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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

**“The function of education is to teach one to think intensively and to think critically.
Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education.”**

Martin Luther King, Jr.



Appointment of Deputy Head (Academic)

I am pleased to announce that Kate Ross has been appointed as Deputy Head (Academic) with immediate effect. This appointment comes after a rigorous selection process which invited applications from external candidates. The field of applicants was very strong but Kate impressed governors with her skills and experience and has been given the role. I am confident Kate will steer this school through the changing academic landscape and will deliver a curriculum to enable every pupil to achieve his or her academic potential.



I wish Kate every success in her new role.

In the New Year we will start the process of recruiting a new Head of Sixth Form.

Mark Dixon
Headmaster

Drama Department News

On Friday November 18th RAAS Drama took to the Leatherhead stage to perform a Midsummer Night's Dream. Legendary characters such as Nick Bottom, Puck, Oberon and Helena were brought to life by our brilliant cast of 16. The students worked so very hard since June to get to this point, and when the crowd cheered during their curtain call there was no coming down from the miracle that is the joys of the theatre. The students were praised at the end by a Shakespearian practitioner for their excellent team work, beautiful costume, interesting set and their hard worked for comic timing ability that had the audience laughing and applauding from the very beginning. We are very proud of how hard they worked. If you missed the show the cast will be performing again at RAAS on January 13th.

Snow White and the Seven Elves, a retold tale with added comedy is being performed at the school on December 9th at 7PM, it includes new characters such as Prince Ridicule, Snow Green and some evil elves such as Angry and Sarcastic. If you would like to come and watch the pupils in this spectacular retelling, please email

oliphillips@gatton-park.org.uk .

O Phillips: Production Manager

Ever wondered what really goes on at School?

We are making it even easier to find out about school life by setting up various social media accounts. You can now follow us on these accounts.

On Twitter, follow us on:

[@RAASchoolGatton](https://twitter.com/RAASchoolGatton)

[@RAASMusic](https://twitter.com/RAASMusic)

[@RaasRugby](https://twitter.com/RaasRugby)

[@RAACoCurriculum](https://twitter.com/RAACoCurriculum)

[@Rankwestonhouse](https://twitter.com/Rankwestonhouse)

[@EdinHouse](https://twitter.com/EdinHouse)

On Facebook, we have the following official pages:

[RAA School Gatton](#)

[RAAS Music](#)

[RAAS Equestrian Centre](#)

[Friends of RAAS](#)



We aim to add to the number of Twitter accounts over the coming months so watch this space!

HERE'S WHAT'S GOING ON OVER THE COMING WEEK...		
Sat 26 th Nov 16	Christmas at Kew	All Boarders
	Rugby : England vs Argentina	
Sun 27 th Nov 16	Cinema- Fantastic Beasts & Where to Find Them (12A) (NB back in time for Global Buffet) TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE	
Sun 27 th Nov 16	JRC Global Buffet	All Boarders
NB	Mittal's Orbit & Slide Sun 27th November has been postponed to Sun 12th March 2017	
w/c 28 th Nov 16	Stables: Fun Dressage Competition	

AVAILABLE TRIPS ON WISEPAY

Sun 11 th Dec 16	Christmas Crafts at RAAS	£5.00	Boarders
Wed 14 th Dec 16	Wicked, Apollo Victoria	£37.50 4 tickets LEFT !	Years 7-9
2017			
Sat 21 st Jan 17	Us-Them at the National Theatre	£30.00	Year 10 + with preference for GCSE & A level Drama Students
Sun 22 nd Jan 17	Rollerskating RAAS	£5.50 PLEASE EMAIL SHOE SIZE	Boarders
Sat 25 th Feb 17	X Factor Live Tour at O2	£55.00 ONLY 1 PLACE REMAINING	Year 7 & above

Sun 5 th Feb 17	Harry Potter World	15 yrs & UNDER £28 16 yrs & over £36	All boarders
Sun 12 th Mar 2017 <i>New date for Postponed trip Sun 27th Nov 16</i>	Mittal's Orbit & Slide (plus older boarders free time at Westfield)	£12.00 6 PLACES AVAILABLE	Boarders aged 8+ (see Wisepay for requirements)
Sun 19 th Mar 17	Cadburys' World	£25.00	All Year 7 & All Boarders

CHRISTMAS FAIR SUPPORT AND DONATIONS

The Christmas Fair is this Saturday and we really need your help.
Without your support and donations we simply couldn't
run this event each year so thank you.



