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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

“There are no language barriers when you are smiling”

- Allen Klein



Chaplain's 300

CLOSE CALL

They close again on the fresh foreigner.
Jeddah, Manila, Johor – any of these their home.
‘As salaam aleikum’ I say, hoping by this
To fake rapport where doubt divides.
‘Wa aleikum salaam’ they say, startled.
Nonetheless I am crushed beneath him, held firm.
Arms force into wide sleeves, a Bedlam jacket long ago.
Tight back he ties them, I am rigid to the hard back.
Sleeves overflow my hands, fingers barely flex or hold.
My captor hovers, grins at the prospect.
Orange-suited men kneel in sand,
Teenagers and their fathers,
Soon prostrate and headless.
Blood will not drain so readily here.
Is a mop to hand?

The razor flashes, a ‘cut throat’,
Such as my grandfather stored for years.
How close he leans.
Eastern armpits overwhelm.
Eyes darken, pressed to his chest.
French aftershave? Carrefour perhaps?
And will this scent be all in all at the last?
Even without this straitjacket
I cannot defeat brown biceps
Apt to pinion and hold for the last and final stroke:
‘Allah allahu akbar!’
Hands close around my neck.
Skilled fingers flicker longingly in concluding rite.
But no. Finished, he relents. Not today.
I stand, free at last.
‘Shukran’, I say, ‘Shukran habibi!’
Their teeth flash, hysterical at my vowels.
I pay what he expects, more than they ask.
We all embrace.
I take my leave, grateful for three things.
They cannot read my errant mind.
Our G-d is the same.
And only my hair was cut.

Applying For a Year 7 Place – *Deadline 31st October*****

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

Autumn Reports & Key Information Years 7-13

All pupils will be given a sealed envelope to bring home to Parents at the end of School on Friday 16th October. There will be an additional tutor period at 2pm and teachers will be handing out the reports to their tutor groups.

For any pupils that are absent on Friday their envelope will be posted home.

Years 7 – 10 Autumn 1 Interim report and explanation guide

Year 11 Autumn 1 Interim report and explanation guide

Year 11 Mock Revision booklet and revision timetable

Years 12 – 13 Autumn 1 Progress Report

All envelopes contain a Data Collection sheet showing the contact details held on file for your son/daughter(s). To ensure that the information we hold is current, please can you check carefully, and either sign the sheet if the detail held is correct, or update with changes?

Please ensure that the data collection sheet is returned to the school office by your child upon their return after half term holiday so that records can be updated.

Pushing the boundaries

Octopush, which is underwater hockey, is new to RAAS. Organised by Mr. Foreman, it is held on a Friday in the swimming pool. The sport, which requires good swimming skills, also needs big lung capacity. Boston Edmonds, who is in Year 9, is attending with other pupils. He says: "Octopush is a very hard sport and you have to hold your breath for a very long time and you have to have good muscles to achieve a victory. You use small hockey sticks and a puck that you play with and you wear flippers on your feet to stay under water."

Octopush originated in England. The people who participate are men and women, young and old. Teenagers play in under -13 and under -16 categories in clubs spread across the United Kingdom from Plymouth to the Orkney Islands. The National Competitions take place at Pond's Forge Olympic Pool in Sheffield.

Another year 9 pupil comments: "This sport is an endurance sport, but I chose it because I thought it would be a new, fun, interesting experience."

By the year 9 Press Team.

Fleeing for Freedom

Mufti day, which was on Friday 2nd October, cost pupils one pound and was in aid of Syrian refugees who are escaping war in Syria, and need homes in Europe. Miss Killen, who is Head of the Art Department, arranged mufti day with the help of her Tutor Group.

The war in Syria originally began with protestors demonstrating against the arrest and alleged torture of 15 schoolchildren. Now refugees are fleeing to Europe. Children and families are being affected by this. Around 50% of the almost 4 million people to have left Syria are children aged from new-born up to 18. A pupil commented on Friday, "They have to go through leaving the country they love, losing friends, their homes and their families." £750 was raised on mufti day, with some money still coming in.

