



# Newsletter

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## MESSAGE FROM MR D. LITTLEMORE - HEADTEACHER (ACTING)



I'm fairly sure this has been the longest school term ever – our students have done tremendously well to keep going right to the end of a long eight weeks. Nevertheless, with the end of term in sight, there is still much to tell you.

Last Thursday we held our Careers Fair - a superb event, organised by Siobhan Gallivan, with an impressive number of stands promoting colleges, apprenticeships and a fantastic range of career options. (Of course, we know that teaching is the best job in the world!) It was encouraging to see so many of our students there, all with great aspirations and ambition for the future.

The school hall was positively buzzing for the joint Year 11 and 13 parents' and students' evening on Tuesday - a new format for us but one that I think was extremely successful. As these two year groups are facing their public exams together, there was a real sense of urgency and commitment in the school. Many thanks to all of you for continuing to support your children as they push towards their final exams.

We have taken 61 Year 11 students to Ufton Court this week for an intensive three days of revision, study skills and some team-building and self-esteem building activities as they enter the final weeks before their GCSEs. They attended a lovely Christmas Ball in the beautiful medieval barn - a fitting reward for all their hard work.

This week, I was delighted to receive notification from the local authority that close to 300 parents had expressed a preference for Prospect School for entry in Year 7 in September 2019. Even better were the comments that

were included, many of which were a testament to the hard work and commitment of the staff here:

***"After the parents visit earlier this month, we were very impressed with Prospect School. Their values and ethics, along with the very high standards demonstrated by the teachers and pupils, impressed us immensely and we believe our son would receive the highest standards of education at this school"***

***"I rate Prospect School as the best school in Reading and my daughter is doing brilliantly at Prospect"***

***"We visited a number of schools and this was the one we felt would offer the best education for our daughter. Both her siblings are at this school and progressing very well there."***

***"I would like my child to go to Prospect School, because her school life there would be amazing."***

It is really pleasing to know that the positive message about Prospect is out there - we know that we are a great school. We will continue to promote this message between now and March when places are confirmed, and we hope that as many as possible will be joining us next September. Indeed, following a meeting at the local authority, I can confirm that we are the Number One School in Reading if you didn't know that already - maybe in terms of size, staff and students at the moment but we are on track to being the Number One School for all the right reasons.

Congratulations to the Year 9 Boys' Football team who trounced Emmbrook in the County Cup 6-0, with a special mention in particular to the goalkeepers who were kept busy at both ends - there could have been many more goals scored were it not for their excellent saving skills!

It has been a privilege to act as Prospect's Headteacher this term, and I am excited about returning next term to continue our journey together. However, you choose to spend the holidays, I wish you all a very peaceful and happy Christmas, and a prosperous New Year.

## MESSAGE FROM CAROLE THOMAS - CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

On behalf of the Governing Board, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all the students, their families, the staff at the school and the wider school community a very Happy Christmas and a peaceful New Year. As Mr Littlemore has said before, this has been a long term and it will be a well-deserved break for both students and staff. The Governing Board were lucky enough to be

able to attend part of the Christmas Concert last night, which showcased the diverse talents of our pupils. As we head into the Christmas break, I would like to thank all of you, parents and carers, for your continued support and encouragement of your children.

**Happy Christmas!**

## MESSAGES FROM MS M MORRIS - DEPUTY HEAD

### UFTON COURT



Sixty-one of our Year 11 students have spent three days at Ufton Court this week on an intensive study programme. In between masterclasses in English, maths and science, they have participated in a range of team-building and self-esteem raising activities, to support their preparation for their GCSE exams this summer, including archery, campfire cookery, mindfulness and invasion games. On Tuesday night, Ufton treated us to a Christmas Banquet and Ball in their beautiful medieval hall, before a final day of target setting and planning for the future. We have had a fabulous time at Ufton Court and are looking forward to our return visits in the New Year.



As you know, following advice from Public Health England, and the British Heart Foundation, many supermarkets no longer sell high-calorie, energy drinks to under 16s, and like many other schools, we would like to reiterate the message that these

drinks are not to be brought into school or consumed during the school day. We are aware that some local shops are ignoring the advice and continue to sell them to our students. We would ask for your support in discouraging your child from buying them.

