



Prospect School VIEW

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Welcome to our new-look newsletter



Quote of the week

I find that the harder I work, the more luck I seem to have.

Thomas Jefferson



You may have noticed that we have been working hard to re-brand the school and launch our new logo.

This is quite a long-term project but an important part of our goal to ensure that we are the number one school in Reading. In terms of both the size of our site and student & staff numbers, we are already there; it is our aim also to be the number one school in terms of outcomes, parental choice and students' experiences.

Our image is important (of course it is also important that we are teaching high-quality lessons and providing outstanding support) and this also applies to our students. You will find updated guidance about our expectations regarding uniform and standards of appearance in this newsletter. I would ask for your support in ensuring that your child/children attend school

wearing the correct uniform at all times.

When I was at school during the end of the Cold War, I remember my teachers telling me that one day students would be learning about the fall of the Berlin Wall in history lessons – and now they are! Whatever your political views, this has been a very significant week and I know the history department are already trying to predict the questions that will be appearing on exam papers in 20 years' time. Our young people are the future of this country – the most valuable resource that we have. I'd like to think that, at Prospect, we have some of the future leaders of the country, whether as politicians (I suspect they could do a better job!), industry and business entrepreneurs, or



making a contribution in the public sector. Whilst it all may feel a little uncertain at the moment, it is important that we continue to work together as a community to ensure the very best outcomes for all our young people.

If you ever feel you need to speak to me or visit the school, please contact me on my direct email dittlemore@prospect-reading.sch.uk and I will organise this.

**Mr D Littlemore,
Headteacher (Acting)**



Calling any Mentors

Have you any spare time to support our students as they make life and career choices?

A monthly commitment with full training and DBS check.

Siobhan Gallivan,
Head of Careers

Email: sgallivan@prospect.reading.sch.uk

Careers News: Year 11

Networking session

Had rewarding thought provoking session thinking about not just what they know but who they know that helps with their career journey. We looked at ways to expand our social circle and how we need to listen to others and try and think about how our skills might translate to other areas. They put themselves outside of their comfort zone and practiced listening skills.

Employability sessions

We will be continuing to support students in building a CV for their future.

As ever carry on applying and ensure you chase those applications.

Siobhan Gallivan,
Head of Careers

An interview with a Higher Education Outreach Officer



We talk to University of Reading Outreach Officer, Dr Debi Linton about her career.

- 1. What did you want to be when you were at school?**
A research scientist or science communicator.
- 2. What subjects did you enjoy and why?**
Biology – I was especially interested in animal life, ecology and evolution.
English Literature – I loved reading and writing stories, and using my imagination.
- 3. What subjects were a challenge?**
Art. I just had no aptitude for it. I took graphic design GCSE and found that I could be creative without being Picasso.
- 4. What was your first proper full-time job after college/university/school?**
I worked at a University doing administration for a long distance degree course.
- 5. How did you decide which was the right career for you?**
While I was doing my PhD I took some part time jobs in museums and discovered that I really enjoyed talking to people in a learning environment. By the time I was finished I knew I wanted to do education rather than research.
- 6. If you could give your younger self some careers advice what would it be?**
Don't assume you know what jobs are from the media! Use the chance to meet and talk to as many people as possible to find out what careers actually involve.
- 7. If you could do any job or career what would it be?**
A full time writer!
- 8. What do you enjoy about your job?**
The chance to meet as many people as I do, and to think that I'm helping them make important decisions.
- 9. If you could change one thing about your job/career what would that be?**
I would love to have more time to run all the events and activities I want to!
- 10. What are the main skills you need to do your job?**
Creativity, communication and presentation skills, the ability to think critically and evaluate your own work.
- 11. Are there any specific qualifications/skills needed? If so what?**
A degree in any subject.



Careers Information Year 10 – Reading Scholars

University of Reading careers visits

Monday 11 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 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 July 2019

Debating activity to think about a debate point, develop and present the debate – Feedback on draft project.

Thursday 3 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.