By the Year 9 Press Team

The Friends of Royal Alexandra and Albert School invite you to a

Christmas Market

at Gatton Hall

Gatton Park, Reigate

Thursday 12th November @ 7pm – 10.30pm

This the perfect way to get meet your Christmas shopping needs all in one evening whilst taking in the beautiful surroundings of Gatton Hall.

We have many stalls from local merchants and artisans from the area including gifts, kitchenware, gourmet foods, jewellery, clothes and artworks.

You can also take refreshments in our pop-up café.



ENTRY IS FREE

Minutes of the Food Committee Meeting 7 October 2015

Representatives from the following attended:

John Stafford – Chair (JS), Barney Cross, Tom Upton (Catering), Rank-Weston House, Edinburgh House, Kent House, Elizabeth House, Lyndsay Love (Minutes)

Not in Attendance: Alexandra House, Gatton Hall, Gloucester House, Albert House, Cornwall House

		Action
1.	<p><u>Minutes of Last Meeting</u></p> <p>JS welcome everybody to the first Committee Meeting of the new year. It was agreed that the Committee will meet once a half term. The minutes of the last meeting were approved.</p>	
2	<p><u>Job Description of Food Committee Members</u></p> <p>JS provided information on the roles and responsibilities of the members of the Food Committee. Every House should have this available for students to refer to. Please inform JS if your House does not have a copy.</p>	
3	<p><u>Feedback from House Meetings:</u></p> <p><u>Alex House</u></p> <p><u>Albert House</u></p> <p><u>Kent</u> Would it be possible to improve the vegetarian options; in variety and appearance. BC believes that vegetarian options have increased in variety and improved, but will look to see what can be offered. Kent House to discuss with vegetarians for their ideas. Would like more variety of squash options. RW suggested mixing the options provided to make new varieties. Catering confirmed that difficult to introduce hash browns during the week due to new legislations. Catering are not able to provide pancakes during the week, though could look at doing this more often during brunch. Possibly the House could provide this as a House supper. Catering would like to provide fruit juice, but due to cost and government legislation this is difficult. Could be a House thing. Catering will try to provide more croissants as it appears that there is currently enough for only one each. Catering confirmed that they have lactose intolerant options and that students must speak to dining hall staff who could show them where it is.</p> <p><u>Gloucester</u></p> <p><u>Edinburgh</u> Would it be possible to bring back Saturday night orders/take-away, such as hot dogs/hamburgers and chips, etc. Catering will look at this again as something they could provide every three weeks. Might not be this half-term. Is it possible to cook the bacon for longer, to make it a bit crispy? Catering have a problem with making it crispy as they do not have enough grills to accommodate this, but are looking at other ways to make this happen. After school snacks; would it be possible to have milkshake powder instead of an actual snack. Catering agreed that this might be possible once a week. Catering will look whether this is possible. Students in Edinburgh do not like the jam doughnuts, but like chocolate muffins, Catering looking at possibly providing milkshakes, jam doughnuts and chocolate muffins on a rotational basis. Current supplier is unable to provide all that was previously available. Would like Chinese food more regularly; i.e. noodles in the pot. Catering confirmed that menu changes will realistically only occur in the new year, but happy to offer more noodle options. Would it be possible to offer more varieties of jam? Catering confirmed that they provide bigger tubs next to the sachets for students. More smoothies please. Catering will look at alternating sandwiches and baguettes. Would it be possible to provide beans on the days that the continental breakfast is provided?</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Kent</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Catering</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Catering</p>

