



## Richard Hale School Headteacher's Update

19<sup>th</sup> May 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Year 7 Bude Trip**

Last week it was the school's pleasure to take the whole of Year 7 on our annual residential trip to Adventure International in Bude, Cornwall. This is the first time in two years the trip has been able to run, so it was fantastic to return to the centre and experience a week of new and exciting activities. Year 7 pupils scaled the dizzying heights of rock walls and high ropes, squeezed into dark corners of caving, braved the freezing waves in surfing and body boarding, and paddled down rivers in canoes and kayaks. Beyond the daily activities, Richard Hale won the basketball competition, the 5-a-side football competition, and the talent show, showing pupils really did embrace every minute of the trip! Pupils approached every activity with enthusiasm and energy – even the 7am daily run – and feedback from the Bude activity leaders evidenced the fact that pupils were polite, hardworking and a credit to the school. The trip hopefully provided lasting memories and is perhaps best summed up by a student who said of his Bude award: "I shall keep this forever!" I would like to thank Miss Harvey and the team of staff who accompanied the trip for all their hard work in ensuring the week was an enjoyable one for the students.

### **2023 Ski Trips**

Further to the postponement of the 2021 and 2022 ski trips and the unprecedented demand for places, we can now confirm the arrangements for 2023. In order to offer as many places as possible, we have managed to arrange an additional trip next year and they will take place as follows:

Senior Ski Trip:	Obertauern, Austria: 10 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2023
Intermediate Ski Trip:	Folgarida, Italy: 31 <sup>st</sup> March – 8 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
Junior Ski Trip:	Claviere, Italy: 10 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> February 2023

Places for the senior trip have already been allocated and announced and we are working to try to finalise and announce the individual allocations for the intermediate and junior trips before half term. Unfortunately, the demand for places still exceeds the number of places available so some students will be placed on a reserve list and given priority for places in future years. Please do not apply for these trips if your child is not already on a waiting list. Details for 2024 will be distributed in the autumn.

### **Year 10 Work Experience**

Last week Year 10 students spent the week gaining valuable experience of the world of work. Virtually all students managed to secure a placement, across a huge range of sectors, locations and workplace environments, and we are very grateful to parents for your support

in helping to arrange these. The students have spoken very highly of their experiences and have been completing a reflective journal before, during and after the week. Work experience provides students with a taste of the opportunities available to them after they finish their education. We will be using this over the coming weeks to help build their aspirations for the future. A small group of students spent the week in school engaging in a varied programme of activities, including working in the garage, horticultural work, team building activities, and shadowing our technicians. Both those on work experience and those at school were a real credit to Richard Hale and I hope they enjoyed the experience.

### **Cock House Cup update**

There have been plenty of House events taking place over the last term to keep students busy and competing towards the Cock House Cup, which will be announced in July. We have had House football, basketball, senior athletics, and chess all taking place. Totals are narrowing and students have been eagerly eyeing up the points board in the dining hall to see where they stand.

We have plenty still to go before the end of the year, including: junior athletics, creative writing, script writing, tennis, enterprise competition, and community event. Students also gain points for their House through their form's achievement point total, which is converted into house points every 3 weeks.

The current standings are:

1 <sup>st</sup>	Hale	134.5
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Croft	132
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kinman	117
4 <sup>th</sup>	Wallace	113.5
5 <sup>th</sup>	Cowper	107.5
6 <sup>th</sup>	Page	104.5

### **Swimming**

Congratulations to the following students who qualified for The East Region Regional Swimming Championships held at the end of April.

Callum Cox, Year 11, Bishop's Stortford SC (finalist 50 butterfly)

Archie Rann, Year 10, Ware SC (finalist 200 butterfly)

Jack Renouf, Year 10, Hoddesdon SC (finalist 50 breaststroke)

Congratulations also to the following students who represented East Hertfordshire in the School Swimming Championships.

Year 7:	Arthur Rann,
Year 8:	Charlie Cox and Nelson Cox
Year 10:	Archie Rann and Jack Renouf
Year 11:	Dan Ireland

### **Student News**

Congratulations to Charley Roper, Year 11, who took part in the Acrobatic National Finals recently and, with his partner, took 4<sup>th</sup> place – 4<sup>th</sup> best in the UK, a great achievement.

### Teaching Assistant Vacancies

We currently have vacancies for Teaching Assistants to either start as soon as possible or in September. For full details of the vacancies please follow the link below

<https://www.richardhale.herts.sch.uk/vacancies/>

### 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>

Have a good weekend, we are looking forward to meeting our new Year 6 students at the Treasure Hunt on Saturday morning.

Ian Hawkins  
**Headteacher**

### May 2022 Calendar

Saturday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 6 Treasure Hunt Bronze DofE Practice Expedition to the 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Public exams continue Year 12 Geography Field Trip to the 25 <sup>th</sup>
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 8 Parents Evening
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	County League Athletics
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Year 8 Options Deadline
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term week

### June 2022 Calendar

Monday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Return to School
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup>	County League Athletics
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 10 Parents Evening
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup>	House Swimming
Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Bronze DofE Qualifying expedition to the 12 <sup>th</sup> Herts Athletics Championships
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Year 8 Immunisations
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	County League Athletics
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 10 Geography Day Trips to the 22 <sup>nd</sup> - TBC
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 Tutor Meetings
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Junior House Athletics

Sunday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 8 Bude trip to the 1 <sup>st</sup> July
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Sixth Form Induction Week 1 to 1 <sup>st</sup> July Year 10 Geology Field Trip to 1 <sup>st</sup> July
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Public Exams End
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	District Athletics

### July 2022 Calendar

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Year 8 Bude Trip returns Sixth Form Induction Week 1 ends Year 10 Geology Field Trip returns
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 12 Biology Field Trip to the 8 <sup>th</sup> Athletics – County league Plate Final
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Athletics – County League Final
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 New Parents Evening
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Leavers Ball Athletics – Nicky Morris Challenge
Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Music – ABRSM Exams RHA AGM and Summer Lunch
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Sixth Form Induction Week 2 to the 15 <sup>th</sup>
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Art Exhibition
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Concert
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Intake Day Year 12 Gold DofE Practice expedition to the 18 <sup>th</sup>
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 12 Work Experience Week
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Stevensons Uniform selling event – 3.45pm – 5.00pm School vs RHA Golf Math
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Non Uniform Day Academic year ends School finishes at 12.30

### Weeks

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

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