



Prospect School VIEW

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“Better three hours too soon, than a minute too late”...

So said our most famous playwright, William Shakespeare



Mr D Littlemore
Headteacher

In recent weeks, the tardiness of some of our students has become a concern and the numbers of students arriving late in the morning does not reflect well on the vast majority of our students who are in lessons, on time and learning. I have made a point of being outside the front gates to greet and welcome our students and to remind them of the importance of being on time. Students who arrive late (they should be in their classroom, ready for their first lesson to start at 8.30am) have been issued with a detention during their second break; those who have failed to attend will be joining me for two hours at the end of school on Friday. I am absolutely clear on this: students are expected to be in school on time and, whilst I know there are sometimes unavoidable circumstances, students should expect a sanction if they are not here,

ready to learn, at 8.30am each morning.

You will no doubt be aware that recruitment and retention of teachers is a challenge that schools across the country face. However, we have made two fantastic appointments this week – Miss Hyde will be joining the English department and Mr Baker the RE department. Miss Hyde has been with us as a trainee teacher from the University of Reading, and we are delighted that she has chosen to begin her teaching career with us. Similarly, Mr Baker joined us as a supply teacher, and we are extremely pleased that we are able to offer him a permanent role. Both are excellent additions to our teaching staff and I know that our students are already benefiting from having them at Prospect.

Finally, yesterday evening was our last Year 11 and Year 13

parents' evening before the public examinations begin. It was a pleasure to see so many students and parents there. These young people have been working extremely hard in recent weeks and, although the pressure will continue (and even increase) in the next few weeks, the rewards that this hard work will bring are enormous. Education is the passport to the next stage in their lives, whether returning to Prospect, or continuing their journey elsewhere. The hard work now will extend the choices our young people have for their futures.

A note for your diaries - the school will close after period 4 at 13.15 next Friday 5 April, for the Easter break.

Have a nice weekend.

Mr D Littlemore
Headteacher



Quote of the week

A person who never made a mistake never tried anything new.

Albert Einstein





Savers Account opportunity for our Year 7 students!

In partnership with Berkshire Credit Union, we are very excited to be launching Prospect Savers. Berkshire Credit Union is a traditional community credit union, which exists to offer ethical savings and affordable loans to its members. They offer a local alternative to high street banks, internet doorstep and payday lenders. They are a co-operative social enterprise, which means they are owned, managed and run by the members, and operate strictly not-for-profit.

We think it is really important for our students to have good financial health, and to learn about the benefits of saving even small amounts. We are therefore offering all Year 7 students the opportunity to open a Prospect Savers Account, which will be run and managed by our students as part of Berkshire Credit Union. Money can be paid in weekly to Miss McCabe, or directly via ParentPay.

To launch our credit union, we will deposit the first pound to all students who return their completed application form by the

end of April, and will make a £5 deposit for the first 20 students who return their form to Miss McCabe. All applications must be accompanied by a copy of a household bill or statement, less than three months old, showing your current address.

Although we are launching this with Year 7 students first, it is open to students in any year group; if you would like to open an account, please speak to Miss McCabe. To encourage good saving habits, we will be using students' accounts as part of our rewards system, so they will need a Prospect Savers account to receive rewards.

Further information is available at school, or you can find out more about Berkshire Credit Union here: www.cslberks.org.uk/

Ms M Morris
Deputy Head

Theme of
the week
1-5 April

**Aspiration
and
success**



Accelerated Reader

Accelerated Reader is a software for schools for monitoring the practice of reading . Here are our Term 4 Results .

Year 7 TERM 4 RESULTS:



| CLASS | POINTS |
|-------|-----------|
| 7DO | 1,100,362 |
| 7LT | 748,012 |
| 7AK | 603,131 |
| 7MD | 579,141 |
| 7PR | 544,636 |
| 7SC | 353,616 |
| 7ST | 111,353 |



Year 8 TERM 4 RESULTS:



| CLASS | POINTS |
|-------|-----------|
| 8BK | 1,129,577 |
| 8JE | 736,799 |
| 8CR | 566,815 |
| 8BE | 509,824 |
| 8WH | 495,615 |
| 8RO | 175,176 |



TERM 4 RESULTS:

So far this year, Y7 and Y8 have read a total of
1888 books = 22,472,428 words!

Congratulations!

And the Bookworm Trophies go to...

For Year 7 **7DO** as they have read **1,100,362 words** this term
 and for Year 8 **8BK** as they have read **1,129,577 words** this term

On 3rd April 2019 **7A and 8E** will enjoy a pizza party.



Mr T Sheehan
 Literacy Across the
 Curriculum Co-ordinator



Prospect Football News

Last week's Year 7 fixture took them to Oakbank to face their team and also JMA. Starting off against Oakbank, the boys started out well, playing some good football with a strong defence. It took some excellent play from Oakbank to finally get through the Prospect defence and take a 1-0 lead. But the boys answered straight back through a fantastic strike by Edon S to make it 1-1. Unfortunately, they couldn't manage to hold on and conceded late on to lose the game 2-1.