TRIPS NOW ON WISEPAY

Sat 7 Nov	Shakespeare School Festival Leatherhead Theatre	£7.00	All
Sun 8 Nov	Scuba Diving (TryDive)	£10.00	All
Tue 10 Nov	K2 Climbing, Crawley	£ 10.60	Juniors (Years 3-6)
Fri 13 Nov	The Snow Queen ballet Harlequin Theatre	£12.50	All
Sun 15 Nov	Dr Who Festival, London Excel	£39.00 £60.00	(16yrs & under) (17yrs and over)
Tue 17 Nov	K2 Climbing, Crawley	£10.60	All Seniors (Years 7-13)
Sat 21 Nov	Barbarians v Argentina, Killick Cup, Twickenham	£20.00 £60.00	(under 16) (over 16)
Fri 27 Nov	The Hunger Games –Mockingjay Part 2, Cinema (12A)	£8.30	Year 7 +
Wed 25 Nov	The Bodyguard, Hawth Theatre	£35.50	Y9 to Y13
Sun 29 Nov	Dressed by Angels- Costume House visit	£14.00 £20.00	Under 16 years Over 16 years
Sat 12 Dec	Aladdin, Harlequin	£14.00	Y7
Sun 13 Dec	Boulogne Christmas Market & Nausicca	£48.00 £53.00	All Seniors (Years 7-13) Parents
Tues 15 Dec	Jack & the Beanstalk, Hawth Theatre	£17.95	All



TEXTILE COLLECTON.....FILL A BIN LINER !

ANY BIN LINER WILL DO !

YES...

adults' and children's clothes, shoes (tied together please), hats, belts, handbags and soft toys.

We get 40p a kilo for all of the items we collect-the heavier the better!
BRING AS MANY BIN LINERS AS YOU CAN

NO...

**BEDDING, CURTAINS, TOWELS and HOUSEHOLD LINEN
CANNOT be accepted**

(refer to www.bag2school.com for details)

THIS INCLUDES STAFF

Bag2School will be collecting from our school on

MONDAY 9th NOVEMBER

Please help us have a really good collectionstart sorting !

BOARDERS you can bring your bags to your houses on your return to school Sunday 1st November

FLEXI BOARDERS & STAFF can drop off bags from 7.30am **MONDAY 9th NOVEMBER**
The 2 drop off areas are:

**Gatton Hall Lawn/ Dining Hall
drop off point /bus shelter**

PLEASE NOTE THAT WE WILL ONLY BE COLLECTING UNTIL 9am

JUNIOR SCHOOL

<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> <h3>Star of the Week</h3> <h3>Autumn Term</h3> <h3>Week 4</h3> </div>  </div>		
3P	Jessica Owen	For always trying her best in all lessons.
4M	Sapphire Gramme	For being a helpful member of the class.
5C	Trinity Menyangbo	For being a kind and helpful member of the class
5S	Ali Nayebi	For being kind and allowing others to share some of his reading books so that they can also enjoy the stories.
6L	Freddie Kemp Gee	For an excellent attitude to learning.
6S	Namish Mahadawoo	For an excellent attitude in class and when completing all his work.
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;">  <div style="text-align: center;"> <h3>The Golden Book</h3> <h3>Autumn Term</h3> <h3>Week 4</h3> </div>  </div>		
Pranjay Zharotia	3P	For excellent work on units of measure.
Isla Henderson	3P	For brilliant research in geography.
Imogen Abrahams	4M	For excellent work on fronted adverbials in literacy.
Hayden Kentfield	4M	For excellent work on fronted adverbials in literacy.
Lily-Jayne Love	5C	For producing some excellent designs in Art
Ben Lehain	5C	For using some fantastic vocabulary in his literacy prep
William Dailly	5S	For excellent presentation and handwriting in his literacy prep.
Ishaan Zharotia	5S	Great knowledge of multiplication facts in numeracy.
Tobenna Okoli	6S	For excellent vocabulary use in his detective story.
Matthew Jackson	6S	For excellent modelling of written multiplication to the whole class.
Catherine Kuit	6L	For excellent work on fractions in maths.
Tobenna Okoli	6L	For showing great understanding in maths.

SIXTH FORM

Congratulations to Lori Jackson and Ollie Price who have been appointed Senior Prefects and started their duties from Monday this week.

The Sixth Form Committee, Chaired by Alys Letton, welcomed its first Year 12 members on Thursday. At the meeting issues such as raising money for the prom next year and organising charity events, including bake sales for Tear Fund and other charities working in Syria.

