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#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Our prime purpose in this life is to help others. And if you can't help them, at least don't hurt them."

- The Dalai Lama



#### **GATTON TRUST**

# Easter Egg Hunt Monday 28th March Gatton Park 1-5pm

Explore the park and gardens looking for clues to find the eggs

Easter children's activities

Face painting for additional charge

Admission Cost: Adults £4 Children free
Cost to join egg hunt: £1 per child

Tea/coffee/squash and cake available to purchase

No booking required www.gattonpark.com



#### WHOLE SCHOOL

#### **Spring Reports - Years 7-13**

All pupils will be given a sealed copy of their Spring Report to bring home to Parents at the end of school on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March. There will be an additional tutor period at 2pm and teachers will be handing out the reports to their tutor groups.

For Years 7, 8, 9 and 11 this will be an Interim Report and for Year 10 this will be a Full Report.

Years 12 and 13 will be given their Spring Progress Report.

Pupils in Years 11, 12 and 13 will receive two copies of their final Examination Timetables in with their Reports, one for the Pupil and the other for their Parent/Guardian.

Pupils in Year 9 will receive a copy of the Option Choice letter that was emailed to Parents/Guardians on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> March.

Reports will be posted home for any pupils who are absent on Thursday.

#### Bingo Night Cancelled

Unfortunately the Bingo Night scheduled for this Saturday has been cancelled. We hope to run it again soon and will be contacting those who did send in forms individually.

**RAAS** - Friends

#### **Drama Department News:**

Upcoming performances:

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March 6.30-7pm (RAAS PAC 2)

Fight Night

Performance of Stage combat skills

(this performance contains some strong language)

Open to Y7 upwards

Free entry with retiring collection

No admittance after performance has started

To book, please email oliphillips@gatton-park.org.uk

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March

4-5.30pm (RAAS PAC 2)

Y10 scripted mock exam

(this performance contains some strong language)

Open to Y8 upwards

Free entry with retiring collection

No admittance after performance has started

To book, please email oliphillips@gatton-park.org.uk

#### **Boarding Bake off Competition**

Exciting news - http://boarding.org.uk/userfiles/bsa/Bake%20Off%20Poster.pdf

The South East heats of the Boarding Bake off Competition will be held here on May 26<sup>th</sup> but we need entrants and it is the students who have to submit their entry by email initially! This is where I need your help.

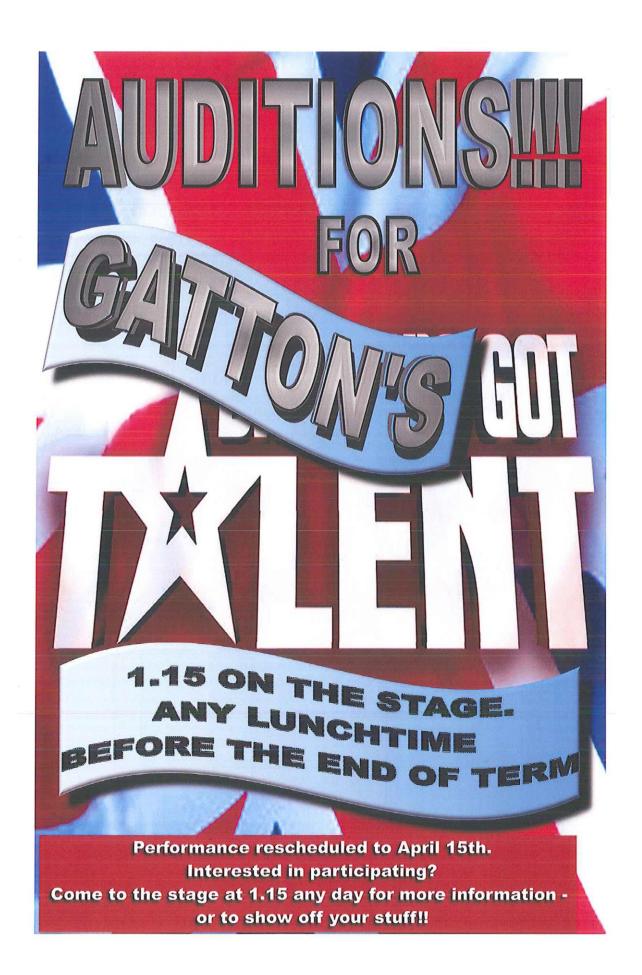
Who can enter?

Boarding Pupils aged 9 -15 years as of 1st September 2015

All other details are on hyperlink above.

Yvonne West

Food Teacher



HERE'S WHAT'S GOING ON OVER THE COMING WEEK		
Sun 20 March	London : Shrek – The Adventure	

#### **TRIPS AVAILABLE ON WISEPAY**

2016				
Sat 16 April	Rugby – Wembley Stadium Saracens v Harlequins	£16 (under 16 with coach) £30 (over 16 with coach) £16 (under 16 NO coach) £30 (over 16 NO coach)	ALL	
Sun 24 April	Thorpe Park	£29.95	Boarders Y 8 – 13 (except Silver DofE due to refresher course this weekend)	
Sun 24 April	Rollerskating at RAAS	£5.00	All (except Silver DofE due to refresher course this weekend)	
Fri 29 April	Go-Karting Surbiton Raceway	£25.00	Years 7 & 8 cadet track	
		£30.00	Years 9 – 13 main track	
Sun 1 May	Paddle Boarding on Gatton Lake	£10.00	ALL (& parents!)	
Sun 1 May	Tower Bridge Experience & Golden Hinde	£13.00	Boarders	
Fri 6 May	Go-Karting Surbiton Raceway	£25.00	Juniors	
Sun 8 May	Hydrospeeding at Lee Valley	£35.00	Boarders aged 14+	
Sun 8 May	Mountain Biking , Swinley Forest	£18.00	Boarders	
Tues 17 May	Romeo & Juliet, Electric Theatre, Guildford	£12.00	Y & to 10	
Sun 22 May	Chessington World of Adventures	£28.00 (Y 3-6) £29.00 (Y 7-13) £10.00 Merlin Pass	All Boarders	
Thu 30 June	Wimbledon Championships (centre court & court 1) ONE TICKET LEFT!	£50.00	Y7-Y13	
Thu 7 July	VARIOUS EXPLORE DAY TRIPS  ***Harry Potter World***  Extended deadline 18 <sup>th</sup> April	VARIED	Y 7, 8 & 9	

