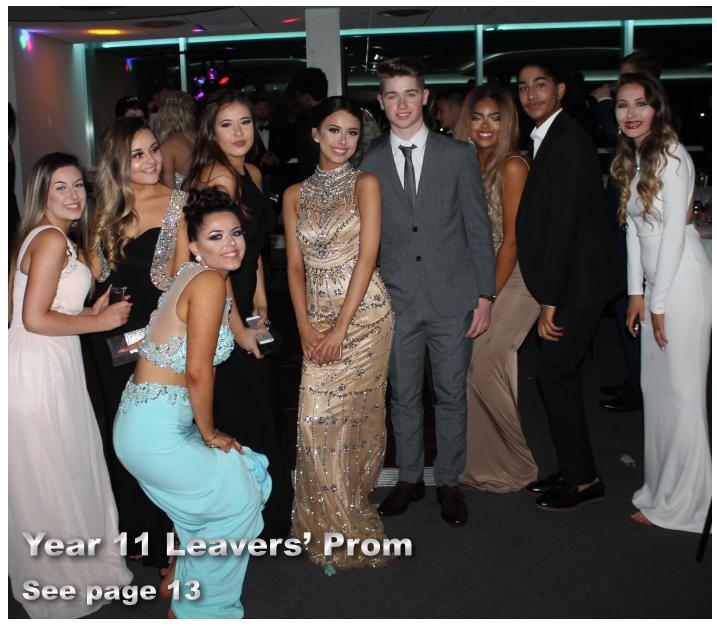
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### WELCOME

## **Headteacher's Welcome**

As the Summer Term draws to a close, it is a good opportunity to reflect on some of the many highlights this term and I think you will agree this edition of the Regents Review demonstrates the vast range of opportunities the students have had, both in and out of school. In a term in which we saw a referendum about the European Union, it was interesting to see how many trips to Europe took place, long may this continue.

I have enjoyed our new awards assemblies and thank those parents who have been able to attend. As I have said to the students who did not get an award, my challenge is for them to work hard to be on stage next year. Remember students get awards for effort, progress and commitment, not just pure attainment.

I never cease to be impressed by the incredible efforts made by staff across the school to support Year 11 students taking their GCSE exams. We have seen a full programme of revision and 'warm-up' sessions before every exam, which has helped to contribute to a very positive atmosphere. Year 11 students deserve to be congratulated for their efforts throughout the very long period of exams and were able to let their hair down at a wonderful Prom. As we say goodbye to year 11 student leadership team, I welcome the new student leadership.

Jessica Crouch	Head Girl
Harry Smith	Head Boy
Crystal Turner-Brightman	Deputy Head Girl
James Chester	Deputy Head Boy
Gemma Miller	Senior Prefect
Rachel Formby	Senior Prefect
Naiya Moreno	Senior Prefect
Hannah Eves	Senior Prefect
Amrin Begum	Senior Prefect
Raphael Patricio	Senior Prefect

I look forward to working with the team and continuing to work with the college councils for each year group.

Our school continues to be very popular and we look forward to welcoming a full Year 7 in September for the second year. However, this is never taken for granted, as we seek to further improve in all areas.

Thank you for your support throughout the school year and I wish you and your families a very restful summer break.

Jonty Archibald Headteacher

### **GENERAL NEWS**

## **Chair of Governors**

In April the Shadow Governing Body reconstituted into a full governing body which is made up of twelve people. These are: the Headteacher, Jonty Archibald, two Southampton **Co-operative Learning Trust** governors, Andy Withers and Alice Wrighton. One teacher governor, Una Rogers and myself, the local authority governor, and current Chair of Governors. There are two parent governors: Jon Greenacre and Marcus Warder and five co-opted governors: Ian Fielder, Dave Davenport, Hayley Ryan, Claire Croud, and a vacancy at the time of writing. We hope this vacancy will be filled by the time you read this.

In addition to this, there are three associate governors who contribute to meetings but do not have voting rights. These are: Sam Barnes, Senior Deputy Headteacher; Jim Henderson, Deputy Headteacher and Carlene Amos, Business Manager.

Since I last wrote for the Regents Review, when I said that it was not all meetings for governors, so far this term it has been! However, I was pleased to be able to attend Rock Challenge at the Guildhall in Southampton. After the event we heard that the school had been successful in gaining a place at the regional semi finals held in Portsmouth. Well done to everyone involved in a very thought provoking look at the subject of dementia.

As the school year drew to a close, we got to attend social events, such as the Year 11 leavers' assembly, awards ceremonies and the 'X Factor' competition.

Beverley Higlett Chair of Governors

## **Project Qualification**

This year, a select group of Year 8 and 9 students took part in the AQA Project Qualification. The course required students to spend every Thursday after school developing their independent learning skills, time management, researching, essay writing and presenting. In their own time, they then created their own projects, which could be in the form of an essay or an artefact.

Students investigated diverse topics such as 'How did the working classes' lives change during the 20th century?' and 'The effects of Motorcycles on the past'. On presenting their projects to the rest of their group at the end of the course, students presented maturely and demonstrated self-reflection on how their learning journey had gone. I have been so impressed with their commitment to their projects and I am confident that their experience has given them skills that they will find invaluable at college and university. It has been a pleasure spending time with them every week in order to support them in their work.

Miss Dunn History Teacher



'During my Project Qualification I learned many life skills that will help me in the future. I have learnt how to manage my time and plan my writing effectively. This way, I could complete my project on time to a good quality. Also my project helped me choose what a good project includes. The skill of referencing is also something that I will use many times in the future. This project has been very fun and I would recommend it to anyone.'

Milly Dowse



'I liked taking part in the Project Qualification. It allowed me to research into a topic of my choice. I learnt many new skills like essay writing, referencing and presenting. The Project Qualification has made me gain more knowledge and confidence.'

Alice Simms



'I did a Project Qualification and I enjoyed it. It taught me many valuable life lessons, such as time management. I would recommend doing it.'

Jay Aitken

'I enjoyed the Project, because I liked attending the after school sessions and learning how to do certain things with analysing, but at the same time having a laugh. The project was great and was overall a good experience.'

James Alexandre



'I liked the Project, because it taught me what it is like to present which is a life skill for university and college. I also learnt how to commit myself to something important. Thank you Miss Dunn.'

Mollie Knight

## Year 7

What a first year! I am proud and honoured to be Head of Year 7. I look back and remember the transition day over a year ago

when for me the year began; seeing students excited about coming to Regents Park experiencing lessons such as



art, science, PE, ICT and music.



