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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“Action is the foundational key to all success”

- Pablo Picasso



A message from the Chairman of the Governing Body, Bill Gillen:

Over the next few weeks you will be invited to attend one of a series of listening groups. These groups will enable the School Governors, Headmaster and Staff to engage with the whole parental community and thereby help plan the next phase of the School's strategic direction.

Essentially we are looking to understand your thoughts at a strategic level i.e. those elements which you as parents perceive to be at the heart of the School's continuing success and on which we must build; together, of course, with those elements which may require review.

I do hope very much that you will be able to join us at one of these groups and assist in making sure we continue to offer all our pupils a first-class education both inside and outside the classroom.

Schedule of listening groups (in Gatton Hall):

Friday 16 th October 12.30 – 2.00pm	Parents of Boarders in Year 3 to Year 11
Saturday 7 th November 10.00 – 11.30am	Parents of Senior Flexi Boarders (Yr 7- Yr 11)
Saturday 14 th November 10.00 – 11.30am	Parents of Sixth Formers
Saturday 21 st November 10.00 – 11.30am	Parents of Junior Flexi Boarders (Yr 3- Yr 6)

Chaplain's 400



It is hard to suppress smugness, a week on from raising the theme of refugees. As if on cue, we see reversals of policy. Countries initially sympathetic, liberal at borders, eager to offer material welcome, change their tune, with sudden panic over the scale of demand, and realisation of what being nice may cost. Borders slam shut, controls return, travel is postponed. How depressed thousands of victims must be, knowing that others, ahead by mere hours or days, have new lives. Likely consequences are rage, frustration, fear (on both sides, for sides there are), and prolonged uncertainty and unfairness.

Human society anywhere is a fragile, diverse, and complex network of activity. Workers pay taxes which create infrastructures on which all depend – transport, roads, education, culture, health, defence, the police and military. Those working need sufficient money for family food, shelter, clothing, and leisure. Those who possess national passports (a huge privilege) must know and value their country, be citizens beyond daily functions as homemakers or employees. They must vote actively and intelligently, and speak up to constrain ego and madness in those who govern. Societies need art in all its variety – music, sculpture, paintings, theatre, film, poetry, novels - to probe beliefs, further values, and make connections with past and future ages. These needs presuppose the citizens share a common language, can communicate with one another, are literate, and have universal access to the internet and related technologies. Unless all of these needs are more or less met and maintained, society unravels.

How many zero contributors to these aspects could you assimilate into your home? Two or three would cause rapid shortage of food, conflict, uncertainty, anger over destroyed family relationships. Given sufficient cause, we might welcome, adapt and sacrifice by some alteration of our lives. But we are not speaking of reasonable adaptation. The current influx could escalate to the point that national social conditions above are destroyed. What is to be done?

One solution, voiced already, is to send the military to borders, and shoot those who pass them without papers. There are difficulties about this, not least that it merely postpones the inevitable, and aggravates resentment and violence. The obvious solution is not even addressed currently. This involves examining adequately why so many are abandoning their countries of birth. If this analysis is not made and acted upon, Europeans may face the collapse of most things we take for granted. Decades of luxury levels of food, comfort, privacy, independence, security and leisure may disappear, as we are socially levelled. If such days come, we will need every spiritual and ethical resource to face the experience with calm and, above all, charity. Many, morally disoriented, will panic in the language they know best – violence. We will need discernment to pinpoint outlines of the new civilisation replacing what we knew, and to shape it – if we can. There are no neat solutions. We need to refurbish our mind-sets, virtues, faiths and communities at once. Many, many people are coming

