

26th January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Strike Action – 1st February

A letter was sent to parents on the 26th January to outline the plans for the strike day next week. Please refer to the letter which outlined our intentions to have years 7 to 9 in school and 10 to 13 having remote learning on this day. The letter is also available on the website. We will update you if there are any changes to these plans.

Virtual Music Making Group

I am pleased to announce that Thomas Attridge is the first winner of the Virtual Music Group competition and has won a £10 Amazon gift card.

Last term's task was: Turn a classical piece of music in to a "pop song" or remix. You can use samples from the original music or just use the tune and adapt it. Whatever fits your style.

Thomas completed a composition based on the Moonlight Sonata calling it Eclipsing Moonlight copying the arpeggio figures at the start and turning it in to his own inspired soft rock piece. Mrs Chadwick says that there are some beautiful elements within this, especially with some experimental harmony sections.

His recording will also be published on Music's twitter account @RHSMusic2017. If you do not already, please make sure to follow us. If any students would like to take part in the next competition, the google classroom code is: xnsnety

Senior Production – Animal Farm

Students from Years 10 to 13 have been busy working towards our Senior Production of the play with music, Animal Farm. George Orwell's famous novella has been adapted for the stage by Ian Woolridge and the main theme is that power corrupts - a theme which is as relevant today as ever. Animal Farm the play with music is an allegorical play which tells the story of a group of farm animals who rebel against their human farmer, hoping to create a society where the animals can be equal, free, and happy. The dates of the performances are Wednesday 1st and Thursday 2nd February at 7:30pm. Please support our students by buying tickets which are now available on Wisepay.

Easter 2023 Ski Trip

Some places for this Easter's ski trip to Folgarida in Italy have become available at short notice. The trip is available to current members of Years 9, 10 and 11 and takes place from Friday 31st March to Saturday 8th April 2023. No previous skiing experience is necessary and the cost of the trip is £1,100 which would need to be paid, in full, by the beginning of March. If you would like to apply for one of these places, please email Mr Martin at ama@richardhale.co.uk by the close of Thursday 2nd February. If we receive more applications than there are places available, a ballot will be conducted on Friday 3rd.

For students who already have places on the trip, please look out for an email before half term containing further details and arrangements about the trip, including dates for a parents' information evening and dry slope sessions at Gosling.

Details for February 2024 ski trips will be released after half term.

Poppy Appeal

The Royal British Legion have thanked the school for their recent donation of £470.27 to the Poppy Appeal for Remembrance which enables them to continue their vital welfare and benevolent work.

Home to School Transport Consultation

Hertfordshire County Council is consulting on its home-school transport policies. We are seeking feedback from schools, parents and other stakeholders.

The proposals include:

- A policy to clarify the role of passenger assistants on contracted transport
- An amended policy for transport for 19-25 year olds
- Amending the charging structure for 16-18 year olds
- Removing the 16+ railcard

We are also seeking views of:

- Personal Travel Budgets
- Transport for those on Part-Time Timetables
- Spare seats on vehicles to special schools in Hertfordshire

Full details and an online response form are available at:

www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/transportconsultation

The consultation will run between 24th January and 26th March 2023.

Ian Hawkins
Headteacher

January 2023 Calendar

Friday 27 th	Holocaust Memorial Day
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February 2023 Calendar

Wednesday 1 st	School Production
Thursday 2 nd	School Production Intermediate Maths Challenge
Friday 3 rd	Physics trip to Belgium to 5 th
Tuesday 7 th	Year 11 Parents' Evening
Wednesday 8 th	French Exchange Parents evening
Friday 10 th	Non Uniform Day School finishes at 12.30 Junior Ski Trip to Italy, returns 18 th Senior Ski Trip to Austria, returns 18 th

Monday 20 th	Inset Day – School Closed
Wednesday 22 nd	Parent Forum – Careers Education Programme
Thursday 23 rd	Year 13 Parents' Evening Year 11 GCSE Drama Practical
Monday 27 th	Year 9 Immunisations Year 11 MFL mock writing exams
Tuesday 28 th	Year 11 MFL mock writing exams

March 2023 Calendar

Wednesday 1 st	Year 11 MFL mock writing exams to the 3 rd
Friday 3 rd	Year 11 and 13 Photographs
Monday 6 th	GCSE Food Tech practicals to the 9 th
Wednesday 8 th	Year 12 Parents Evening
Saturday 11 th	Bronze DofE Training Day
Monday 13 th	Year 9/10 French Exchange to RHS to the 20 th
Thursday 16 th	House Music
Thursday 23 rd	Year 11 Revision Workshops
Friday 24 th	Year 11 English Exam Year 9/10 German Exchange to RHS to 31 st RHS Annual Dinner
Sunday 26 th	Bronze DofE Navigation Practice
Monday 27 th	Year 8 Exams to the 30 th
Tuesday 28 th	Year 7 Parents Evening
Friday 31 st	Intermediate Ski Trip departs to the 8 th April Non Uniform Day Normal School Finish at 3.20pm

April 2023 Calendar

Monday 3 rd – Friday 14 th	Easter Break
Monday 17 th	Summer Term begins A Level Mock MFL Exams Year 10 Exams week

Weeks

Monday 30 th Jan	Week 1
Monday 6 th Feb	Week 2
Monday 13 th Feb	Half Term Week
Tuesday 21 st Feb	Week 1
Monday 27 th Feb	Week 2
Monday 6 th March	Week 1
Monday 13 th March	Week 2
Monday 20 th March	Week 1
Monday 27 th March	Week 2
Monday 3 rd April	Easter Break
Monday 10 th April	Easter Break
Monday 17 th April	Week 1

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