It has been wonderful to see Year 7 students settle into daily life at Regents Park and enjoy all aspects of the

school, both in lessons and in

enrichment activities after school. A real indication and sense of students enjoying school is the number of students choosing to stay in school and take part in the enrichment activities, such as DT club, science clubs and PE clubs. Particular congratulations need to go to the Rock Challenge crew for getting into the final; boys football team who won their majority of matches and the girls rounders team

who won all their games, even against Year 8 teams. Attendance in Year 7 is the highest in

the highest in school and we will continue to strive to be the best Year group in all aspects including attendance throughout their journey to the end of Year 11.

The majority of students, at the time of writing, have received their Bronze Vivo Certificate; a handful have even gained their Silver and now working towards their Gold which is a fantastic achievement in a year. Well done. I wish you all a restful summer holiday and look forward to seeing all students fresh and eager to learn in Year 8.

Mr Sinclair Head of Year 7

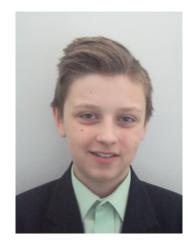


Kuba – a current Year 7 student, has written an account of his time as a first year student.

"I have enjoyed my experience in Year 7 at Regents Park. There is a wide range of free clubs from rugby to football. In Science you can enjoy practical experiments, such as seeing real organs and mixing substances together to make different ones.

I have collected Vivos - our reward system, for good learning behaviour and spend them in the Vivo shop to buy toys, vouchers and anything I want. At the start of Year 7, I was worried about not making friends or getting a lot of homework, but instead there was nothing to worry about, as I made lots of new friends.

My time in Year 7 has flown by and I can't wait for Year 8."



#### Kuba Orzechowski

## Year 7 Awards



Congratulations to all those who were awarded certificates and prizes for excellent effort, achievement and progress in specific subjects. It was a proud moment to see so many students being recognised for doing well in their first year at Regents Park. This demonstrates a real commitment to their learning which will stand them in good stead for Year 8 and beyond.

In addition it is fantastic to see so many Year 7 students with 100% attendance, the most in any year group at Regents Park. The challenge is to continue this high level of commitment in Year 8, which I am very confident we will with support from parents, subject teachers and the tutor team.

## **Mr Sinclair**



Head of Year 7

100% Attendance		
Mattias Avram	Tom Kelly	Igor Kolodziejczyk
Alissa Ballard	Mitzi Kirkham	Lydia MacLean
Eloise Clark	Mason Knight	Liam Mayhew
Benjamin Crouch	Lee Knowles	Dipeen Mishra
Kacper Czarnecki	Maksymillian Pniok	Arash Najd
Charlotte Drake	Beatriz Pop	Tiger Needham
Keira Gynane	Mary-Lou Stocks	Sebastian Nobis
Eleanor Hartley	Anelka Yossef	Emily Norton

Other awards include academic achievement, effort, progress, improvement, commitment and outstanding behaviour.

## **Transition Day**

### **RPCC Welcomed the Next Generation: Transition Day 2016**

On Wednesday 6th July, Regents Park opened its doors to almost 150 Year 6 students: some nervous, some shy, but almost all excited.

Students were greeted by our Head Boy and Head Girl who gave welcome speeches and they also met their Head of Year, Mr Calton, who revealed he was as nervous and excited as them to start at Regents Park next term. Year 9 ambassadors gave a fabulous guided tour before accompanying Year 6's to lessons.

An exciting programme of activities included making pencil holders in Design Technology, producing pop art in Creative Arts and making a splash in our swimming pool. Science lessons showcased some of the experiments students can expect next term and in ICT digital monsters were created. To complete their RPCC experience students had their first music lesson.

Year 6 students clearly had a great experience at Regents Park this week and they made a positive impression on all the staff and students here. We look forward to the new Year 7s joining our school community in September.







## Year 8

As we finish Year 8, I am proud to look back on everything they have achieved this year. It has been a pleasure to watch students develop and grow and the support within the team is fantastic and never failing.

The College Council has got larger and stronger, working alongside many curriculum leaders to improve education across the board. Students have decided, along with their peers, what they would like to spend tutor time working on next year and also what visitors they would like. Alongside all the hard work that the College Council have done this year, they have also created mini-vlogs about the school, interviewing the senior leaders of the school and looking at the facilities that the new year groups will have. This has been a fun transition programme to run and the College Council have loved getting behind the camera and being recorded. Please look out for these videos on the school website.

Year 8 finish the year with a fantastic attendance of 95%. I would like to try and push for 96% next year. Year 8 are very much looking forward to meeting their new teachers and new timetables next year which will include some lessons being specialist subjects, getting Year 8 prepared for their GCSE's.

I wish you a happy, healthy and relaxing time throughout the summer break, see you in September!

Miss Bishop Head of Year 8 "As principal and vice principal of College Council we are relied upon to give ideas to the group. We've loved being part of College Council because we get to put in our views towards the year and suggest things that could be changed. It is a lot of responsibility as we have to go to monthly council meetings where we bring up our best ideas from College Council so they can be put into action.

We've enjoyed Art the most this year, as we're quite creative people. Enjoying Art and Drama comes up a lot in College Council as a positive.

As Year 8 students, we have had Raymond Brown Aggregates come in for our recycle competition, where our drawings went on the side of a disposal truck. We also had the Boots Skin Care Team come in and talk about our skin to help us keep it healthy. As well as the main trips and big things that have been set up, we have also had little things inside lessons that make Year 8 fun; like doing fun experiments in Science, and doing reading lessons in English as well as playing challenging Maths games.

We have enjoyed assemblies and getting to know our new head of year. The assemblies are always new and interesting.

We are really looking forward to our next stage at Regents Park and we like the fact we can start to choose our subjects. It seemed quite daunting and scary at first, knowing that we have to take our GCSE's, however now it seems more natural that we're just taking another step.

We wish you a lovely summer holiday."

Evelyn Pybus and Joshua Thomas Principle & Vice Principle of the College Council

## **Year 8 Awards**



Annmarie Wilcox

Other awards include academic achievement, effort, progress, improvement, commitment and outstanding behaviour.

## Year 9

### **University Project**

On Thursday 24th March Mr Archibald, Headteacher, invited students to have a celebration tea with him in recognition of RPCC winning the Year 9 University Project Award and for those students who went on the Dragonfly Science trip. These students were not only exceptional in their behaviour in representing the school, but they also suggested that the spare sandwiches left over from lunch be distributed to the homeless people of Shirley.

