



Prospect School VIEW

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Welcome back to the summer term!



Mr D Littlemore
Headteacher

This is always one of our busiest terms....

As our Year 11 and 13 students get down to the serious business of their public examinations - the culmination of many years of hard work. They have returned this term with such a positive attitude, and whilst the next few weeks are going to be extremely tough for them (and their teachers!), we know that it will be worth it in the end, when they finally get to open their results in August.

Many of them were in school over the Easter holidays, attending revision and intervention classes, and it was enormously encouraging to see so many of them. Huge thanks to all the staff who came in during the holidays to run these sessions, and who continue to give up their Saturdays and evenings to support our students, which is very much appreciated by

our students, their parents and me.

Mr Seal, accompanied by Mrs Bell and Miss Holt, took a group of Year 10 and 11 geographers to Sicily over the holidays, managing to avoid falling into the crater of Mount Etna (the most active volcano in Europe, with its last significant eruption earlier this year)! Again, huge thanks to the staff who run these trips to broaden the horizons of our students.

Aside from the exams, there is much to look forward to this term. The main field is now open for students at break and lunch time, making the most of our wonderful outdoor space. On the sports field, cricket club has already started - the PE department have published a new timetable with a great range of clubs for the summer.

Our Year 7s have been visiting Rushall Farm, making friends with newborn lambs, and several other trips are planned, including to a number of universities and the Houses of Parliament.

We are always trying to improve how we communicate with you and this week sees the launch of the new school communication app MyED. The app will be our main point of communication between parents & carers - messages and letters will be sent via the app, along with notifications of your child's achievements. Please see the article in the newsletter on how to access it.

Wishing you all a very happy and successful summer term.

Mr D Littlemore
Headteacher



Quote of the week

Life is what happens to you while you're busy making other plans.

John Lennon





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.

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





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NEWSLETTER			



My School



Messaging



Ed Scan



My Students



Settings

MyED School Communications cont'd

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.

FEEDBACK

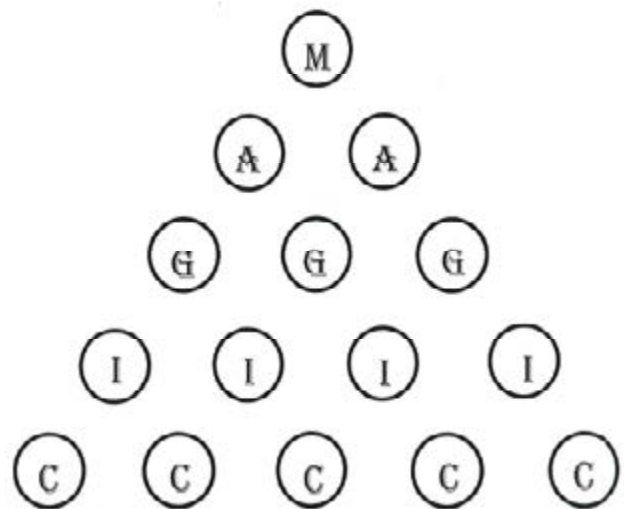
"This is brilliant...all working really well" - feedback from a parent/staff member.
"Very good idea with this app - it makes it easy for us and you" - feedback from a parent of a current Yr10 student.

Mr S Alexander
Associate Senior Leader

Puzzle of the week



Starting at the top of the pyramid below, a working your way down one row per letter, how many routes will spell 'magic'?



Answer will be in the next newsletter

Last issue's answer: 8, 12, 5 and 20 - They would end up as 10, 10, 10, 10!



Sicilian Easter Break

28 students from across Year 10 and Year 11 visited Sicily over the first week of the Easter break. On the trip, we were able to experience the landscapes we had learned about in the classroom in real life.

Our first day started with a trip to Mount Etna, the biggest volcano in Europe. Climbing the volcano, we felt the temperature drop dramatically, its snow-covered peak at 3300 metres high a daunting sight as we zigzagged our way up the volcano. We saw different kinds of land forms that the volcano had created including lava tunnels, lava flows and the volcanic craters. Later that day, we then went to a town called Taormina, where we got to look at the different shops and had some Sicilian pizza.

On the second day, we took a boat trip from Sicily to the smaller Aeolian islands - volcanic islands in the sea. Visiting Lipari, the largest of the islands, we saw examples of the classical Greek and Roman architecture and enjoyed a lunch by the port before heading to Vulcano where we bathed in the thermal mud baths. The smell of sulphur was extremely strong

and it took more than one attempt to wash it off in the sea! We visited the black sand beaches on the island, presided over by the brooding volcanic crater which demonstrated its state of activity through the constant stream of gas and steam emitted into the sky above.

On our last day, we went on a long walk to a waterfall. Trekking through the Sicilian countryside surrounded by the mountains and valleys, we got to see the upper course of the river and relate it to the features we had learned about. We then got to visit the Alcantara Geology Park, where we walked through a gorge and considered the huge impact volcanic activity has had on this part of the world.

All in all, it was a very enjoyable trip. We got to see lots of amazing landscapes and experience lots of fun things.

