



Newsletter

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NEWS FROM THE ENGLISH DEPARTMENT



on that quiz, the more points they earn for their class. This also gradually increases the level of book they are reading which maintains the challenge and the motivation across the year.

Please support your Year 7/8 child by reading their Accelerated Reader book with them for at least 20 minutes a day.

A massive congratulation to 8W and 7D for winning the Accelerated Reader competition this term – this means that as a class, they achieved the most points.

Accelerated Reader encourages pupils to make progress with their

reading skills; it provides a book level for the student – this will be a book which is challenging but motivating. Once students have read the book they then take an online quiz to assess how much of the book they have understood – the better they do

Ms K. Ray
2nd in English

PROSPECT SCHOOL CALENDAR

Date	Trip	Details
Monday 5 th November 2018	Year 9 Careers Assembly	Dealing with challenges.
Tuesday 6 th November 2018	Safe Drive, Stay Alive Conference The Hexagon READING	6 th Formers Better awareness of how to drive safely.
Thursday 8 th November 2018	Year 11 Next Steps Conference Reading University READING	The objective is to offer Year 11 students the skills needed to perform well in their GCSEs and make their decisions for their Post 16 studies.
Wednesday 14 th November 2018	Sixth Form Information Evening in 'L' Block	Information for students on how to apply for Prospect Sixth Form.
Tuesday 18 th November 2018	Annual Performing Arts Christmas Concert.	Music & Drama come together for 'An Evening of Festivities'.
Thursday 22 nd November 2018	The Watermill Theatre Company will be performing 'Jane Eyre' in the Lower School Hall. (Years 9, 10 & 11 GCSE)	A Live Theatre Performance is essential for the Exam Specification.

**Information from Ms M. Morris
(Deputy Headteacher)**



Bonfire Safety Advice 2018

This is a message from Reading Neighbourhood Policing Team we would like all of our residents to have a safe & happy bonfire night .We will be carrying out high-visibility patrols over firework/ bonfire period to deal with any incidents of anti –social behaviour.

Firework Code

Only adults should deal with setting up firework displays, the lighting of fireworks and the safe disposal of fireworks once they have been used (and remember, alcohol and fireworks don't mix!). Children and young people should be supervised, and watch and enjoy fireworks at a safe distance.

1. Plan your firework display to make it safe and enjoyable, and ensure it finishes before 11pm
2. You must not set off fireworks between 11pm and 7am, except for:
3. Bonfire Night, when the cut off is midnight.
4. New Year's Eve, Diwali and Chinese New Year, when the cut off is 1am.
5. Only buy fireworks which carry the CE mark, keep them in a closed box and use them one at a time
6. Read and follow the instructions on each firework using a torch if necessary
7. Light the firework at arm's length with a taper and stand well back
8. Keep naked flames, including cigarettes, away from fireworks
9. Never return to a firework once it has been lit
10. Don't put fireworks in pockets and never throw them
11. Direct any rocket fireworks well away from spectators
12. Never use paraffin or petrol on a bonfire
13. Make sure that the fire is out and surroundings are made safe before leaving.

Sparkler safety Sparklers are often viewed as being harmless but they burn at fierce temperatures, equivalent to a welding torch. Follow these top tips for sparkler safety:

- It is recommended that sparklers are not given to under-5s
- Make sure everyone handling sparklers wears gloves
- Hold sparklers at arm's length while being lit and light them one at a time
- Don't wave sparklers about close to other people
- Never hold a baby in your arms while you are holding a sparkler
- When the sparkler has finished put it in a bucket of cold water.

The law says you must not set off or throw fireworks (including sparklers) in the street or other public places.

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**Information from Ms M. Morris cont'd
(Deputy Headteacher)**

Bonfire safety

- One person should be responsible for the bonfire and children should be supervised
- Choose a site away from wooden fences, sheds and where children will be playing
- Never pour petrol, paraffin or meths on to a fire - it's safer to use fire lighters to prevent flare-ups
- Keep a bucket of water handy in case of an accident
- Avoid loose clothing and tie back long hair

After the party, pour water on the fire, rather than leaving it to burn out.

Thames Valley Police will not tolerate any anti-social behaviour at any time of the year. To report anti-social behaviour please call the 24 hour non-emergency number on 101. If it is a crime in progress, call 999 immediately.

Liz Herbert (Police, NHW & Community Messaging Co-ordinator, Reading LPA)

**Information from the Science Department
(Ms L Welch)**

Come along for help with your homework

KS3 Science

Use of a computer and printer!

Homework Club

SCIENCE

Every Tuesday in B01/B02

After school from 3pm - 3.45pm

CAREERS NEWS
(Siobhan Gallivan—Head of Department)

A busy November is planned for Careers:

Year 9

We are starting with Year 9 - Overcoming Challenges and Thinking Confidently sessions.

So much of our lives relating to careers is about making decisions and understanding how these decisions might impact on our life choices. Year 9 is when our students embark on their options based on their choices.

Hopefully, these sessions will give some techniques for being able to problem solve and think confidently.

Year 11

Year 11 students will be attending a study skills session run by Reading University giving study and revision techniques especially relating to memory retention and tips for exam techniques. There is no cost for these events and lunch will be provided.

Year 11 assemblies have been running through themed events, relating to moving on and making choices.

So far we have representation from;

Further Education Colleges,
Apprenticeships,
Employers offering interview and CV tips,
Voluntary/work experience,
Applying to 6th Form,
HE (Higher Education)
LMI – Local Market information.

