

23rd June 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Subway information

For the third year in a row, the students from Richard Hale School together with The Sele School and Simon Balle All-through school, have provided art worthy of a London gallery for the London Road subway in Hertford. The students are very talented, and this project gives these young people the opportunity to display their work in a public space and at the same time improving the local environment for everyone. Students were joined by Executive Member for Highways Cllr Phil Bibby, who commented: "This really is a great project, working with both local schools and the community to encourage active travel, reduce car use and improve the environment as part of the subway refurbishment programme, part of the Hertfordshire County Council Local Transport Plan www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/ltp and the Corporate Plan of 'creating a cleaner, greener, healthier Hertfordshire for all.' Local member and former Hertford Mayor Cllr Bob Deering joined the new Mayor Cllr Sue Barber to see the latest art installation. Cllr Deering said: "I am very proud of our gifted young students who have once again produced outstanding work for everyone to enjoy. This subway is a popular route for access into town and to the local schools and we want to encourage more walking and cycling across the town.

Industrial Cadets Regional Final

Our Science Department are feeling proud following the outstanding work of Eoin Conway-Baker, Jack Gleed, James Price, Jonah Scott, Leo Homer, and Samuel Cole in Year 8, who won the award for Best Teamwork out of about 90 schools at the Bronze Industrial Cadets Regional Final on the 22nd June. The students had been working on a STEM project for the last few months in collaboration with GSK where they had to come up with ways of providing energy, waste management, water, building design, communications and travel to and from Richard Hale School as if it were an island, a few kilometres from the mainland. Congratulations to them on their well-deserved success. Many thanks to Ms Aghedo and Mr Masters who lead the team at school, and Keshav Vaitha and Georgina Brown who were the team's GSK mentors.

SIMS Parent App

We have been thrilled to have our first 200 parents using the SIMS Parent App this week, which will help to streamline the communication between Richard Hale School and home. Year 12 and Year 9 parents should have all received activation emails this week. If any Y12/Y9 parents have not received this email, or if you have any difficulties at all in setting up the app, please email SIMSParentApp@richardhale.co.uk. We are continuing to roll out this app over the coming weeks, with Years 7, 8 and 10 due to receive their activation emails next week. Please contact Mr Allaway with any queries.

Cricket

It has been a busy term so far for cricket with a variety of friendly, county, district and calypso cricket fixtures all being played across the age groups. Both the Year 8 and 10 teams were successful in winning their respective Calypso tournaments, well done to all involved.

It is also looking likely that all age groups, 7-10, will progress from their respective District groups into the semi-finals.

There is a senior cricket fixture next Wednesday v Bishops Stortford which is a nice way for Year 11 and Year 13 to finish the year after the completion of their exams.

Finally the details for Cricket this Saturday vs Enfield Grammar. All fixtures are a 9:00am start.

Year 7 and 9

Away at Enfield Grammar

Meet at RHS for 8:20am if you require the mini bus or 8:45am meet direct at Enfield Grammar.

Year 8

At home with the fixture being played at Bayford CC.

Meet at Bayford CC for 8:30am.

District Pentathlon

The following students took part in the District Pentathlon Championships at Wodson Park recently.

Year 7 Murray Deacon, Oscar Edmundson, Will Roberts and James Sutton

Year 9 Arthur Deacon , Alfredo Whitehead Benitez , Ben Adams

On a very hot day the students competed in five disciplines over the day - hurdles, shot put, high jump, long jump and 800m. In the team event the Year 7 team came 4th and the Year 9 team took Silver. In the individual event Arthur Deacon also took Silver. Well done to all involved.

County League Athletics

In the sixth and last county league athletics match of the year the school took on St Albans Boys School, Freman College, Simon Balle School and St Edmunds College. The U14 posted their highest score of the season with 51 points in 2nd place and the U16 team also posted 51 points in second place. Out of 25 competing schools in the league we currently sit in 4th place for the U16 boys and 9th place for the U14 boys and wait anxiously for the final results to see whether we have made the main and plate finals at the start of July. Well done to all the athletes.

Summer Concert- Wednesday 13th July, 6.30pm

Join us for an evening of outdoor music. Tickets will be available soon - watch this space! The concert will feature our wonderful soloists and ensembles as well as some brand new groups. We look forward to seeing you there

Table Tennis Tables

We have been fortunate to secure funding for three outdoor table tennis tables which are now available for students to use at lunchtime if they bring their own bats and balls.

Learning Resources Support Officer

We are looking to appoint a Learning Resources Support Officer to support our students during independent study time in the school library. The ideal candidate will be able to manage groups of students, motivate and support them in their study periods to ensure that they utilise the time they have in school effectively. The candidate will have responsibility for the school library, ensuring it is a safe, well-resourced environment for study and reading during the school day, including at break and lunch time, before and after school, when the Homework Club is based there and for the promotion of good study habits and reading across the school.

The position is for 37 hours per week, term time plus one week, Monday to Friday with an 8am start each day. The salary range for this position will be £20,043-£21,269 (pro-rata) depending on experience.

Please visit the Vacancies section of our website for further information.

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

Bronze D of E

The Year 10 students completed their qualifying expedition recently, the first Bronze Award qualifier since June 2019. All of the participants did exceptionally well and will have no doubt benefited from the challenge of the expedition element of the Award. It has been a highly successful relaunch of DofE at Richard Hale, aided in no small part by the efforts and expertise of our adult volunteers. Both students and adult leaders should be proud of their achievements over the course of the year.

Parking

Can I please remind parents to arrange to meet students away from the school site at the end of the day where there is 30 minute free parking at local car parks. Parents are asked not to block roads, or park on double yellow lines/zigzag lines around the school. A number of concerns have been raised recently of inconsiderate parking which is causing hazards for other drivers.

Water Safety Advice

Please see below water safety advice we have been asked to pass to you to share with your children.

Since the weather has turned warmer, we have sadly seen an increase of deaths in water across the UK. As temperatures peak, it could be tempting to take a plunge or venture near the water's edge. People are often distracted by their activity and may not even notice the hazards of slippery or eroded paths.

KEY SAFETY TIPS:

- *Anything below 15°C is defined as cold water and can seriously affect your breathing and movement, so the risk of cold water shock is significant most of the year*
- *Be aware and take notice of any warning signs; they are there for a reason. This includes knowing the signs and flags at the beach*

- When running or walking next to water, stay clear of the waters' edge
- Wear appropriate footwear and clothing – even if you are just going to stretch your legs
- Take a fully charged mobile phone and check signal strength, and know who to call in an emergency (999 Fire and Rescue for inland or Coastguard at the coast)
- Make sure you know exactly where you are – consider something like an OS locate app, such as what3words, for a smart phone or a map
- Paddle boarding and kayaking on open water is increasing in popularity. Please visit gopaddling.info to learn how to paddle safely
- For safety advice along the coast visit: [Beach Safety Resources \(rnli.org\)](http://Beach Safety Resources (rnli.org))

#Respectthewater #BeWaterAware #Drowningprevention

For more information or advice, please see: [Staying safe around water \(hertfordshire.gov.uk\)](http://Staying safe around water (hertfordshire.gov.uk))

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>

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June 2022 Calendar

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 Year 10 Caius College Cambridge Visit
Thursday 7 th	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

	Year 12 Economics – Bank of England
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 – 3.45pm – 5.00pm Junior Production
Friday 22 nd	Non Uniform Day Academic year ends School finishes at 12.30

August 2022 Calendar

Thursday 18 th	A Level Results Day
Thursday 25 th	GCSE Results Day

Weeks

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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