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Busy to the end!

We may be into the last month of the academic year now, but it is still as busy as ever at Prospect!



Mr D Littlemore
Headteacher

We have been delighted by the number of Year 5 parents who have visited to be shown around on our very popular tours every Tuesday and Friday. We have thoroughly enjoyed meeting new prospective parents and sharing our vision for the future with them. The Year 6 students will be visiting for two days next week and we are very much looking forward to welcoming them to the Prospect community.

Yesterday evening, we held our own Summer Exhibition showcasing the amazing work produced by our Year 13 Art and Technology students. As ever, I am absolutely blown away by the quality of artwork produced by young people of just 17 and 18 years old. Huge thanks to the Art Department for such a stunning display of work and putting on such a memorable evening.

Miss McCabe and Mr Price joined the Holocaust Memorial Trust

on a visit to the concentration camp at Auschwitz this week – to Poland and back in under 24 hours. You can read their report in the newsletter – Miss McCabe told me she felt emotionally drained by the experience and the visit reminds us that, nearly 75 years after the end of World War Two, it is crucial that we do not forget the inhumanity and horrors that the human race has inflicted on its own. The important 'lessons from Auschwitz' programme will be delivered in school next year, and we hope that some students will also have the opportunity to visit.

It was another very busy parents' evening last night. For Year 8 students, they are looking ahead to the start of their new GCSE courses in September, whilst Year 9s are consolidating the learning of the first year of their GCSEs. I always thoroughly enjoy parents' evenings and the chance to speak to parents and students, ensuring that we all understand the high

standards and aspirations that we have for our students.

Next week we will be sharing our plans for the introduction of our new House System with students. I have already had many questions from students and I am sure parents will have some too. A full explanation of our plans and how they will affect your son/daughter can be read below – please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Finally, a reminder that we will be finishing two days earlier than planned, on Wednesday 17 July. Significant classroom moves, decoration and building work are planned over the summer and this will enable the contractors to ensure all the work is finished, ready for the start of the new academic year.

Mr D Littlemore
Headteacher

Quote of the week

The future starts today, not tomorrow.

Pope John Paul II



Lessons from Auschwitz

On Tuesday this week, Miss McCabe and Mr Price joined teachers from schools across the South East of England for the Holocaust Education Trust's "Lessons from Auschwitz" programme. Based on the premise that 'hearing is not like seeing', they explored the universal lessons of the Holocaust and its relevance for today. The LFA Project aims to increase knowledge and understanding of the Holocaust for young people and to clearly highlight what can happen if prejudice and racism become acceptable.

As part of the course, they met with a Holocaust survivor, and then spent a day at the notorious Auschwitz-Birkenau Death Camp in Poland. During the visit they were first taken to Oświęcim, the town where the Auschwitz concentration and death camps were located and where the local Jewish community lived prior to the start of the Second World War. They were then shown several barracks at Auschwitz I – registration documents of inmates, piles of hair, shoes, clothes and other items seized from the prisoners as they entered the camps. Miss McCabe and

Mr Price were then taken the short distance to Birkenau. This is the site that most people associate with the word "Auschwitz" and where the vast majority of victims were murdered. The remnants of barracks, crematoria and gas chambers are in stark contrast to Auschwitz I. The tour of Birkenau culminated in a memorable ceremony held next to the destroyed crematoria. The ceremony includes readings, a moment of reflection and ended with lighting memorial candles.

Later in the year, we are hoping to return to Auschwitz, this time with two students, who will then work with Miss McCabe and Mr Price to develop a programme for all students in school, to ensure that future generations are confident in challenging prejudice and racism, to ensure such genocide never happens again.

Ms L McCabe
Associate Senior Leader



I am constantly amazed by the number of students who do not collect their exam certificates. I have hundreds of uncollected certificates dating back at least six years. They are valuable documents that you will need at various times during your life and, if you lose them, replacements are only available from the exam boards and some exam boards will charge you over £40. Because certificates are valuable and we have to ensure they go to the right person, we only issue them at the school and we don't post them.

So here are a few bits of advice:

- When you have completed year 11 or have left the 6th Form, make sure you remember to collect your certificates. They should be available from December following the summer exams. Look out for details on the School website.
- Once you have your certificates, put them somewhere safe and make sure that you are not the only one who knows where they are!
- If you have an older brother or sister who recently studied at Prospect School, ask them if they collected their certificates. If they didn't, they should contact me and I will arrange for them to be available for collection from reception.