**University Winners Rhiannon Ford-Bailey** Alice Simms Khudeja Begum Milly Dowse James Alexandre

Dragonfly Trip
Milly Dowse
Molly Knight
Alice Simms
Elwira Kilichowska
Bobbie Miah
Leah Vincent
Kirsty Holloway
Rosie O'Shea
Molly Tracey
Angel Freeman





What an incredible year! I cannot believe it is the end of another successful year for our great cohort. It has been such a pleasure to watch the Year 9's thrive and grow into young adults.

It is very impressive to see the majority of students achieving their Bronze Vivo Certificates and also seeing so many working towards Silver and Gold. A massive well done to those students who have already achieved their Silver.

The College Council have had so many accomplishments this year, they have successfully launched Friday lunch playlists, supported transition days and self-run their own meetings. The College Council are a measure of their own success and I am very proud of how maturely they have approached briefs, challenges and complex whole school issues.

Year 9 have been lucky to have been to many enrichment activities. Amsterdam was a very successful trip with the History students, Art students supported a trip to Wordsworth Primary School, Science and the Junior University group have attended sessions run





by the University of Southampton to name just a few! The GCSE options process was extremely successful and the students are looking forward to engaging in their options subjects.

I wish you all an enjoyable summer and look forward to welcoming you all back as keen, studious and hardworking Year 10 students in September.

### Miss Hocking Head of Year 9

### Year 9 Awards

"I am very proud to see so many Year 9's achieving such fantastic awards, from subjects to tutors they have worked very hard. Well done Year 9 "- **Miss Hocking** 

100% Attendance
Zuhra Aryayee
Martyna Budnik
Milly Dowse
Thomas Kearns
Alex Keith
Samuel Lacey
Katie Lu
Mishel Mathew
Fraser Pearman
Marcin Rusiecki
Alice Simms
Nicole Spiteri
Lee Tanihatu
Kristian Torres
Rebekkah Wilson-Crabb

Other awards include academic achievement, effort, progress, improvement, commitment, tutor and outstanding behaviour and HOY Support award.



## Year 10

I have been honoured to lead Year 10 this term and I am extremely proud of everything we have achieved. We have outlined a clear vision of what we want to achieve in our time together and have made a fantastic start!

We have managed to reduce the amount of lates and increase our attendance, provide additional support to increase our capacity to learn effectively and adopt a positive mind set.

This term 23 students applied for the position of Head Boy/Girl. All of the applicants showed fantastic determination, desire and vision to make our school even more awesome. As a result, this year will see a change in structure of the Student Leadership team which will now comprise of 5 sectors taking responsibility for areas that they identified important to move our school forward. Huge congratulations to everyone involved in the process!

College Council have continued to work hard with their peers and staff to improve their school experience. This has led to PSHE sessions tailored to increase awareness of the different options available when they leave school and how to approach the different application processes.

As Year 10 approach an exciting time in their lives, I wish you all a happy and relaxing break; rest, re-charge and come back ready to work hard and achieve your best in Year 11.

Mr Branford and Mrs Jarvis Head of Year 10 and Head of Year Support





### Regents Park's Head Boy and Girl, Harry Smith and Jess Crouch wanted to share a few words:

Hello, we are Harry and Jessica, your new Head Boy and Head Girl. We started Regents Park back in 2012 and have already made so many memories, and been exposed to some amazing experiences.

Throughout our time as Head Boy and Head Girl, we want to build a greater interaction with all year groups, and be a source of communication between the teachers and students. We want to be friendly, support the positive ethos of the school and drive us to be outstanding. We want to introduce a buddy programme where students of different ages work together to support each other. We also want to introduce more student leadership activities at break and lunch times to build a cohesive community.

As students in Year 10, we were lucky enough to qualify again for the Rock Challenge regional finals. We have attended many trips that have helped us learn and aspire, including Bond Dickinson where we have been working on careers. We have also been working hard on our controlled assessments ready for our GCSEs and thank teachers for their hard work and support.

We are looking forward to next year, we want to add to the successes of this year's Student Leadership Team, and support the school throughout our time in Year 11.

We wish you a lovely summer holiday.

Harry and Jess Head Boy and Girl

## Year 10 Awards

Regents Park is really proud to present these awards to our Year 10's for their achievements: Other awards include academic achievement, effort, progress, improvement, commitment, tutor and outstanding behaviour, HOY Support award.

100% Attendance
Harry Adams
Macy Callaway
James Chester
Nathan Clark
Laura Davis
Richard Fesarillo
Jacob Hadaway
Amber Michel-Jama
Brynie O'Brien
Dan Over
George Roberts
Flora Smith
Korin Torres
Callum Whitfield













## SCHOOL TRANSPORT ESCORT

Do you like working with children?

Would you like to work for Southampton City Council as a School Escort?

If you can answer yes to the above questions then you may be interested in joining our team of relief/ casual escorts.

We are currently recruiting for casual school escorts in this area and if you would like to find out more about the role, contact Teri on 02380 834856.

Starting rate £8.25 per hour

Ideally you will be available Mon – Fri between 07:45 - 09:15 and 14:45 – 16:30, term time only.





## Library

The latest results for the Accelerated Reading Programme are as follows:

Winners of the most correct quizzes taken.

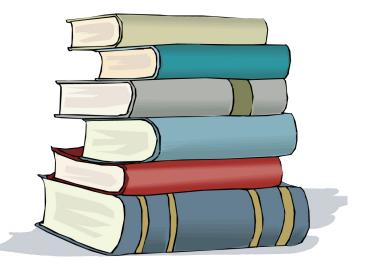
7BX Mitzi Kirkham	7GX Jai Bhatti
7BY Mattias Avram	7GY Lizzy Davis
7BZ Manpreet Taak	7GZ Klaudia Reczka
8BZ Marcos Gesteira	8GZ Carla Castelbranco

Winners of the most improved reader levels:

7BX Tiger Needham	7GX Alissa Ballard
7BY Benjamin Steel	7GX Jai Bhatti
7BZ Jasmine Atkins	7GY Tegan Earle
8BZ Marcos Gesteria	7GZ Thomas Eves
8BZ Sophie Butler	7GZ Jakub Pliszczynski
8GZ Allie Webb	

Congratulations to all of the students on their achievements. Thank you to all of the student

librarians who have helped during the past year, especially Tshana Wilson, Shannon Meek and Abbie Flynn.



