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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“If we all did the things we are really capable of doing, we would literally astound ourselves”

- Thomas Edison



Chaplain's 500



This column does not generally repeat themes, but present refugees are exceptional. The Jewish book Tenakh contains a story about the Tower of Babel, repeated in the Bible book Genesis. Men build a large city and tower. Their G-d is not at all pleased by this structure. The Lord of Heaven descends, and utterly destroys these architectural ambitions. The devastation goes beyond piles of bricks, shattered buildings and dead builders. The languages of the residents (settled there from a multitude of countries) are mixed up by G-d. No one can understand anyone else. Social devastation. The story is found across the world, in Middle and Far East traditions, in South American literature.

One theme is the purposes of human activity compared with those of G-d. Can human beings do anything they want? Should they? Are there limits to what they should do? If so, how are these limits known? To what or whom should mankind submit? Secondly, the confusing of languages raises questions about the relationships needed across different nations, ethnicities and cultures. Islamic traditions are very clear on this. Allah made people to coexist, distinct and proud of their heritage, but in peace and harmony with their neighbours.

After the World Wars, Western civilisation has crashed repeatedly off its moral motorway. The results are disastrous. Theologically, you might say that the refugee phenomenon is the product of sin. Not that of refugees, but of Western leaders decades ago. Most people want to develop and raise children in the place of their birth. This is a basic right and need. Some leave their natal lands for various reasons, but we are exceptions. *The refugees should not be where they are.* Why do so few probe this fundamental point, the root cause of displacement and suffering? The concept and birth of the United Nations was commendable, its aims flawless. Sadly, national self-interests emasculated this body. Its profile quickly degraded to that of passive spectator of *realpolitik*, not merely emasculated, but impotent. Its erratic interventions have been, mostly, inconsequential, protracted, late and devoid of muscle. What if international leaders had set aside differences to prosecute and defend the basic rights of world citizens *together*? What if countries had pooled resources for a powerful, equipped, skilled, internationally constituted military, *commanded by a corporate authority*? What if the world community had monitored, nurtured and coordinated the economic progress of all countries, and, family like, curbed excess and madness when these threatened the common good? Our ethics have kept up neither with technology nor population growth. Internationally crucial decisions were flawed by greed, lust for power, and unequal, patronising treatment of minority nations inherited from colonial times. Damage has been huge, maybe terminal. In theological terms, it is tempting to see present threats to Western life as a judgement on global choices which lacked intelligence, integrity, generosity and compassion. There is no way to where we need to be except the hard one of reflection and common will. There is no avoiding it. The longer it is postponed, the more violent the path will become.



REMEMBER – REFLECT will take place on Saturday 03 October from 12:30 – 13:00 in St Andrew's Church. This is an annual moment of readings, music, quiet, candles and messages to remember 'those we have loved but see no longer'. Come on your own or with friends or family. Cake and drinks to follow for those who want to stay on. For more information contact marykelly@gatton-park.org.uk or pauljohnstone@gatton-park.org.uk

WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH

Dear All,

Just a quick reminder there will be a Whole School Photograph taking place on Monday 28th September 2015.

Applying For a Year 7 Place

If you have a child in Year 6 at another school and you would like them to come here in Year 7 you must complete two application forms before 31st October 2015.

The first is the School application form which can be downloaded from the School website.

The second is the Surrey County Council form which is on the Surrey website here <http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/school-admissions/apply-for-a-school-place?content=3922>

If you don't live in Surrey, you should complete the application form for your own local authority. If your child is already at this school in Year 6, you do not need to apply. We will assume you want your child to move up to Year 7.

Thanks

The Admissions Team

Wanted : Voluntary Leader for 8th Reigate Cub Group

Meets – Friday (tbc) at Royal Alexandra and Albert School 5.30-7.00p.m.

Since 1953 there has been a thriving scout group within the school. We are looking to re-establish this group, firstly by means of a Cub Scout Pack. We have the equipment, we have the facilities, we have the cubs we just need the leaders. Are you interested in getting involved in this very rewarding programme? Cub Scout Leaders need no prior experience as training will be given, although experience is also welcome.

