

Dear Parents

WONDERFUL FORM ONE!

All our Form One girls who sat Senior School exams have now received their offers and we are very proud of their superb achievements. We have had the following offers:

School	Result
Alton School	1 offer, 1 All Round Scholarship
Farnborough Hill	4 offers
Guildford High School	1 offer
Oxford High School	1 offer, 1 Drama Scholarship
Prior's Field	7 offers, 1 Maths Scholarship, 1 Academic Scholarship, 1 Music Scholarship, 1 Exhibition for Academic Potential
St Catherine's	2 offers
St George's Weybridge	1 offer
St Mary's Ascot	1 offer
St Teresa's	1 offer, 1 All Round Scholarship
Tormead School	8 offers, 1 Drama Scholarship

Thirteen girls in the class sat exams and, between them, have gained 27 offers and 8 Scholarships. 54% of the class have a Scholarship. Well done to all our girls for their hard work. Thanks also must go to each teacher who has taught them across the School, and their parents for their wonderful support and encouragement at home.

We eagerly await the state school offers so we will then know the destinations for all our girls. We are very proud of every single one of them.

ASH WEDNESDAY

All children in Main School will take part in an Ash Wednesday Liturgy on Wednesday 2nd March. The children will receive ash on their foreheads as a symbol of the Christian faith and a reminder that we sometimes make mistakes and need to ask for forgiveness. Children should wear their blazers to School and girls to have white ribbons in their hair to mark it as a special day.

LOST PROPERTY

We are having an increasing number of children who are losing uniform items. We are trying to encourage children to take responsibility for their own clothing. It helps considerably if the uniform is labelled and the child knows where to find their name. Your assistance with this is greatly appreciated.

STAFFING THE SCHOOL OFFICE

Miss Holloway is now on maternity leave. We are in the process of recruiting a new member of the team to replace her. In the interim, Miss Canning will be staffing the School Office on a Thursday and Friday but, as she does not start until 10am, there will be no one in the Office first thing. We apologise for any inconvenience caused and hope that this will be short lived!

COVID CHANGES

As you will no doubt be aware, the rules regarding COVID have now changed. Currently, there are no cases in School, which is wonderful and long may it last. There are a few points from our latest Risk Assessment that parents should note:

1. Masks are no longer required by adults, although they may wear them if they wish to. Children are encouraged not to wear masks.
2. The requirement to self-isolate has been removed. However, we would ask that if a parent knows their child has tested positive, they consider the class as a whole and keeps them at home whilst they are unwell.
3. When we are notified a child has tested positive, we will still inform the class, in the same way that we would if a child had chicken pox or head lice.
4. Hybrid learning (some children on Zoom, some children in School) will no longer be offered.

UNWANTED TOYS

We are looking for donations of toys that still have plenty of life left in them but are no longer played with by your children at home. In particular we are looking for:

- Anything that would be suitable for Nursery aged children
- Stay & Play toys
- Play kitchen / home equipment to go into the new Play House

Please bring any donations to the School Office. Thank you.

WORLD BOOK DAY

Next Thursday 3rd March is World Book Day. The children are invited to wear a hat to represent a book character. They should otherwise wear their School Uniform. All children will receive a £1 book token to spend on a new book. There are a range of £1 books that have been produced for World Book Day.

PARENTS FORUM

Thank you to the parents who attended the Forum last night. The Minutes will be available in due course. There are a few points to note for the time being:

- Mrs Wood gave an excellent presentation on the Girls On Board programme that is being used in Middle Preparatory to Form One. This will be rolled out to Lower Preparatory this term. After Lower Preparatory have had their session, Mrs Wood will repeat her presentation so any parents who have missed it can come along. Date TBC.
- Car Stickers – evidently some people have struggled with the car stickers. They are a thin sheet of plastic, rather than a sticker, and should be removed from the cardboard backing. They should adhere to the inside windscreen but, if this is not the case, apply a small amount of water to the window first, then they will stick.

LENTEN FUNDRAISING

As part of our journey towards Easter, we 'give alms' or fundraise for charity. This year our two chosen charities are CAFOD (Catholic Fund for Overseas Development) and Sight for Surrey, a local charity who support people with sensory loss. They are celebrating their 100th birthday this year. There are a number of events planned, one of which is a CAFOD sponsored walk. This will take place in School and your child will bring home a sponsor form on Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent.