Any student found with any brand of energy drink will have the drink confiscated and it will not be returned (this applies to Sixth Form students as well.)

You may wish to read or watch the following report with your child, which highlights the reasons why these drinks are not appropriate for under 16s:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/schoolreport/35116130>

## INFORMATION

**Kendrick School has made some changes to their admission policies for 2020 entry and, in line with admission guidelines, we are now consulting on these policies.**

The key changes are as follows:

### **Year 7**

- Introduction of Priority Area 1 designated area
- Introduction of a lower qualifying score for Categories 1 and 2 in the oversubscription criteria

### **Year 12**

- Introduction of Priority Area 1 designated area

### **Non Routine**

- Introduction of Priority Area 1 designated area

A map of Priority Area 1 will be available in due course.

The consultation must last for a minimum of 6 weeks and will commence on:

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2018.**

All comments regarding the proposed changes or any aspect of the Admissions Policies, should be sent to Ms Amanda Emberson, Admissions Officer, ([aemberson@kendrick.reading.sch.uk](mailto:aemberson@kendrick.reading.sch.uk)) by:

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019** at 5.00pm.

The full policies with all changes highlighted in yellow can be accessed below using the following links:

[Year 7 – Admission Policy for 2020 Entry](#)

[Year 12 – Admission Policy for 2020 Entry](#)

[Non Routine – Admission Policy for 2020 Entry](#)

**Ms Christine Kattirtzi**  
**Headteacher**

### **Consultation on extending the school day**

In October, following consultation with staff and parents to extend the school day, it was decided to review again in December. We have now decided to leave the structure and length of the day as it is until July. This will allow time to further monitor the effect of tutor time being at the end of period 2.

### **Reports Update**

**(Mrs F. Ferry - Data Manager)**

School reports for Assessment Period 1 were sent home last week ahead of schedule.

For those students who have provided the school with an email address, they were sent via InTouch; for the remainder of students printed copies were sent home.

**Reports for Years 11 and 13 have been sent home via Intouch.  
Please check your inboxes ahead of your son/daughter's parents' consultation evening.**

<b>Year Groups</b>	<b>Report Dates Information - Scheduled between</b>
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

**CAREERS NEWS**  
**Siobhan Gallivan (Head of Department)**

**The Reading Scholars Club has begun in earnest and all the students are taking a project forward and might need to share their choices with their parents/carers.**

**INFORMATION**  
**YEAR 10 - READING SCHOLARS**

**Wednesday, 13th February 2019** – Students will think about the benefits of attending university and whether its something they would like to do; spend time with their mentor understanding the university opportunities available; participate in additional subject taster sessions.

**Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> April 2019** – Students will think about their personality type & how this might affect how they can get the most out of learning opportunities; future careers and the role university can play in this; undertake some research based on their project.

**Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> July 2019** – Debating activity to think about a debate point, develop and present the debate – Feedback on draft project.

**Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2019** – Project presentation, revision skills session, reviewing original goals set and thinking about what next.

Alongside these sessions, they will have access to e-mentoring provided by their DBS-checked student mentor and will work towards a project delivered by an organisation called the Brilliant Club.

**REMINDER TO STUDENTS: Please return your letters asap.**

**SUCCESSFUL CAREERS DAY**

The careers evening was an overwhelming success, with hundreds turning up. As always, I was so proud of the students, especially the way they presented themselves to all the companies and colleges who had taken the time to attend.

We had many new companies this year to ensure that a wide range were represented. Those hardest to attract are the trades, e.g. plumbers and carpenters, so if you have a trade and would like to attend next year, please let me know - our students would love to hear about your work. In addition, there were representatives from the various faculties from the local college, all of whom had worked in industry. It was great to see the students use a list of suggested questions to help them know what to ask. We had such a positive response from the companies who said that they felt respected and welcomed. Special thanks to the Year 11 careers ambassadors - these are the students who help me with careers activities and give me guidance on what they would like to see on the careers curriculum. They were amazing, helping to set up quickly and efficiently and supporting parents with any queries.

I must also thank Asda, who kindly provided all the refreshments and mince pies free of charge and spent the evening serving drinks.

