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Friday 26th May 2017



Half Term — FULL steam ahead!

Half term approaches, the sun is literally scorching the skies and yet our students continue to impress with their work ethic and passion.

As I write this on the last day of the half term our Year 11s are sitting a 2hr 15 minute English literature exam critiquing 19th century poetry, our Year 8 geographers are comparing population density in tiger south east Asian economies and our Year 9s are conducting experiments on combustible elements of hydro carbons. My point is that, with only an hour of school left, I have seen such great things on my learning walk today. Learning is at the core here each and every minute and I'm glad that this grows and grows.

Today we bid adieu to our Year 11s. They will return after Half Term for exams and intervention but we have their leavers assembly and BBQ today. Over the last two years I have come to truly love this Year group in their times of success, challenge and quirky sensibilities. Speaking to them over this exam period they have some words of wisdom for the lower years and indeed to you, their parents. I cannot give names but please see their pearls below:

"My mum doesn't know about the subjects but she gives me a place to work, feeds me lots and asks lots of questions. That's my advice to a little kids parent. Do this all the time and your kid will be a success" (D, a year 11 boy)

"Don't leave it to the last minute. Year 10, make revision notes now, don't waste time. In one Year you will be where we are, don't make the mistake I nearly did" (H, Year 11 girl)

"Trust the teachers. When they are moaning and nagging its because they actually care. Go to all the revision, do all the homework and download the apps. They really help" (B, Year 11 boy)

and finally... (My personal favourite)

"Wow, I cant believe its nearly over. My advice is simple really. Enjoy it and work hard. Our school is the best place in the world, don't take it for granted" (L, Year 11 girl)

Not much more I need to add. Have a great half term, enjoy the sun and enjoy the time you get to spend with family / friends.

Mr A Ali, Headteacher

Parent clinics and conversations

A reminder that every Thursday I will be available from 1700—1800 for parent clinics. These are an opportunity to meet, discuss the school and for you to feedback to me, should you want to. Should you wish to book a 20 minute slot here, please contact Elaine Opie eopie1@ccc.rbksch.org or call the school on 020 8974 1156. If you can't make that time then do let us know of a more convenient time for you.

Coming up...

Monday 29 May - Friday 2 June	Half Term
Monday 19 June	Year 10 end of year exams start
Thursday 22 June	LAFTA Awards
Monday 26 June	Year 7, 8 & 9 end of year exams start
Friday 7 July	Year 11 Prom at Epsom Downs
Monday 10 — Friday 14 July	Year 10 Work Experience



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"A dream doesn't become reality through magic; it takes sweat, determination and hard work" - Colin Powers

History Trip to 'Wipers'

Ms McCoach

On Friday Year 8 and 9's met at school at the eye watering time of 4.45am (apologies to parents who also had to get up so early). We were off to Belgium to visit some of the World War I memorial sites as part of GCSE History syllabus. I was grateful to be allowed to join them as both my grandfathers had fought in the war as teenagers and I wanted to visit the site where they had been stationed over a hundred years ago.

Our first stop was Sanctuary Wood where a WWI trench still exists. Wellies were a must as the muddy water was quite deep in places. Hard to believe that so many men fought, ate and slept in such appalling conditions for days on end.

Our second stop was Ypres or 'Wipers' as many of the British soldiers called it back then. At Menin Gate, where a daily commemoration service is held, Callum (year 8) found a possible relative amongst the 54,000 names of commonwealth soldiers lost in the battles around Ypres.

We had some time to explore Ypres and the delights of a traditional Belgium chocolate shop. Then back on the bus to the Passchendaele Memorial Museum. A very interesting and moving reminder of the horrors of WWI. Here we climbed down into a warren of tunnels that recreated the living quarters that were dug underground away from the continuous bombing.

It was a long day and I was so impressed with the level of enthusiasm and respect the students showed throughout the whole visit. I was very proud of them and grateful to the History Department be able to join them on this fascinating trip.



Year 11 Half Term Revision

Targeted students will be informed via their teacher and a letter home

Saturday 27 May	Chemistry 10am—1pm
Sunday 28 May	Physics 9am—1pm
Tuesday 30 May	English 10am—1pm
Wednesday 31 May	Maths 10am—1pm
Thursday 1 June	Computer Science 10am—2pm History 10am—2pm
Friday 2 June	Triple Science 10am—2pm Geography 10am—2pm
Saturday 3 June	Biology 10am—2pm

Amy Woodgate

Students from our School Council have been visiting the Amy Woodgate Resource Centre. During their latest visit they helped residents to decorate their walking frames.



Borough Athletics

Mr Ferrelly

Many of our students did us proud at the district athletics competition at Kingsmeadow. Students from Years 7 to 10 were involved in all athletic events and despite being an individual event based sport we really took on the Chessington spirit and it was a wonder to see all students supporting each other throughout the day in each event. Special mention goes to Jack in Year 10 who won the shot put and has now qualified for the Surrey championships, we wish him the best of luck in that competition.

Absences should be reported to
Mrs Kerly (Attendance Officer) on 020
8974 1156 Ext: 207
By text on: 020 3137 6796
By
email: SC3144006a@schoolcomms.com

Google Expeditions

Learning and Teaching Update

Chloe B, 7SLE

On Thursday 11th of May, we got to experience VR, or Virtual Reality, with some help from Google Expeditions and organised by Mr Stevenson. Some of our experiences included going face-to-face with some of the most fearsome predators of the ocean – sharks! One of our not so scary experiences was exploring the Base Camp of Everest as we attempted to scale the peak of it. For some of us students this could have been a once-in-a-lifetime experience. Everyone from Year 7 to Year 9 got to try this and everyone enjoyed this amazing day.