Introducing...The Senior Leadership Team



Mr Paul Spencer
Ellis
Headmaster



Mrs Diana Bromley
Bursar



Mr Mark Skidmore
Deputy Head –
Pastoral & Boarding



Mrs Kathryn Hobbs
Deputy Head -
Director of Studies



Mrs Ines Salman
Head of the Junior
School



Mrs Kate Ross
Assistant Head –
Head of Sixth Form



Mr Gary Bendall
Senior Assistant
Head



Mrs Emma Glover
Assistant Head -
Inclusion



Mr Simon King
Assistant Head

Introducing...Heads of Year



Mr Scott Randolph
Head of Year 7
English



Mrs Helen Fraser
Head of Year 8
Mathematics



Mr Mike Brown
Head of Year 9 &
KS3 Co-Ordinator
Physical Education



Ms Kate O'Flynn
Head of Year 10
Design & Technology



Ms Charlene Kaye
Head of Year 11
Head of Physical
Education



Mrs Annie Danaee
KS4 Co-Ordinator
Head of Modern
Foreign Languages



Mr Sam Shaw
Head of Year 12
Head of Psychology



Mr David Brackpool
Head of Year 13
Head of Sociology

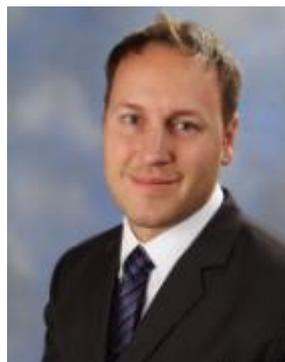
Introducing... Heads of Department



Miss Tamasine
Bellaby
Social Science



Mr Allen Ernest
Economics &
Business Studies



Mr Andrew Ferris
Mathematics



Mr Steve Hobbs
Land Based Studies



Miss Rachael Killen
Art



Mrs Emma Love
Drama



Miss Bryony Potter
Science



Mr Tom Rhodes
History



Mrs Helen Simms
Music



Mr Hansel
Stevenson
English



Ms Anne Vaughan
Geography



Ms Yvonne West
Food Technology

Introducing... Heads of House



Mrs Alexander Beer
Elizabeth House



Fr Paul Johnstone
Albert House



Mrs Ruth Kingston
Cornwall House



Ms Lily Lawrence
Alexandra House



Mr Mark Loveday
Gloucester House



Mr Alistair Phillips
Kent House



Mrs Vicki Sampieri
Gatton Hall



Mr John Stafford
Rank-Weston House



Mr Daniel Swan
Edinburgh House

PREP - KEY STAGE 3 & 4

Prep rotas for Years 7-11

The prep rotas were included in last week's newsletter. Staff will aim to set prep according to the rotas each week, there may be occasions where this does vary slightly to fit with the sequence of work covered in lesson.

Prep tasks can include: written tasks to be completed which will then be marked by the teacher; written tasks which will be assessed in the next lesson; revision; research activities; preparation; learning weekly spellings; reading via Accelerated Reader scheme or wider reading; MyMaths exercises; and in Key Stage 3 Touch Typing practice.

Pupils are asked to write all prep tasks set into their prep diary each lesson - which is why it is very important that prep diaries are brought to school every day. If a pupil loses their prep diary a replacement can be purchased from the pastoral office at a cost of £4.

We do encourage parents to regularly check prep diaries to look at and discuss the prep activities. House staff will check diaries during prep time and Form Tutors in Key Stage 3 check prep diaries on a weekly basis.

Pupils receive regular feedback on their prep, high quality work and good effort are acknowledged via credits and departments use postcards to highlight particular work to parents. We will inform you each week if prep is either not completed or if prep is unsatisfactory compared to the target grade of the pupil, in this case a pupil will be placed on Supervised Prep for the following week.

Key Stage 3 PREP

Prep projects are set in Years 7, 8 & 9 for all subjects other than Mathematics, English, Science and Modern Foreign Languages who each set approximately 1 hour per week – see separate timetable for relevant days for each year and tutor group. In addition Design Technology will set four preps throughout the year to correspond to the D&T subject rotations.

Prep projects are designed to take approximately 4-6 hours and will usually be handed out on a Monday morning and are due in the following Friday – giving the pupils up to 11 days to complete. Prep Projects are handed out via form tutors. All work is required to be completed or securely attached in the Prep Project books.

The prep projects are designed to allow pupils time to explore and think about issues in greater details. The projects are split into separate tasks and extension activities are often included. Pupils should ensure that tasks are completed before they look at extension activities and will be encouraged to plan their time over the full number of days to ensure that the Friday deadline can be met.