#### Some of the EXPLORE TRIPS for Years 7,8 & 9 on Thursday 7th July....

#### LAST CHANCE TO BOOK!! SOME ARE NOW FULLY BOOKED!!

#### THOSE NOT BOOKED ON A TRIP WILL BE DOING

"THE BOX HILL CHALLENGE"

**Alpine Day** 

**BOND IN MOTION** 

**Brighton trips** 

Harry Potter World

**MAMMA MIA** 

STADIUM TOURS: WEMBLEY, TWICKENHAM

**Thorpe Park water activity** 

#### **Various London trips:**

( Museums, Duck Tour & Tate Modern, Covent Garden, Olympic park, HMS Belfast, Sea Life centre, Greenwich, The Shard, Tower of London, Tower Bridge )

**Various London activities:** 

(Conquer the summit, Shrek Adventure, Parkour)

LEE VALLEY: Mountain Biking / Extreme (water wipeout & Hydrospeeding) White Water (water wipeout & canoeing/kayaking)

Reigate Dish Reigate Pizza making Box Hill Challenge Busheraft



#### **DINING ROOM UPDATE**

My name is Barny and I am the Executive Chef at Royal Alexandra and Albert School. It is my responsibility to deliver 2500 meals every day for pupils at this school. I take this responsibility very seriously as I know how important food is to growing children, especially those in a boarding school who have three meals a day here.

There are various ways to give feedback on food, and I am concerned that some of the feedback does not reflect what is actually happening in the Dining Room. For example, it was suggested that we start to offer baked potatoes when, in fact, these are already on the menu every day. For this reason, I will be including regular updates in the school newsletter so that you know what is really happening in the Dining Room. I will update you on developments, innovations and events relating to the catering at Royal Alexandra and Albert School.

#### **COMING SOON - NEW MENUS!**

Head Chef, Ricardo and I will be writing new menus during the Easter break so keep your eyes peeled for new dishes appearing next term. Thai, Indonesian and South American dishes will play a part in the new menu.

#### MORE THEME NIGHTS!

Our ever popular theme nights will also be returning after the break. Next up are 'South African Night' and 'Brazilian Carnival'.

And finally, I am in the process of creating a catering mail box to allow any concerns to be directly sent to me and I will endeavour to respond, and deal, with any concerns you may have.

More news coming soon....

Barny

#### **SENIOR SCHOOL**

#### **Year 7 and Year 8 Parental Consultation Evenings**

Day Boarders/Day Pupils: Wednesday 23 March 17.00 – 20.00 Boarders: Thursday 24 March 14.30 – 16.30

Please be advised that we have Parental Consultation Evenings this month for pupils in Year 7 and Year 8.

Meetings with teachers/form tutors are **by appointment only.** Invitation letters have been sent out to all Year 7 and Year 8 parents/guardians, along with guidelines, which ensures appointments are made quickly and efficiently for you.

Year 7 will have the opportunity to meet with their Tutor to review the year and an optional 3 additional subject teachers.

Year 8 will have the opportunity to meet with individual subject teachers and in addition their Form Tutor or Head of Year.

Mr Spencer Ellis, other members of the Senior Leadership Team and Heads of Year will also be present and available on both evenings.

### JUNIOR SCHOOL



## Star of the Week Spring Term Week 7



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3P	Holly Fenton	For excellent effort in all areas.
4M	Gurpreet Singh	For being a proactive and helpful member of the
		class.
5 <i>C</i>	Makeda Afriye	For trying her best in all lessons.
55	William Dailly	For always having a positive outlook and trying his
		best in all he does.
6L	Todd Francis	For excellent effort across all subjects.
65	Finley Morgan	For a real improvement in his behaviour and
		concentration this week.



## The Golden Book Spring Term Week 7



Jessica Owen	3P	For doing well in her extended writing.
Scarlett Madden		For excellent effort with fractions this week.
Christian Kitto	4M	For showing good understanding of the place value
		of tenths and hundredths when counting in decimals.
Charlotte Oliver	4M	For offering to help other children with a
		comprehension based activity on the Spiderwick
		Chronicles in literacy.
Jasmine Spary	5 <i>C</i>	For working hard to improve the presentation of her
		handwriting.
Jack Roberts	5 <i>C</i>	For excellent work on describing characters and
		settings using relative clauses.
Sophie Ford	55	For excellent work on describing characters and
		settings using relative clauses.
Nicole Griffiths	55	Great enthusiasm and effort during orienteering.
Cathan McAuliffe	65	For an excellent week in maths calculating perimeter
		and area.
Libby Elphick	65	For an excellent story based around the West End in
		Schools activity.
Ota Imina	6L	For excellent use of vocabulary in his writing.
Jessica Thorne	6L	For outstanding accuracy in geometrical drawing.