Virtual Reality

At the end of last month Mr Cosgrave took 20 Year 10 Computer Science students to the virtual reality show at the Business Design Centre in Islington. The trip was a great success and the students thoroughly enjoyed being able to try out the latest Virtual Reality products, experience incredible interactive show features such as Kong: Skull Island and meet the top brands and innovators working in VR today. Highlights included the Virtual skydive and the VR hospital which allowed the students to perform a virtual remote operation. Overall it was a very informative and enjoyable trip.

Girls Football

Mr Ferrelly

Year 7 and 8 Girls competed in the Fulham academy schools competition and through good team work and determination they managed to come second. Our team consisted of a few girls who play Football outside of school and the majority of them only playing in school but with a great give it your all attitude we managed several wins to seal second in the competition. I am incredibly proud of our girls achievement.



Now that the weather is getting warmer please ensure your child carries a water bottle to school

PLEASE KEEP US UP TO DATE WITH YOUR CONTACT DETAILS

including email addresses and mobile numbers. It is vital that we are able to contact you at all times, particularly in an emergency.

We can also let you know what is going on at school including parents evenings, closures and INSET days.

Please remember to visit our website, www.chessingtoncommunitycollege.co.uk where you can see the school calendar and keep-up-to date with forthcoming events.

Our Attendance

Most Improved Tutor Groups

Year 7	7CBe	97.2%
Year 8	8NSi	95.8%
Year 9	9MIz	93.1%
Year 10	10TSS	96.5%
Year 11	11SHn	98.6%

Update from Lower School:

Miss Rutledge

This half term has been a busy one for the Key Stage 3 team preparing for the arrival of a fabulous group of Year 6. We have had meetings which were very successful and a lovely way to get to know students and parents before September. Primary visits are also taking place where members of staff have been going out to the primary feeder schools meeting students in their classes and speaking with staff. We are looking forward to once again welcoming Year 6 students into Chessington for induction day on the 5th of July.

Update from Upper School:

Mr Ratcliffe

Exam season is well under way for those in Year 11. Well done to all the students who are attending interventions, whether after school or even on a Saturday! We are confident all your hardwork will pay off. Thanks also to staff for giving absolutely everything to ensure the success of our young people.

Year 10 are preparing for work experience and also looking at colleges for September 2018- it will come about sooner than they think. A huge congratulations to all the students who completed their thesis for the Brilliant Club. An amazing achievement and we hope you enjoy the graduation on Saturday 27th May.



Group Teen Triple P

The Triple P – Positive Parenting Program® knows all parents have different needs. That's why Triple P has many different ways for you to get your parenting help. So you can choose what will suit you and your family best.

Is this your family?

Your teen's behaviour has become too much for you to handle. At home, there's probably a lot of shouting and very little agreement. Or maybe you don't bother trying to talk anymore. But you are worried. Where will this all end?

If this sounds familiar, then Group Teen Triple P can help you, and your teenager, get back on track.

Or is this you?

Or, maybe it isn't that bad. It's just that you realise things can change very quickly. So you're keen to know as much as possible about positive parenting so you'll be prepared if hassles arise.

Group Teen Triple P can give you the support you need to be prepared!

What happens at Group Teen Triple P?

Group Teen Triple P is a great opportunity to meet other parents in similar situations – other parents who'll support you and share stories with you.

From the start, you'll be given tips and suggestions to suit the needs of your family. You'll see scenes from the *Every Parent's Guide to Teenagers* DVD, which will show you how the ideas work in real life. And your workbook will give you the tools and information you need to start positive parenting straight away at home. Your Teen Triple P provider will guide you every step of the way and even provide backup phone support as you put your new skills into practice.

How long does it take and how big are the groups?

There are about 12 parents in a group session. Usually, each session lasts no more than two hours at a time. In all, you'll attend no more than five group sessions – the first four should give you the tips you need to start positive parenting.

Then, you'll have three weeks to practise Teen Triple P at home. Your Triple P provider will call you every week at a set time to find out how you're doing and offer advice if you're having any trouble. Those calls will last about 15 minutes.

Finally, you'll meet up with your group and Triple P provider for one last session. This is a chance to go over any problems you may still have – and to congratulate yourself on how far you've come!

For more information, please contact Karen Williams on 020 8547 6965 or 07771 974388 or email karen.williams@achievingforchildren.org.uk

www.triplep-parenting.net

Who is this for?

- parents of teenagers

Teen Triple P can help

- build a better relationship with your teenager
- reduce conflict
- keep your teenager safe
- be realistic about parenting
- take care of yourself

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Triple P Teen

Parenting course for all parents and carers

Do you have a child approaching teens or aged between 13 and 19 years?

Would you like to:

- Learn new skills?
- Get the best out of your children?
- Share your parenting experiences?
- Get some tips for managing difficult behaviour?
- Develop your own parenting techniques in a relaxed friendly atmosphere?
- Make new friends?



This is a FREE parenting programme for parents which will help you set rules for children to follow, help you to take care of yourself as a parent, have some fun and meet other parents and carers.

Starting on Saturday 24th June 2017

(3 weekly sessions in total and 1 telephone or 1-1 consultation)

1st Session to be held at Surbiton Children's Centre, Alpha, Road, KT5 8RS and following 2 sessions to be held at The Star Centre, 50 King Charles Crescent, Surbiton, KT5 8SX
From 10.00am - 2.00pm

If you are a parent or carer and want to know more or make a provisional booking, please contact
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Starting on Monday 5th June 2017

(6 weekly sessions in total and 1 telephone or 1-1 consultation)

At Whitton Youth Zone, 1 Britannia Lane, Whitton, TW2 7JX
From 10.30am - 12.30pm

If you are a parent or carer and want to know more or make a provisional booking, please contact
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