This year we're looking for the following donations
which can be left in reception:
any unwanted gifts, toys, bottles
and cakes (Friday or Saturday morning)

If you're free on Saturday all help is very welcome
we will be in Gatton Hall from 8.30am.



Royal Alexandra and Albert School



Christmas Fair

Saturday 26th November 2016

Gatton Hall, Gatton Park, RH2 0TD

11am – 2pm



Join us this festive season and enjoy a variety of stalls, Santa's grotto, festive games and much more.

Not forgetting the ever-popular 'wrap a gift' service where the kids can choose and wrap a gift for their loved ones!

Season's Greetings!

Stables News!

It's been a very positive week for the stables, with two very successful competition outings; this success is largely due to the dedicated team of staff, both new and old, who have worked tirelessly to keep the yard running smoothly, enabling children and ponies to strive for excellent results.

The students that attended the dressage competition on Friday at Oldencraig Equestrian Centre did outstandingly well, as it was their first dressage competition away from the school. All students were placed and received some very positive comments from the judges. The staff at Oldencraig commented on how well our students and ponies were turned out, and all students returned to the school with very high spirits.



On Saturday, we attended an Inter-schools Show Jumping competition at Felbridge Showground, with pupils and ponies from the school, in addition to pupils competing their own horses. Even though we did not receive any ribbons, all students rode extremely well, and tried their hardest. We achieved several clear rounds, and some quick times against the clock, and those students that did knock a pole showed extremely good horsemanship by praising their horse for trying and encouraging them.

So overall the results were really positive, and we look forward to seeing the students progress and achieve even greater success in next term's competitions.



For those of you that would like to participate in next term's Jumping Clinic, please email in to reserve a place. Our jumping clinics are very popular, so email sooner rather than later to avoid any disappointment.

Next week is the week of in-house dressage. For those that have not paid the £5 fee for a rosette, and would like to, Wisepay is still open.

Students will be riding their dressage tests individually during their lesson, to be marked by a judge – so make sure you learn your tests to get really good scores!

We still have some more of our beautiful, hand-decorated, lucky horseshoes in stock if anyone would like to purchase one. Those that have purchased one have been very pleased and commented on how lovely they look. They are being sold for £5. Please send us an email to stables@gatton-park.org.uk if you are interested in buying one of these stunning Christmas decorations, which also make a lovely gift.

SCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS



RUGBY

FIXTURE	RESULT	MAN of the MATCH
SURREY SCHOOLS YEAR 8 RUGBY FESTIVAL		
vs Graveney	RAAS Won 10-0	
vs Southborough High	RAAS Won 10-0	
vs Howard of Effingham	RAAS Lost 10-15	
vs Shirley High	RAAS Won 10-5	
FRIENDLIES		
Year 7 'A'	RAAS 55 Glyn 15	
Year 7 'B'	RAAS 50 Glyn 35	
<p>Year 8 A</p> <p style="text-align: center;">RAAS 10 Glyn 50</p> <p>The Year 8A team suffered their first defeat of the season last Saturday They were up against a very organised and committed team in Glyn and it told. Great performances from Stanley Cabbage and Kyreece Lewis were not enough to blunt the constant attack from the strong Glyn side.</p> <p>This result ended a 12 match unbeaten run from the year 8 team and the Boys should take great pride in their form so far this season. We start a new unbeaten record hopefully with an opportunity to beat Ewell Castle next week.</p>		
Year 8 'B'	RAAS 5 Glyn 45	

Year 9**RAAS 25 Glyn 25**

A chilly Saturday was not a deterrent for the ferocious fixture between RAAS Year 9's and Glyn, with end to end rugby being played for 50 minutes straight. Fittingly the score ended 25-25, and the gentlemen go to Ewell Castle next week, even more determined for the win

MoM – Jason Yakoubov**Year 10****RAAS 26 Glyn 17**

An outstanding performance against a strong Glyn side, meant Y10's avenged their semi-final loss to Glyn last year. Glyn started with 100 % possession for the first 15 minutes of the game, which despite fantastic RAAS defence, resulted in the first try going to the away side. However we managed, later in the half, to get hold of the ball and went in at half time ahead. It was a tight second half but RAAS were always in front and Glyn could not reduce the deficit enough to put on the pressure.

