

Dear Parents

SENIOR SCHOOL SUCCESS

We have received some wonderful results for our Form One girls and Upper Transition boys in recent weeks. At the time of writing, we are still waiting for a few results but every Form One girl who took exams has had at least one offer and we have a total of seven scholarships so far (two academic, two for drama, one for sport and one for music). Well done to all our children for their hard work. Full details will be shared in due course.

NETBALL TOURNAMENT

Good luck to all the Higher Preparatory girls who are playing in the Rydes Hill Netball Tournament this Saturday 27th January, 9am-11.30am. We are hosting seven schools and matches will be played throughout the morning. Any member of the Rydes Hill family is welcome to come and cheer our team on. You can keep up with the current scores by going to: <https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1jGbCZm>

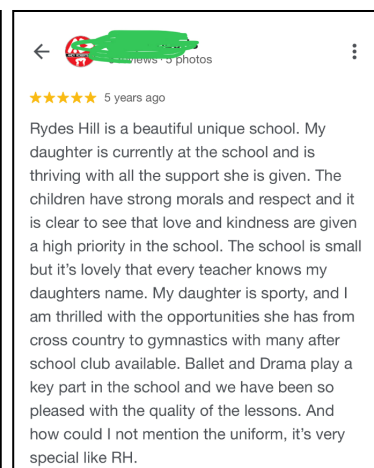
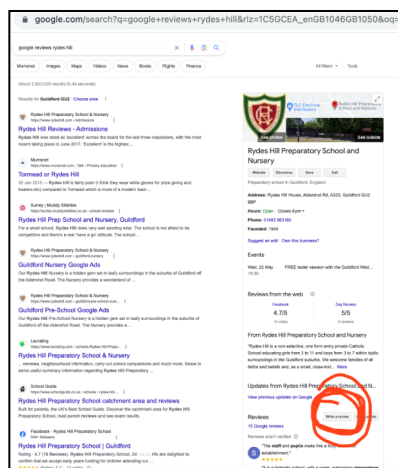
VAT ON FEES

As we move closer to a general election, and the possibility of VAT being added to school fees becomes more likely, a parent group have set up a petition for anyone who is concerned about this policy to sign. The link to the petition is here <https://www.change.org/p/stop-labour-from-adding-20-vat-to-private-school-fees>

GOOGLE REVIEWS

Support Your School - Google Review Request:

We are proud of our 4.9 star review rating on Google, however, it has been a while since we received any new reviews. If you are happy with Rydes Hill and feel like you'd like to support us with a positive review we would be extremely grateful. This is an example of the types of reviews that have been left for us before. You can leave a review by clicking on the 'write a review' button which can be found [here](#) (scroll down on the far right hand side of the page). A screen shot below shows where you can find the button.



PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Bookings for Parent Consultation meetings go live on ParentMail at 8pm on Monday 29th January. Please make sure you book an appointment to see your child's teacher. Following a discussion at Parent's Forum, times have been set aside for parents to book an appointment with the specialist teachers. The last time we offered this, take up was incredibly low and so we have only allocated a few slots. However, if you would like to book an appointment to see Mrs Bowles, Mrs Flude, Mrs Luscombe, Mrs Hopgood, Mrs Morris or Miss Quinn please email office@rydeshill.com and they will contact you to arrange the appointment.

MEASLES

You will no doubt have seen a great deal in the media recently about the low level of immunisation against measles in the UK at the moment. We have several vulnerable children, siblings of vulnerable children and vulnerable staff in School. I would like to risk assess how best to protect them. I will be sending out a survey on ParentMail for you to complete to indicate whether your child has had both doses of the MMR, or the equivalent Measles vaccination. This is an anonymous survey, but it would be very helpful if you could complete it so that we can gauge the level of immunisation in our School.

LOST PROPERTY

Mrs Mansi has kindly offered to put all our lost property out on display once a month for parents to look through and collect what is theirs. The first of these will happen on Tuesday 30th January between 3pm-4pm. The tables will be under the shelter in the Kindergarten playground. Mrs Mansi will have a fabric marker on hand so that you can immediately put a name in anything that is yours. Should an unnamed item be left in lost property for a month, it will be transferred to the second hand uniform shop. To be absolutely clear, **every item of uniform should be clearly labeled with your child's name**. For the red school coat, please attach the name label to the fleece lining side of the coat, at the collar. The best examples of name labels are where the label can be sewn in to also act as a hook for the coat (please see example).



SNACKS AT BREAK TIME

We have some children who bring huge snacks for break time and this means that they do not eat their lunch. All break snacks should be small (in a named box with a lid no bigger than 10cm²) Children may bring fruit, vegetables, plain crackers or plain bread sticks. Children should not bring things in plastic bags or packets. Thank you.

EASTER HOLIDAY NETBALL CAMP

We are delighted to offer a 2 day Netball camp during the Easter Holidays, on Thursday 11th April & Friday 12th April, for Upper Transition to Form One. It is a wonderful opportunity to improve Netball skills, join in a shooting competition and play lots of Netball games. If you would like to secure a place for your child, please complete the form at the end of this Newsletter and return it to the PE Department ASAP. Please note, payment will be either BACS or cash, see flyer for payment details.