## **Year 11**

Year 11 students had worked tirelessly over the spring and summer terms to put themselves in the best possible position for their GCSE exams. Their attendance remained high throughout the year and their work ethic was exceptional. It was a real sign of their desire to do well that so many students came along to before and after school clubs and revision sessions.

Now that the exam season has finished, it gives me a little time to look back and reflect on the last 3 years. This cohort has been on an eventful journey with the school. They have experienced the uncertainty and heartache of going into special measures and the thrill of being judged 'Good' by Ofsted such a short time later. Their ethos has set the tone for the school as we strive to become an outstanding school. Throughout their time they have remained focused on the end goal, their exams and their further education. I'm pleased to say that every one of them has either been offered a college place, an apprenticeship or is waiting to hear back on one.

They are a fantastic group of young people and I am proud to have been their Head of Year. I wish them all the best for their futures. I shall miss you all!

Mr Holloway Head of Year 11

## **Leavers Assembly**



The Year 11 leavers' assembly was a wonderful celebration of their time spent at Regents Park. It was fantastic to see so many students and parents in attendance. It is an honour to have known the young people of this year group and to have seen them mature and develop. There are a lot of very talented individuals moving on from us and whilst it is sad to see them go, I know they will be looking forward to the next exciting part of their education.

We wish them the very best of luck and hope to hear about their successes in the future.



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### Prom







This years Prom was a held at St Mary's Football Stadium and it was a magnificent occasion. Our incredible students arrived in a variety of interesting vehicles and all of them looked absolutely stunning as they came down the red carpet. The glamour continued inside as they were treated to a classily decorated suite, welcome drinks, photo booth and some amazing magic.

The students were impeccably behaved during dinner and enjoyed their two course, sit-down meal. Shortly after their meal, the dance floor came alight and stayed packed until the announcement of the King and Queen of the prom. Congratulations to Brendan Vincent and Alana Leckenby! The floor continued to rock until the 11pm closing and there were hugs and tears all round as they said their goodbyes.

We'll miss you Year 11!







## **Rock Challenge**

On Friday 24th June, Regents Park competed in the Southern Region Open Final of Rock Challenge 2016 with our piece 'Forget Me Not'. It was exciting to be offered the chance to perform the dance again, as it was something the staff and students were very proud of and welcomed the opportunity to take it to the finals, held at Portsmouth Guildhall. We competed against seven other schools from the Southern Region and although we did not place in the top 3, we received 9 awards:

### Student Leadership Positive Inclusion Video Performance

and then awards of excellence in the following areas:

Entertainment Costuming Character Stage Crew Set Design and Function Concept Drama We are extremely proud of this achievement and would like to thank all students, staff and parents who put so much effort, energy and support into our Rock Challenge entry, not only on the day itself, but in rehearsals and planning.



Amrin Begum, Morgan Boraine, Serena Horsham, Layla Kenny, Olivia Scott and Charlotte Turner

## English <sub>Year 9</sub>

Year 9 have been studying their GCSE Shakespeare play: Romeo and Juliet, and this has included lots of fun activities such as: hip-hop or Shakespeare quizzes, mask making for the Capulet ball, designing coat of arms for one of the families; as well as exploring Shakespeare's use of language and structure.

The Young Shakespeare Company came to RPCC to run a workshop with Year 9 to aid their studies of the play.

To end the unit, we also held our annual 'Shakespeare

Slam' where students adapted Romeo and Juliet in a form of their choice, for example modern adaptations and turning the play into a rap. One group for each class performed to their cohort and were judged by our head of department, Mr Lucas.

## Year 10

Year 10 have continued preparation for the new specification GCSE with a focus on 19th century fiction. In class, students have read a range of extracts and short stories, from "The Red Room" by H. G. Wells to "The Yellow Wallpaper" by



Charlotte Perkins Gilman. To aid their studies, Year 10 were also treated to a visit by The Red Heart Theatre. Students watched the oneman show recite and act out three gothic tales: "The

Red Room", "The Signal Man" and "The Tell Tale Heart". Each piece was performed in full Victorian costume and was aided by atmospheric lighting and sound effects.

## Year 11

The summer term brought Year 11 to the end of their time at Regents Park Community College as they sat their GCSE examinations. The English department were so proud of the students' attitude to revision and the maturity they demonstrated while sitting their exams. We wish them all the very best of luck with their results and in their futures.



## **Creative Writing Success!**

Regents Park Community College is really proud to announce the success we have had with creative writing.

This year, a select amount of Year 7 students were entered into the 5th National Short Story Week competition. The theme of this year's competition was 'The Lie'; students were given this title and then needed to write a story of up to 1000 words interpreting this title.

As a school, we had some amazing entries to sift through to choose the final 10 that we put forward for the competition. Joe Craig, author of "Jimmy Coates", was this year's finalist judge.

Incredibly, one of our Year 7 students was selected as one of the competition's runners up: Taylor Thompson.

Taylor's story will now be published in an anthology of the winner's stories, which will be available to buy in November. Previous anthologies released by the National Short Story Week competitions have been best sellers on Amazon! All proceeds from the anthology go to Teenage Cancer Trust.

Taylor was also presented with a Headteacher's badge for her fantastic achievement.



### 'The Lie'

### A preivew of the story by Taylor Thompson

One lie led to another lie. And another, and another. Now where was she? Grounded, with threats of the police being called hanging above her head. She had no idea if her parents would go through with it. Sara's friends told her to join in for once, to skip school – somebody else would stay behind to cover for them. For once, Sara said yes: she was sick of being stuck behind, alone at school while her friends were out having fun. Not to mention there was the dreaded science test today. God, how she hated science. That morning, before school, she had shoved some clothes in her bag and dashed out of the house. They – well, her friends – had the plan set in stone: meet up around the back of the school but let no-one see you. Harder than expected due to the fact she lived about two minutes away from the school. But she had made it. She was bursting with anticipation. It was the first time she had ever done this and she was savouring the thrills.

## Mathematics Junior Maths Challenge

The Maths department welcomed a new addition to the team, Mr Chiramal, who joined us at the beginning of the summer term. He has settled in well and is very much enjoying life at Regents Park. In September Miss Bateson, who has been carrying out her teacher training with us, will be joining the Maths team full time.