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The New House System



Next week, we will be launching our new House system for all students and staff in school, as part of our continuous drive for school improvement.

You will have noticed that the new school day in September will include a 30-minute daily tutor time, which is part of our commitment to excellent pastoral care and support for all students, as well as being a Department for Education pilot for the new RSE curriculum.

The key change for students (and parents) is that student support will be led by Heads of House, rather than Heads of Year, meaning each Head of House will be responsible for a House group of students in Years 7-13, rather than just one year group. Heads of House will have academic and pastoral oversight of all students in their house; students in Years 12 and 13 will also be part of the House system and will additionally be supported by the Leader of Sixth Form. For parents in particular, this will give them a single point of contact, as all siblings will be in the same house.

Teaching and form groups will continue to be organised and delivered on a year-group basis, but some activities (for example assemblies) will now occur on a house basis. The benefits of a house system are well documented – providing the opportunity for healthy inter-house competitions, student leadership, peer mentoring and the sense of belonging to a smaller cohort of students within the school. A well-structured House system will enable us to focus on our work next year in developing a positive culture and character across the school, academically, socially and in supporting student care.

Your child will be told which House they have been allocated during their year group assemblies next week, and they will be moving into their new form groups as from Monday 8 July. Our first major house event will be the Festival of Sport on Tuesday 9 July – students are encouraged to wear a plain t-shirt in their house colour if they so wish.

North House (Red) Head of House – Miss Ralston
Deputy Head of House – Mrs Vacy-Ash

East House (Yellow) Head of House – Miss Matten
Deputy Head of House – Mrs Evans

South House (Blue) Head of House – Mr Gerrard
Deputy Head of House – Mr Parry

West House (Green) Head of House – Miss Smith
Deputy Head of House – Miss Jelley

Leader of Sixth Form – Mr Alexander

Ms M Morris
Deputy Headteacher



Prospect's Summer Concert

The Drama and Music Departments are inviting you to Prospect's 2019 Summer Concert.

The time has arrived to say goodbye to this school year!

Our students have worked hard to prepare a celebration full of music and drama!

The concert will take place on:

Thursday 4 July in the Lower School Hall from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Ms E Akrivopoulou
Head of Drama/English Teacher

Theme of the week

1 – 5 July

Why we all need a holiday...





Prayer room

We would like to remind students that we have a multi-faith prayer room in school (near reception).

It is open at both breaktimes, and is available to students of any faith (or no faith) who would like a few moments of quiet contemplation, meditation or prayer.

Multi-Faith Prayer Room



Your Say on Southcote (Secondary)

Overview

Your Say on Southcote (Secondary) is your chance to tell us what should be on offer to young people in your local area. We are also collecting the ideas and views of parents and primary school children with two other surveys.

Why We Are Consulting

We would like to find out what you think about your local area, what activities you would like to go to and how we can best support you. The results of this survey will help us spend money on activities in Southcote in the best way.

To complete the survey, please click the link:

<https://consult.reading.gov.uk/dens/your-say-on-southcote-secondary>

Your Say on Southcote (Secondary) - Reading Borough Council - Citizen Space

consult.reading.gov.uk

Find and participate in consultations run by Reading Borough Council

Mr N Beard

Assistant Headteacher/Head of Sixth Form

LGBTQA+

Community meet up

Have the chance to have your say

Every Tuesday
3:00pm @ the
library

Share your experiences

Meet new people

Confidential and safe

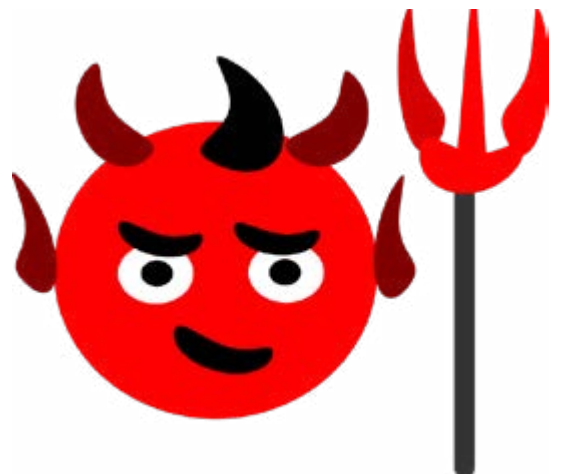


Puzzle of the week



In the calculation below, each letter represents a number.
Work out what each letter should be so that the sum is correct.

