

Dear Parents, Pupils and Friends,

On Saturday evening Queen's and Hollenden house were treated to a night of pampering, movies and sweet treats. The girls enjoyed some relaxation time with face masks, manicures and foot scrubs. My thanks to the Queen's and Hollenden teams for laying on this event which allowed the girls to switch off form their studies for a while.

On Monday evening we were treated to our virtual Autumn Concert performances.

Thank you to Mrs Ford and the music team and to all the staff and pupils who were involved in producing some extremely high quality individual and ensemble pieces. The recording is still available online and if you would like to view some of the excellent performances, please click <u>here</u>.

Congratulations to Oxford House who were crowned the winners of the Year 7 Charity Kahoot Quiz on Monday. This event was organised and run by Year 13 pupils Lily Payne and Aleyna Antonova as part of their Business BTEC project. Funds raised will be donated to Breast Cancer UK.

I would like to congratulate our Year 11 pupils for their thoughtful and focused approach to their trial examinations this week. It has been great to see a strong and reassuring atmosphere within the year group and I'm sure that this will help all of our pupils to perform at their best. Thank you to Ms Faulkner and all the staff helping to invigilate and support the pupils throughout this important time.

On Tuesday morning, I welcomed Year 7 Queen's pupils for breakfast in the new dining marquee and learned a little more about their favourite things. On Thursday I enjoyed the chance to catch up with the second group of our new Year 9 pupils for breakfast in Drapers' Café. This was a chance for me to find out a little more about their progress so far and also to start some conversations about possible GCSE Option Choices for Year 10 and beyond.

Our assembly this afternoon was led by our Senior Prefect Team and included updates for a busy week in School. Vlada Medvedeva opened with a prayer written for the start of Advent:

Lord,

There is a lot of darkness around us From school, work and social life We pray that you bring your light into the dark places of our lives We pray that you guide us through the shadows of the tunnel of life

Lord,

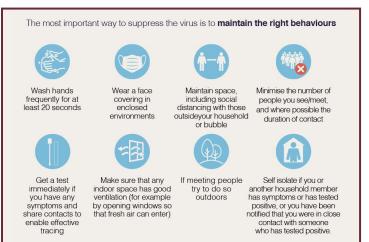
You are the light of the world Shine your light on us and everyone around us Let us absorb your light and reflect it in all directions to everyone around us Because you said "I am the light of the world. He who follows me shall not walk in darkness but have the light of life"

Covid-19 Update

Thank you to all pupils and families for all your amazing work in adapting your routines and helping to protect the Royal Russell community from the coronavirus during the last month.

You will be aware that the UK Government has published a <u>Covid-19 Winter Plan</u> which sets out the next stages of Covid guidance and advice, as we prepare to move from national restrictions to the London 'Tier 2' conditions announced yesterday.

The School has robust procedures in place to protect the community and we are not anticipating any significant changes to the safe routines which



we have already established. That said, the announcement that 'grass root' sport can restart means that we will now look at opportunities for sport practices on Saturdays to resume on 5 & 12 December. We will also investigate the potential to play some local fixtures with other schools within the same tier area.

I am very determined that we should finish this term safely and continue to prioritise the health of our community. We must continue to ensure that we do not become complacent in any area of our daily lives.

With my thanks again for your continued vigilance, help and understanding on such a vital matter.

