



Royal
Russell

Headmaster's Weekly Newsletter

16th December 2020

Dear Parents, Pupils and Friends,

This final week has seen a celebration of Christmas music which started at the Senior School Carol Service which was broadcast on Sunday evening and was followed by the Christmas Concert last night. Thank you to Mrs Ford, the music department and the media team for creating these events which were such a joyous retelling of the Christmas story and a wonderful way to complete the musical term.

As we met for our virtual Final Assembly this afternoon, I reflected on the hugely successful term for Royal Russell with impressive accomplishment, achievement and celebration in all areas of Royal Russell life. I took the opportunity to thank all of our staff for the magnificent way in which they have supported all of our pupils, and each other, in some very testing circumstances. Their time, expertise, care and guidance has led to progress with our learning and with our understanding, with our knowledge and our skills and particularly with our awareness of the needs of each other.

Today, we celebrated with Christmas lunches provided by our dedicated catering team who have looked after us all so well throughout the term and I thanked all of our support and operations teams for their work in keeping the School running smoothly and for ensuring we have all been safe and well looked after.

I thanked three leaving staff; English Teacher Miss Stuart, our Lead Nurse Mr Buckley and football coach Mr Mills for their amazing contributions to the School.

I also took time to thank and congratulate all of our pupils for all they have achieved and contributed. To Year 13 on their successful UCAS applications and to the Senior Prefect Team for all their leadership of our assemblies and for their representation of our student voice. Thank you also to Ella Westland and Zoya Lulu Kirmani for the Christmas edition of the '[Rogue](#)' Magazine which was produced and distributed this week.

Congratulations to Year 12 for starting their A level and BTEC courses so strongly; to Year 11 for negotiating the trial exam weeks so successfully; to Year 10 for working so hard at the start of their GCSE courses; to Year 9 for welcoming a new group of pupils and for helping them to settle so quickly; to Year 8 for your enthusiasm for learning in all your subjects and to Year 7 for being so successful with the way you have settled into new Royal Russell routines.



I am delighted that we have finished the term so strongly and so safely. In every area of the School we are seeing excellent achievements and, more importantly, happy and fulfilled young people making a positive contribution to this wonderful community. Thank you to all parents and friends for your support this term.


Beginning of Spring Term

We will be in contact in January with confirmation of any changes to the covid-safe arrangements for the beginning of term. The first day of teaching will be Thursday 7 January.

Christmas Holiday

Please note that the School Offices and Reception will be closed from 4.00pm on Wednesday 23 December through to 8.00am on Monday 4 January.

with very best wishes for a happy and relaxing Christmas and every success in 2021,



Chris Hutchinson

Headmaster

Headmaster's Breakfast

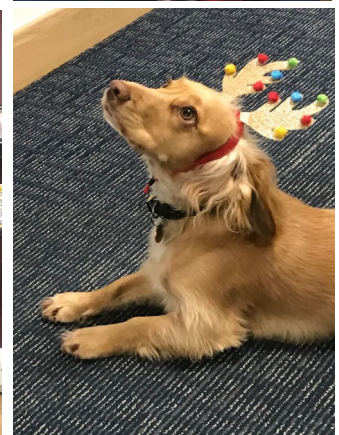
A hearty breakfast and a good conversation set the pupils up for the rest of the day and allows the Headmaster to get to know everyone as they embark on their Royal Russel journey.

Last Tuesday, Year 7s from St Andrew's House were welcomed to the new Dining Marquee to start their day with a delicious breakfast with the Headmaster.

They enjoyed getting to know each other and the Headmaster better.



Santa Hutchinson and his Little Helpers!



House Christmas Competition Results

Please thank your tutees for an amazing selection of Christmas competition entries. We have displayed photos of many of the entries on the windows of P12 for everyone to enjoy. After careful deliberation and marking we have narrowed down our finalists to those that scored an A* for their submitted work. This included the planning, description, annotated drawing, photos of the preparation and their actual decoration.

We have averaged the points scored and the HOUSE RESULTS are as follows:

Results	House	Points
1st place	QUEENS	30
2nd place	OXFORD	28
3rd place	HOLLENDEN	27.5
	BUCHANAN	26
	CAMBRIDGE	26
	KEABLE	26
	ST ANDREWS	26
	READE	26
	MADDEN	25



Hollenden House

Each girl from Hollenden house drew their Christmas tree and Ms BW glued them all together to create the lovely Christmas bigger tree!



Buchanan House

Year 7 Buchanan House saying goodbye to 2020 and wishing everyone a Happy Christmas!



Reade House

Year 7 Reade House saying goodbye to 2020 and wishing everyone a Happy Christmas!



Queen's House

Year 7 Queen's House saying goodbye to 2020 and wishing everyone a Happy Christmas!



Oxford House

Year 7 Oxford House saying goodbye to 2020 and wishing everyone a Happy Christmas!



Madden House

Year 7 Madden House saying goodbye to 2020 and wishing everyone a Happy Christmas!



Cambridge House

Year 7 Cambridge House saying goodbye to 2020 and wishing everyone a Happy Christmas!



Keable House

Year 7 Keable House saying goodbye to 2020 and wishing everyone a Happy Christmas!