Next up was a very strong JMA team who played some unstoppable football. The Prospect boys showed some great determination to fight back and scored a great goal through Leo T but they were unable to find the net again, losing 6-1.

Last Thursday, the Year 8 boys headed over to Maiden Erlegh in another closely played game. They were close on several occasions, through O'Shay J, but couldn't quite take their

chances, eventually losing the game 4-0. Bryan M made some amazing saves in his first appearance for the school.

On Tuesday, the Year 7 team were out again at Bohunt against their B team and Theale Green. The boys deserved much more from both games as they played their best football all year. A very cool finish from Fabio I and a last-minute penalty save by Victor R earned the boys a 1-1 draw against Bohunt B. Against Theale Green, a jinking run from Jah'Neelli T created a great individual goal and a backflip to celebrate. However, sadly it wasn't enough as they went on to lose 2-1.

Remember to follow the PE department twitter [@Prospect_PEdept](https://twitter.com/Prospect_PEdept) for all updates about upcoming clubs, teams and fixtures.

J Crowe
PE Department





Last week's events

Year 10 and Year 11

APPLICATION WORKSHOP

It was an evening packed with students thinking about their next steps and talking to local colleges, asking questions such as: what happens if I change my mind, get higher grades than I thought or want to apply for another course? You can apply for more than one course or college and the only way to know is to visit the colleges and meet the department heads. All students have the use of the library computers to apply or you can easily apply on your phone. You must chase your interviews - all invites for interview are via email, so check your spam folders!

Check on the websites for current open days. Year 10 - start visiting them now!

www.activatelearning.ac.uk (Reading College)

www.BCOT.org Basingstoke College

The Henley College Oxfordshire

www.henleycol.ac.uk

We were delighted to welcome a high profile business speaker to The Henley College this week. Jan Du Plessis is the non-executive chairman of BT Group, former non-executive Chairman of Rio Tinto Group plc, and a former non-executive director of the Lloyds TSB Group.

Newbury College

www.newbury-college.ac.uk

Newbury College is a further and higher education college in Newbury, Berkshire. The College offers a range of academic and vocational courses to school leavers, adult learners and businesses. Courses include NVQs, BTECs, apprenticeships, professional and work based training.





Berkshire College of Agriculture

www.bca.ac.uk

We have a range of exciting apprenticeships available in partnership with some fantastic employers. See our current vacancies here: [VACANCIES](#)

Cranbury College Reading

www.cranburycollege.reading.sch.uk

Our education network is split into different locations in and around Reading UK: Cranbury College Secondary PRU, Cranbury College Primary PRU, Vision 16 - 19, Home and Hospital Teaching Services. We are RBC Behaviour Support Services and we manage RBC EHE (Electively Home Educated).

Year 11

Post-16 provider Vision Alternative Provision

Visited the school to talk about what they can offer. Not all students find their brilliance at school. Some need smaller class sizes and a bespoke learning environment with a focus on work skills in order to thrive.

If you would like to arrange a visit or find out more, contact Sarah Blunsden. http://www.cranburycollege.reading.sch.uk/post_16_and_KS3_provision/contact_details.html

Year 11: Careers Guidance

So far this year I have interviewed over 185 students to provide next-steps support. Making appointments and turning up for interviews is a life skill. However, if you have not had a careers interview then please ask your tutor to make an appointment or come along to D4. Even if you have decided where you are going, it is good to understand where your choices might take you both in the short and long term. I can support students in fine-tuning their CVs and making suggestions about how they can develop their skills.

QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF

- What subjects do I enjoy at school? Why?
- What would those who know me say I am good at?
- What subjects am I best at?
- Can I imagine studying this for the next 2 years?
- Would my course lead to a job/career and what are my chances of employment?
- What qualifications would my future career path require?
- How sure am I that this is what I want?
- What is my back-up plan?
- Would I enjoy working and learning at the same time?
- Who do I know that has a job I would enjoy?
- Who could I approach for work experience to increase my skills?

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



Year 10 – Information

Thursday 4 April 2019 – Reading Scholars

Reading Scholars will be visiting the school to run a session focused on motivation. Study skills are a huge part of learning that can feel like a dark art at times. We all have moments of brilliance followed by moments where you feel like giving up. All skills can be acquired and that includes learning!

Monday's employability sessions are supporting the students with understanding who they are and finding out how to develop their skills and interests. We work on completing a draft CV.