Form tutors will be looking at and signing prep diaries each week in Key Stage 3. We would ask that parents also regularly check and sign diaries to acknowledge the work completed. House staff will do this for boarders.

Key Stage 4 PREP

In Years 10 and 11 pupils will be set at least one larger prep or two smaller preps every week for each examination subject, Maths, English and Science will set two preps per week (see separate timetable for relevant days). In Year 11 all work this term is leading to the mock examinations which will be held in the week beginning 30 November 2015.

In Year 10 the mock examinations are part of Assessment Week and will be held in the weeks beginning 18 April and 25 April 2015.

Any queries about prep please do not hesitate to contact me at kathrynhobbs@gatton-park.org.uk.
Kathryn Hobbs – Deputy Head.

School photographs

The individual and sibling photographs taken last week will shortly be available to order on line. Further details to follow.

Year 7 and Year 10 Parental Consultation Evenings

Day Boarders/Day Pupils: Wednesday 14 October 17.00 – 20.00
Boarders: Friday 16 October 14.00 – 16.00

Please be advised that we have Parental Consultation Evenings soon for pupils in Year 7, Year 10 and any new pupils in Years 8 & 9 who joined September 2015.

Meetings with teachers/form tutors are **by appointment only**. Invitation letters will be sent out to all Year 7 and Year 10 parents/guardians, along with guidelines, which will ensure appointments are made quickly and efficiently for you. There will be the opportunity to meet with a child's class tutor and up to 7 individual subject teachers. In addition an appointment can be requested with Mrs Ross, Head of Sixth Form.

Mr Spencer Ellis, other members of the senior leadership team and Heads of Year will also be present and available on both evenings.

NB New Yr8 or Yr9 pupils who have joined RAAS in September are invited to meet with their form Tutor only.

New Trips this week

Sunday 15th November Dr Who Festival at the London Excel Centre

Saturday 21st November – Barbarians v Argentina in the Killick Cup at Twickenham

Co Curriculum News

Bikeability – we are in the process of registering to become an approved centre. We will contact parents with further details once that has happened. In the meantime there are spaces on mountain biking classes on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, please send your child to the PE classroom to sign up.

Archery – extra classes after 6p.m. again please go to PE office to sign up

Foods of the World – extra class Friday 5.30 to 7.00 – sign up as above

Tennis – This will start after Half Term – Please arrange for your child to sign up for another activity in the meantime

Dance – There have been some changes to dance – Further information to follow by E-Mail

Child Safety Guide

Please see below a useful and informative link with regards to child safety in conjunction with modern technology.

<http://www.internetmatters.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/08/Internet-Matters-Online-Safety-Guide.pdf>

DRAMA DEPARTMENT NEWS

LAMDA Classes – individual and small group speech and Drama coaching with an external teacher, preparing pupils for Drama performance grade exams.

LAMDA classes are very useful for building communication and performance skills. The higher level certifications also carry UCAS points.

For further details of our LAMDA classes, please email emmalove@gatton-park.org.uk

*Emma Love
Head of Drama*

TRIPS NOW ON WISEPAY

Tue 22 Sept Smith & Western £8.45 – Year 7

Wed 23 Sept France v Romania Rugby World Cup at the Olympic Stadium £25 – Senior

Fri 25 Sept JRC Global Buffet £18.99 – Year 8+

Sun 27 Sept Ireland v Romania Rugby World Cup at Wembley Stadium £27 – Senior

Tue 29 Sept Acquasports at Mercers Park £22 – Year 7 & 8

Sun 4 Oct Hever Castle £7 – open to all

Tue 6 Oct Acquasports at Mercers Park £22 – Year 9 & 10

Wed 7 Oct Matilda the Musical £37.50 – Senior School

Sat 10 Oct Fright Night at Thorpe Park £29.95 – Year 8+

Tue 13 Oct Acquasports at Mercers Park £22 – Years 11-13

Tue 17 Nov Elf Musical £55- Senior School

Sun 13 Dec Boulogne Christmas Market & Nausicca £48, parents £53- Senior School

Morocco 2016

In August 2016 students in years 10-13 have the exciting opportunity to participate in a 10 day expedition to Morocco with Outlook Expeditions. The emphasis is on the students developing their own itinerary which will include trekking in the Toukbal National Park, exploring the Moroccan culture and participating in a local community project. Further information can be gained from the parents meeting on 25th September at 6:30pm in the PAC or visit www.outlookexpeditions.com and click on the 'Parents and Students' bubble.