FOUNDER'S DAY OPEN MORNING - SATURDAY 19TH MARCH 2022 - 10.00-11.30am

We celebrate our Founder's Day each year on 17th March, which is St Patrick's Day and the children will be taking part in some fun activities on this day. Historically, on the nearest Saturday to the 17th we have held an Open Morning for prospective and current families. This year, we are holding an Open Morning for current families only on Saturday 19th March 10.00-11.30am. Children will have the opportunity to show displayed work in their current classroom plus to visit the classroom where they are going to be from September 2022.

YEAR 3 TASTER DAY—TUESDAY 8TH MARCH

Do you know anyone who may be interested in joining Lower Preparatory (Year 3) at Rydes Hill in 2022? We are holding a taster day for prospective Year 3 pupils on Tuesday 8th March. If you know anyone who is interested, please contact sophie.canning@rydeshill.com Upper Transition will be helping us host the day and will take part in all the fun things we have planned!

Mrs Norville

Well-Being Wednesday

This week in Well-Being Wednesday we continued our theme of Loving Kindness. We shared some of the kind things that we had noticed since our last session, and we practised our breathing exercises. All reported feeling calm, relaxed and some even said sleepy after taking part! We each decorated 3D hearts to be displayed and took part in a mindful colouring session whilst listening to some classical music.

Mrs Jennifer Smillie



Silver Awards this week

YEAR GROUP	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT
Nursery	Grace B	Isla W
Kindergarten	Joshua M	Sebastian W
Lower Trans	Tia A	Lexi K
Upper Trans	Myra S	Arya S
Lower Prep	Ruby S	Shayna A
Middle Prep	Ella W	Juliette D
Higher Prep	Ching-Yee C	Sophia J
Form One	Felicity F	Beth N

Special Awards this week

RE Award: Kara B (F1) for thoughtful, detailed work on the importance of Holy Communion.

Forest School Award: Sebastian W (KG) for helpfulness, kindness and tidying up beautifully!

Science Award: Kiana A (UT) for her collaborative work investigating the strength of paper.

Ballet Award: Amelia W-C (MP) for trying really hard.

Computing Award: Kate M (F1) for giving helpful tips to the whole class and Ruby S for excellence in coding.

French Award: Evey S (KG) for excellent participation and outstanding memorisation of previous vocabulary.

Music Award: Jai S (LP) for making such wonderful instruments and for all the research and hard work making them.

PE Award: Astrid K (MP) for her Netball coaching to Lower Preparatory in PE on Thursday.

Special Award: Chae-Yoon (HP) who has tried so very hard in music and had a superb attitude.

Kindness Award: Ethan P (LT) for his kindness to Mrs Flude and Mrs Smillie.

House Points for this week

CAMPION	GERALD	PATRICIA	PETER
88	68	83	100



Click here to view this week's 'The Wednesday Word':

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/uk/wednesday-word/happiness?pid=MTA101634&v=40.3>

Happy Birthday!

22nd February	Liann W
24th February	Juliette D
26th February	Rylin P
29th February	Hannah C



You can win bonus donations up to £50 for Rydes Hill every day during February in #easyfundraising's new Spin to Win giveaway.

It's completely free to enter, for your chance to win simply visit:

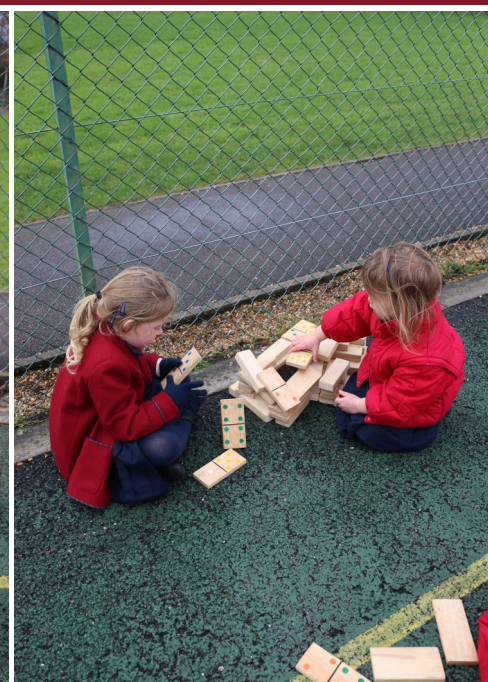
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Netball Practice for Form One and Higher Preparatory



Lunchtime Fun!



Upper Transition learning about shapes and patterns



Upper Transition enjoying Scottish Dancing with Mrs Khaldi

