



Ofsted Inspection

As you will be aware....



Mr D Littlemore
Headteacher

We have had a full inspection this week by Ofsted. It will be another few weeks until we receive the full report, at which time I will be able to share the findings with all students, parents and staff, so at this stage, unfortunately I am unable to give any feedback. When we do receive the report, I am looking forward to sharing it with you all, and the opportunity for consultation with parents will, of course, be an integral part of our continued journey towards greatness!

However, what I am able to say is the way in which our students conducted themselves was a credit to the school, and I am extremely proud of the contribution they made. Inspectors visited 45 lessons, met with student panels, spent time with our

students at breaktimes, and observed them around the school. I can share with you how impressed they were with the politeness of our students, and the enthusiasm with which they spoke about the school. It is clear that our students are very proud to be a part of Prospect, and I am equally proud to be their Headteacher. This was my first inspection as Headteacher, and whilst a very stressful and relentless process, I have to say that the team who inspected us were extremely professional, helpful, and made what is always a very difficult and challenging process a very valuable experience!

I hope by now many of you have had the opportunity to download the MyEd App, which will be our main means of communication

in future. The App enables us to share information with parents in a much more detailed and efficient manner. Should you face any challenges in doing so, please contact Mr Alexander as soon as possible.

Exams are very shortly upon us, and indeed have started for some of our Year 11 students already. The commitment that our students are showing to their studies is impressive, and I am looking forward to seeing them reap the rewards of their hard work when they pick up their results in August.

Mr D Littlemore
Headteacher



Quote of the week

*Change your life today.
Don't gamble on the future,
act now, without delay*

Simone de Beauvoir
(French Writer)





Year 9 Geography Urban Fieldwork

Next week, students of geography in Year 9 will be completing their fieldwork in the local area as part of their course requirement. Each class will be off timetable for one day to undertake this work, as detailed below:

9A – Wednesday 8th May

9C – Thursday 9th May

9B – Friday 10th May

Please could parents be aware that students will be required to be at school at normal time and in normal school uniform for the duration of the day. Students should

bring a packed lunch for the day and will return to school for 14.45.

Your child's geography teacher will provide further details of the day. Please ensure that the relevant permission slips and medical conditions forms are completed and returned to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Mr A Seal
Head of Geography

Ramadan begins on Monday 6 May this year ...

a major religious event observed by our Muslim pupils and staff

It follows the lunar calendar so the actual dates move backwards against our solar calendar hence, the start of Ramadan being 10/11 days earlier every year, with the exact dates based on the sighting of the moon. Generally, Ramadan lasts for 29 – 30 days.

It commemorates the dictation of the Holy Qur'an from Allah (God) by the Angel Gabriel to the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), and so is time of great solemnity for Muslims, many of whom will fast throughout the month of Ramadan. The fast (refraining from eating and drinking starts from a set time before dawn (sunrise) to dusk (sunset).

This is to render the inner-self to temporarily share the experience of those people that never have enough to eat or drink and apply self-control and refrain from not only food and drink but also the other undesirables of life – such as fighting, swearing, lying, cheating, showing disrespect to each other or adults, and much more. This experience of refraining from eating and drinking is to

make the participant/observer of the fast appreciate the luxuries that he/she has.

Young Muslims are expected to fast once they have reached puberty. As a school, we are committed to supporting our Muslim students during this time, by showing understanding to those that choose to fast – they are likely to be tired, hungry and thirsty, but we know that they will want to participate in everyday school life as much as they can. Ms Khan is available to students who feel in need of support. The multi-faith prayer room will be available to Muslim students who wish to pray before and after school, and at both breaktimes.

We wish all our Muslim families a very peaceful and happy Ramadan.

Ms Khan
EAL Co-ordinator



Progression Day Tuesday 30 April

We had over 15 visitors share their expertise with our year 10 students. Our students were able to find out how they could gain work experience and how the skills they learn at school are transferable to the work place. The sessions incorporated careers research, positive communication and identifying your qualities. The delegates were very impressed with the school and were made to feel very welcome by the students and staff.

Don't forget your feedback questionnaires please!

Year 11

Please let your tutor or me know what you are intending to do post 16. You can book in to see me Friday or lunch time if you need any support.

Reading College has offered us an extra visit for students and their parents – please contact me if you would like to take part.

Year 10

Many of you have produced some excellent CVs. A question I am often asked is 'How do I get work experience?' Come and see me for ideas on how to approach this. Many students have started applying for part time jobs or are looking to volunteer. You learn so much from looking for a job. There are many jobs out there - you just need to present yourself in a way that would suggest you are employable. Time keeping, enthusiasm, good manners, being happy to learn and able to listen are all crucial in the work place. <https://www.jobsite.co.uk/jobs/part-time/in-reading?radius=10&s=header>

Year 9

If you would like to take part in 'Be a student for a day', to help you to see where your option choices might take you, please contact me.