*Miss Capstick
Science & Geography*



INFORMATION EVENING:

Morocco 2016

WHERE:

Royal Alexandra and
Albert

WHEN:

25/09/15
6:30pm



WWW.OUTLOOKEXPEDITIONS.COM

STABLES NEWS

Welcome back and we hope that you all had a lovely summer break.

Last week we held Health and Safety briefings for all riding pupils, this was a great opportunity for new riding pupils to meet the Stables Team and have a guided tour around the yard meeting all of the horses.



Over the summer two new horses arrived – a big welcome to Elsa and Puzzle!



Elsa (right) Puzzle (left)

Riding lessons and the Pony Club Course started this week – our Pony Club Course is proving very popular and all pupils have really enjoyed their first riding lesson back.

We are looking forward to the start of a Jumping Clinic next week and wish pupils the best of luck at their competition at the end of the course. Next half term we will be holding several clinics due to training for the NSEA Grassroots Show Jumping Regional Championships.

PONY CLUB SECTION

We have had lots of new Pony Clubbers join this term and also several pupils from last terms Pony Club continuing with the course. Our Pony Club Leader, Angela Brocklehurst, will be assessing all pupils for the first two weeks to determine junior and senior categories. Angela will also be looking for potential pupils to attend the Blue Cross Competition in the spring to represent the RAAS Pony Club. This term, pupils will be looking at more welfare orientated achievement badges which build towards achieving the Blue Cross Merit award. They will also be looking at the Mounted Games discipline badge which is achievable no matter what standard members are. Mounted Games is a classic Pony Club game that is enjoyed by all.

We are looking at getting our first industry expert, the farrier, in on a theory lesson to teach pupils all about the care of the foot.

Finally, we are also looking at taking Pony Club pupils to Olympia the Royal International Horse Show in December for pupils to experience and watch all types of disciplines from all over the world.

Army Day in Gatton Park

Gatton Park resembled an army camp on Sunday as the Army Cadet Force (ACF) had an 'Army Day' for pupils of the Royal Alexandra and Albert School. The event was arranged so that pupils could try out Army Cadet activities such as field craft, weaponry, drill, obstacle/endurance course and tug of war. A large number of pupils took part in the taster activities.

It is the start of the school term and pupils can choose to join the School's Army Cadet Detachment as one of the many after-school activities on offer. The School's Cadets are part of 'B Company' in Surrey ACF.

Headmaster Paul D Spencer Ellis said "This has been an excellent way for pupils to experience the type of activities they would participate in as a Cadet. The ACF is a popular after school activity and I would encourage more pupils to join as it is a great way to develop confidence, leadership and other key skills."

On the same day, the School hosted the Big School Curry Lunch in Gatton Hall, an event that raises funds for the Army Benevolent Fund. The Guest Speaker was Colonel Ingrid Rolland, Assistant Commander 11 Infantry Brigade. Following the lunch Col Rolland presented the School's ACF with an award in recognition of their excellent performance in their annual inspections.



