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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"No act of kindness, no matter how small, is ever wasted"
- Aesop





Gatton Country Fair Fun Bake Off!

Sunday 3rd July 12 - 5pm

Entry: 50p per entry

Make & bring in your best cupcake for judging.

(Fair opens at 12, entries must be in by 1pm. Homemade cake & icing.)

On the day 'Decorate a Biscuit' and create your own vegetable animal by 3pm for judging

Age classes: Up to 7 years, 8 to 11 years, 12-16 years

All Results announced at 4pm

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Gatton Country Fair Fun Dog Show!



Sunday 3rd July 12 - 5pm



Entry: £1 per entrant per class

- Most Handsome Dog
- Most like owner
- Best Puppy 6-12 months
- Best Trick
- Prettiest Bitch
- Waggiest Tail
- Child Handler Under 12

Fair opens at 12, judging starts at 2:30pm

Entry to fair; £5 adults, children free

No Dogs Under 6 Months will be allowed to compete



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GATTON COUNTRY FAIR

FUN DOG SHOW • ANIMALS • COUNTRY CRAFTS
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Sunday 3rd July www.gattonpark.com

12 noon - 5pm Adults £5.00 Children FREE
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Chaplain's 400



The referendum is over, but the question mark remains. We are left with instability and confusion. It is some time since UK social consciousness received so great a shock. This could yet prove beneficial. I am not an unqualified supporter of the EU. An outrageously wasteful administration, absurd monthly relocations of the seat of power, a cemetery of unproductive politicians, rewarded with six figure salaries and pensions. It would be a plus if a little EU reflection now caused some self-assessment of this.

Instability. Consider the week. As most who voted 'remain' predicted, an array of crucial industrial and financial figures have pulled back. The Bank of England prophesies caution. Nothing new there, perhaps. And yet... Both political parties are in turmoil, obsessed with ego, oblivious to what antics do to economics. Personal and public treacheries, renewed political baloney and posing. Politics not of communal responsibility, but personal lusts for power. And yet... some EU authorities, initially enraged, already softening and slightly conciliatory toward the betrayer. Markets, fickle as ever, swinging back approaching last week's levels. We see just how vulnerable money is to the intangible, to matters utterly uneconomic, to chemistry, ethos, international and national mood. Do not ask economists for help at these times. They do not know.

Travelling back from London Victoria this week, a chaos of cancellations, universally attributed to 'a shortage of train crew'. I walked twelve coaches to the front of the Three Bridges service, and sat inside for half an hour. The train was cancelled, and 1500 passengers disgorged back to the platform with thousands of others. Staff conversations constantly overheard show that 'shortage of train crew' means (a) managers who are too short sighted or disorganised to provide staff, and (b) qualified staff too lazy to come to work. Outside, a major concourse review, needed for vast movement of buses, taxis and private cars, is unfinished after six years. Day in and day out, the site is abandoned. In other capitals, such a project would have been over in eighteen months. Transport infrastructure is a good litmus test for the level of priorities and focus beneath the national veneer.

At these times, a personal core of known and espoused universal values, ability to be silent, genuine concern for others, optimism and humour are paramount. Otherwise we make the mistake of thinking it is external events which are important. We need the politicians who show a glimmer of such awareness. It's called 'spiritual'.

Race for Life at Epsom Racecourse



On Sunday this valiant team from the school health centre put their best feet forward and joined the Cancer Research Race for Life at Epsom Racecourse. They raised over £250 toward the event total of £165,000 which goes to fund research into cancer treatment. If you would like to contribute it is not too late. Just visit <https://www.justgiving.com/teams/raasters> to donate - and don't forget to gift aid!

Music News

May we thank Alba, Felicia and Ruth who attended the Big Sing Boarding schools event last Sunday....see the photos below. There were over 60 performers from Boarding Schools throughout the UK. After a three hour singing practice with renowned teacher Dominic Peckham, we travelled through Westminster and performed to an appreciative audience in Embankment Gardens.