Further details about scouting in Reigate can be found at <http://www.reigatescouts.org.uk/>

For further information about this role please contact annevaughan@gatton-park.org.uk and / or stevegrob@hotmail.com

TRIPS NOW ON WISEPAY

Sun 4 Oct	Hever Castle £7 – open to all
Sat 10 Oct	Fright Night at Thorpe Park £29.95 – Years 8+
Sun 11 Oct	Tilgate Park £2 - All Boarders
Sat 7 Nov	Shakespeare School Festival, Leatherhead Theatre £7- All
Sun 8 Nov	Scuba Diving (TryDive) £10 – All
Tue 10 Nov	K2 Climbing, Crawley £ 10.60 – Juniors (Years 3-6)
Fri 13 Nov	The Snow Queen ballet -Harlequin Theatre – All
Sun 15 Nov	Dr Who Festival, London Excel £39 (16yrs & under) £60 (17yrs and over)
Tue 17 Nov	Elf Musical £55- All Seniors (Years 7-13)
Tue 17 Nov	K2 Climbing, Crawley £10.60 – All Seniors (Years 7-13)
Sat 21 Nov	Barbarians v Argentina, Killick Cup, Twickenham £20 (under 16) £60 (over 16)
Wed 25 Nov	The Bodyguard, Hawth Theatre £35.50 - Y9 to Y13
Sun 13 Dec	Boulogne Christmas Market & Nausicca £48 students , £53 parents - All Seniors
Tues 15 Dec	Jack & the Beanstalk Hawth Theatre £17.95 – All

Dear Parents,

Just a quick reminder to check with your children that they have received the proof for their school photos? Photos can be ordered on line or alternatively, fill in the form, enclose payment and return the envelope to the School Office.

Deadline for orders is Mid November to ensure delivery to school before the end of term. Boarders will receive their photos on December 15th to take home at the end of term.

Co-Curriculum News



Monday

- 12.20-1.00p.m. dance KS2
- 1.00-1.40p.m. dance KS3/4
- 4-5p.m. Street Dance KS3
- 6-9p.m. Boxercise y9+

Tuesday

- 4-5p.m. Contemporary Dance KS3
- 7-8.30 Spring Jive and Lindy Hop—ballroom

Wednesday

- 4-5 p.m. Street Dance—girls
- 5-6 p.m. Street Dance —boys
- 6.30-7.30p.m. Limber, stretch and tone y7-10
- 7.30-8.30p.m. Freestyle ballet y9+
- 8.30-9.30p.m. Limber, stretch and tone y11+

Thursday

- 4-5p.m. Dance y5/6
- 6-9p.m. Boxercise y9+

Friday

- 4-5p.m. Musical Theatre KS3
- 5-6 p.m. Contemporary Dance KS3
- 6.30-7.30p.m. Piloxing KS4/5



Drama Department News:

Shakespeare Schools Festival

18 RAAS pupils from Y7-Y13 will be performing their production of Macbeth at the Leatherhead Theatre on Saturday 7th November at 7pm as part of the Shakespeare Schools' Festival. There are places available for boarders to attend through the boarders' trips programme, however should you (and your friends and family) wish to attend as well and support us in this exciting venture, tickets are available now through the theatre box office: https://www.leatherhead-tickets.co.uk/select_seats.aspx?perfid=5695. We hope to see you there!

LAMDA CLASSES

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*

SENIOR SCHOOL

Prep and Supervised Prep Years 7-13

All students are expected to complete prep every evening Monday to Friday either during prep time in the boarding house or at home. The Prep rotas for Years 7-11 were included in an earlier newsletter item.

If students either fail to hand in prep by the set deadline, or, if prep is not completed to an acceptable standard for the individual, students will be referred to me for inclusion on the Supervised Prep rota for the following week. This will provide both a support to ensure that the outstanding prep is completed or enhanced and also to allow the completion of current prep, as well as, a sanction.

For Years 7-9 Supervised Prep is triggered by either a late or unsatisfactory Prep project **or** two late or unsatisfactory preps from other subjects within one week.

For Years 10 -13 Supervised Prep is triggered by one late or unsatisfactory prep in a week.