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Chris Hutchinson Headmaster



Year 7 Charity Kahoot Quiz

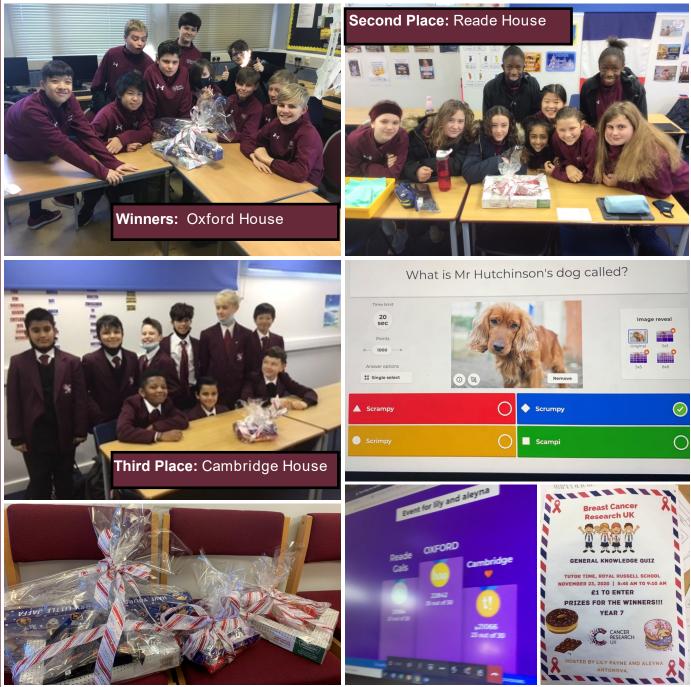
On Monday, Aleyna Antonova and I hosted an event to raise money for Breast Cancer UK. This was something we wanted to raise money for as 1 in 5 people in the UK are diagnosed with Breast Cancer. This took place during tutor time with the year 7's, the event was a kahoot which involved a range of questions that were related to the school but also some general knowledge facts.

It was a fast-paced and exciting quiz which was held over a teams meeting. There were prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place; this included Krispy Kreme Doughnuts and chocolates. The winners were Oxford house followed by Reade and then Cambridge.

We hope everyone enjoyed the event and thank you to all the staff who have donated money to this cause.

Lily Payne

Year 13



Royal Russell Inclusivity Group

The photography department have created a display of images to celebrate the diverse culture amongst our staff and pupil body.

In current times, it is now more important than ever to embrace people from all different backgrounds; no matter their race, religion, sexuality or age, just to name a few, and learn to be the change the world needs to see.

Many thanks to all our volunteers!





We embrace the concept of diversity and inclusion throughout our lives as a key principle of life. Diversity is fundamental to our humanity.



We are all different shapes, sizes, ages, genders and sexualties. We are all colours, all religions, all backgrounds, all nations, all ethnicities, and all languages. We accept one another. We include one another.

Our diversity empowers us to draw near in curiosity and with a creative mind find out how we can best harness what we each bring to our community.





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Year 8 Assembly on Black History Month

During the month of October, we celebrate Black History Month.

To honour this month, the Year 8 boys from St Andrews gave an inspiring assembly in which they highlighted some of the key figures who made massive moves for the lives of Black people. The boys spoke about many different people including Malcolm X and Martin Luther King and lesser known figures such as Madam C J Walker and the NASA scientists. As the boys rightly put it, we must remember to celebrate the lives of black people not just during the month of October, but every day.





NEW HISTORY: KAMALA HARRIS AND EDWARD ENNINFUL



Kamala Harris has recently made history by becoming the first female Vice president

Alongside this, Harris is born to an Indian nother and a Jamaican Father.

he broke the cycle of 45 white male predesscors by achieving this win. vard Enninful became e first Black editorin nief of British Vogue. He is a longtime advocate for more diversity and better opresentation in the fashion industry.

Since becoming editor-inchief he has ensured for wider representation of race in the magazine.

