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I cannot stress how amazing it is to hear the sound of students learning in the classrooms. The interaction of language between student and teacher is a beautiful sound. Watching students' faces as they learn new facts and their look of achievement when they solve a problem or explain a concept, is a wonderful experience for us and their peers.

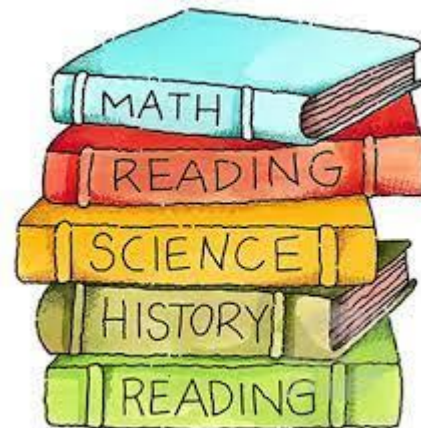
Our students are really embracing being back in the college building and their attitude to learning and adapting back to the routine of college has been impressive. One part of the college routine is homework. Homework is an essential part of education which gives students the opportunity to consolidate their learning from class or to extend their knowledge through research and reading.

Homework will be set each week by core subjects (maths, English and science) and by other subjects, once per fortnight. This may differ for GCSE option subjects.

Teachers record homework on EduLink to allow students and parents to monitor when it is due to be completed. Parents can support their child with homework by helping them find a suitable place to study and encouraging them to spend some time each evening working on it. If students encounter problems with homework they should speak to their teacher before it is due in, either in person or by Teams. It has been shown that homework improves student achievement and allows for independent learning and life skills.

We really appreciate your help and support with encouraging your child to achieve their best.

Jenny Inch, Assistant Headteacher

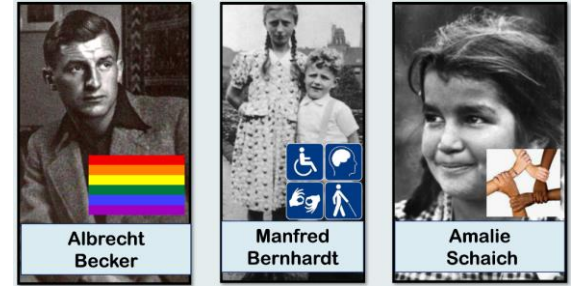


COLLEGE WORSHIP

'Live in harmony with each other' Romans 12.16

In our College Worship this week, led by Mr Pittman, we considered the diversity of humankind; the diversity of its ethnic groups; belief systems; sexual orientations; and abilities.

In the UK, diversity is protected by the Equality Act since 2010. The Act identifies nine protected groups who have in the past experienced prejudice. Discrimination towards these groups is unacceptable in our society. However, at other times in history, people have not experienced support from the law.



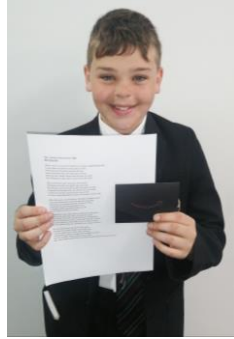
The diverse characteristics of Albrecht Becker, Manfred Bernhardt and Amalie Schaich were not valued by their government and were not protected by the law. In fact, Albrecht (a gay designer) and Amalie (born into a minority ethnic Roma family) were imprisoned and Manfred (born with a disability) was euthanised secretly in a children's home. These were the actions of the LGBTphobic, racist and disablist policies of the Nazi government in 1930s Germany.

Austria commemorated their Holocaust Memorial Day last week (the UK day is in January). The theme of the Austrian day was, 'Was hat das mit uns zu tun?' (What has that to do with us?). The students were asked to reflect on any offensive/racist language that they hear and how often this is excused as 'just banter'. As a school community, we are committed to challenging inappropriate language whether it is used casually or to hurt an individual.

Several of our black, Asian and minority ethnic (BAME) pupils have reported in a survey the negative effects of racist banter and we are using their first-hand feedback to improve everyone's school experience. In addition, we are working to meet the standards of the Rainbow Flag Award so that LGBT+ members of our school are treated with equal dignity and respect. [CLICK HERE](#) to view this week's worship.

POETRY COMPETITION

A huge well done to all our winning poets. The winners were listed in the last edition of Contact and some are pictured below.