Supervised Prep will run the following week Monday to Friday **inclusive for all pupils** - Boarders and Day/ Flexi Boarders:

Day/Flexi Boarders Supervised Prep is:

- Year 7 & 8 – 3.40pm until 5.10pm
- Year 9-13 – 3.40pm until 5.40pm
- Year 12-13 – 3.45pm until 6.00pm (Mon-Thu) held in Sunley

Boarders Supervised Prep is:

- Year 7 & 8 – 6.30pm until 8pm
- Year 9-13 – 6.30pm until 8.30pm
- Year 12-13 – 6.30pm until 8.45pm (Mon-Thu) held in Sunley

Supervised Prep will take place in ICT 1 and students are required to attend in full school uniform bringing with them sufficient work for the session and a reading book. All students will have access to a computer for work purposes only. If a student fails to attend on any day without prior permission from me, or, if their behaviour is unsatisfactory they will be given an additional day of Supervised Prep the following week. Supervised Prep is run by teachers who are available to help and support with the organisation of prep and who will also contact other staff, if necessary, for subject specific advice.

Students will be made aware of their inclusion on the Supervised Prep rota on Thursday afternoon via boarding houses and Friday morning via form tutors. I would encourage students to come and discuss any issues arising from this with me immediately. Parents/ guardians will be informed of their son/daughters inclusion on Supervised Prep for the following week via email (where possible) on a Friday afternoon.

These arrangements mean that Supervised Prep is compulsory for all students and will allow us to provide the same level of support and sanctions for all.

We are very hopeful that the support that we put in place for prep within the boarding houses and the additional support that all staff offer outside of the classroom should ensure that very few pupils will be placed on Supervised Prep. If you wish to discuss any aspects of Supervised Prep or prep in general please do not hesitate to contact me at kathrynhobbs@gatton-park.org.uk.

Kathryn Hobbs – Deputy Head.





YEARS 7-11 MUFTI DAY

Friday 2nd October,

**£1 to be handed in to the
tutor.**

**8RKI Fundraiser in Aid
of Save The Children for
the Syrian Refugees.**

JUNIOR SCHOOL

<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> Star of the Week Autumn Term Week 2 </div>  </div>		
3P	Holly Fenton	For always being a kind, caring and helpful member of the classroom.
4M	Chloe Moysten	For setting a great example for behaviour at all times and working hard in all subjects.
5C	Phillipa Osei	For being an extremely helpful member of the class.
5S	Olivia Cowen	Super behaviour at all times. You are a role model to the class.
6L	Kitt Simms	For a positive and enthusiastic start to the new school year.
6S	Tyler Burnett	For a great start to the year and being exceptionally helpful around the class.
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> The Golden Book Autumn Term Week 2 </div>  </div>		
Mahdi Nayebi	3P	For excellent work researching Gatton Park in History.
Bobin Gurung	3P	For always working hard in literacy.
Maya Komy	4M	For producing consistently excellent pieces of work in literacy.
Amos Rai	4M	For working hard in maths and improving his presentation in the subject massively.
Webster Makwati	5C	For some fantastic contributions in Literacy
Jasmine Spary	5C	Super work on rounding large numbers after she had initially found it difficult. Well done.
Benjamin Aliu	5S	For some excellent work when counting on and back in 10's and 100's
Gabriel Nicholas	5S	For trying hard to present all of his work to the best of his ability. I have been impressed with his effort so far.
Cody McCarthy	6S	For excellent effort in Maths.
Bubbles Baylie	6S	For writing an excellent story using suspense.
Jessica Thorne	6L	For great effort learning her times tables.
Alfie Rodd	6L	For creating excellent sentences beginning with adverbs.

Whole School Photo – Monday 28 September

We are having a whole school photo taken next Monday 28 September so children need to be in full smart school uniform OR if your child has PE and normally come in their kit to school that they bring their uniform with them.

Ines Salman, Head of the Junior Department.

SIXTH FORM

SIXTH FORM NEWS

We have now entered our third week of the new term and Years 12 and 13 have both comfortably eased into the swing of life in the Sixth Form. With the increased workload, which is implicit in moving up either from GCSE to AS or AS to A2 courses, both year groups have been busily working away in Sunley, our common work area, and after school in their respective houses. Students are now coming to grips with the complexities of their courses together with the daily increased difficulty of prep.

