

THAMESMEAD TALK

This issue:

18th September 2015

Headteacher's Award

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Below are the names of the students who are this week's winners of the Headteacher's Award. They have received a Certificate and 100 Vivo points credited to their Vivo account:

Year 9: Harvey Cavalheiro-Langham (9P1)

Year 10: Olivia King (10D2) and Jade Ruyseveldt (10D2).

Help With College

Applications

Help with College Applications

Colleges

Macmillan Coffee

Mornings

Mrs Morris will be running workshops to help Year 11 students complete college applications on Mondays and Tuesdays after school in Room 16B from 21st September until half-term. Students should check Student Notices for any change of venue. Details of exam boards for GCSE can be found on the school website and on FROG.

Confiscated Items

Parking in Manygate

Lane

We encourage all students to apply for more than one college, regardless of their preferred post-16 plan to give them a variety of options as the school year progresses. It is better to have a choice of pathways than none at all by the stage of the year when students should be focussing on their exams. Year 11 may book individual careers interviews by calling into the Careers Office on Mondays to Wednesdays.

Performing Arts

Colleges

Being Prepared for the

School Day

Salesian Sixth Form open evening is on Thursday 24th September, 6.30pm-8.30pm. The Head of Sixth Form will speak at 7pm and 7.45pm while teachers and students host interactive sessions about A Levels and other courses with plenty of opportunities to ask questions.

Magna Carta Essay

Competition

www.salesian.surreys.sch.uk

Thamesmead Plus

Staying Safe

Inter-House

Competition

PTA News

Sporting News

Key Dates:

Tuesday 22nd September

7pm

Yr9 Parent Information

Evening

Wednesday 23rd September

7.00pm

PTA Meeting

Thursday 24th September

3.30-6.30pm

Yr7 Parent Information

Evening &

Meet the Tutor

Thursday 1st October 7pm

Yr8 Parent Information

Evening

Thursday 8th October 6.30-

9pm

Open Evening for New

Students

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Macmillan Coffee Mornings

Year 8 tutor groups will be selling cakes at break times next week. Please support them and this great cause by donating cakes throughout the week and encouraging students to bring in money to purchase the yummy offerings.

Confiscated Items

Confiscated items can be collected by students on Fridays at 2.30pm after registration. We are holding a lot of confiscated earrings and bracelets since the start of the autumn term, so please remind students to come and collect their items on Fridays.

Any items not collected by 23rd October will be disposed of.

Please note that our jewellery policy is as follows:

Jewellery - Only a moderate amount of simple jewellery may be worn - one plain ring per hand and one stud or sleeper per ear. No other body piercing is permitted. Jewellery must be removed for PE and practical lessons. Failure to conform will mean confiscation of jewellery and students can collect any items from the main office on Fridays at 2.30pm. Persistent confiscation will result in parents being invited into school to collect items.



Parking in Manygate Lane

We thank all parents for parking with care in Manygate Lane when collecting and dropping off students.

Please remember that the Manygate Lane Estate is a private area and parents are requested not to park there or across driveways when waiting for students. Thank you.

**Performing
Arts**



The Autumn Acoustic Concert will take place on Wednesday October 21st @ 6.30pm. If your son/daughter wishes to take part, please ask them to see Ms Armstrong a.s.a.p.

School Closes at 12 Noon

Friday 9th October

Inset Day

Monday 26th – Friday 30th
October

Half Term

Friday 20th November 7pm

PTA Fashion Show

ATTACHMENTS:

Thamesmead Plus
Programme

Strode's Open Evening

Magna Carta Essay
Competition

SCITT Recruitment

Lifetrain Trust

Take Tennis Lessons

'At The Station'

Are you interested in sound, lights, props and costumes in the theatre? Do you want to be part of a hardworking and fun team? Then you need to join the stage management team of the school production 'At the Station'.

If you're interested in getting involved then there is a short meeting on Thursday 24th September 2:30pm in the Drama Studio. Any questions, please contact Miss Penycate or Mrs Hall.

Being Prepared for the School Day

Thank you to all parents who support their students in being prepared with items they need for the school day. Should you need to get a message to a student or drop off lunch, PE kits, homework or ingredients, etc during the school day, we will endeavour to get these delivered but we are unable to disrupt learning during lessons.

We would like to encourage students to get their bags and other things they need for school ready the evening before. It can be very helpful to tick off lessons and homework in the Student Planner and check they are in the school bag (not still on the printer!) and put bags and PE kit, etc by the front door. We have an increasing number of items being brought into school during the day, which students have forgotten to pack. Passing messages to students during their lesson time can disrupt their learning and we would like to keep this to an absolute minimum.