MoM Kieran Green, great solo try, defensive tackling and fine kicking.**NETBALL**

FIXTURE	RESULT	PLAYER of the MATCH
District League		
Year 7	RAAS 12 Oakwood 4	The year 7 girls went to Oakwood on a cold, wet and windy afternoon. They played very well and by half time were 7 - 3 in the lead. In the second half they stepped it up a gear and the final result was 12 - 4. A great performance from all girls. POM Sidney Morley & Caitlyn Chiwaura
Year 9	RAAS 8 Oakwood 18	POM Jemima Aligwekwe

DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY (Boys)**Year 7 Team Position 1st (13 Schools Competing)**

Highest Placed Runners: Billy Coote 3rd: Felix Murphy 8th: Jack Almond 12th (88 Runners)

Year 8 Team Position **4th** (12 Schools Competing)

Highest Placed Runner: **George Hugnall 15th**: (58 Runners)

Year 9 Team Position **2nd=** (9 Schools Competing)

Highest Placed Runners: **Nicholas Smith 2nd**: **Santi Clifford 10th** (48 Runners)

Year 10/11 Team Position **3rd** (10 Schools Competing)

Highest Placed Runner: **Charles Kingston-Tennison 11th**: (51 Runners)





Year 12/13 **Ethan Lamberton 3rd**: **Oscar Brown 7th**:



FOOTBALL

FIXTURE	RESULT	MATCH REPORT
DISTRICT YEAR 10/11 GIRLS TOURNAMENT		
vs St Bedes	Drew 0-0:	
vs Reigate	Drew 0-0	
vs Woldingham	Drew 0-0	
vs Warwick	Won 1-0	
<p>The girls competed in a 7-a-side tournament against 5 other schools and ended up finishing 2nd, losing none of their games and not conceding any goals. I was very pleased with the effort of the girls involved and could not have asked for more commitment. This means we have reached the next stage of the Surrey finals!</p>		

JUNIOR SCHOOL

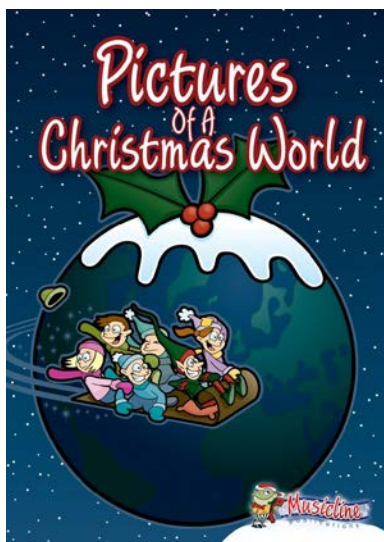
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> <h3>Star of the Week</h3> <h4>Autumn Term</h4> <h4>Week 9</h4> </div>  </div>		
3B	AJ Frame	For showing more focus and motivation to achieve his targets and improve his learning.
4M	AJ Masters	For improving his behaviour and his overall attitude to learning.
5C	Gabriel Garcia-Mumary	For displaying impeccable behaviour and being an excellent role model for others.
5S	Paige McAuliffe	For being a hardworking and excellently behaved member of the class.
6L	Henry Cosby	For being a sensible and mature student.
6S	Adam Bostel	For excellent contributions in all lessons and for showing a mature approach to self-study.
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> <h3>The Golden Book</h3> <h4>Autumn Term</h4> <h4>Week 9</h4> </div>  </div>		
Sayan Rai	3B	For an effective explanation of how igneous, sedimentary and metamorphic rocks are formed.
Hope Mann	3B	For excellent work on analogue and 24 hour digital clock times this week in Numeracy.
Jessica Owen	4M	For managing to run 3 loops of 500m in cross country.
Bobin Gurung	4M	For writing an excellent suspenseful passage in first person in literacy.
Joshua Bowring	5C	For writing a fantastic alternative ending to The Lost Happy Endings.
April Duma	5C	For some great work on converting between units of length.
Carmen Garcia-Loygorri	5S	For working hard and showing perseverance when solving word problems in Numeracy this week.
Cameron McCarthy	5S	For always being keen to contribute his ideas in Literacy and for using fantastic vocabulary in his writing.
Cindy Sakala	6L	For excellent input in our PSHE lesson.
Ishann Zharotia	6L	For excellent coordinate work in maths.
Sophie Ford	6S	For an excellent biography, written for her prep.
Sam Maphuruma	6S	For excellent work this week calculating fractions of amounts

16 November 2016



Dear Parents/Guardians

It is a pleasure for me to invite you to attend our Christmas Production for 2016, **Pictures of a Christmas World.**



The performances will take place on **Friday 2 December at 7.00pm and Saturday 3 December at 9.30am.** Every child in the Junior Department has a role to play and we are all very excited to see the production.