Our Year 11s, came to the end of their GCSE course and have all studied hard. Pi Club continued to be well attended and provided a calm, supportive atmosphere for them to revise. It was surely the revision and not the hot chocolate and pastries that attracted them!

Everything possible to help support our students is being done and by the publication of this newsletter, Year 11 students will have completed their exams and be patiently waiting the results in August, as will we!

In other news we had some notable successes in the Junior Maths Challenge. Our congratulations go to the following students:

	Bronze Award
Year 7	Caitlin-Rose Harnett
	Evie Burnage
	Benjamin Crouch
	Ayaz Ahmed
	Klaudia Szymczyk
	Rebecca Walters
	Mikayel Kabir
	James Phippard
	Taylor Brindley-Dymott
	Bethany Hurst
	Tiger Needham
	Ethan Whybrew
Year 8	Marek Ladkowski
	William Greenacre
	Ernest Tkaczyk
	Connor Earney

	Silver Award
Year 7	Bailey Freeman
	Thomas Kelly
Year 8	Kate Osman
	Emily Fraser
	Konur Bilgic
	Karol Kaczmarski

## Science

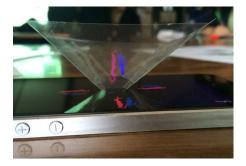
## Staffing

After May half term, we welcomed Mr Moth as the new Curriculum Leader to the Science department.

Mrs Griffiths will also be returning to her role as Assistant Curriculum Leader for KS3.

### Year 7 Winchester Science Centre Trip

Year 7 had a fantastic time at Winchester Science Centre in March, investigating different exhibits, getting hands on in K'Nex workshops and exploring the solar system in the planetarium! Many thanks to the staff who helped organise this great day for the students.



## Science week (14th-18th March)

The Science department was at full force for British Science Week. All tutor groups created balloon-powered cars as part of their tutor group challenge!

Top of the class were Rowling PW and Branson KH with excellent designs.

Students also came to visit the Science department at lunchtime for acid fizz mess, creating lava

## **Science Club**

This term in Science Club students have showcased experiments of their own design at 'The Big Bang Fair' at Richard Taunton Sixth Form College. This included making mobile holograms, trebuchets, film canister rockets and lots more! There were also opportunities for the students to speak with scientists from a range of careers. Finally, students were able to observe fantastic experiments with liquid nitrogen, fuels and static electricity.

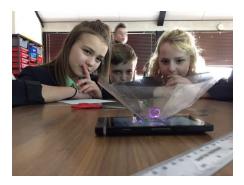
With the help of volunteers from the University of Southampton, they have been hard at work creating Lego robots programed to respond to sound and light. They have also taken on the challenge to build model aeroplanes with elastic powered propellers, to great success!

lamps, racing lotus flowers, paper airplane and helicopter competitions and a Science photobooth!

Lessons also had a Science week theme, with classes getting messy with our viscosity of fluids practical, making holograms, testing trebuchets and creating hovercrafts!

On Friday there was a joint PE/ Science day to support Sport Relief where, supported by LifeLab from the University of Southampton and Southampton General Hospital, students set up a fitness fair to raise money for charity.

All in all, a brilliant week had by staff and students alike. Thanks to all staff and students who were involved in British Science Week 2016.



### Year 10 Chemistry at Work Trip

In May, a small group of Year 10 students visited Winchester Science Centre and took part in the Chemistry at Work Day. This was organised by STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) professionals aiming to inspire students to appreciate the relevance and societal importance of chemistry, and consider a future career in the chemical sciences.

The students greatly enjoyed the morning introduction, which demonstrated some impressive chemical reactions and gave us a look into the future. This was followed up by 4 very different workshops, ranging from the Royal Navy demonstrating how important chemistry is in the development of explosives, to a demonstration by a chemist working for Esso on the properties of crude oil.

Following the workshops students were able to question a wide variety of chemists on their profession during a speed networking session. The day was concluded with a fantastic planetarium show taking us to far away galaxies!

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## **Technology & ICT**

## **Design Technology**

In design technology we had a team of Year 8 students who entered a competition against other schools to construct bridges over a set distance. This day was run by the Rotary Club of Romsey. It was a great day and all the students performed well beating some of the other schools involved. Those involved were Zara Manning, Robyn Langston, Phoebe Harris, Chantel Sibanda, Lauren Hepburn and Annmarie Wilcox.





## ICT

## **The Online World and Internet Safety**

Students in KS3 have been developing skills in web design and creating websites in lessons. Many of our students comment on the amount of time spent online at home either using computers at home or their mobile devices. As such we reinforce the message through lessons on how the internet can be a positive environment and is crucial to supporting businesses in the modern world, developing awareness that the internet is not just a vessel for social networking.

Regents Park want to make sure that we can support students and their families in being aware of safe and responsible use of the internet and technology. Students should be aware of the sites they visit and the information they post about themselves online. If you would like to read more about ways that you can support and protect your child online then a great website called childnet.com has a variety of information for students and parents. The link below provides clear guidance on what to do if you have any concerns.

http://www.childnet.com/parents-and-carers/need-help

## **Physical Education**

Great start to the Rounders season for our Year 7 students. We had our first rounders game of the season on Tuesday 17th May 2016 and the Year 7 team did Regents Park Community College proud! Not only achieving two great victories, but they were also playing in an under 13 league with a team of Year 7 students! Clearly the Enrichment day and training sessions have paid off!



## The results were as follows:

RPCC (7.5) versus Chamberlayne (7) – RPCC Win RPCC (6) versus Cantell (5.5) – RPCC Win

Year 7 Team
Hannah McArthur (Captain)
Annalise Foley (Vice Captain)
Lily Stedman
Julia Niemczyk
Vickie Andrews
Klaudia Fiskewycz
Klaudia Reczka
Karolina Gaudzinska
Lydia MacLean
Arwen Patricio
Emily Norton
Beatriz Pop

Lily Stedman was voted as players-player!

During the second half of the summer term, the girls took part in the fixtures versus St George's, The Sholing Technology College, Redbridge Community School, Bitterne Park School, St Annes, Upper Shirley High and The Greggs School.

## Exciting new opportunity for Year 10 students in core PE!

A big thank you to Peter Galton from Southampton City Petanque Club who has provided opportunities for students within their core PE lessons to learn about the game and have the opportunity to play at their terrain based at Millbrook Rugby Football Club.

It would be fantastic to see some of our students represent the club in the future within the Southern Counties league!