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INTRODUCING VIRTUAL PARENTS' EVENINGS

Thursday 20 May: Year 9
Wednesday 30 June: Year 7
Wednesday 7 July: Year 8
Wednesday 14 July: Year 10

We are sorry that we have not been able to offer Parents' Evenings for a while, but we feel that, as things slowly return to normal, it is important for you to have the opportunity to meet with your child's subject teachers.

We are, therefore, delighted to share the dates above when you will have the opportunity to speak with your child's teachers via a series of live video calls using EduLink. Details regarding your child's Parents' Evening will be sent to you 7-9 days beforehand.



COMBINED CADET FORCE (CCF)

A report from Miss Haggart:

Our CCF meet fortnightly and participate in a broad range of challenging, exciting, adventurous and educational activities (pictured below). The aim is to enable the development of personal responsibility, leadership and self-discipline. As our cadets spend more time in the CCF, they will be encouraged to aim for promotion. Promotion and achievement does not come down to academic ability, and the cadets who excel are those who develop their teamwork, listening skills, self-discipline, organisation and commitment. Huge congratulations to our cadets for their promotions:

- James A, Jayden R, Chris B, Connie W – promoted to Corporals
- Michael E – promoted to Sergeant
- Luke P – promoted to Lance Corporal



WHO ARE WE?

STAFF PEN PORTRAITS

This week is all about Mrs Clegg. Mrs Clegg is Assistant Head of Year 7 and an English Teacher. This is Mrs Clegg



My best friend from school is still my best friend to this day!

I was born and educated in ROYAL Tunbridge Wells.

I previously worked at this school from 1999-2013

I love my pets. I currently have: nine guinea pigs; four cats; two rabbits; a degu; two African land snails; and fish.

I was the only girl that took technical drawing/woodwork in our year group, as I believed in equality.

My daughter, Millicent, is named after a suffragette, Millicent Fawcett.

My Godmother was a nun.

I worked at BHS for eight years.

I spent a year living in Michigan, working as an au-pair and I've travelled through most states in America.

I can fit six jaffa cakes in my mouth at one time.



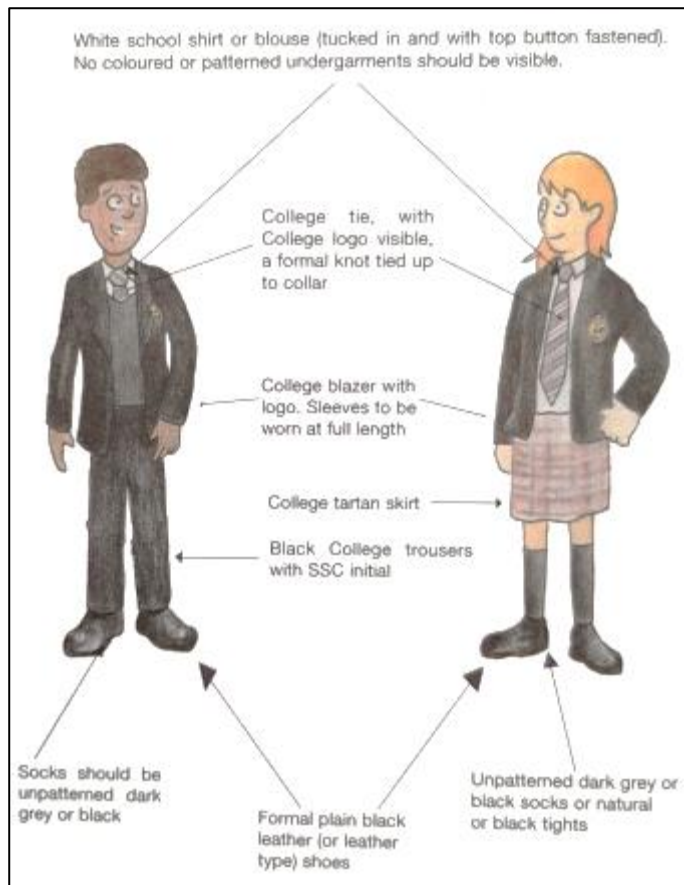


TOP HOUSE POINT ACHIEVERS



YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11
Rebecca C 964	Jack D 851	Lauren D 853	Jade D 705	Aaron A 795
Sophie C 853	Logan A 845	Caedmon M 748	Solen S 678	Ailsa C 775
Isla C 840	Eva B 811	Millie B 743	Cyrine E 595	Berrie R 771
Archie M 792	Teriza W 782	Daniella B 725	Isabelle W 586	Amber M 650
Max T 780	Jasmine G 770	Isabelle L 691	Ellise M 571	Samuel H 588