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(Answer in next newsletter)

Last issue's answer: Lots of ways, one example being:

$$888 + 88 + 8 + 8$$

What's occurring?



SCHOOL CALENDAR

Date	Event	Details
2018 – 2019	Term Six	Monday 3 June - Wednesday 17 July
Tues 02.07.19	Year 10 Parent Consultation Evening	Lower School Hall - 3:30pm to 7:30pm
Tues 02.07.19	Year 12 Parent Consultation Evening	Lower School Hall - 3:30pm to 7:30pm
Wed 03.07.19	Year 6 Transfer Day 1	8:45am to 2:45pm
Thur 04.07.19	Year 6 Transfer Day 2	8:45am to 2:45pm
Thur 04.07.19	Summer Concert	6:30pm to 8:30pm
Fri 05.07.19	Year 10 - Celebration of Achievement	Lower School Hall - 1:45pm
Mon 08.07.19	Year 9 - Celebration of Achievement	Lower School Hall - 1:45pm
Tues 09.07.19	Festival of Sport Day	All day
Thur 11.07.19	Year 7 Parent Consultation Evening	Lower School Hall - 3:30pm to 7:00pm
Fri 12.07.19	Curriculum Day 4 - PSHE & Wellbeing Day	All day
Mon 15.07.19	Year 8 - Celebration of Achievement	Lower School Hall - 1:45pm
Tues 16.07.19	Year 7 - Celebration of Achievement	Lower School Hall - 1:45pm

SCHOOL TRIPS



Date	Event	Year Groups
Every Wed until July end of term	Rushall Farm, Bradfield, READING	Selected Year 7
Monday 1 July	Rushall Farm	10
Tuesday 2 July	Rushall Farm	9
Tuesday 9 July	Reading University Scholars	9
Monday 15 July	Brilliant Club, Royal Holloway Graduation	7 & 8
Monday & Tuesday, 15 & 16 July	Rushall Farm	9 & 10 (& Bridge tbc)

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

We offer a wide range of extra curricular activities to help you learn more and to develop your skills.

Why not come along?

Subject	Year Groups	Day	Time	Location
Art				
Coursework Catch Up	9-11	Monday	3.00pm-4.00pm	Art Block
Coursework Catch Up	9-11	Wednesday	3.00pm-4.00pm	Art Block
Coursework Catch Up	9-11	Thursday	3.00pm-4.00pm	Art Block
Computing				
Hi-Flyers Workshop	10-13	Tuesday	2.45pm-3.45pm	C23
Computer Science Clinic	10-13	Wednesday	1.15pm-1.45pm	C24
Cyber Stars	7-9	Thursday	1.15pm-1.45pm	C21
Drama/Music				
KS3 Drama Workshop	7-8	Tuesday	1.15pm-1.45pm	A02
KS4 Music Theory Workshop	9-11	Wednesday	2.45pm-3.45pm	A10
KS3 Choir	7-8	Thursday	1.15pm-1.45pm	A10
KS4 Music Composition Workshop	9-11	Thursday	2.45pm-3.45pm	A10
Drum Ensemble		Friday	1.15pm-1.45pm	Music Studio
KS4 Drama Workshop	9-11	Friday	1.15pm-1.45pm	A02/LSH
General				
After School Homework Club	All	Every day	2.45pm-3.45pm	Library
Music Group (with the School Counsellor)	All	Wednesday	3.30pm-5.00pm	Music Dept
Health & Social Care				
Health & Social Care Intervention	11	Thursday	10.45am-11.15am	H&SC Dept
Health & Social Care Intervention	11	Friday	2.45pm-3.45pm	H&SC Dept