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



Looking after your welfare

We have two free and confidential school nurses

Our school Nurse, **Helen Snell** is in school every Wednesday. She runs a drop in clinic at first break, where students can just come along if they have any questions concerning any aspects of their health. She can also make appointments for longer, 1-2-1 sessions. If you have any questions or concerns about:

- Self harming
- Sexual health
- Eating/diet
- Puberty
- Periods
- Drugs/alcohol/smoking
- Skin care
- Friendship issues

Helen can offer practical support and advice.

Dan Ellis, Sexual Health Nurse is also in school every Wednesday at second break, where he runs a drop in clinic offering:

- Free condoms/contraceptive advice
- Pregnancy testing
- STI testing
- Emergency contraception

Helen and Dan can be found in the small office in between D16 and D17. Their clinics are free and completely confidential. Alternatively, students can speak to their Head of Year who will complete a referral, if you feel you might need a longer appointment.



Sports results and fixtures

Last week the U16 boys football team faced Easthampstead Park in the 1st round of the County Cup. During warm ups a few boys were unsure how the match would play out, as the last time they had played Easthampstead they had come away second best. However, any doubts were settled quickly as Prospect were up 2-0

in the first 10 minutes, with Zac W scoring both and completing his hat trick to make the first half score 3-0. Prospect added two more goals in the second half through Malik F and Harrison L to make the final score 5-0 to Prospect. They will now face either Windsor or Maiden Erlegh at home in the second round.



Next week's fixtures

Team	Sport	Opponent	Home/Away
U16 boys	Basketball	Luckley	Home
Year 10 boys	Football	Cox Green	Away
Y9/10/11 girls	Handball	RGS	Away
U14 boys	Basketball	Piggott	Home
Year 10 boys	5-a-side Football	JMA	Away

Year 11 Intervention



Period 6 Open Science



Physics

Every Tuesday – B11



Biology

Every Wednesday – C5



Chemistry

Every Thursday – B21

Sessions Include:

- Answering exam style questions
- Plotting graphs
- Formulas & equations
- Time management
- Revision tips
- Helping individuals on areas of weakness





Uniform reminder

At the start of the new year and a new school term, please take this opportunity to remind your self and your child of our expectations of high standards regarding uniform.

A list of uniform is shown below and also to view on our website. <http://www.prospect.reading.sch.uk/page/?title=School+Uniform&pid=77>

Prospect School uniform

- Plain black 'V' neck sweat shirt with Prospect School logo
- School tie
- A white shirt buttoned to the collar
- Black smart trousers or black skirt or black shalwar, black skirt and black head scarf
- Suitable footwear – plain, black, low heeled and able to be polished
- Plain black socks
- Plain black or navy outside coat
- No more than one plain stud in each ear

The following are **not considered appropriate** for the school environment at any time:

- Apart from one plain stud in each ear, any body piercing of any form
- Necklaces or any other jewellery
- Excessive make-up or nail extensions
- Jeans worn as trousers, leggings or 'skinny' trousers
- Skirts that are too short or tight
- Denim or leather jackets
- Any sweatshirt without the Prospect logo, including hoodies.
- Boots or trainers of any sort
- No logos or markings other than the school crest are acceptable.

- Extreme hairstyles and unnatural colouring
- No hats/headwear of any sort, other than a headscarf.

School uniform is an important part of school life and provides a benefit to both school and parents. It ensures that the image the school projects is one of pride, industry and identifiable purpose, all of which are very important. School uniform is helpful for parents as it prevents competition and confusion over what is acceptable for school. Prospect School does not consider extreme fashion to be desirable.

All students are expected to be in the correct uniform. Students who do not comply with the uniform code will be challenged by staff. There are a number of possible courses of action depending on circumstances at the time in question: -

Possible courses of action are as follows: -

- Parent/Carer contacted and student sent home to get correct uniform
- Withdrawal from lessons
- Parent/Carer may bring correct uniform into school

The school does not expect a note to be given to a student for an indefinite period of time. The expectation is that the correct uniform will be worn as soon as possible (i.e. next day).