St Andrew's House

Year 7 St Andrew's House saying goodbye to 2020 and wishing everyone a Happy Christmas!



Food Bank

From Monday 7th to Friday 11th December, a group of senior CCF cadets braved the cold, foggy weather to stand out in the car park with Mr McKenna from 7:30 until 8:30 in the morning, waiting for food donations.

This event occurs every year around Christmas time so that the Royal Russell community can help to support local families struggling at Christmas. It was great to see both Junior and Senior parents and pupils donating a wide range of non-perishable food. A HUGE thank you to everyone who contributed.



Christmas Concert

The informal Christmas concert has provided some much needed Christmas spirit at this time of year. However, this year it has had to be a virtual affair, but that would not stop the tradition of terrible jokes and kazoo renditions of popular Christmas carols.

Produced by a small group of Year 10 students, the concert was filmed over the course of a couple joy-filled days, and masterfully edited by Sam Stealey, who worked his magic throughout an interminable number of computer bugs to bring the concert to our screens.



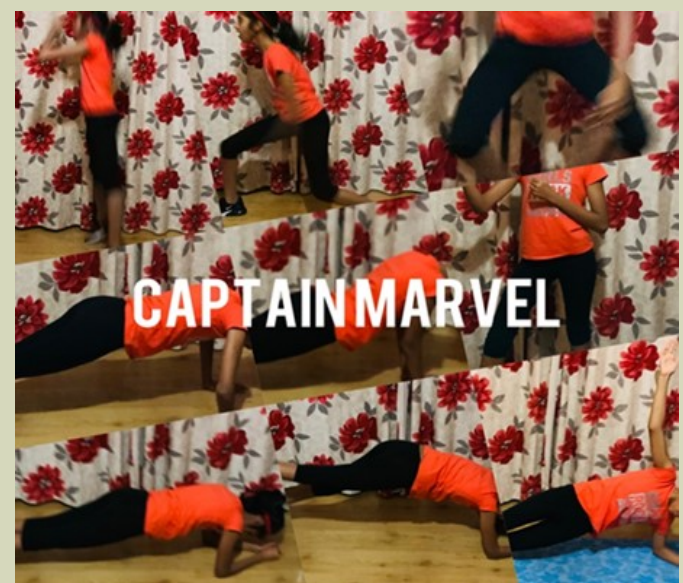
An enjoyable time was had by all involved in performing their brilliant pieces, and displaying the undeniably brilliant talent of our music community. The credit and thanks for this wondrous event must be handed to the admirable hard work and tremendous skill of our performers and the music staff, without whom this event would not be possible.





PE @ Home

Year 7 & 8



From the Sport Department

U12's Football

A brilliant result for the year 7 boys in their second game of the season in beating the hosts Sutton Grammar 10-1!

Loads of fantastic football coming from the boys with a positive start, at half time the score was 5-1 and the goal scorers were Harvey-Wright Phillips 2, Evan Newman, Dylan De gale and Tom Scarles.

In the second half the boys went into the game with a strong mentality and trying to stay composed and not get carried away, the scorers from the second half were Zachary Brennan 2, Dylan De Gale, Harvey-Wright Phillips and Tom Scarles.

The win against Sutton Grammar was all down to teamwork, determination and courage. The boys have been on fire lately and been playing to an excellent standard and the future is looking promising. It was great to have a second fixture and hopefully many more in the future.

By Zachary Brennan, Captain

U14's Football

U14's finished off their 2 week tournament in style with some great games. Some turnaround results!

Beautiful sky overlooking Royal Russell whilst the U14's play out their games.

Barcelona who were top from last week were missing star man Emeka Peters through injury as well as Oliver Hampton. PSG, who were placed 2nd, also had a key player missing in Adeniyi. With plenty of players missing for various reasons everything was to play for.

On the day, Bayern Munich topped the league with 10pts with Captain Ethan Brown leading the line with 4 goals on the day. Closely followed by Juventus and this led to a very close standing at the top of the overall table. With only 4 points splitting the top 4 teams (1 point each).

Marseille finished bottom despite the efforts of George Burrows and Lorcan Oliver chipping in with 2 goals each.

Then it was PSG in 4th who played Barcelona in the 3rd and 4th place play off.

Juventus and Bayern Munich played out the final in a closely contested game which was won by a goal from Kishan Soni. This game came to an end when Kishan was sent through on goal with a great finish across the GK and

Captain Ethan Brown lifting the trophy (The ball)!

Despite his team coming bottom on the day 'Isheanopa Hunidzarira' was voted player of the tournament as well as picking up the top goal scorer award with a total of 6 goals (Pictured receiving his award with Mr Saraiva).



Key Diary Dates

Wednesday 16th December

Christmas Jumper Day for Year 7,8 ,9, 10

Wednesday 16th December

Final Assembly

Wednesday 16th December

Year 11 Reade Breakfast : Marquee

Wednesday 16th December

End of Term

Upcoming Parents' Evenings

Year 8

Wednesday 10 March 2021

Year 9

Tuesday 2 February 2021

Year 11

Thursday 21 January 2021

Year 12

Thursday 25 February 2021



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