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Subject	Year Groups	Day	Time	Location
History				
Year 11 Revision Group	11	Wednesday	2.45pm-3.45pm	D26
Year 11 Revision Group	11	Thursday	2.45pm-3.45pm	D17
Year 11 Revision Group	11	Thursday	2.45pm-3.45pm	A34
Mathematics				
Mathematics Help Club	7-10	Wednesday	3.00pm-4.00pm	D21
Mathematics Help Club	11	Wednesday	3.00pm-4.00pm	D33
P.E.				
Basketball	10 & 11	Monday	10.45am-11.15am	Sports Hall
Basketball	7, 8 & 9	Monday	10.45am-11.15am	Gym
Netball	All Years	Monday	1.15pm-1.45pm	Sports Hall
Basketball	10 & 11	Monday	1.15pm-1.45pm	Gym
Table Tennis	All Years	Monday	1.15pm-1.45pm	Lower School Hall
Boys Fitness	All Years	Monday	1.15pm-1.45pm	Fitness Factory
Basketball	10 & 11	Tuesday	10.45am-11.15am	Sports Hall
Gymnastics	KS3	Tuesday	10.45am-11.15am	Gym
Girls Fitness	All Years	Tuesday	10.45am-11.15am	Fitness Factory
Badminton	KS3	Tuesday	1.15pm-1.45pm	Sports Hall
Basketball	10 & 11	Tuesday	1.15pm-1.45pm	Gym
Table Tennis	All Years	Tuesday	1.15pm-1.45pm	Lower School Hall
Boys Fitness	All Years	Tuesday	1.15pm-1.45pm	Fitness Factory
Girls Netball Club	All Years	Tuesday	After School	
Football Fixtures	7	Tuesday	After School	
Football Fixtures	10	Tuesday	After School	
Basketball	10 & 11	Wednesday	10.45am-11.15am	Sports Hall
Basketball	7, 8 & 9	Wednesday	10.45am-11.15am	Gym
Boys Fitness	All Years	Wednesday	10.45am-11.15am	Fitness Factory
Indoor Football	All Years	Wednesday	1.15pm-1.45pm	Sports Hall

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P.E.				
Basketball	10 & 11	Wednesday	1.15pm-1.45pm	Gym
Table Tennis	All Years	Wednesday	1.15pm-1.45pm	Lower School Hall
Girls Just Dance/Fitness	All Years	Wednesday	1.15pm-1.45pm	Fitness Factory
Football Club	All Years	Wednesday	After School	
Football Fixtures	9	Wednesday	After School	
Netball Fixtures	7 & 8	Wednesday	After School	
Basketball	10 & 11	Thursday	10.45am-11.15am	Sports Hall
Girls Basketball	All Years	Thursday	10.45am-11.15am	Gym
Basketball	10 & 11	Thursday	1.15pm-1.45pm	Sports Hall
Multi-sports	All Years	Thursday	1.15pm-1.45pm	Gym
Boys Fitness	All Years	Thursday	1.15pm-1.45pm	Fitness Factory
Football Fixtures	8	Thursday	After School	
Football Fixtures	11	Thursday	After School	
Netball Fixtures	9	Thursday	After School	
Basketball	10 & 11	Friday	10.45am-11.15am	Sports Hall
Basketball	7, 8 & 9	Friday	10.45am-11.15am	Gym
Girls Fitness	All Years	Friday	10.45am-11.15am	Fitness Factory
Badminton	KS4	Friday	1.15pm-1.45pm	Sports Hall
Basketball	10 & 11	Friday	1.15pm-1.45pm	Gym
Badminton	GCSE	Friday	After School	
Science				
KS3 Homework Club	7-8	Tuesday	2.45pm-3.45pm	B01, B02, B13
Year 10 High Ability Club	10	Tuesday	3.00pm-4.00pm	
Year 9 High Ability Club	9	Tuesday	3.00pm-4.00pm	B14
Technology				
Design and Make It Club	7 - 8	Wednesday	2.45pm-3.45pm	L05



A voice for families of children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities

Are you a parent carer of a disabled and/or special needs child?

Do you want to meet others in the same situation and learn how to find information about services for your child and family?

**Then come along to Krazy Play Days, Unit 7,
Sterling Way, Tilehurst, Reading, RG30 6HW
and meet Maryam and Gill from the Family Information Service
and hear about the SEND Local Offer
10th July 2019, 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm
Free entry, light refreshment, siblings welcome**

Maryam Makki and Gill Seagrove will be showing the SEND Local Offer and how to access it to find services for families of children with additional needs. There will be qualified helpers on site to supervise your children, so that you can be free to attend the meeting. *(Please note that child care spaces are limited).*

To book your place, please email fran.morgan.rff@gmail.com or telephone/text on the mobile number below.

We would be grateful if you could let us know if you would like to come to our coffee evenings, but the day and time is not convenient for you. Please email and say what would be better for you so we could adjust timings to suit as many families as possible. Thank you.

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