(Jasmine B – Year 11)

Mr A Seal
Head of Geography



An introduction to our newly elected Head Girl and Head Boy

Holly

My name is Holly and I'm very excited to be your new Head Girl! I study history, sociology, and English language and literature. I have enjoyed my time at Prospect School and my aim is to make other students feel the same way so they can achieve their goals.

Feel free to email me about any concerns
13whiteh@prospect.reading.sch.uk

Jake

Hello, I'm Jake, the Head Boy at Prospect School.

I want to improve the quality of your learning and time spent here to ensure everyone can achieve what they are capable of.

If you have any issues or questions please contact me at:

13clarkj@prospect.reading.sch.uk



The rest of the sixth form leadership are Rene Bartlett, Jess Smith, Bradley Fumino, Fran Gyoni, Jenisha Gurung, Jessica Jordan, Lucia Boahene and Grace Stroud.

QUIZ NIGHT

Prospect Community Association

SAVE THE DATE!

The PCA's first event will be a Quiz Night on June 7th. Watch out for more details in the next Prospect News. In the meantime, if you would like to volunteer to help on the evening or you would like to become

involved with Prospect Community Association, please contact Anna Fowler on anna_m_fowler@hotmail.com or Mr Beard at the school nbeard@prospect.reading.sch.uk



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for Sept 2019



SIXTH FORM

www.prospect.reading.sch.uk

Prospect Sixth Form - the route to success!

This week, Prospect Students appeared on the screens of all the bus routes across the Reading Buses network. The advert is designed to promote the Sixth Form and let the rest of Reading know what we have to offer. We have already had great interest from our year 11s as well as from students from other institutions.

What's on offer?

This year we are offering a wider range of courses, including level 2 courses in IT, Sport, Public Services and Travel and Tourism.

We are expanding our level 3 offer to include Level 3 Sport, Performing Arts, Art and Design (Product and Graphics) and Level 3 Criminology. These new courses will sit alongside our existing

comprehensive offer which includes Government and Politics, Economics and Psychology A-levels. Students can apply to the sixth form via the 'Apply to Sixth Form' link on the school website.

We have great facilities for study, a designated café area and a welcoming and supportive team whose aim is to ensure our students get the best out of their time at school and are ready for the next stage of their lives.

To find out more about our sixth form contact Mrs Jane Jeffery on:

01189590466 or email
jjeffery@prospect.reading.sch.uk

Mr N Beard
Head of Sixth Form



Mr N Beard,
Head of Sixth Form



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.

LGBTQA+

Community meet up

Every Tuesday 3:00pm @ the library

Have the chance to have your say

Share your experiences

Meet new people

Confidential and safe

The poster features a light yellow background with colorful text. At the bottom right, there is an illustration of several raised fists in various colors (red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple).

An information and support network has been set up in school for our LGBTQA+ community and will provide a space to drop in for information and support. The sessions will run each Tuesday at 3 pm In the library and will be facilitated by the school counsellor

and Miss Hyde from the English department. Sessions run for 45 minutes.

The meetings are informal, relaxed and confidential although usual safeguarding responsibilities will always apply.

HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE CAREERS



'Your Future in Health & Care' - a round-up of the day.

In March, Mrs Withington attended the Health Care Careers Day at Madejski. Speakers talked about the various apprenticeships and degrees in health care. There was a big buzz throughout the day with plenty of advice on offer. Current students training within the NHS explained what they do day-to-day. For anyone who may not have the required UCAS points for a full degree, a new 2-year course has been introduced for those wishing to pursue a career as a nurse or health-care assistant. The

course covers all health-care assistant duties as well as basic nursing skills. After completing the 2-year course, you can then continue on to a full nursing degree in order to become a state-registered nurse. There is currently a huge shortage of Allied Health Professionals (AHPs) in the NHS.

Siobhan Gallivan
Head of Careers



THAMES VALLEY POLICE

Monthly drop in sessions

Our Thames Valley Police Schools Officers will be holding monthly drop-in sessions in school from Thursday 2 May. They will be in the school nurse/counsellor's office next to D16/D17 on Thursday at second break (1.15 – 1.45). This is an informal session, for any students who may have questions relating to aspects of the law, how they can keep themselves safe, and support for victims of crime, or perhaps for those considering a career in the police. These sessions will be confidential,

although obviously any disclosures of criminal activities will be followed up by the police.

Further sessions will also be run on 6 June and 4 July.

The police can of course be contacted at anytime on the non-emergency number 101.

Ms M Morris
Deputy Headteacher

What's occurring?



SCHOOL CALENDAR

Date	Event	Details
2018 – 2019	Term Five	Tuesday 23 April – Friday 24 May



REPORT DATES

Year Groups	Scheduled between
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
Wed 24 April 2019 (then 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
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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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

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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
27 April	English Literature	Ms Mahere	10:00am - 12:00pm 12:30pm - 2:30pm	A12
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

**Theme of
the week**
29 April – 3 May
Word Power

