



Royal  
Russell

## Headmaster's Weekly Newsletter

18 September 2020

Dear Parents and Friends,

We have all enjoyed a very positive week of learning at Royal Russell this week and on my whistle stop tour of tutor groups this morning, I was very impressed by the enthusiastic feedback from pupils on how they feel the term has started.

On Tuesday, I was able to spend some time catching up with a number of different pupil classes and activities as I toured the School with some Year 9 guides and a team of our Year 13 media students filming footage for our virtual Open Day on Saturday 26 September.

My special thanks to our guides; Chika George, Minwoo Park, Vrutik Patel, Millie Brown and Josh Chapman and to the technical team; Ella Westland, Hannah Cable, Izzy Yard and Jack Burton for helping to make this a very successful day.

Some of the images from the filming are included within this newsletter and I look forward to sharing the final film with you all, once it has been edited by our team.

It is worth confirming, at this point, that we will be running our Open Morning in the Senior School as a completely virtual day. Senior School pupils will not be needed to attend the School, with the exception of some willing Senior Prefect volunteers who will be helping with the virtual hosting of this event.

Whilst we have been able to offer a wide programme of sport within our games afternoons, we are currently restricted in the opportunities to play inter-school sports fixtures. It was therefore great to see that the House Sport Competition has started with football and netball competitions this week.

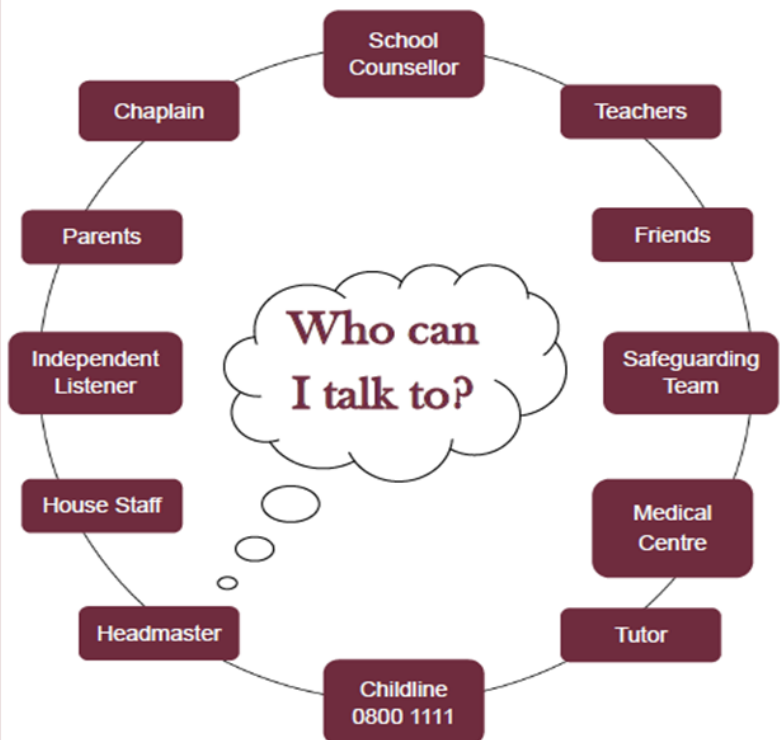
These have been played within our year group 'bubbles' and have produced some very high quality, hotly contested and entertaining matches. My thanks to Mr Davies and the Sports Department for organising these and congratulations to Hollenden House and Oxford House who lead the competition at this early stage in the year.

After a successful introduction of 1:1 music lessons this week, we are beginning a programme of group and ensemble activities within year group 'bubbles' next week. We have started running our CCF Programme on Monday evenings and will be introducing Mini MUN for Year 7 & 8 next week.

At assembly this afternoon we gave a presentation to Year 9 pupils in the Auditorium which was broadcast to all tutor groups.

This presentation focused on pastoral communication and student voice and included a list of the support available for pupils from a variety of different sources. A summary of this information can be found on the Senior School Firefly site called the [Senior School Safe Corner](#).

### Pupil Support



Most problems can be solved by talking to any one of the above.

Mrs Hart, Deputy Head Pastoral, is situated in the main school block. Her office is the first one on the right as you enter.



# Virtual Open Morning Filming

The media pupils have been working hard with the Headmaster to produce a tour of the Senior School to feature in our virtual open events.

The tour will allow prospective parents to gain an insight into the life of a Russellian during a busy school day. Click [here](#) to find out more.





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The School also provides access to an adult, outside the support and teaching staff body, whom pupils may want to contact about personal problems or concerns at school.

Mr Simon Smith is our **Independent Listener**. He is available to listen and to help with any difficulties. His phone number is 07905 250 692 and he can be contacted via email on [dssmith@blueyonder.co.uk](mailto:dssmith@blueyonder.co.uk)

In the second half of the assembly Sam Hacker introduced the student Diversity Group, Grace Scott introduced the Student Wellbeing Support Group, Ms Clarke introduced the student Digital Leaders with a short video presentation and Rebecca Clery and Sean Smith introduced the Student Council. All of these groups are opportunities for pupils to be involved in peer support and whole school initiatives and we look forward to hearing feedback from these groups through the academic year ahead.

During our assembly Charlotte Kinch gave a wonderful performance of 'The lamest place in the world' from the musical '13'.

I finished the assembly this afternoon with a reminder about staying covid-safe, both within and beyond the School.



I reminded pupils that they must keep washing hands, wear face coverings if they are travelling on public transport and maintain appropriate social distance from all of the adults at the School, whenever possible.

Chris Hutchinson  
Headmaster







# Year 7 Science Cell Project

Congratulations to Sarah Wood and Izzy Flint for getting their science project Animal Cell in way before the deadline!





# From the Sport Department

## House Sport

1. A corner for Madden shortly after they take the lead against Oxford in Round 1. Could they follow in the footsteps of their year 8 counterparts and claim the converted House Football Year Group Championship?
2. Keable defending their 1-0 advantage in the closing moments. They hold onto a hard fought win against high flying Madden.
3. The third round of matches ends with Cambridge snatching an unlikely win from Madden. Here, Madden waste another great chance. Can you spot the ball...



Madden VS Oxford



Keable VS Madden



Madden VS Cambridge

## Boys and Girls House Competition 2020 - 21

	Cambridge	Keable	Madden	Oxford	St Andrews
Junior Football	12	32	24	28	24
Intermediate Football	28	32	16	32	12
Senior Football	32	26	27	51	29
<b>OVERALL POINTS</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>67</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>POSITION</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>5</b>



	Buchanan	Hollenden	Queens	Reade
Junior Netball	24	28	32	28
Intermediate Netball	36	24	16	36
Senior Netball	29	48	22	51
<b>OVERALL POINTS</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>115</b>
<b>POSITION</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>





# Key Diary Dates

Monday 21 September

Year 7 Bonding day

Saturday 26 September

Virtual Open Morning (booking only)

Tuesday 29 September

Year 7 Parents Meet the tutor evening

## Upcoming Parents' Evenings

Year 7

Wednesday 18 November 2020

Year 8

Wednesday 10 March 2021

Year 9

Tuesday 2 February 2021

Year 10

Thursday 10 December 2020

Year 11

Thursday 21 January 2021

Year 12

Thursday 25 February 2021

Year 13

Thursday 5 November 2020



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