THE BLACK PANTHERS

- THE BLACK PANTHERS WERE A BLACK CIVIL RIGHTS GROUP THAT WERE BASED IN AMERICA IN THE 1960'S.
- They were founded by Political College students Bobby Seale (Chairman) and Huey, P. Newton (ministry of defence) in October 1966, Oakland, California.
- THEY WERE CONSIDERED AS A TERRORIST GROUP BY THE AMERICAN GOVERNMENT HOWEVER THEY NEVER CONSIDERED THE KKK AS ONE.
- THEY MADE THIS GROUP AFTER THE ASSASSINATION OF MIAL
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- CALIFORNIA PROTESTING FOR BLACK RIGHTS
- THE PARTY WAS ONE OF THE FIRST ORGANISATIONS IN UNITED STATES HISTORY TO MILL

MADAM C. J WALKER

- Madam C.J. Walker was an American entrepreneur, philanthropist, and political and social activist.
- Madam C.J. Walker invented a line of African American hair products after suffering from a scalp aliment that resulted in her own hair loss.
- Walker also trained <u>beualiticians</u>. These "Walker Agents" became well known throughout the Black communities of the United States. In turn, they promoted Walker's philosophy of "cleanliness and loveliness" as a means of advancing the status of African Americans.
- She is recorded as the first female self-made millionaire in America in the Guinness Book of World Records.

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MARTIN LUTHER KING JR

'I Have A Dream', **Dr King** said. That quote was the most famous thing ever in America.

• **Dr King** was arrested 29 times and assaulted 4 times but he never gave up!

• He travelled over 6 million miles and spoke to others about not being racist over 2,500 times.

• He was a youngest person at the time to receive a Nobel Peace Prize. He was the only non-president to have as national holiday in his name.

• King was awarded 20 honorary degrees and was named 'Man of the Year'.



Queen's and Hollenden's Pamper Night

On Saturday, the girls in Queens and Hollenden House were pleasantly surprised with a night of pampering. They were given a goody bag containing products of self-care such as face masks, lip gloss, and foot packs that everyone really loved and enjoyed.

Some of the girls painted their nails for the absolute spa experience. This night of relaxation was accompanied by the showing of a variety of movies such as Harry Porter and the girls had a throwback moment, playing the songs of Michael Jackson and Whitney Houston. Fruit, sweets, crisps and soda drinks were served and the girls were able to gather and socialise alongside the teachers. The lively and warm atmosphere was the most memorable part of the night, showing the strong bonds and friendships between the girls.

With the news of lockdown and academic pressures, it seemed that a night of pampering was truly needed, giving them a clear mind, and reenergising them for the next week. Pamper night was a great success as this was the first time in a while that the girls had a chance to escape from the pressures of school life and talk with their friends.





Art Project with the Senior School

Back in February, a few of our Year 10 Senior school Art students collaborated with the Junior school Year 3 pupils (now year 4) to create a series of miniature figures inspired by Antony Gormley's 'Field' installation. These figures are currently on display by the tree between the Art Department and the Great Hall. We hope you have a chance to visit and ponder the installation soon.

We would like to thank the Year 3 and Year 10 pupils for all their hard work and involvement in completing this project.