## Sport Relief News Article by Khudeja Begum

19th March marked the 7th bi-annual Sport Relief Day and, to help raise awareness and money for this great cause, two classes of Year 9 students were given the task to run a 'fair' like event for Year 7 and 8 students.

The students chosen were sent to life-lab at Southampton General Hospital. Life-lab is a state of the art teaching laboratory dedicated to improving teenagers' views on their health and giving opportunities to see the science behind the scenes. There were chances for the students to independently record their peak flow, a small test revealing at what rate air can be blown out by your lungs, grip strength, blood pressure and much more! There was also a chance to receive an ultrasound of our necks (also known as a thyroid ultrasound).

We were then asked to think of ways to tie in the knowledge we had learnt on the day with a way to make money for charity, and after lots of planning and preparation the big day had arrived! Different groups of Year 7 and 8's came down to the main hall and traded their money for Sport Relief Dollars, the currency of the day which could be bought in a pack of ten for £1.00. There were about 15 different stalls. For example there was a stall teaching students how to give CPR and put people in the recovery position. There were stations that gave people the opportunity to do different health tests such as peak flow, blood pressure and heart rate. We were able to get students to compare their power jump to footballers at Southampton FC. There was a station which, using a computer programme, showed what you would look like in 10 years if you were a smoker. There was also a co-ordination challenge station and a rowing fitness challenge station.

Different stalls charged different amounts of Sport Relief Dollars to take part, the CPR stall for example, asked for three Sport Relief Dollars to learn how to save a life. In total, the Year 9 students raised over £750 for Sport Relief. The day was a massive success

#### and all the teachers and students that took part in the event said that they learned loads and had a lot of fun.

Year 9 would like to thank all of the staff at Life-lab for allowing us to borrow equipment for the event and for showing us that learning about health can be fun as well as rewarding. We would also like to thank Miss Croud and Miss Ruberry for their support and the students who took part on the day for helping us to raise money for the cause.



## **Sports Day**

Whilst we broke from tradition of having our annual sports day at the Sports Centre, a fantastic day was had by all on our school site. In celebration of the Olympic Games this year, we decided to emulate a multi-activity event.

The day event consisted of inter-year, tutor group and learning community competition. Students were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities such as waterpolo, dance, trampolining, table tennis, pétanque, dodgeball, superstars and our very own 'Alternative Olympics'. Having such a variety of activities meant that all students were able to participate in an event that they enjoyed. When visiting every event it was fantastic to see students working together in a brilliant atmosphere, supporting each other and excelling in different sporting activities.

A special thank you needs to go to Amber Turner Brighman and Tshana Wilson who organised and delivered the Petanque event superbly. Also, another notable success of the day was a group of year 10 students who raised in excess of £130 by selling refreshments, the proceeds of which will be used by a group of students going on a school trip to Morocco, whereby the money will be donated and used for building irrigation systems and education facilities. The day finished with a prize giving ceremony which included musical performance by our X Factor winners, Joseph Horsfall, Nathan Stark and Joshua Cook and an incredibly talented Year 7 student Eleanor Hartley who astounded everyone with her performance of 'Good Morning Baltimore'.

Finally, a big thank you needs to be given to all staff for running and supporting such an extensive event. A brilliant finish to the year with the whole of the Regents Park School community pulling together for a day of competition, celebration and exercise.

	Branson				Parks				Rowling			
	7	8	9	10	7	8	9	10	7	8	9	10
Position within learning community	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	3rd	8th	2nd	1st	4th	1st	1st	2nd
Overall 3rd position within				1st				2nd				



Students participating in the Alternative Olympics event.



George Roberts rolling a ball in Pétanque.



Students exercising their brains by playing board games.



Student and staff refreshments raising money for Morocco.







Dodgeball taking place on the astro field.









Mr Archibald taking a 'selfie' with the whole school at Sports Day!

## **Outstanding Contribution Nominations**



Lauren Williams	Fantastic participation
Tshana Wilson	Excellent leadership
Crystal Turner-Brightman	Excellent leadership
Chloe Higlett	Fantastic participation
Lori Birch	Fantastic participation
Hannah Eves	Brilliant encouragement
Ben Grave	Energy and enthuasiasm
Rosie-Nellie Wiltshire	Brilliant encouragement
Sam Harris	Amazing support
Santana Shears	Amazing support
Tristan Brown	Team spirit
Charlie Pickering	Great participation
Tayla Drodge	Expertise and creativity
Jeena Khela	Fantastic effort
Cameron McNeish	Fantastic effort
James Chester	Excellent team player
Raf Carvalho	Fantastic effort
Diljeet Taak	Fantastic effort
Charlie O'Mara	Amazing support
Suraj Sarkar	Fantastic effort
Joseph Horsfall	Great effort
Maizie Butler	Excellent contribution
Lillie Newman	Hard work and concentration
Jakub Szczupalkiewicz	Amazing support
William Da Silva	Very helpful
Alex Keith	Fantastic effort
Chloe Martin	Hard work and concentration
Maddison McGregor-Ritchie	Great team spirit
Harriet Baker	Fantastic effort
Josh Hill	Excellent team player
Ellie Heath	Excellent team player
Finlay O'Connor	Excellent organisational skills
Christopher Beesley	Amazing support





Alfie Bell	Amazing support
Gary Hearn	Amazing support
Charlotte Webb	Great team spirit
Megan Brown	Fantastic effort
Jake Barry	Great team spirit
Ruby Puckett	Amazing support
Abbey Thorne	Great team player
Manpreet Taak	Great team spirit
Abdulkarim Khan	Fantastic effort
Ben Johnson	Amazing support
George Collins	Great team spirit
Daniel Chester	Great team spirit
Taylor Brindley-Dymott	Fantastic effort
Karolina Gaudzinska	Great team spirit
Tom Kelly	Amazing support
Christopher Cam	Great team spirit
Trinity-Rose Crane	Great team player
Mattias Avram	Brilliant effort
Julia Niemczyk	Fantastic effort
Annalise Foley	Great team spirit
Aaron Lacey	Great team spirit
Mason Baddams	Brilliant effort
Lauren Biddlecombe	Brilliant effort
Samiesha Knowles	Excellent performance
James Phippard	Excellent performance
Regan Foreman	Amazing support
Charlie Ives	Great team spirit
Benjamin Steel	Excellent performance
Hamza Mohammad	Great team spirit



## **Creative Arts**

## Sounds from the Stadium

On the 5th July the Music department took a large number of Year 7 students to St. Mary's Stadium, home of the Saints, to join forces with around 3000 other Southampton School students. The students participated in the 'Sounds from the Stadium' event organised by Southampton 'Music Hub' and 'Cordelectra'.

