

Prospect School Weekly News



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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Congratulations to those students who took part in the practical element of their GCSE Drama exam. The examiner was very complimentary about your efforts!

Next week is a busy exam week with Year 13 Art practical exams. The Year 9 GCSE Geography students are also undertaking their first field trip in the local community.

Revision is in full swing for Year 11 and 6th Form students.

Thank you to all staff and students for their work and preparation. We know it can be a stressful time but there are some strategies that can be used at home to help students overcome some of their anxieties:

• **Agree the balance between work and social life. We know young people still need time with their friends and to exercise so they can work productively.**

• **Talk to your son/daughter about “catastrophising”. Young people tend to get very overwhelmed and often feel they are ‘failing’. Support and encouragement from home can make a real difference with this matter.**

• **Help your son/daughter make specific revision ‘to do’ lists to help them breakdown the workload. Our 6th Form and Year 11 teams are also here to help with this, should your son/daughter feel overwhelmed.**

Hope you all had an enjoyable Bank Holiday.



PROSPECT YEAR 9 BOYS FOOTBALL TEAM ARE READING U14 LEAGUE CHAMPIONS !



The Year 9's went undefeated winning the Reading U14 League. They showed excellent football beating

Denefield 3 -0,

Chiltern Edge 5 -0

Little Heath 7 -2

Highdown 7-2

They then beat Theale Green in the final 4-2 , after coming from 1-0 down early in the first half. They showed



excellent teamwork and commitment as well as skill during the year. They never looked in danger of losing and will consequently be entered into the national cup next year. They are a team who came 3rd in Year 7 & 8 and have stayed determined to now be the best school team in Reading.

R. Gerrard (P.E. & Head of Year 9)

Squad: Max, Josh, Janak, Adam, Keanu, Kobe, Alex (C), Jacob, Yassine, Cledwyn, Gibril, Zac, Romell & Chinvia

Letters Home to Parents/Carers

Please see link below for the following letters home to parents:

- Ramadan letter – May 2018
- Changes to free school meals – 01.05.2018

[Prospect School - Letters Home](#)

Career News

It has been a busy time for the students and I have been really impressed with their growing realisation of taking responsibility for their future. Parents and schools can do so much but it is down to them to turn up for interviews and ring/email colleges to find out when interviews are. I have organised a number of events with employers, educational establishments and apprenticeship providers in order to give insight into where their future can take them. Please encourage them to chase applications and if they need to go back to college for another visit then also encourage them to do this!

Six colleges came into school on Monday for an application workshop day to support students who may need a backup plan and/or to chase or even change an application. They were all very impressed with how well mannered and polite the students were.

The Year 10 Progression Day was a huge success with some new representatives from industry as well as a talk about Degree Apprenticeships. Photographs can be viewed on our school [website](#).

The government has finally risen to the understanding that our education system should give our children a holistic careers programme from those qualified and experienced to do so. Schools should attempt to link to the Gatsby Benchmarking framework in order to give all students the best possible chance of achieving their full potential: <https://www.completcareers.com/gatsby-benchmarks/>.

Although the school has no legal responsibility to meet these guidelines there is an overwhelming body of evidence that supports the following theory:

'If you know what direction you are heading in life and have an understanding of how to get there, this will lead to increased motivation at school as well as a feeling that your future might be the one you want.'

I will be asking for your support to meet these benchmarks to ensure we do all we can to prepare our students for the real world of work and university.

Siobhan Gallivan (Head of Careers)

NUMERACY ACROSS THE CURRICULUM

Puzzle of the Week (answer in next Issue)

- **A Square Triangle**
- It may seem very peculiar to you but I've just drawn a triangle where all the angles are square.
- No, I don't mean right angles or 90° - that's impossible! What I do mean is that each angle, measured in degrees, is a square number.
- Can you tell me how many degrees each of the angles is?



Issue 18 Answer = There are 5170 toes in total.



SKI TRIP



A few more photographs!

PROSPECT SCHOOL TRIPS

Dates	Destination	Staff/Student Details	Purpose of Visit
Friday 4 th May 2018 All day & evening	High Ability LONDON British Museum Tate Gallery A Woman in Black	K. Thorne – Year 9 & 10	English
Tuesday 8 th May 2018	Rushall Farm BRADFIELD	C. Matten – Year 10	Alternative Curriculum
Wednesday 9 th May 2018 Evening	Oxford Playhouse OXFORD	M. Mahere – Year 12	English
Wednesday to Friday 9 th to 11 th May 2018	Compulsory Geog Exam Field Study	A. Seal – Year 9	Geography (1 class per day)
Friday 11 th May 2018	Lagoona Park READING	S. Alexander – Year 11	Reward – consistency
Wednesday 16 th May 2018	Rushall Farm BRADFIELD	C. Matten – Year 9	Alternative Curriculum
Tuesday 22 nd May 2018	Rushall Farm BRADFIELD	C. Matten – Year 10	Alternative Curriculum

KS3 Science Homework Club

Every Tuesday in A04
From 3-3.45pm

Advice
Homework Help
PC/Printer access

LUNCH CLUB


Every Tuesday lunch time

Room A6

All welcome!

- Discussing topics from a Christian perspective
- Games & activities
- Snacks

Run by Paul Sparrey: paulsparrey@learn4lifeuk.org



Reading Families' Forum

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 and meet Maryam and Gill of Reading Borough Council's Family Information Service. Find out how to get information about services for you and your child from the Local Offer
15th May 2018, 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm
Free entry, light refreshment, siblings welcome

Maryam Makki and Gill Seagrove will be demonstrating how to find information about services for your family on the Local Offer and seeking feedback on the website. 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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Year 11 Leavers Hoodies on SALE



<https://www.leavershoodies.com/shop/prospect-school/prospect-school-college-hoodie>