In Chapel last Friday our Deputy Head Boy, Patrick White, gave a presentation on the Syrian crisis showing the desperate plight of the people. In relation to this the Headmaster announced that the School has offered two subsidised places to unaccompanied children. Patrick also mentioned those in the public eye, eg Andy Murray, and Bayern Munich football team, who are raising money and awareness for the Syrian refugee crisis.

Our Sixth Form rugby team came up against Emmanuel School this Wednesday whose rugby tradition won out over our own team, who despite persevering and weeks of training lost the game 47-7. We now have a first and second team, captained by Patrick White and Zack Richman, respectively. This has given the Sixth Form a greater opportunity to play competitively with local schools on the same level.

As the application deadline for UCAS (university applications) looms on the 16th of this month Year 13 is scrambling to express the inspiration they have for their chosen courses whilst trying to sell themselves in just four thousand characters. After numerous drafts of personal statements the half term will be a pleasant break for Year 13 and for Year 12 as they have their first break since the step up to A-Level.

Edward Fremont-Barnes

WEEKLY
MENU

Royal Alexandra and Albert School

Week One

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
Bangers & Mash with Roasted Onion Gravy Cottage Pie Caramelised Vegetarian Sausages & Mash Served with: Honey Roasted Root Vegetables & Broccoli Apple & Bramble Crumble with Custard	Ricardo's Piri Piri Chicken Beef Feijoada Spiced Bean Flatbread & Slaw Served with: Buttered Corn on the Cob & Roasted Sweet Potatoes Coconut Crème Caramel Sponge	Tikka Roasted Chicken Thighs Beef Madras Chickpea Chana Masala Served with: Butternut Squash Saag & Rice Pilaf Lassi (Indian Fresh Mango Smoothie)	Chilli Con Carne Baked Fillet of Cod on Chorizo & Cannellini Bean Cassoulet Falafel Enchilada with Harissa Served with: Salsa, Steamed Rice, Refried Beans & Fresh Green Salad Churros with Cinnamon & Chocolate Sauce	Classic Chip Shop Fish & Chips Potato Topped Chicken & Mushroom Pie Sweet Potato & Leek Pasty Served with: Homemade Mushy Peas, Baked Beans & Curry Sauce Sticky Toffee Pudding & Sticky Toffee Sauce	Thai Odyssey Thai Green Chicken Curry Yellow Butternut Squash & Chickpea Curry Served with: Bean Sprouts, Spring Onions & Sesame Carrots Thai Mango Fruit Salad	Brunch Jason's Juice & Smoothie Shack
Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper	Supper
Southern Fried Chicken Southern Fried Chicken Sweetcorn & Red Onion Fritters Served with: BBQ Beans, Spiced Wedges, Coleslaw & Gravy Toffee Sundae	Noodle Bar Teriyaki Chicken Yakatori Pork Miso Tofu Served with: Noodles & Crisp Japanese Vegetables Sata Andagi (Japanese Doughnuts)	Burger Joint Homemade Prime Beef Burger Popcorn Chicken Burger Mozzarella & Field Mushroom Burger Served with: Coleslaw, Relish & Shoe String Fries Blueberry Muffins	Cockney East End Traditional Meat Pies with Parsley Liquor 'Quornish' Pasty with Parsley Liquor Served with: Buttered Savoy Cabbage, Peas & Mash Steamed Treacle Sponge	Hog Roast Sticky Glazed Slow Roasted Hog Mediterranean Vegetable & Halloumi Kebabs Served with: Floury Baps, Salad, Caramelised Onions & Orchard Apple Sauce Ice Cream Parlor	Toni's Italian Assorted Pasta & Sauces (Selected by Toni, our Italian culinary expert) Served with: Garlic & Herb Ciabatta & Italian Salad Bar Chocolate & Mascarpone Cheesecake	Roast of the Week Home Roast with Traditional Accompaniments Yorkshire Pudding, Roast Potatoes & Root Vegetables Gypsy Tart