The event was staged with the main aim of raising money for the maternity echo machine at Southampton General Hospital. It also gave the opportunity for pupils to feel the exhilaration of performing as part of large musical ensemble in a large venue. The event proved to be lots of fun for everyone involved and the students who attended were a credit both to the school and their parents. Thank you, Year 7 for all your eager participation!

## **Regents Park - X Factor**

The second annual X factor event took place at Regents Park on the 13th July. Thirteen pupils representing every year group in the school bravely took to the stage in front of a packed audience to compete in the competition. Last year's winner, Phoebe Underhill also performed 'Park Life' and was accompanied by the school band 'Park Life'.

The winners of the competition were Joseph Horsfall, Nathan Stark, and Akif Chowdhury who charmed the audience with their rendition of Justin Bieber's 'Love Yourself'. The boys managed to secure top spot by just two votes from Josh Cook who came second and Caitlin Rose Harnett who was voted third.

Thank you to everyone who took part and supported the school in this event. See you all next year.

## National School Photography Award

The Year 10 Photography group took part in the 'National School Photography' awards this year. The title was 'Ambition', and students spent their own time taking photos and editing them to create an image that perfectly depicted the title.

Out of all the entries two students were shortlisted-Gemma Miller with 'Dizzy Heights' and Lucy New with 'Wonderland' who went through to the final 33 in the whole country.

After a long wait the winner and runner-up were announced and we are proud to tell you that Lucy New was the runner up with "Wonderland". We are incredibly proud of all of the students' efforts in this competition and Lucy was very excited to receive her presents, which included a digital camera!

We are looking forward to next year's competition.





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## **'Arts Mark' Family**

Regents Park Community College has now joined the 'Arts Mark' family and will be continuing the process over the next year. 'Arts Mark' has completely changed it's application process and we must re-apply for status every two years.

My team and I have written a 'Statement of Commitment' and the next part of the process is to have a 'Critical friend' visit the school to advise us on how to move forward.

Watch this space for further developments.

Mrs Freeman Head of Creative Arts



We're working towards Artsmark Awarded by Arts Council England

## **Humanities**

The History department took a group of Year 10 students to Berlin last term. Here's what 2 of the students had to say about their visit.

"At the end of last term we went on an educational trip to Berlin for 5 days. The trip was a success, leaving us with an open mind and a clearer view on what really happened in Germany, during the Nazi regime and the Cold War.

We got to experience and visit many historical sites such as, Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp, The Berlin Wall and the Reichstag. It was exciting but also shocking to see how some minorities were treated in Germany and also how the city was divided for so long.

I thoroughly enjoyed every single minute of it and it gave me a thirst for more knowledge on how certain events happened and gave me a better understanding of what I already had. I thank all of the teachers that made this happen!"

Crystal Turner-Brightman Year 10 'In Berlin, I enjoyed visiting the Berlin Wall and learning about the meanings of the drawing on it. I also enjoyed the walking tour of Berlin and going to the site of Hitler's bunker and visiting Checkpoint Charlie. My favourite part of the trip was shopping because I was confident to buy souvenirs for my family and friends whilst speaking German.'

Lucy New Year 10



## Amsterdam Visit 26th-29th June

On Sunday 26th June, Year 8, 9 and 10 students and 4 staff members (led by Miss Dunn with Mr Makepeace, Miss Moore and Mrs Blake) headed off to Amsterdam! The journey was smooth and there was lots of excited noise on the coach!

On the first evening we arrived at the An Zee Hotel where students unpacked and had a lovely evening meal.

We then headed down to the beach where the braver of us had a little paddle in the sea!

After an early night we arose the next day and headed off to the City Centre where we had a lovely cruise around Amsterdam on a canal boat. This was a great way to see the beautiful city! After a very soggy walk - torrential rain fell for about 45 minutes, we had some lunch and then made our way to the Anne Frank House and Museum. This was a very poignant tour around the annex where Anne and her family hid from the Nazis. Students found this experience very moving.

Monday evening was spent at leisure in the hotel where staff and students settled down to watch the football - the less said about that the better!

Tuesday was spent at the Liberation Museum followed by a visit to the concentration camp, Kamp Vught. Both of these activities highlighted to students the impact that the Nazis had on European countries and the people within them.



Students listened with great interest, as the guides spoke about the effects on people. At the Liberation Museum students were invited to write a message of freedom and place it on a special tree.

Tuesday evening, as a special treat, we went to the local bowling alley where the competitive nature of staff and students emerged - especially Mrs Blake and Mr Makepeace! This was great fun and a lovely way to end a poignant day.

Wednesday we packed up the coach and headed to Amsterdam for shopping, before making the journey home. Staff and students had a wonderful time and we look forward to returning there again soon.







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## Geography trip to Hengistbury Head

On the 30th June 2016 Year 10 students visited Hengistbury Head near Bournemouth in order to find out whether the coastline there was high energy or low energy. The weather was lovely and students collected data on waves, beach heights, types of pebbles and land use. There was even some time for sandcastle building and burying students in the sand.

On the 16th May 2016, 89 Year 7 students visited the Reptile Centre in the New Forest in order to find out whether the river there was similar to those they had been studying in class. Students had fun splashing in the river and measuring river variables such as depth, width and velocity.



## Languages Dansez en Français

On Thursday 30th June, Regents Park was fortunate to take part in a cross-curricular project 'Dansez en Français', funded by Routes Into Languages South and delivered in our school. This is a collaboration between the University of Southampton and a French native speaking dance champion and teacher.

The teacher came to visit our school and ran a 90 minute workshop during which 45 students (Years 7 to 9) learnt the steps of dances they will have seen on 'Strictly Come Dancing'. At the same time they used the French language and French or Spanish music. The workshop was delivered as a dancing with partner activity and a line-dancing one. There was no charge for the session.

By joining this project called 'Dansez en français', our ethos was to enable the students to share lovely memories across year groups with a French professional dancer and coach. As teachers, we truly believe that after lots of little steps we are able to guide them to enable them to make greater steps in their life. This was an opportunity where resilience was accompanied with happy tunes that they truly enjoyed.



Rhys Gilbert and Jeremiah Scariya



**Oliver Jackson** 

The students were delighted and here are some of their comments:

"I loved it. It was interesting and fabulously fun. I would recommend it as I would like to do it again."

