maisy Donohoe	5S	For consistently trying hard in Literacy and always trying hard to improve her writing.
Jasmine Spary	6L	For excellent effort in her literacy assessments
Ana Garcia-Loygorri	6L	For excellent effort with her reading and comprehension.
Gabriel Nicholas	6S	For excellent achievements in his maths assessments.
Robin Gurung	6S	For an excellent improvement in his EGPS knowledge this term

SIXTH FORM

SIXTH FORM MOCKS - JANUARY 2017						
	MONDAY 09 JAN	TUESDAY 10 JAN	WEDNESDAY 11 JAN	THURSDAY 12 JAN	FRIDAY 13 JAN	SATURDAY 14 JAN
08:30	AS ENGLISH L+L [1] 90	AS PSYCHOLOGY [1] 90	AS ENGLISH L+L [2] 90	AS PSYCHOLOGY [2] 90	AS FRENCH [W] 90	AS COMPUTING [2] 90
	AS ENGLISH LIT [1A] 90		AS ENGLISH LIT [2A] 90			YR 12 OCR ICT [1] 90
			AS SPANISH [W] 90			
	AL ENGLISH L+L [1] 180	AL PSYCHOLOGY [1] 120	AL ENGLISH LIT [1A] 150	AL PSYCHOLOGY [2] 120	A2 FRENCH [L,R,W] 150	A2 BUSINESS [3] 120
	AL ENGLISH LIT [2A] 180		AL ENGLISH L+L [2] 150		AL HISTORY [Y318] 150	AL COMPUTING [2] 90
	A2 SPANISH [SPAN3] 150					A2 ECONOMICS [3] 90
						AL PSYCHOLOGY [3] 120
		CATCH-UP	CATCH-UP	CATCH-UP	CATCH-UP	CATCH-UP
10:30	AS BIOLOGY [1] 60	AS MATHS [6663] 90	AS BIOLOGY [2] 60	AS HISTORY [Y143] 90	AS PDT [PROD1] 120	AS DRAMA 90
	AS CHEMISTRY [1] 60	AS PE [1] 105	AS CHEMISTRY [2] 60			
	AS PHYSICS [1] 60	AS SPANISH [L,R,W] 105	AS PHYSICS [2] 60			AS GEOGRAPHY [2] 90
		AS FRENCH [L,R,W] 105				
	BTEC BUSINESS [1/2] 90	BTEC BUSINESS [2/2] 90				
	AL BIOLOGY [1] 105	A2 GEOGRAPHY [3] 150	AL BIOLOGY [2] 105	AL HISTORY [Y113] 90	AL BIOLOGY [3] 60	
	AL CHEMISTRY [1] 105	A2 MATHS [6665] 90	AL CHEMISTRY [2] 105		AL CHEMISTRY [3] 60	
	AL HISTORY [Y213] 60		AL PHYSICS [2] 105		A2 PDT [PROD3] 120	
	AL PHYSICS [1] 90					
		CATCH-UP	CATCH-UP		CATCH-UP	CATCH-UP
13:30						A2 ART
	AS F MATHS [6677] 90	AS BUSINESS [1] 90	AS SOCIOLOGY [2] 90	AS COMPUTING [1] 90	AS GEOGRAPHY [1] 105	TUESDAY ALL DAY
	AS MUSIC [L] 120	AS ECONOMICS [1] 90		AS PE [2] 75	AS HISTORY [Y243] 90	
	AS SOCIOLOGY [1] 90					AS GEOGRAPHY RE-SITS
		CATCH-UP	CATCH-UP	CATCH-UP	CATCH-UP	ANY SESSION
	A2 F MATHS [6668] 90	AL BUSINESS [1] 120	AL SOCIOLOGY [2] 120	AL BUSINESS [2] 120	AL SOCIOLOGY [3] 120	
	AL MUSIC [L] 150	AL ECONOMICS [1] 120		AL COMPUTING [1] 90		AS FURTHER MATHS AND
	AL SOCIOLOGY [1] 120			AL ECONOMICS [2] 120		AS MATHS RE-SITS
						ANY SESSION

UNFORTUNATELY, SOME OF YOU WILL HAVE CLASHES - HENCE THE CATCH-UP SESSIONS. ANY PROBLEMS, PLEASE E-MAIL examsofficer@gatton-park.org.uk

Royal Alexandra and Albert School Lunch Menu – Week Two

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
LUNCHEON	LUNCHEON	LUNCHEON	LUNCHEON	LUNCHEON	LUNCHEON	LUNCHEON
Classic Spaghetti Bolognese	Bobo de Frongo (Chicken & Casava Stew)	Sage Roasted Turkey	Chilli con Carne	Classic Chip Shop Fish & Chips	Burrito Bar Pulled Mexican Spiced Chicken Refried Bean (v) Lime & Coriander Rice, Sour Cream, Cheese, Salad	Brunch
Pork & Black Olive Casserole with Polenta	Mukeca de Peixe (Spicy Fish Casserole)		Baked Fillet of Cod on Chorizo & Cannellini Bean Cassoulet	Potato Topped Beef & Onion Pie		
Layered Mediterranean Vegetable Lasagne	Vegetarian Feijoada	Field Mushroom Wellington	Falafel Enchilada with Harissa	Cheddar, Onion & Potato Pie		Jason's Juice & Smoothie Shack
Tomato, Garlic & Sweet Basil Ciabatta	Garlic Broccoli	Savoy Cabbage & Roasted Carrots	Salsa, Rice, Fresh Green Salad	Mushy Peas & Baked Beans		
Rocket & Baby Spinach Salad	Steamed Rice	Baked Garlic Herby Potatoes	Steamed Rice	Royal Alex 'Chippy' Curry Sauce		
Italian Gingerbread Cake	Banana Cake	Eve's Pudding	Mexican Chocolate Pudding	Vanilla Rice Pudding with Berry Compote	Magdelenas Caseras	
SUPPER	SUPPER	SUPPER	SUPPER	SUPPER	SUPPER	SUPPER
'Pizza Xpress' House baked fresh pizzas with assorted toppings, mozzarella cheese & fresh oregano	'Stiff Upper Lip' Sausage & Vegetable Wellington Admiral's Fish Pie Individual Vegetarian Cottage Pie	Royal Alex 'Burger Joint' House Made Prime Beef Burger Mozzarella & Field Mushroom Burger Popcorn Chicken Burger	North African Safari Slow Braised Chicken Tagine Moroccan Spiced Beef Stew Mini Khobz with Butternut & Spiced Aubergine	Toni's Italian Pasta Night Assorted pastas & sauces selected by our resident Italian culinary expert, Toni	Chef's Special Menu	Roast of the Week
Rocket & Parmesan or Grande Caesar Salads	Roasted Root Vegetables & Gravy	Coleslaw & Relish	Cumin Seed Scented Carrots & Buttered Greens	Garlic & Herb Ciabatta		
Garlic Potatoes	Herb Roasted New Potatoes	Shoe String Fries	Scented Cous Cous	Italian Salad Bar		Roasted Potatoes & Root Vegetables
'Ice Cream Parlor'	Apple & Pear Pie with Custard	Banana Muffins	Zesty African Orange Cake	Tiramisu		Lemon Drizzle Cake