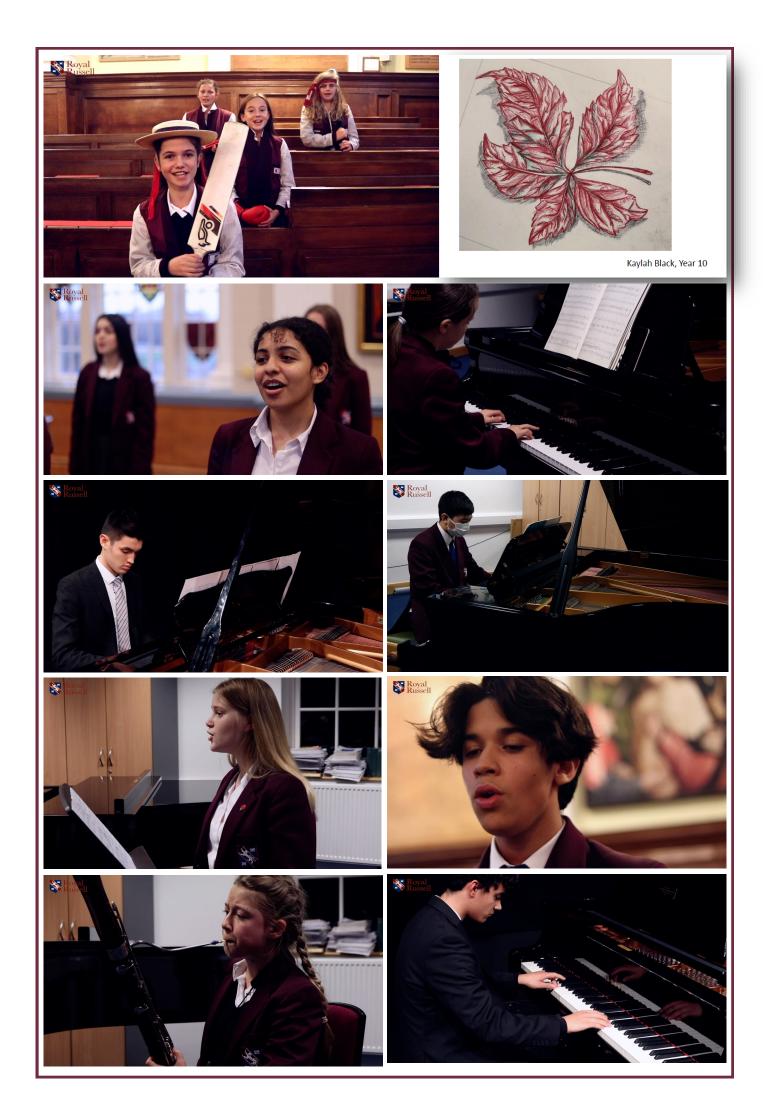


Times Running Out! - Autumn Concert

The Autumn Concert will only be available for the next week only so don't miss your chance to watch this fantastic event.

Click here to watch.





Year 7 Spanish Ancestry Trees

Classes 7Q and 7R have enjoyed researching their ancestry and creating family trees in Spanish. We have been learning the names of family members, and many pupils went above and beyond to find words such as "great-grandmother", "cousin twice removed" and "great uncle". Some pupils used Technology to create a labelled diagram, while others put their artistic skills to good use in outlining their families. Some traced their families back to different countries such as France and Spain, including the island of Tenerife. It was very difficult to choose, but congratulations to the overall winners:

7Q - Tayah Rautenbach and Anxo Garcia Missan

7R - Charles Hayden de Carbonnières and Ronnie Hurley-McQuitty

Runners up: Isabella Flint, Scarlett Keers, Ada Amiaka and Jacob Watkins

A selection of the family trees is on display in the classroom.



Year 7 Bubble Band

Every Thursday lunchtime Year 7 band rehearse in A10. They are currently preparing a performance for our forthcoming Christmas concert.

Well done to all of them for committing to the band!



Christmas in the Common Room

The Senior School staff have gotten into the Christmas spirit early this year!

They've become Santa's little helpers and decorated the common room to cheer everyone up and spread some festive spirit.



Safeguarding Corner

TikTok and what parents need to know:

It is fair to say that TikTok is currently one of the most commonly used Apps as teens across the world spend hours on the App every day and I felt it was important for you to know how the App works. I would like to draw your attention to the recent Panorama report on the BBC in November. Click <u>here</u> to watch the programme.



Food Bank Request:

Tens of thousands of people have been forced to rely on food banks due to the impact of COVID-19 and this problem may be closer than you think, even people who have never struggled to make ends meet may now be using food banks.

Cambridge House with help from the CCF have arranged a food bank collection on the week commencing Monday 7 until Friday 11 December. We would welcome any donations to one of the school's minibuses in the school car park between 7:45am and 8:15am. We are asking specifically for tinned fruit, tinned fish and meat or UHT milk. Any help would be welcomed.



Christmas trees to help the PTA fund! Support

The 1853 Society Parents' Association

This year treat the family to a beautiful, real Christmas tree delivered straight to your door.