We would like to remind you that the Summer concert is on Friday 1st July. It will be in the PAC and will start at 7:30pm. In the spirit of the Summer and the musical content of the show, we have named the concert 'Gattonbury'!

Pupils from RAAS will be performing between 3:00 and 4:00 pm at the Gatton Fair, which is taking place on Sunday 3rd July.

Learning an instrument - Junior Group Lessons:

There are still a few days left to apply for these lessons. Please contact helensimms@gatton-park.org.uk if you require a letter with all the information.

Endangered Instrument Programme:

The Endangered Instrument Programme will be decided in the first few weeks back in September, as other local schools can also apply for a place. We will let you know on the date and time to meet to try out for a place.

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EARLY BIRD SALE

2016 DISCOUNT

Offer!

SWOTS is offering 10%
discount on all
uniform purchased between
20th June to 5th July 2016
(Date extended especially for
RAAS)

Uniform can be purchased at SWOTS, by telephone,
mail-order or via our website

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Kodu Kup 2017

Ms Wojtowicz

Recently all year 7 have an opportunity to work on their own games using Kodu. They have enjoyed the experience so I have decided to take the project further. From September I will be running a 4-5 club in ICT1 (day to be confirmed) to prepare for the Kodu Kup 2017 competition. The club is open for all ages.

The Kodu Kup is open to any child enrolled as attending a UK school and who are aged between seven to fourteen years of age at the date of entry. You will be entered by me and you must be entered for the competition as a team of three people.

Please note, children cannot enter themselves and must, therefore, be entered by their teacher as both the Kodu Game Lab and PiL Network are subject to age restrictions.



You not only have to create a great game, but develop a business plan for a game franchise and create and produce a least one single piece of merchandise that promotes their game.

You need to market your game and try to get as many downloads as you can of you game from the Kodu Gamelab site. You should try and get customer feedback and show how you have responded to this in your business plan.

You should include a photo of at least one single piece of promotional merchandise. (You can make as many as they like). This could be a badge, t-shirt, something you have knitted, cupcakes or even something 3D printed. Be imaginative and creative!

You may also want to include any promotional media you have created. Flyers, posters, radio and video adverts. It's totally in your hands.

There will be three winning teams in each of the following categories:

- ☐ Primary
- ☐ Secondary
- ☐ Best teams promoting girls in tech
- ☐ Judges Choice

The top three teams in each category will receive an invitation to present their games to a panel of judges from the games industry at Microsoft Headquarters in Reading. At the end of the day the winners of each category will receive individual prizes and the overall winning team will take home the coveted UK Kodu Kup.



Dear Parent/Guardian,

Just a quick reminder regarding school footwear (only leather upper shoes – not VANS/Nike). Please refer to the School Uniform Policy <http://www.raa-school.co.uk/clothing.asp> if in doubt with regards to correct attire.

Thank you

Advanced Notice: Individual/Sibling Photographs

Individual/Sibling Photographs – Wednesday 9th September

Please email jojacobs@gatton-park.org.uk if you would like sibling photographs, stating names and year groups (for the next academic year).

Return of books Y11 & Y13 and leavers

Please may we have any outstanding books or equipment returned to the school that have been borrowed by pupils leaving at the end of the Summer Term?

We are keen to collect in all books and equipment so as not to place a drain on departmental resources which could be put to other uses.

Thank you for your understanding.

SENIOR SCHOOL





Summer Reports – Years 7-10

All Pupils in Years 7-10 will be given a sealed copy of their Summer report to bring home to Parents at the end of School on Friday 8th July. There will be an additional tutor period at 2pm and Teachers will be handing out the reports to their tutor groups.

This will be a full report for Years 7 and 8 and an interim report for Years 9 and 10.