Next year, I hope it will be even bigger and better in the main school hall. There will also be a CV workshop room.

The date will be **Thursday, 12th December 2019 - 6pm to 7.30pm**, so if you would like to represent your industry then please get in touch. This is your school and we can only make a success of it with your help.

Enjoy the time off with your family and friends.

**If you are in Year 11 - make those applications!**

*Happy Christmas!*

*Siobhan Gallivan*



## MESSAGE FROM MRS R. PACKMAN - BRIDGE TEACHER

### THE BRIDGE CAKE & COFFEE SALE

An amazing £40.45 has been raised for the charity Shelter.

Well done to The Bridge students who were involved in planning the cake and coffee event that took place on Tuesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December.

They did a fantastic job and I am very proud of their efforts.

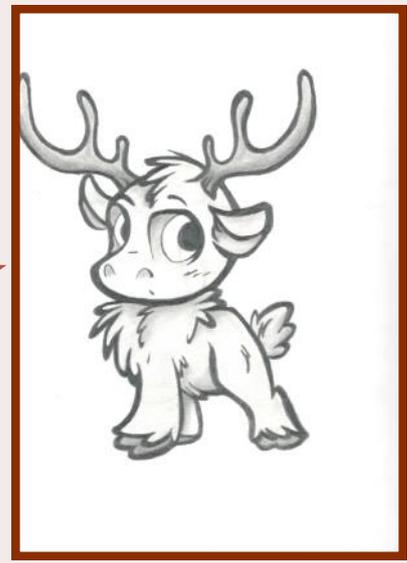
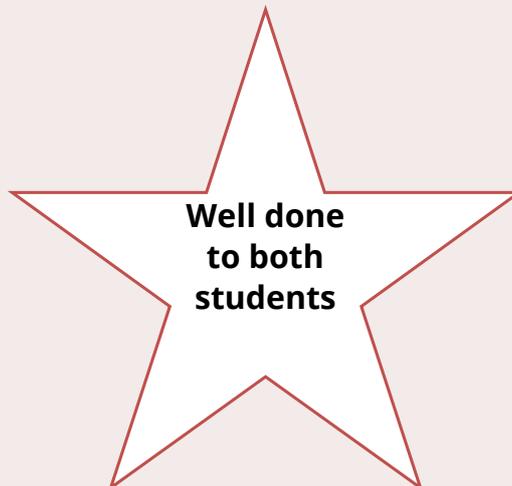
Thank you to all the staff and students who came to support and have donated money towards this worthy charity. I am sure it will be put to good use in helping to make a difference to those who, for various reasons, will turn to Shelter for support this Christmas.



## CHRISTMAS CARDS DESIGNED BY OUR TALENTED STUDENTS



Yoana D - 9AS



Amelia GH - 10A

## DATES/INFORMATION FOR YOUR CALENDAR

Date	Details	Extra Information
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Trip to New Theatre OXFORD	Macbeth
Friday to Sunday 11 <sup>th</sup> to 13 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Residential Trip to Ufton Court Ufton Nervet READING	Year 11
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	6 <sup>th</sup> Form Open Evening	'L' Block
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2019	Reading Museum READING	Year 10 Bayeux Tapestry Tour

**PUZZLE OF THE WEEK - No 7**  
**Ms P. Vacy-Ash - Maths Department**

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**Answer will be in the next newsletter.**

**ANSWER TO LAST WEEK'S PUZZLE (No 6):**

**The numbers are 1, 4, 5 and 10 #**

**PROSPECT VACANCIES**

**Invigilators required**

At Prospect we require the services of invigilators to:

- **administer exams**
- **look after the wellbeing of candidates during exams**
- **ensure that students follow the exam rules**

Being a parent, grandparent or other relative of a student does not prevent you from fulfilling this important role, but we will need to make sure that you do not invigilate for your relative.

If you, or someone you know, would be interested in doing this job at various times throughout the year, please see the job description on the school website.

You do not need to have any previous experience and training will be given.

If you have any questions, please contact the Exams Manager on: **01189 590466 x321.**

If you want to apply, please follow instructions on the website and submit your application by:

**7th January 2019.**