Buy a Christmas tree through www.christmastreeexpress.co.uk this year and receive £5 off any tree and a further £5 will be donated to the school PTA! Please use the unique code below.

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From the Sport Department

Football

Year 8 Tournament

The U13A's went back on international duty working on 'pressing and triggers to press'.

The boys took on the information and executed very well in the session with great understanding.

One of the newer faces in the A team, Jairus Earl, stood out in his understanding of when to drop off and when to press. Josiah Manahan was very clinical in the final third when his team did press in areas whilst Freddie Fraser's work rate the right working back was outstanding. Oliver Stephens showed his excellent leadership characteristics communicating well in a Central Midfield role. Whilst on the opposite team Thomas Burgh got his defensive distances spot on to intercept some crucial balls throughout the session. This was an enjoyable afternoon for the U13A's durina their games afternoon session ready for their tournament again next week.

On the other pitch, domestic rivalry resumed for year 8. In a strange twist of leagues, Sheffield Wednesday played Chelsea and Jack Taylor opened the scoring for Sheffield Wednesday within a minute!

A bit of a goal fest ensued, with Matias Portman scoring from a corner and then again from open play, Jack Taylor bagging another and yet more coming from George Bullock (2), Johan Prinsloo, Ruben Easton and Abraham Kawa.

It as 9-1 at half-time, but with their spending power and a transfer window, Chelsea were able to recruit Jack and William Caldwell who had done such good work in defence for Wednesday and then turned this into dramatic attack for Chelsea, netting twice in quick succession. Jack bagged another brace for his new team and making a guest appearance, Jaiye Oduyemi also got in on the act, but it was too little, too late and Wednesday were 9-5 winners.

Most Valuable Player (MVP) Jack Taylor, Player of the Match (PoM) Will Caldwell.

Pupil Achievement

Congratulations to Reanna Blades who has been chosen to play for England Women Under 17 squad and is highlighting the importance of children playing sport during lockdown.

On top of playing for Chelsea and studying for her GCSEs, she has been coaching younger children in Academies towards football. Reanna appeared on the Telegraph newspaper for her amazing role in football. Click <u>here</u> to read the article in full.

We're very pleased to see the level of dedication she has in football and how she has made a positive impact towards helping younger children in sport.





From the Sport Department

Football

Year 9 Tournament

The U14's continued their Champions League tournament after their international break last week. There was a transfer window before the tournament with a few players being transferred across. The players transferred across included Hugo Byford, Sultanali Sultankulov, Jack Ryan and Roan Ecott. Along with that there was the introduction of 2 new star players Krishan Soni and Millie German. The games were very entertaining with plenty of action at both ends of the pitch. There were some incredible goals with Oliver Hampton scoring a great team goal for Liverpool after a 1-2 with Sultanali. However, in the same game the big summer signing for Juventus, Millie German, pulled off what you would call a 'worldie' when she struck a thunderbolt into the top corner to equalise and Juventus ended up winning that game 2-1.

Another contender of goal of the day came from captain of Real Madrid, Louis Le Gaillard, when he struck a perfectly timed volley into the top corner to snatch a 1-0 win against Liverpool. In an incredible turnaround from 2 weeks ago, PSG who came 5th last week took 1st place with 17pts, closely followed by Juventus who came 2nd. 3rd place fell to Barcelona this week who previously topped the group. Real Madrid finished 4th with 9pts and Liverpool finished 5th with 6pts.

Pictured are all the teams but the cameraman was not able to capture PSG (Blue's) due to their celebrations after winning on the day.



Key Diary Dates

Sunday 29 November

Monday 30 November

Tuesday 1 December

Friday 4 December

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Advent Service

Sixth Form Politics Conference

Year 7 Reade Breakfast with the Headmaster

Year 9 Elevate

Boarders' Christmas Celebration

Upcoming Parents' Evenings

Year 8	Wednesday 10 March 2021
Year 9	Tuesday 2 February 2021
Year 10	Thursday 10 December 2020



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