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

JUNIOR SCHOOL

<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> Star of the Week Summer Term Week 8 </div>  </div>		
3P	Jaleel Rudder	For always been enthusiastic and ready to learn in lessons.
4M	Sapphire Gramme	For an excellent write up for the school newsletter.
5C	Joel Lunga	For showing excellent enthusiasm throughout Creative Week and general school life.
5S	Anisa McIntosh	For an enthusiastic approach to all aspects of school life.
6L	Alfie Rodd	For being a mature and responsible member of the class.
6S	Camino Perez-Marsa	For displaying an excellent attitude towards all aspects of school life
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> The Golden Book Summer Term Week 8 </div>  </div>		
Marisa McKenzie	3P	For excellent use of similes in literacy.
Max Donohoe	3P	For brilliant addition and subtraction of fractions.
Maisy-Lee Donohoe	4M	Excellent work completing symmetric shapes.
Chloe Moyston	4M	Imaginative rhetorical questions when writing a product advert.
Abi Patel	5C	For showing great perseverance and achievement in Numeracy, when converting metric measures and applying these skills to word problems.
Ben Lehain	5C	For producing some intricate and imaginative ideas in Literacy when suggesting prequel ideas for 'Jack'.
Norah Edie-Camara	5S	For super designs of her own thoughtful symbols in RE.
Llaani Williams	5S	For super designs of his own thoughtful symbols in RE.
Camino Perez	6L	For creating excellent geometric patterns in Maths.
Izzy Knight	6L	For creating excellent geometric patterns in Maths.
Azsvin Mariathan	6S	For challenging himself with all activities when on the Isle of Wight.
Cody McCarthy	6S	For working well as a team and helping to lead others during challenging situations in the Isle of Wight

Cricket

On the 30th of June the year 6 and 5 team played in a home game against Reigate Priory, who have a very strong team; all of them playing for a club. We fielded first and our bowling was exceptional in our first two overs, getting two people out. At half way they were at 206-4 and we were at 233-1, it came down to the last two pairs for Reigate with them scoring 19 runs putting them on 255-7. Then it was our last pair batting scoring only 3, runs putting us on 250-4. They just beat us by 5 runs, but as usual we just did not score enough runs. It was a great game overall.

By Todd and Cody.

Year 6 trip to the Isle of Wight

On Monday 13th June 2016, most of year 6 set off on an exciting journey to the Isle of Wight. It was roughly a 5 hour journey all the way from RAAS to Kingswood, the activities centre. I was in a dorm with 7 other girls, it was a small dorm but there was just enough space for all our bags and suitcases. Since I was the 1st person in the dorm I got 1st dibs on the beds; I chose the far top bunk, everyone wanted that one!

When we were all unpacked we got split in to 3 groups of 12. I was in group J with my best friend Milly. Next we had dinner, it was so yummy! After that group J had the 3G Swing. It was so amazing! Finally we went to bed.

The next day was so fun! The highlight of the day was going down to the beach for 2 hours! I went into the sea with Milly. It was freezing! For lunch it was pasta yet again it was scrumptious! Our evening activity was awesome! It was called "in the spotlight" and everybody had such a fun time. I sang karaoke with Izzy; our mystery song was Don't Stop Me Now by Queen! After a long, but exhilarating, day we drank hot chocolate and went to bed.

On Wednesday the best parts of the day were archery and orienteering. In archery I scored bulls-eye on my 1st try! Orienteering was also very entertaining because we had to go around site and try to find a little square that had an answer on it. My group was called Mac & Cheese!

Thursday was great because we had bush-craft. We stripped stinging nettles with our bare hands but we didn't get stung because we did it a special way. We learnt a lot of useful tips for if you're ever in danger in the wild.

Friday morning was so hectic because we all had to pack up our clothes. Our first activity was Jacob's Ladder. Milly and I went up together and we reached the fourth level of the ladder. Last but not least we did music. It was electronic music on the computer. We made our own songs, which will be out on a CD and posted to us.