New mentoring project, year 9 & 10

We are starting a new mentoring project with an emphasis on setting up a business and how to be an entrepreneur. So if are already dreaming of running your own business, this might be for you. Please email me if you would like this opportunity.

Siobhan Gallivan
Head of Careers - Room D4
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Theme of the week
7 - 10 May

What's your future?



A reminder to download the MyEd App



MyED School Communications

In a drive to streamline and improve the ever-important communication between parents and school, we are introducing the MyED app.

MyED will be our main point of communication between parents & carer -messages and letters will be sent via the app, along with notifications of your child's achievements.

The app also allows you to make direct contact with school, via a messaging service, by email or by phone call.

In preparation for the launch of the Prospect School MyED app, I would like to direct you to <https://www.myedschoolapp.com/> where you will be introduced to the functionality of the app.

My Ed School App

Allows you to view information and keep up to date with what's going on in your child's school. Your child's school has the ability to share a variety of information.

www.myedschoolapp.com

From this website, you will be directed to the relevant 'app store', where you can download the app to your smart phone.

Once you have downloaded the app to your smartphone, you will be led through the simple registration process. Please note that you will need to 'allow notifications' during the set up process or you may miss important messages from us.

Once you are registered, you will be directed to My School - this is the homepage for generic information.

The My Student area will be specific for your child. If data does not pull through, you will need to call the school to confirm / update your mobile phone number. The app will then sync with our database.

In the 'settings' area of the app there is an option to 'set up a pincode'. This function will stop unauthorised messages being sent from your handset.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your support in downloading the app.

Mr S Alexander
Associate Senior Leader

What's occurring?



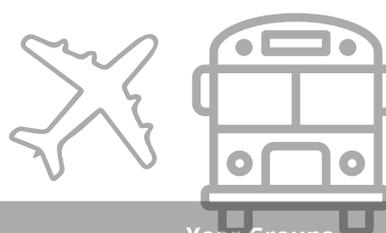
SCHOOL CALENDAR

Date	Event	Details
2018 – 2019	Term Five	Tuesday 23 April – Friday 24 May
Tues 7 May	Year 8 & 9 Girls Only Immunisations	Lower School Hall



REPORT DATES

Year Groups	Scheduled between
7,8,9,10,12	Monday 29 April – Friday 3 May 2019 - sent out to Parents/Carers.
7,8,9,10,12	Monday 1 July – Friday 5 July 2019



SCHOOL TRIPS

Date	Event	Year Groups
Every Wed until July end of term	Rushall Farm, Bradfield, READING	Selected Year 7
Tues 7 May 2019	Brilliant Club, Keble College, OXFORD	9
Tues 7 May 2019	Rushall Farm, Bradfield, READING	10
Tues 7 May 2019	Westminster, LONDON	7
Wed 8 May to Fri 10 May 2019	Geography Fieldwork Oxford Road & Caversham, READING	9
Fri 17 May 2019	Oxford University Taster Day, OXFORD	9 & 10
Wed 22 May 2019	Greenham Common, NEWBURY	10 & Sixth Form

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
German				
GCSE Revision – Listening/Reading Skills	11	Wednesday	10.45am-11.15am	L11 (Mrs McCavish)
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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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

SUPER SATURDAYS

Please find a list of all Super Saturdays on offer for Year 11 students below. This list will be updated each week. Teachers will have informed their students already, if they are required to attend these sessions. Please do e-mail me if you have any questions regarding this. smccavish@prospect.reading.sch.uk

Date	Subject	Teacher	Times	Room
4 May	English Literature	Ms Mahere	10:00am - 12:00pm 12:30pm - 2:30pm	A12
11 May	English Literature	Ms Mahere	10:00am - 12:00pm 12:30pm - 2:30pm	A12

Puzzle of the week



The number 407 is the sum of the cubes of its digits.

That is:

$$4^3 + 0^3 + 7^3 = 407$$

There are 3 other 3-digit numbers that have this property.

Can you work out what they are?



Answer will be in
the next newsletter

Last issue's answer: 16 routes



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 have your say in shaping services?

**Then come along to Krazy Play Days, Unit 7,
Sterling Way, Tilehurst, Reading, RG30 6HW
& meet Aimee Trimmer, Early Years Advisory Teacher for
Special Educational Needs and/or Disability - Under Fives
22nd May, 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm
Free entry, light refreshment, siblings welcome**

Aimee will be talking about sensory processing disorder and strategies to help. She will also talk about courses she runs that include sensory needs. The talk is from 7 pm. There will be qualified helpers on site to supervise your children, so that you can be free to listen to the talk. *(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.