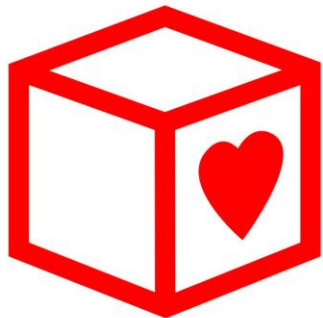


SCHOOL UNIFORM

School uniform orders can be placed quickly and safely directly with our suppliers, Price and Buckland. It is recommended that uniform orders for next academic year are made by 1 August to guarantee delivery by September. Please [CLICK HERE](#) for school uniform orders. For compulsory uniform requirements [CLICK HERE](#).

Price and Buckland are currently offering free returns as students are not able to try uniform on in school for size. Please [CLICK HERE](#) to create a returns label.





The Red Box Project

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There is a **Red Box** in each year office with sanitary products which are available free of charge.

We understand that period poverty is a global issue. In the UK alone, 1 in 10 girls can't afford to buy menstrual products, with many struggling in school or even missing school days as a result.

Students are able to take whatever they need (even for the whole month) as we don't want period poverty to be a barrier for any of our students.

Simply go to the year office, ask for the Red Box, and take whatever you need. We have abundant supplies thanks to a government scheme and some kind donations.

For more information on period poverty visit [Yoppie.com](https://www.yoppie.com)



SING WITH YOUR COUNTRY

You can join a country-wide choir by recording yourself singing a hymn. This project is free for all and you can watch lessons to learn how to take part. Everything you need to know is [HERE](#) on the Universal Link.



Eternal Father, Strong to Save

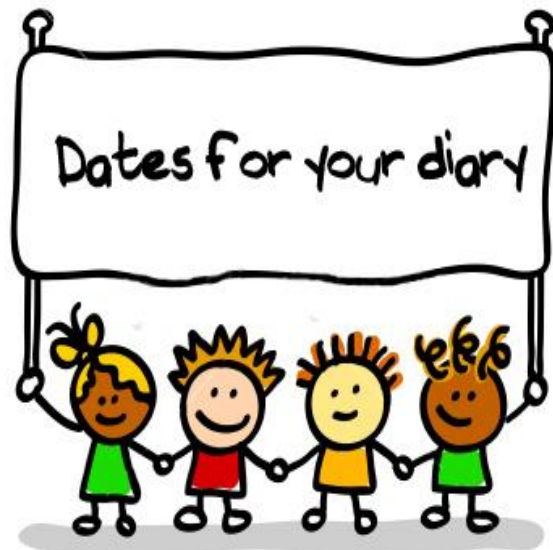
in memory of HRH Prince Philip

[CLICK HERE](#) to hear the congregation in full voice at Portsmouth Cathedral.



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Thursday 20 May

Friday 21 – Sunday 23 May

Friday 28 May

Monday 7 June

Tuesday 8 June

Saturday 19 – Wednesday 23 June

Wednesday 23 June

Friday 25 June

Wednesday 30 June

Wednesday 7 July

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Thursday 8 July

Friday 9 July

Friday 9 – Sunday 11 July

Wednesday 14 July

Thursday 15 July

Wednesday 21 July

Thursday 22 July

Thursday 12 August

Wednesday 1 September

Thursday 2 September

Year 9 Parents' Evening

Silver DofE Practice Expedition

Last Day of Term 5

Inset Day

First Day of Term 6 (for students)

CCF Summer Camp

Year 12 Reunion Event, School Hall, 6.00pm – 9.00pm

School Closed (re-arranged from 1 February)

Year 7 Parents' Evening

Year 8 HPV I Vaccinations and Year 9 HPV II Vaccinations

Year 8 Parents' Evening

Year 6 Taster Days

Silver DofE Qualifying Expedition

Year 10 Parents' Evening

Year 11 Prom

Last Day of Term 6

First Day of Summer Holidays

GCSE Results Day

Inset Day

First Day of Term 1