Finally it was the 5 hour journey from Fishbourne back to school. We had so much fun - what a great week!

By Evie Owsnett









Reflections on Sixth Form

When we joined the Sixth Form in September we faced the daunting task of getting through year twelve which seemed like it was a near impossible feat. However we have made it through our first year. We have overcome obstacles and challenges which have shaped us into better, more diligent young adults who have grown closer as a year group and developed a lasting camaraderie. So as we look back on the year we reflect on the good times and the challenging ones and become aware of how we have grown into stronger, more responsible individuals.

Going into Year 12 I was naïvely optimistic as I thought that my GCSE grades stood me in good stead for AS levels and whilst many year 13s warned us of the heightened work and difficulty, I quietly refused to accept it. That's why when I received not just my first D in History but my first ever fail, I was incredibly disheartened, I was almost embarrassed; I refused to tell my parents and my friends to spare me of the humiliation. This is where all students have a divide in their upcoming approach to the inevitable 'bad' grade: to give up, or to try even harder - I chose the latter as I was determined to succeed. With hard work, persistent emails to teachers and a lot of consolidation I pushed my grades up to what I wanted and the achievement that I felt was immense. That's why A levels are so beneficial as you can't just rely on teachers for success, if you do succeed you have to have had some part in that success and that knowledge is very rewarding. So if I could impart one bite of wisdom for anyone joining the Sixth Form, it would be to not give up, even if it feels as if you are destined to fail because through hard work and determination anyone can achieve (and use the teachers whenever necessary as they will ALWAYS be willing to help). – (Katie Taylor)

The first year of Sixth Form was a year of learning for everyone, both academically and on a more personal and introspective level. It is safe to say that the first few weeks of Sixth Form were a slap to the face for everybody with workload piling up in ways we had never experienced before and massive self-expectations. After fairly good GCSE results, I thought I would be able to coast through my A-Levels in much the same way I had coasted through my GCSE's- with ease. Upon receiving my first graded works back, however, I discovered this was simply not the case and some hard work and effort would actually be required in order to succeed. For me this lesson has been the most valuable of them all, as it has taught the importance of not only hard work but the perseverance required to continue trying even after a few set-backs. I hope that this is a lesson that will take me far in later life, and one I'm sure to remember in the face of adversity. – (Amber Berkley)

When we joined the Sixth Form we were all very nervous of what was to come. However in a few weeks we all settled in and started learning to adapt to our new lives as older, more responsible people who were ready to face the challenges that would soon come our way. As I look back at the times when I thought about giving up in the face of the many challenges which I experienced, such as applying for prefect (which was a very tight race as there were so many deserving candidates), studying for mocks and then the real exams which took a lot of determination and was very trying at times, but at the end of it I am very glad and grateful that I stuck with it and pushed through the hard times and I now can reap the rewards of my hard work. – (Cameron Wright)

Throughout my time in the Sixth Form, I have had many great experiences making friends and developing my knowledge as an A level student. I have also learnt and improved on my faults from the past and present prefects who have both represented and led the school, and have been role models for the younger years while conducting their duties to the highest quality. - (Jaden Marsh)

So as we close off the year we take a look back and reflect on how the wonderful environment that is our school has shaped us into a unified cohort, and the challenge that is Sixth Form has taught us true lessons which are valuable to our lives.

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		Falafel Enchilada with Harissa	Cheddar, Onion & Potato Pie		
Tomato, Garlic & Sweet Basil Ciabatta	Garlic Broccoli	Savoy Cabbage & Roasted Carrots	Salsa, Rice, Fresh Green Salad	Mushy Peas & Baked Beans	Jason's Juice & Smoothie Shack	
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		
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		
'Ice Cream Parlor'	Apple & Pear Pie with Custard	Banana Muffins	Zesty African Orange Cake	Tiramisu		Lemon Drizzle Cake