SENIOR SCHOOL SPORTS RESULTS



NETBALL

FIXTURE	RESULT	MAN of the MATCH
District League		
Year 9 vs Warwick	RAAS 13 Warwick 0	Splendor Andoh
Year 11 vs Warwick	RAAS 24 Warwick 6	
Year 7 vs Warwick	RAAS 10 Warwick 4	
Year 8 vs Warwick	RAAS 11 Warwick 4	Mia Craig



RUGBY

FIXTURE	RESULT	MAN of the MATCH
Friendlies		
Year 10 vs Dunottar	RAAS 39 Dunottar 0	Joeli Suguvanua
Year 7 vs Dunottar	RAAS 25 Dunottar 5	
Surrey Schools County Cup Round 1		
Year 11 vs Guildford County	RAAS 29 Guildford 10	Bailey Hanchett -Sprague Despite a tough day with lots on his mind great performance by Bailey and got us off scoring with the first try. Special note to whole team as a whole who stuck together, supported Bailey and got the job done. Well done boys Mr Brown

Dates for your Diary – Autumn 2015

Saturday 19 September – Junior School Parents Social 10:00am

Saturday 26 September – Open Morning Year 6

Monday 28 September – Whole school/House Photos

Saturday 3 October – Open Morning Year 5

Tuesday 13 October – Y6 Heights & Weights Measuring

Wednesday 14 October – Day/Flexi-Boarder Parents Evening 4 - 6pm

Friday 16 October – Boarders Parents Evening 2 – 4pm

Friday 16 October 2:00pm – Break up for Half-Term (Seniors 2:30pm)

Sunday 1 November – Boarder's Return 4-6pm

Monday 2 November – Lessons Begin

Wednesday 11 November – Remembrance Service

Thursday 12 November – RAAS Christmas Market in Gatton Hall 6:30pm

Friday 13 November – Comedy Club 4 Kids, PAC 4-5pm

Saturday 28 November – Friends of RAAS Christmas Fayre

Wednesday 2 December – West End in Schools Pantomime – Jack & The Beanstalk

Friday 4 December – 7.00pm Christmas Play

Saturday 5 December – 9.30am Christmas Play

Thursday 10 December – House Point Reward Trip

Assemblies for the Autumn Term

Please Note: Assemblies will take place at 8:35am in the PAC.

The dates for the class assemblies are subject to change so please check with your child's teacher nearer the time if you intend to come and watch.

6L – Wednesday 23 September

6S – Wednesday 7 October

5S – Wednesday 18 November

5C – Wednesday 25 November

4M – Wednesday 2 December

3P – Wednesday 9 December

Wednesday 16 December 2:00pm Break up for Christmas Holidays (Seniors 2:30pm)



Star of the Week Autumn Term Week 1



3P	Lucas Sprague	For having a brilliant start to a new school and for being an excellent role model to others.
4M	Jorja Walker	For setting an excellent example for behaviour and being a great role model for the rest of the class
5C	Trisa Mutuku	For displaying impeccable behaviour and being an excellent role model for others
5S	Norah Edie-Camara	For superb behaviour and for settling into our school so well. She is very polite, sensible and hard-working.
6L	Liv Ashley	For a fantastic start in her new class and setting a great example.
6S	Emma Clamp	For an excellent start to year six. She models to her peers the required behaviour and perseverance for success.



The Golden Book Autumn Term Week 1



Pranjay Zharotia	3P	For outstanding work with place value in maths.
Isla Henderson	3P	For brilliant descriptive sentences in literacy.
Waleed Komy	4M	For excellent effort with written work and contributions in class
Paige McAuliffe	4M	For settling in well and producing an excellent level of work in maths and literacy
Mario Diodato	5C	For creating a fantastic poster in RE
Ben Lehain	5C	Great work on ordering and comparing large numbers in numeracy.
Summer Hicks	5S	For excellent work on place value in numeracy
Nicole Griffiths	5S	Super effort in cross country. Nicole continued to try her best all the way around the course even though she found it challenging.
Ota Imina-Uwagboe	6L	For excellent effort and enthusiasm in literacy.
Jonny Carter	6L	For great WWII knowledge in literacy.
Charlie Bye	6S	For great determination in maths when calculating number sequences
Catherine Kuit	6S	For an excellent imagination when creating our own short stories

Angels of the week

Marissa McKenzie

April Duma

Top men of the week

Leon Benson

Bobin Gurung

Walking History Tour

On our first week back Mr Raeburn and Mr Gayner took on a walking history tour of the school grounds. As well as visiting the town hall, and hearing how Gatton become a "Rotten Borough" we saw the Rock and Japanese gardens. We were shown various coins going back to Roman times, that have been found in the park.