Please do not hesitate to contact the relevant Head of Year if you have any questions regarding uniform.

Mr M Priddey,
Assistant Headteacher



Theme of the week January 21 – 25

This week we will reflect on the Holocaust.

What's occurring?



SCHOOL CALENDAR

Date	Event	Details
Wed 6 Feb 2019	Year 8 Subject Preference Evening	4pm-7pm



REPORT DATES

Year Groups	Scheduled between
11,13	Monday 25 March – Friday 29 March 2019
7,8,9,10,12	Monday 29 April – Friday 3 May 2019
7,8,9,10,12	Monday 1 July – Friday 5 July 2019

SCHOOL TRIPS



Date	Event	Year Groups
Thurs 24 Jan	Reading Museum, Bayeux tapestry	10
Fri 11- Sun 13 Jan	Ufton Court	11
Wed 6 Feb	Science Day, Science Museum	13
Mon 11 Feb	The University of Reading Scholars Program	10
Thurs 14 Feb	The Curious Incident of the dog in the night	10 & 11
Mon 18 – Sat 23 Feb	New York	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
Mathematics				
Mathematics Help Club	7-10	Wednesday	3.00pm-4.00pm	D21
Mathematics Help Club	11	Wednesday	3.00pm-4.00pm	D33
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
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
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
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

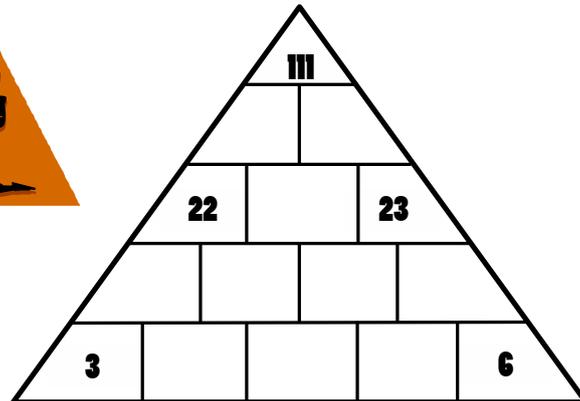
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P.E.				
Netball	All	Monday	1.15pm-1.45pm	Sports Hall
Basketball	10-11	Monday	1.15pm-1.45pm	Gym
GCSE Coursework	11	Monday	1.15pm-1.45pm	L15
Insanity	All	Tuesday	1.15pm-1.45pm	Fitness Factory
Badminton	7-8	Tuesday	1.15pm-1.45pm	Sports Hall
Table Tennis	11	Tuesday	1.15pm-1.45pm.	Lower School Hall
Netball	All	Tuesday	2.45pm-3.45pm	Sports Hall
Football	7-8	Wednesday	1.15pm-1.45pm	Sports Hall
Girls Just Dance/Fitness	Any	Wednesday	1.15pm-1.45pm.	Fitness Factory
Basketball	7-9	Thursday	10.45am-11.15am	Sports Hall
Basketball	7-9	Thursday	1.15pm-1.45pm	Sports Hall
Benchball	7-10	Thursday	1.15pm-1.45pm	Gym
Badminton	10-11	Friday	1.15pm-1.45pm	Sports Hall
GCSE Practical	11	Friday	2.45pm-3.45pm	Sports Hall
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
General				
After School Homework Club	All	Every day	2.45pm-3.45pm	Library
Music Group (with the School Counsellor)	All	Wednesday	4.00pm-5.30pm	Music Dept.



Puzzle of the week

Fill in the missing numbers in this triangle, so that the number written in each space is equal to the sum of the two numbers immediately beneath it.



Answer will be in the next newsletter



History Lunch Club

- Do you enjoy history?
- Do you watch Horrible Histories?
- Do you watch historical films?

If yes, History Club might be for YOU!

We will meet in D18 on Wednesday lunchtimes. All are welcome to come along!