"Amazing! I had a blast! Thank you. Must do it again!"

"Excellent and enjoyable! Had great fun, would love to do it again! I really enjoyed it. I laughed a lot and loved the dancing."



The Languages department has been liaising with Foundry Lane Primary School with the aim to develop links and language based projects between our two schools. As a result, Foundry Lane have set up and rehearsed for an "Our school's got talent" show, with a focus on Spanish. It took place in June and we were invited to attend with some of our own talented Year 7 students.

We are in discussion to possibly extend this project, so that both our schools join in together and we develop a love for the languages ethos through productive skills and enjoyment.

### **Boulogne**

On Tuesday 5th July, 60 Year 7 students got up early to go on a day visit to Boulogne, France with some of their teachers and Mr Sinclair. They travelled by coach to Folkestone, where they caught the Eurotunnel across to France. They had the day in Boulogne to explore and soak up the French culture before heading back home.

## Lille

Next term we will be running a visit to the Lille Christmas Markets in France. This visit is for current Year 7 and 8 students as well as any Year 9 student continuing with French at GCSE. The visit will be from Wednesday 30th November – Friday 2nd December. We will be visiting the Christmas Markets as well as other local attractions over the 3 days. Students should see their teacher if interested.







## Staffing

The MFL department was very sad to see Miss Davies leave our school as it has been a great pleasure and honour to work alongside such a dedicated and kind colleague.

We were however, very happy to welcome Miss Kingswell to our team and we know that our students will be very lucky to be taught by such an inspiring teacher.



## Les Garçons

On the 17th June, Ms Loubier took her French Year 10 class to Richard Taunton Sixth Form College for a great opportunity to watch a fantastic and interactive play performed by two native French actors, one male and one female. "Les Garçons" is all in French and is aimed at students in Years 9 - 11 and we were extremely lucky to benefit from it.

The play was very interactive and 3 of our students got a chance to participate.









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September - December 2016				
PE Clubs and Fixtures				
Day	When	Activity	Time	Venue
Monday	After College	Year 7 Football Fixture	2:40pm - 5:30pm	Out of School
Tuesday	After College	Year 9 Football Fixture	2:40pm - 5:30pm	Out of School
Wednesday	After College	Years 10 & 11 Football Fixture	2:40pm - 5:30pm	Out of School
		Years 7 & 8 Football Club (Until October Half Term)	2:45pm - 4:00pm	All Weather Pitch
Thursday	After College	Rugby	2:40pm - 5:00pm	Out of School
		Swimming Club — All Years	2:45pm - 4:00pm	Swimming Pool
Friday	After College	Year 8 Football Fixture	2:40pm - 5:30pm	Out of School

Football fixtures will take place throughout the course of the half term — See PE team for further details.

### September - December 2016

Clubs and Classes				
Day	When	Activity	Time	Venue
Monday				
Tuesday	After College	KS3 Art Club	2:40pm - 3:40pm	Room 18
Tuesuay		Games Club	3:00pm - 4:00pm	The Bridge
		Musical — Production Team	2:40pm - 3:40pm	Room 19/Hall
		History Revision and Homework	2:45pm - 3:30pm	Humanities
		RE Revision and Homework	2:45pm - 3:30pm	Room 7
		English Revision	2:40pm - 3:40pm	English
		Year 10 ICT Intervention	2:40pm - 3:40pm	Room 21 & 22
Wednesday	Before College	Science Breakfast Club	7:45am - 8:25am	Science
e cancoda y	After College	STEM Club	2:40pm - 3:40pm	S5
		KS4 Art/Photography Club	2:40pm - 3:40pm	Room 18/M2
		Year 11 Geography Revision	2:45pm - 4:00pm	Humanities
		Musical — Acting/Dance	2:40pm - 3:40pm	Room 19/Hall
Thursday	Before College	Pi Club - Year 11 Revision Club	8:00am - 8:30am	Room 32
, indicated a	Lunch	Debate Club	12:30pm - 1:00pm	Room 7
	After College	Musical — Singing	2:40pm - 3:40pm	M1
		Games Club	3:00pm - 4:00pm	The Bridge
		Science Revision - Years 10 & 11	2:40pm - 3:40pm	Science
		KS4 Food Intervention (Week 1)	2:40pm - 3:40pm	B1
		KS3 Baking Club (Week 2)	2:40pm - 3:40pm	B1
		Year 11 ICT Intervention	2:40pm - 3:40pm	Room 21 & 22
		GCSE MFL Support	2:45pm - 4:00pm	Room 38 & 39
		Creative Writing Club	2:40pm - 3:40pm	Room 13
Friday	Lunch	KS4 French Club - Conversations	12:30pm - 1:00pm	Room 39
,	After College	Band Rehearsal	2:40pm - 3:40pm	M1
		GCSE MFL Support	2:45pm - 4:00pm	Room 41
		Textiles Club	2:40pm - 3:40pm	B2
		Design Technology Club	2:40pm - 3:40pm	DT Block

### DIARY DATES FOR PARENTS

# Term DatesTerm startTerm endAutumn Term (1st half)5th September 201621st October 2016Autumn Term (2nd half)31st October 201616th December 2016

### **School Holidays**

October half term	24th October 2016	28th October 2016
Christmas break	19th December 2016	2nd January 2017

### **Inset Days**

5th September 2016		
31st October 2016		

### **Calendar Events**

5th September 2016	Inset day - School closed to students
6th September 2016	New Year 7 students only
7th September 2016	All students in school
16th September 2016	Football Enrichment Day
22nd September 2016	Year 7 parents welcome evening 6 - 7pm
29th September 2016	Open Evening 6 - 9pm
7th October 2016	Year 7 History trip - Porchester Castle
8th October 2016	Year 5 & 6 taster session 10am - 12:30pm
11th October 2016	Year 11 Geography field trip
14th October 2016	Year 7 History trip - Porchester Castle
18th October 2016	Information & Guidance Day (all students) - TBC
21st October 2016	Year 7 Disco 6 - 8pm
4th November 2016	Year 8 History trip - Battlefields
8th November 2016	Year 7 & 9 Enrichment Day
10th November 2016	Year 11 Presentation Evening 7-9pm
17th November 2016	Year 11 Intervention Evening
23rd November 2016	Musical Production
24th November 2016	Musical Production
16th December 2016	Christmas Jumper Day
16th December 2016	Last day of term - Early closure for students

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