Please plan your journey to school carefully and allow for heavy traffic as students are expected to be punctual. Lateness will incur a 30 minute detention. The school is open for students from 8.00am.

Thank you for your continued support.

Magna Carta Essay Competition

The Chair of Surrey County Council, Mrs Sally Marks is challenging students from all Surrey Schools from Year 9 to Year 13 to write an essay with the subject 'Magna Carta - Democracy Today'.

The winning student will be presented with a substantial cash prize as well as their school/college at an afternoon ceremony at County Hall presented by the Chairman of the Council. Second and third prizes and certificates of commendation will be awarded to the runners up.

This is a great opportunity for students to find out more about democratic process, our County and its history. Please find a poster attached with more information.



Please find attached a revised programme for this half term.

After half term there is a BRAND NEW CLUB! An afterschool African Drumming Club taught by a specialist will run for 5 weeks on a Friday starting after half term on November 6th.

Time: Fridays @ 2.40 – 3.15pm

Place: MR1 in the music block

Cost: £25 in total for 5 weekly workshops.

Places are limited so hurry and sign up pp.stix@me.com or see Ms Armstrong or Mr Lever.

Staying Safe

Spelthorne Safer Neighbourhood Team advise:

As it is the start of the new school year we urge parents to remind students to be vigilant about their personal safety when travelling to and from school. It is important to report anything unusual or suspicious to their parents, guardians or the school, who in turn can pass any information on to the Safer Neighbourhood Team.

Students should never accept a lift from someone they don't know nor talk to them. If students feel it is appropriate then clearly they should call the police immediately.

If anyone has any further concerns or wants more advice the local Safer Neighbourhood Team can be contacted by calling Surrey Police on 101.

Inter-House Competition

Tuesday afternoon saw the first sporting Inter-House Competition of the school year. 85 students from Year 7 attended the Benchball competition! What a fantastic start to the week! The results were:

1st Phoenix

2nd Centaur

3rd Griffin

4th Dragon

On Wednesday it was the turn of students in Years 8 and 9 to compete in our Benchball competition. The winners were:

Year 8 Results:

1st Centaur

2nd Phoenix

3rd Dragon and Griffin

Year 9 Results:

1st Phoenix

2nd Dragon

3rd Griffin

4th Centaur

Years 10 and 11 are playing their matches today so look out for the results next week.

Thank you to all the staff that helped out and the students who took part.
Mr Lever

PTA

The next PTA meeting is on Wednesday 23rd September 2015, 7.00pm at The Holiday Inn, Shepperton. This is the first meeting of the new school year and it would be great to see some Year 7 parents as well as our fantastic regular supporters!

Save the date! PTA Fashion Show – Friday 20th November

Following the success of last year's fashion Show the PTA will be holding another event on Friday 20th November. A variety of fabulous fashion, including party wear and prom dresses will be on offer, along with entertainment from our very own X-Factor Winner Amelia White and 'Take This.'

We would like to ask any ladies or Year 11 girls who would like to model these amazing clothes to please contact Nikki Jenkins on thamesmeadpta@hotmail.co.uk

Information will appear in Thamesmead Talk about tickets – so watch out for more details soon.



Sporting News

Year 8 Football

The Year 8s lost 5-3 to Jubilee High in their first league game. After leading 2-0 at half time through goals by Joao Guimaraes Saldanha and Zak Beharie, a disappointing second half display gave the win to Jubilee. Zak also scored our 3rd goal.

The team put on a much improved performance against Bishop Wand in the cup on Wednesday. After being 2-0 down early in the second half, two goals by Joao forced the game into extra time. Unfortunately Bishop Wand scored a third on a breakaway and we didn't get the result we deserved. Liam Taylor was outstanding in centre midfield.

Year 9 Football

The Year 9s beat Jubilee High 4-1 after a good performance. Charlie Jagers was man of the match after scoring a hatrick and Cameron Russell also scored a good goal. It was a solid start by the reigning league champions and there were notable performances from Jay Miller, Jake Thornton and Josh Pearson.

Year 10 Football

Year 10s lost 3-1 to Jubilee High in a disappointing start to the season. Harvey Edwards scored the goal in the first half but poor defending allowed Jubilee High to win the game. Man of the match was Theo Clayton.

Year 8/9 Girls Football

The team won 8-0 against Sunbury Manor yesterday which was a fantastic result for their first game of the season! Well done to Megan McGarvey (year 9), Laura Wilson (year 9), Sophie Munby (year 9), Grace Byway (year 9), Dani Bearne (year 9), Scarlett Yeadon (year 9), Maddie Yeadon (year 9), Amy Leigh- Cook (year 8), Elise Davis (year 8), Isabelle Dexter (year 8) and Orla Le Brasse (year 8).



AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMME

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2015

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
FITNESS GYM YEARS 7-10 £4 FEE APPLIES	TEXTILES MISS COLEMAN YEAR 10 (NOT ONLY GCSE) ROOM 10A 2.30-3.30	CREATIVE WRITING MS TESTA ALL YEARS ROOM 18B 2.45-3.45	FITNESS GYM YEARS 7-10 £4 FEE APPLIES	FOOTBALL TRAINING MR REEVES/MR MOULTON ALL YEARS 2.30-3.30
JAZZ CLUB MR WOODS MUSIC ROOM (by invitation only) 2.30-ONWARDS	NETBALL PRACTISE MISS PHILLIPS/MRS ROBINS-KENT ALL YEARS 2.30-3.30	GIRLS FOOTBALL PRACTISE MISS RICHARDS ALL YEARS 2.30-3.30	BASKETBALL MR JONES KS3 2.30-3.30	RUGBY TRAINING MR REEVES/MR MOULTON ALL YEARS 2.30-3.30
	ASKING THE BIG QUESTIONS MR BARRETT/MISS FORDE RELIGION/PHILOSOPHY 12B 2.30-3.30	BOOK CLUB MRS GARRAWAY LEARNING CENTRE	GCSE FOOD TECH MISS COLEMAN Year 11 2.30-3.30	GUITAR (GRADED) MR BARRETT MR2 2.30-3.30
	FILM CLUB MRS MAZHAR & JORDAO RANSHAW ROOM 13B 2.30-3.30	KNITTING CLUB MRS MORRIS/MRS JOHNSTON 2.30-3.30	DEBATE CLUB MR BARRETT YEAR 9 & 10 ROOM 17B 2.30-3.30	
	ENTERPRISE CLUB MISS BIESTY ROOM 9A 2.30-3.30	TEXTILES MISS HAYES ALL KS3 2.30-3.30	BLOG MISS KETT ALL YEARS 2.30-3.30	
	MATHS CLUB MR REPS 2.30-3.30	Rubik's and Intelligence/Strategic Games Club MISS CAMPBELL/MISS WILLANS 2.30-3.30		
	STEM CLUB SCIENCE 2.30-3.30			
	URBAN DANCE MRS ROBINS-KENT 2.45-3.45 £5 per session			
STUDY ROOM YEAR 11 16B	STUDY ROOM YEAR 11 16B	STUDY ROOM YEAR 11 16B	STUDY ROOM YEAR 11 16B	STUDY ROOM YEAR 11 16B
HOMEWORK CLUB 2:45 - 3:45 LRC	HOMEWORK CLUB 2:45 - 3:45 6A/7A	HOMEWORK CLUB 2:45 - 3:45 LRC	HOMEWORK CLUB 2:45 - 3:45 LRC	HOMEWORK CLUB 2:45 - 3:45 LRC

Parents will be informed of any changes to the published schedule as soon as possible.

Clubs and activities will only take place during normal full school days (not ½ days) and not on the last day of term.

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Sat 7th Nov 9.00-12.00 p.m. Thamesmead School, Shepperton TW17 9EE
Thurs 26th Nov 5.00-6.00 p.m. Thamesmead School, Shepperton TW17 9EE

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Surrey Schools Magna Carta Writing Competition

In June 2015, the eyes of the world were on Runnymede as Magna Carta was celebrated in the Surrey location where it was sealed 800 years ago.

What is Magna Carta?

Magna Carta is the foundation of many of the freedoms enjoyed today. It limited the power of authoritarian rule, paved the way for trial by jury, declared certain religious freedoms, and defined limits on taxation. For centuries Magna Carta has influenced constitutional thinking in countries throughout the world.

What does it mean to Surrey?

Magna Carta was agreed by King John on 15 June 1215 and was sealed at Runnymede. Exactly 800 years later, on Monday 15 June 2015, a national commemoration event was held in the same location in recognition of its historic role in the history of the charter.

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Theme:

Magna Carta – Democracy Today

Age range:

Year 9 to Year 13

Word limit:

1000

Submission deadline:

31 January 2016

Entries must be submitted to:

Magna Carta Essay Competition'
Chairman's Office,
Room 109,
County Hall
Penrhyn Road
Kingston upon Thames
KT1 2DN



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ElmGrove Ladies	9:30am-10:30am	Tues	Elmgrove Recreation Ground
Cardio Tennis/High Energy Drills	8pm-9pm	Wed	Elmgrove Recreation Ground
Adult Session	8am	Sat	Coronation Recreation Ground
Mini Red/Orange (ages 4-8)	9am	Sat	Coronation Recreation Ground
Mini Green/Yellow	10am	Sat	Coronation Recreation Ground

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