



Richard Hale School Headteacher's Update

12th May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Year7 Bude

Year 7 have spent the week in Bude. It has been fantastic to be able to offer this visit to our students again. They have been having a great time. More details will follow next week. Coaches are due back around 4pm tomorrow evening, parents are asked to park away from the school site and walk to collect their son. If parents have to park on site, please do not enter until 3.50pm and park in the courts.

Raspberry Pi Success

The National Competition for this year has drawn to a close. You may recall on 21st April, I informed you with details of their project. This year, our team participated at the Science Museum and competed against 300 schools to reach the National Finals. Four teams remained and the competition was fierce. However, after several hours of intense judging from over 20 judges, including representatives from Microsoft, Rolls Royce, Raspberry Pi Foundation, the MOD and the Navy, our team was able to clinch First Place and accept their prize in front of a live audience and 100,000 people watching on live stream.

We are immensely proud of what our pupils have achieved. It reflects the fundamental ethos of this school to provide a quality education for all. Being recognised on the national stage is a celebration that we should all rejoice in. It is the collective efforts of all teachers and parents that have supported and nurtured these outstanding individuals whom have a bright future ahead of them. This event has helped future employers recognise their talent, with some even being added on LinkedIn.

We are very excited to see what the future holds and the next steps for our prize winners - Dexter Rigby, Callum Hutchinson, Farouk Temsi, Cormac Green, Harry Hopkinson and Samuel Mo.

Duke of Edinburgh Award

It has been a really successful term for The Duke of Edinburgh Award at Richard Hale.

The Gold students are showing real dedication to the award, with some students having already completed individual sections and are beginning to prepare for their expeditions in the summer. Ten of the current Year 12 Gold students finally completed their Bronze Award at the end of April when they undertook the qualifying expedition. These awards have been delayed a number of times due to the pandemic, so it has been fantastic to see these students managing to cross the finish line.

Our Year 10 Bronze students are making substantial progress, with almost half having completed their individual sections. Half of the cohort put their training into practice last weekend, walking over two days near Cuffley and camping at Tolmers Scout Campsite. It was a roaring success, with all the boys showing a real interest in their adventure. We are looking forward to our second practice expedition with the rest of the cohort later this term.

Progress Reports

Progress Reports for Year 10 will be available on the Parent Portal by 3.30pm tomorrow, Friday. If you have any problems accessing the system, please email online@richardhale.co.uk. Would parents please sign inside the front cover of your son's planner to confirm having seen the report.

Covid

Information on latest guidelines for Covid isolation etc., can be found using the following link. Please continue to report any Covid cases via the attendance process in school.

<https://www.gov.uk/coronavirus>

With public exams starting next week, we wish all the students good luck as they begin the exam season.

Have a good weekend everyone.

Ian Hawkins

Headteacher

May 2022 Calendar

Friday 13 th	MFL A Level Speaking Exams Year 12 Exams end
Monday 16 th	Public Exams Start
Wednesday 18 th	County League Athletics
Saturday 21 st	Year 6 Saturday Morning Visit Bronze DofE Practice Expedition
Monday 23 rd	Year 12 Geography Field Trip to the 25 th
Tuesday 24 th	Year 8 Parents Evening
Wednesday 25 th	County League Athletics
Friday 27 th	Year 8 Options Deadline
Monday 30 th	Half Term week

June 2022 Calendar

Monday 6 th	Return to School
Wednesday 8 th	County League Athletics
Thursday 9 th	Year 10 Parents Evening
Friday 10 th	House Swimming
Saturday 11 th	Bronze DofE Qualifying expedition to the 12 th Herts Athletics Championships

Monday 13 th	Year 8 Immunisations
Wednesday 15 th	County League Athletics
Monday 20 th	Year 10 Geography Field Trip to the 22 nd
Thursday 23 rd	Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 Tutor Meetings
Friday 24 th	Junior House Athletics
Sunday 26 th	Year 8 Bude trip to the 1 st July
Monday 27 th	Sixth Form Induction Week 1 to 1 st July Year 10 Geology Field Trip to 1 st July
Wednesday 29 th	Public Exams End
Thursday 30 th	District Athletics

July 2022 Calendar

Friday 1 st	Year 8 Bude Trip returns Sixth Form Induction Week 1 ends Year 10 Geology Field Trip returns
Monday 4 th	Year 12 Biology Field Trip to the 8 th Athletics – County league Plate Final
Tuesday 5 th	Athletics – County League Final
Wednesday 6 th	Year 6 New Parents Evening
Thursday 7 th	Leavers Ball Athletics – Nicky Morris Challenge
Saturday 9 th	Music – ABRSM Exams RHA AGM and Summer Lunch
Monday 11 th	Sixth Form Induction Week 2 to the 15 th
Tuesday 12 th	Art Exhibition
Wednesday 13 th	Summer Concert
Thursday 14 th	Year 6 Intake Day Year 12 Gold DofE Practice expedition to the 18 th
Monday 18 th	Year 12 Work Experience Week
Wednesday 20 th	Stevensons Uniform selling event School vs RHA Golf Math
Friday 22 nd	Non Uniform Day Academic year ends School finishes at 12.30

Weeks

Monday 16 th May	Week 1
Monday 23 rd May	Week 2
Monday 30 th May	Half Term
Monday 6 th June	Week 1
Monday 13 th June	Week 2
Monday 20 th June	Week 1
Monday 27 th June	Week 2
Monday 4 th July	Week 1
Monday 11 th July	Week 2
Monday 18 th July	Week 1

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