OPEN PE LESSON FOR PREP DEPARTMENT

A reminder from the PE Department that you are invited to come and watch your daughter's **Sports Acrobatics Gymnastics lesson** during the school day. Sports Acrobatics is a discipline in Gymnastics where the Gymnasts work in pairs or groups to perform balances and elements together. The children have been working in small groups and as a whole class on a routine which we would like to showcase. This will take place during their normal school lesson in the last week of this half term. You will watch a normal lesson in action including warm-up, skill practice and we will end the lesson with their whole class performance:

Lower Prep - Tuesday 6th February 11.30am - 12.10pm

Middle Prep - Tuesday 6th February 10.50am - 11.30am

Higher Prep - Thursday 8th February 11.35am - 12.15am

Form One - Thursday 8th February 10.50am - 11.30am

On arrival, please wait in the Entrance Hall where you will be collected once the lesson is ready to start.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible; the children are very excited to show their hard work!

Mrs Norville

Silver Awards this week

YEAR GROUP	EXCELLENT WORK	EXCELLENT CONDUCT
Nursery	Charlotte S	Leo N
Kindergarten	Olivia T	Isla W
Lower Trans	Isabelle C	Edward F
Upper Trans	Luna H	Esmé H
Lower Prep	Fenella L	Annabelle S
Middle Prep	Stephanie B	Mia Z
Higher Prep	Lois H	Ruby A
Form One	Astrid K	Mehvish Y

Special Awards this week

Computing Award: Junshu L (HP) for excellent scratch coding.

Science Award: Kevina L (HP) for her excellent reading and curiosity in Science.

RE Award: Astrid K (F1) for her amazing understanding of John's Gospel.

PE Award: Rinad M (F1) for her hard work in PE lessons.

Forest School Award: Amai B (KG) for being a diligent Forest School Mathematician.

Music Award: Moayed E (UT) for making a great start in Viva Violins.

French Award: Stanley M (KG) for fantastic contribution in lessons this week.

Drama Award: Oliver B (KG) for learning his work and performing so well.

Ballet Award: Lower Transition Class for working so hard for their first exam.

Special Award: Isabelle H-F (F1) for her amazing understanding and perception in RE - John's Gospel

Kindness Award: Serena P (MP) for being so kind to her flute teacher, making her a card when she knew her husband was poorly.

Diary dates for next week

Sat 27th Jan	9am to 11.30am - Rydes Hill U10 Netball Tournament.
Mon 29th Jan	Lower Preparatory Bake Sale after School.
Tues 30th Jan	U11 A & B Netball Match v Notre Dame (Home). 7:45pm FRHPS Committee Meeting via Zoom.
Weds 31st Jan	Upper Transition trip to Look Out Centre.

Happy Birthday!

23rd January	Serenna P
24th January	Edward F
24th January	Isla W
25th January	Evey S
25th January	Ruby S
27th January	Moayed E
28th January	Hettie C

House Points for this week

CAMPION	GERALD	PATRICIA	PETER
211	260	170	162



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

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



Form One meeting Sir Isaac Newton on their trip to King Edward's



A special visit from a fire engine



Kindergarten walk to the local shops



Chef Demo Day - Frushi (Fruit Sushi)



Lower Preparatory making music from household items



Nursery Computing lesson





**Thursday 11th & Friday 12th April
2024**



RYDES HILL SCHOOL

Mrs Bowles & Mrs Luscombe

Time: 9am - 4pm

£45 one day or £80 for both days

What to bring:

- Plenty of water, nut free snacks and packed lunch.
- Full school PE kit, no jewellery and hair tied back.

EASTER NETBALL CAMP

My child would like to attend the Easter Netball Camp
on (please tick)

Thursday 11th April

Friday 12th April

Emergency contact name and number on the day

Any allergies and/or medical conditions we need to be aware of?

Signed Name

Payment by BACS or CASH only please

A/C Name: Mrs L Luscombe

Sort Code: 40-22-26

A/C Number: 31820125

We accept Childcare vouchers, tax free childcare and tax credits/universal credit eligible

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SEREN SUPER CAMPS



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FOR 6-12 YEAR OLDS!**

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Location

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PREPARATORY SCHOOL,
ALDERSHOT ROAD,
GUILDFORD

Prices From:

**£45 per day
£197 full week**

Activities

- ✓ Filming & Editing
- ✓ arts and crafts
- ✓ Podcasting
- ✓ Robotics & Coding
- ✓ E-safety
- ✓ Sports (cricket, football tennis) & More

Dates:

12th Feb - 16th Feb

8th April - 12th April

Esports
experience
date TBA

Standard Day 9-4pm (extended day options on booking)

**If you book by 2nd
February:**

Free Nutritious cooked
meals
Free Fruit and Veg
Snack

**Worth £20 discount
per child per week**



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