All resources are available for students to view.

IT is important that students start their research and apply now.
We have three PCs in the library that are for the use of the students.

6th Form – Open Evening is on 14th November 2018

If you would like to apply to Prospect 6th Form please attend this event from 5pm.

Contact: jjeffery@PROSPECT.READING.SCH.UK to confirm attendance.

Reading College – Open Evening is on 21st November – see the campus and apply.

<https://www.activatelearning.ac.uk/events/2018/nov/reading-nov-open-event/>

CAREERS NEWS
(Siobhan Gallivan—Head of Department) cont'd

Interview with a Motor Mechanic/Vehicle Technician

- 1. What did you want to be when you were at school?**
Didn't really have a long term plan. As a boy I was always hands on - building bicycles which progressed to motorbikes and then cars. I won an Apprenticeship at a local garage, a Vauxhall main dealer.
- 2. What subjects did you enjoy and why?**
History and Engineering Drawing. I just found them both interesting.
- 3. What subjects were a challenge?**
I was never great at Maths but I managed to achieve an 'O' Level - maybe I was better than I thought!
- 4. What was your first proper full-time job after college/university/school?**
After completing my Apprenticeship I worked at various garages before becoming self-employed.
- 5. How did you decide which was the right career for you?**
I had an aptitude for fixing things and also enjoyed doing it.
- 6. If you could give your younger self some careers advice what would it be?**
Enjoy what you do and don't undersell yourself.
- 7. If you could do any job or career what would it be?**
Snooker Professional.
- 8. What do you enjoy about your job?**
Every day is different. Different challenges and I am always learning from new challenges. Interaction with customers and suppliers.
- 9. If you could change one thing about your job/career what would that be?**
Nothing really. It can be difficult sometimes as information on various models of vehicles is different and I don't specialise in one make. I take on most models.
- 10. What are the main skills you need to do your job?**
A good analytical brain, organisational skills. Being a people person will help as you talk to customers and suppliers. Sometimes customers find it difficult to explain what is wrong with their vehicles and this can make it difficult to diagnose.
- 11. Are there any specific qualifications/skills needed? If so what?**
You need to be competent and serve a recognised Apprenticeship. The procedure is different now but your Careers Adviser will be able to help and advise you.

CAREERS NEWS (Siobhan Gallivan—Head of Department) cont'd

Careerpilot

Careerpilot is a great website for both young people and their parents/carers to use to find out detailed information about:

- All choices at 14, 16 and 18;
- 19 job sectors and 100s of Job Profiles
- Places to study in the South of England.

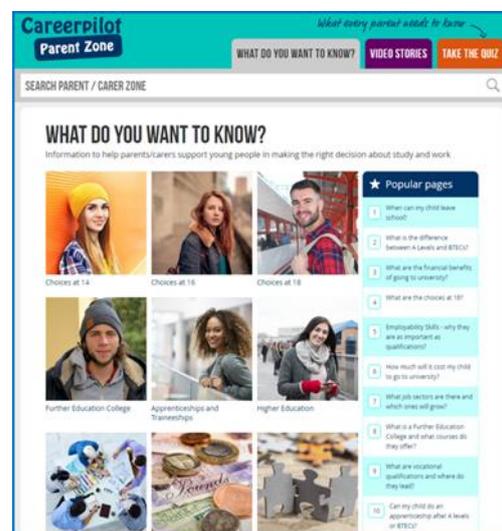
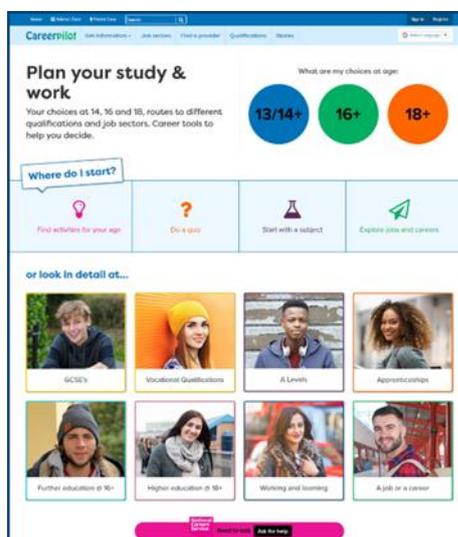
The site also has Career Tools to help young people decide their choices and to identify their skills.

The site helps young people explore their options and make informed decisions about future study and work.

Careerpilot also has a **Parent Zone** which aims to help parents and carers get answers to career-related questions. The Parent Zone also has a quiz to help parents find answers to key questions that can impact on young people's decisions.

www.careerpilot.org.uk

<http://parentzone.careerpilot.org.uk/parent>



REPORT DATES INFORMATION

Year Groups	Reports Scheduled between
7,8,9,10,11,12,13	Monday 10th December - Wednesday 19th December 2018
11,13	Monday 25th March - Friday 29th March 2019
7,8,9,10,12	Monday 29th April - Friday 3rd May 2019
7,8,9,10,12	Monday 1st July - Friday 5th July 2019



We are joining Activate Learning

LET'S TURN WHAT IF? ON WHAT NEXT?

OPEN | **Weds 14 Nov**
EVENT | **2018, 4-7pm**

At Bracknell and Wokingham College

Are you looking to start a college programme
or apprenticeship in September 2019?

At our Open Event you can:

- » meet with our amazing teaching staff
- » see our leading edge facilities
- » discover why we're the best vocational college in the Thames Valley

Register your place now:

www.bracknell.ac.uk/events