Year 7 – Information

I have arranged **Be A Student for The Day** in partnership with Reading University. This is to give support to our younger students with decision making around career and option choices, as well as to help them understand that, whatever path you take, learning is for life. The sessions will cover study skills too

Oxford University Museum of Natural History Public Event: Science Superstars Monday, 8 April 2019 - 1pm to 4pm

Science Superstars celebrate women scientists and find out what they discovered from fossils to comets.

Please see link below regarding an exhibition of the role of females in Science. This may be of great interest to anyone who is thinking of a career in Science:

<https://www.oumnh.ox.ac.uk/event/science-superstars>



An interview with Jamie, an apprentice plumber

- 1. What did you want to be when you were at school?**
A footballer, then a gamer.
- 2. What subjects did you enjoy?**
PE was alright because I was able to run about!
- 3. What subjects were a challenge?**
Everything! I found sitting in a class room really hard.
- 4. What was your first proper full-time job after college/university/school?**
This one as a plumber.
- 5. How did you decide which was the right career for you?**
My parents helped me through the people they knew.
- 6. If you could give your younger self some careers advice what would it be?**
I am still young but just to know that one day I would get a job that I liked and that it is ok not to be academic.
- 7. If you could do any job or career what would it be?**
This one.
- 8. What do you enjoy about your job?**
I like my boss - he is very hard working and I can see how well he has done through his hard work. I like being active and I go home tired but can see a future in this job. I will earn good money when I am qualified.
- 9. If you could change one thing about your job/career what would that be?**
More money, nothing else. I do not like dealing with toilets!
- 10. What are the main skills you need to do your job?**
I need to be fit and strong. I need to be able to carry out instructions and listen to my boss.
- 11. Are there any specific qualifications/skills needed? If so what?**
I am also taking a plumbing course through college in order to become qualified and although I did not pass my maths at school, I am taking functional skills. You need to have common sense and to turn up on time. My boss is firm but fair - we have a good laugh but I know he has high standards

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 |
|----------|----------------|------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 30 March | Computing | Mr Paudyal | 9.00am- 12.00pm | C23 |
| | | Miss Nakimbugwe | 9.00am-12.00pm | C24 |
| 30 March | Product Design | Miss Ridgus | 9.30am – 12.00pm 12.00pm – 2.30pm | Loddon Block – AM B03 – PM |
| 30 March | Product Design | Miss Prior NSM group only | 9.30am – 12.00pm 12.00pm – 2.30pm | B2 |
| 30 March | Product Design | Mr McDonald | 12.00pm – 2.30pm | L9 |
| 6 April | Product Design | Miss Prior NSM group only | 9.30am – 12.00pm 12.00pm – 2.30pm | B2 |

Puzzle of the week



Rich Rob went to the cashpoint and withdrew the same amount as he already had in his pocket. He then went to the clothes shop and spent £40 on clothes. Then he went back to the cashpoint and withdrew the same amount as he now had in his pocket. This time he went to a music shop and spent £40 on CDs. Then he went to the cashpoint again, and withdrew the same amount he now had in his pocket. He finally went to a bookshop and spent £40 on books. Now he had no money left in his pocket.

How much money did he have to start with?



Answer will be in the next newsletter

Last issue's answer: **2 miles**

What's occurring?



SCHOOL CALENDAR

| Date | Event | Details |
|-------------|-----------|-------------------------------------|
| 2018 – 2019 | Term Four | Monday 25 February – Friday 5 April |



REPORT DATES

| Year Groups | Scheduled between |
|-------------|---|
| 13 | Monday 25 March – Friday 29 March 2019 – sent out to Parents/Carers |
| 11 | Wednesday 27 March 2019 – sent out to Parents/Carers |
| 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 |
|--------------------|--|------------------|
| Mon 1 Apr | Rushall Farm | 9 |
| Wed 3 Apr | University of Reading | More Able Year 7 |
| Thur 4 Apr | University of Reading Scholars Programme | 10 |
| Sat 6 – Wed 10 Apr | Sicily | 9 & 10 |

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 |

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

| Subject | Year Groups | Day | Time | Location |
|------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 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 |

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

| Subject | Year Groups | Day | Time | Location |
|---------------------------|-------------|-----------|-----------------|-------------------|
| 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 |



CALLING ALL 15 - 19 YEAR OLDS

JOIN THE GAME

your chance to represent

Reading

in the ECB T20 City Cup

2019

Calling all 15 to 19 year olds

Would you like the opportunity to showcase your skills on the national stage? Here is your opportunity!

The Berkshire Cricket Foundation will be forming a team consisting of players from Reading & Slough to represent your town in the national stages of the ECB T20 City Cup! FREE kit will be provided.

To take part, you must be aged between 15 -19, have not played county age group cricket or be on a performance pathway.

Open Trials:

Reading Cricket Club

01 May 2019

18:00 - 20:00

Book Online

www.berkshirecricketfoundation.org

Contact: Adam Davidson Phone: 07788245965 Email: Adam.Davidson@Berkshirecricket.org