We will not be issuing tickets this year but ask that you either complete and return the slip below or email Fiona Mallinson in the Junior School Office, fionamallinson@gatton-park.org.uk, so we have an idea of the numbers to expect for each performance.

Parents will be able to take their children home straight after the performance on Saturday 3 December but will need to sign them out from their respective classrooms first.

We hope that you will be able to come and support your child and our School and look forward to seeing you.

There will be a retiring collection for the Open Arms Infant Home in Malawi at the end of each performance and we hope you will give generously.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Ines Salman
Head of the Junior Dept

Please return to Fiona Mallinson in the Junior School Office

Name of Child _____
Class _____

Friday 2 December at 7.00pm – Number of Seats Required _____

Saturday 3 December at 9.30am – Number of Seats Required _____

Signed _____ Parent/Guardian Date _____

SIXTH FORM

Year 12 and Year 13 Parental Consultation Evenings

Boarders and Flexi Boarders – Friday 16 December 14:30 – 16:30

Please be advised that we have Parental Consultation Evening next month for students in Year 12 and Year 13 in the Chapel.

We are trialling a new online booking system for this parents' evening. Details will be emailed out to parents. Mr Shaw and Mr Brackpool will both be available for appointments along with tutors.

Members of the Senior Leadership Team will also be present.

Royal Alexandra and Albert School Lunch Menu – Week Two

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
LUNCHEON	LUNCHEON	LUNCHEON	LUNCHEON	LUNCHEON	LUNCHEON	LUNCHEON
Classic Spaghetti Bolognese	Bobo de Frongo (Chicken & Casava Stew)	Sage Roasted Turkey	Chilli con Carne	Classic Chip Shop Fish & Chips	Burrito Bar Pulled Mexican Spiced Chicken Refried Bean (v) Lime & Coriander Rice, Sour Cream, Cheese, Salad	Brunch
Pork & Black Olive Casserole with Polenta	Mukeca de Peixe (Spicy Fish Casserole)		Baked Fillet of Cod on Chorizo & Cannellini Bean Cassoulet	Potato Topped Beef & Onion Pie		
Layered Mediterranean Vegetable Lasagne	Vegetarian Feijoada	Field Mushroom Wellington	Falafel Enchilada with Harissa	Cheddar, Onion & Potato Pie		Jason's Juice & Smoothie Shack
Tomato, Garlic & Sweet Basil Ciabatta	Garlic Broccoli	Savoy Cabbage & Roasted Carrots	Salsa, Rice, Fresh Green Salad	Mushy Peas & Baked Beans		
Rocket & Baby Spinach Salad	Steamed Rice	Baked Garlic Herby Potatoes	Steamed Rice	Royal Alex 'Chippy' Curry Sauce		
Italian Gingerbread Cake	Banana Cake	Eve's Pudding	Mexican Chocolate Pudding	Vanilla Rice Pudding with Berry Compote	Magdelenas Caseras	
SUPPER	SUPPER	SUPPER	SUPPER	SUPPER	SUPPER	SUPPER
'Pizza Xpress' House baked fresh pizzas with assorted toppings, mozzarella cheese & fresh oregano	'Stiff Upper Lip' Sausage & Vegetable Wellington Admiral's Fish Pie Individual Vegetarian Cottage Pie	Royal Alex 'Burger Joint' House Made Prime Beef Burger Mozzarella & Field Mushroom Burger Popcorn Chicken Burger	North African Safari Slow Braised Chicken Tagine Moroccan Spiced Beef Stew Mini Khobz with Butternut & Spiced Aubergine	Toni's Italian Pasta Night Assorted pastas & sauces selected by our resident Italian culinary expert, Toni	Chef's Special Menu	Roast of the Week
Rocket & Parmesan or Grande Caesar Salads	Roasted Root Vegetables & Gravy	Coleslaw & Relish	Cumin Seed Scented Carrots & Buttered Greens	Garlic & Herb Ciabatta		
Garlic Potatoes	Herb Roasted New Potatoes	Shoe String Fries	Scented Cous Cous	Italian Salad Bar		Roasted Potatoes & Root Vegetables
'Ice Cream Parlor'	Apple & Pear Pie with Custard	Banana Muffins	Zesty African Orange Cake	Tiramisu		Lemon Drizzle Cake