John Stafford

Housemaster Rank Weston House



INVITATION

Year 11 pupils and parents are warmly invited to attend the

Sixth Form Open Evening

Thursday 24th September 2015

7.00 - 9.00pm

- 7.00pm **Introductory talk in the Performing Arts Centre**
Deputy Head – Director of Studies, Kathryn Hobbs
Assistant Head - Head of Sixth Form, Kate Ross
- 7.45pm **Meet the Subject Teachers in Chapel**
Find out about the A Level and BTEC courses on offer

Once again, our Sixth Formers achieved excellent results in their A Levels this summer with 53% of all A Levels awarded graded A*- B.

Come along and find out more about what makes our Sixth Form so special. There will be students, prefects and teachers who can tell you about the academic side of the Sixth Form and also about the many enrichment opportunities.

WEEKLY
MENU

Royal Alexandra and Albert School

Week Three

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Irish Shepherd's Pie	Jamaican Beef Curry	Creamy Chicken & Tarragon Cobbler	Beef, Neep & Tattie Pie	Classic Chip Shop Fish & Chips	Matador Madness	Brunch
Corned Beef & Potato Hash	Caribbean Jerk Marinated Chicken	Liam's Portsmouth Pollack Pie	Haddock Cullen Skink Potage	Potato Topped Turkey & Ham Pie	Spanish Butter Bean & Chicken Stew	
Boxty Cakes with Irish Cabbage	Plantain, Sweet Potato & Black Bean Stew	Cheddar Cheese, Broccoli & Potato Gratin	Vegetarian Haggis & Clapshot	Carrot & Swede Pasty	Roasted Aubergine & Courgette Frittata	
Served with: Dublin Coddle & Minted New Potatoes	Served with: Coriander & Allspice Braised Vegetables, Rice & Pidgeon Peas	Served with: Steamed Broccoli, Garden Peas & Seasonal Salad	Served with: Savoy Cabbage, Roasted Vegetables & Rumbledethumps	Served with: Homemade Mushy Peas, Baked Beans & Curry Sauce	Served with: Patatas Bravas, Buttered Chard, Spinach, Greens & Roasted Pepper Salad	
Barm Brack with Custard (Irish Fruit Cake)	Tres Leches Coconut Cake	Fruit Roly Poly with Custard	Apple Frushie (Scottish Apple Pie)	Butterscotch Pudding	Magdalenas Caseras (Spanish Muffins)	Jason's Juice & Smoothie Shack
Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper
Luscious Louisiana Night	Chinese Banquet	Burger Joint	Northern Takeover	Eastern Promise	Toni's Italian	Roast of the Week
Smoke House Style Beef	Sweet & Sour Pork	Homemade Prime Beef Burger	Lancashire Hot Pot	Beef Goulash & Sour Cream	Assorted Pasta & Sauces (Selected by Toni, our Italian culinary expert!)	Home Roast with Traditional Accompaniments
Louisiana Hot Sauce Chicker	Cantonese Style Chicken	Mozzarella & Field Mushroom Burger	Beef Rag Pudding	Pork Stroganoff		
Mac 'n' Cheese	Tofu & Ginger Chow Mein	Popcorn Chicken Burger	Tom's Blind Scouse & Dumplings	Field Mushroom & Garlic Strudel		
Served with: Chipotle Salad, Baby Roasted Potatoes, Slaw & Chilli Sweetcorn	Served with: Prawn Crackers, Egg Fried Rice & Cucumber Ribbon Salad	Served with: Coleslaw, Relish & Shoe String Fries	Served with: Buttered Cabbage & Tater Hash	Served with: Sauerkraut & Czech Dumplings	Served with: Garlic & Herb Ciabatta & Italian Salad Bar	Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Root Vegetables
Key Lime Pie	Banana Fritters	Chocolate Chip Muffins	Manchester Tart	Andrew & Arthur's Favorki (Polish Pastries)	Genoise Cakes with Vanilla Butter Icing	Carrot Cake