The powerful new Rugby squad played its first game of the season on Wednesday, strongly opposing Glyn School's team. Despite a valiant effort, including a mid-air tackle by Clive Ira, the first match ended in a close defeat.

The Sixth Form Student Committee has also met again this week with a focus on fund raising and future charity fund raisers in the school. Similarly, students have decided to organise the school's second ever Black History Month Show themselves, which last year drew great acclaim from staff and students alike. Members of the student community have also organised and are set to run a charity cake sale for Macmillan Cancer Support in conjunction with the charity's national 'Coffee Morning' this Friday.

On Thursday the Year 11 students will have been given a slice of life in the Sixth Form from the students and teachers at the Sixth Form Open Evening being held in the Chapel, explaining the advantages the many courses offered bring for a future either in higher education or the world of work that comes after school. Academic and Senior Prefects from Year 13 will chat with perspective Sixth formers about life at the top of the school and the quality of courses and other advantages of staying at the Royal Alexandra and Albert, providing insight from a year's experience.

WEEKLY MENU

Royal Alexandra and Albert School Week Two



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Classic Beef Lasagne	Coq au Vin with Shallots, Garlic and Rich Stock	Slow Roasted Glazed Gammon	Chicken Korma	Classic Chip Shop Fish & Chips	Burrito Bar	Brunch
Pesto Crusted Mackerel on Potato Ratatouille	Beef Bourguignon with Roasted Celeriac	Sage Roasted Turkey	Lamb Dopiaza	Potato Topped Beef & Onion Pie	Pulled Mexican Spiced Chicken Burrito	
Layered Mediterranean Vegetable Lasagne	Vegetable Cassoulet with Roasted Garlic	Field Mushroom Wellington	Yellow Lentil Curry, Squash & Fine Beans	Cheddar, Onion & Potato Pie	Refried Bean Burrito	
Served with: Tomato, Garlic & Sweet Basil Ciabatta, Rocket & Baby Spinach Salad	Served with: Provencale Herb Roasted Vegetables & Boulangère Potatoes	Served with: Savoy Cabbage, Greens & Baked Garlic Herby Potatoes	Served with: Sweet Potato & Aubergine Saag & Pilaf Rice	Served with: Homemade Mushy Peas, Baked Beans & Curry Sauce	Served with: Lime & Coriander Rice, Guacamole, Sour Cream, Cheese, Salad	
Cherry Panetone with Vanilla Sauce	Plum Clafoutis	No Pastry Apple & Raspberry Pie	Pear & Cinnamon Strudel	Vanilla Rice Pudding with Berry Compote	Chocolate & Banana Tacos	Jason's Juice & Smoothie Shack
Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper
Pizza Xpress	It's All Greek to Me	Burger Joint	North African Safari	American Diner	Toni's Italian Pizza	Roast of the Week
Homemade Fresh Pizzas with Assorted Toppings, Mozzarella Cheese & Fresh Oregano	Lamb Kleftiko	Homemade Prime Beef Burger	Slow Braised Chicken Tagine	Hot Dogs	Assorted Pasta & Sauces (Selected by Toni, our Italian culinary expert!)	Home Roast with Traditional Accompaniments
	Beef Stiffado	Popcorn Chicken Burger	Moroccan Spiced White Fish Stew	Honey Glazed Chicken Thighs		
	Vegetarian Moussaka	Mozzarella & Field Mushroom Burger	Mini Khobez with Spiced Aubergine & Butternut	Baked Sweet Potatoes & Smoked Cheese		
Served with: Rocket & Parmesan or Grande Caesar Salads & Garlic Potatoes	Served with: Tzatziki, Olive Salad, Feta Cauliflower & Spinach & Baked Potatoes	Served with: Coleslaw, Relish & Shor String Fries	Served with: Cumin Scented Carrots & Scented Couscous	Served with: Boston Beans & Potato Wedges	Served with: Garlic & Herb Ciabatta & Italian Salad Bar	Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Root Vegetables
Ice Cream Parlor	Greek Yoghurt with Honey	Banana Muffins	Zest African Orange Cake	Route 66 Sundae	Tiramisu & Amoretti Mousse Pots	Lemon Drizzle Cake

