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The Week @NotreDameCobham

Bring flowers of the rarest!

This year, Notre Dame celebrates 80 years in Cobham. Year 7 took part in a traditional May celebration called a 'Marian Procession' to honour the namesake of our dear school. It is often done in churches and schools all around the world with different customs depending on the country. In the UK it is popular for students to bring in flowers and to scatter petals as a procession makes its way to crown a statue with the image of Mary. This is accompanied with readings and singing. Each girl received a Miraculous Medal to remind her of

the day. Thank you to Fr John who presided at our service and Roisin M who sang a solo of Schubert's 'Ave Maria'. The focus was heavily placed on Mary's role as the first and loyal disciple of Jesus as well as her Motherly protection.

Mr Newman, Head of Theology.



Chaplain's Corner—
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In the face of tragedy, it can be hard to find anything positive and easy to lose sight of hope. However, it has

been heart-warming to hear stories from Manchester this week of people in the city pulling together to bring help and consolation whether directly affected by the disaster or not. For us as a school, it was sobering to think that had the venue been in London, some of our families could have been injured and bereaved and that sense of identification has led to gratitude for our lives and those in them, as well as holding in prayer those caught up in the tragedy. The old maxim of never letting the sun go down on an argument seems even more poignant when we read of families who said goodbye to their teenagers who never returned. Hundreds of families worldwide live with this reality on a daily basis whether through famine or war but this catastrophe happening so close to home has somehow made the reality sharper. So let's be grateful for those in our lives, bear with those who frustrate and annoy us, be gracious towards those with whom we disagree and hold a little tighter those we love and cherish while we can.

Ephesians 1:16 'I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers'



Mrs Harrison, Chaplain

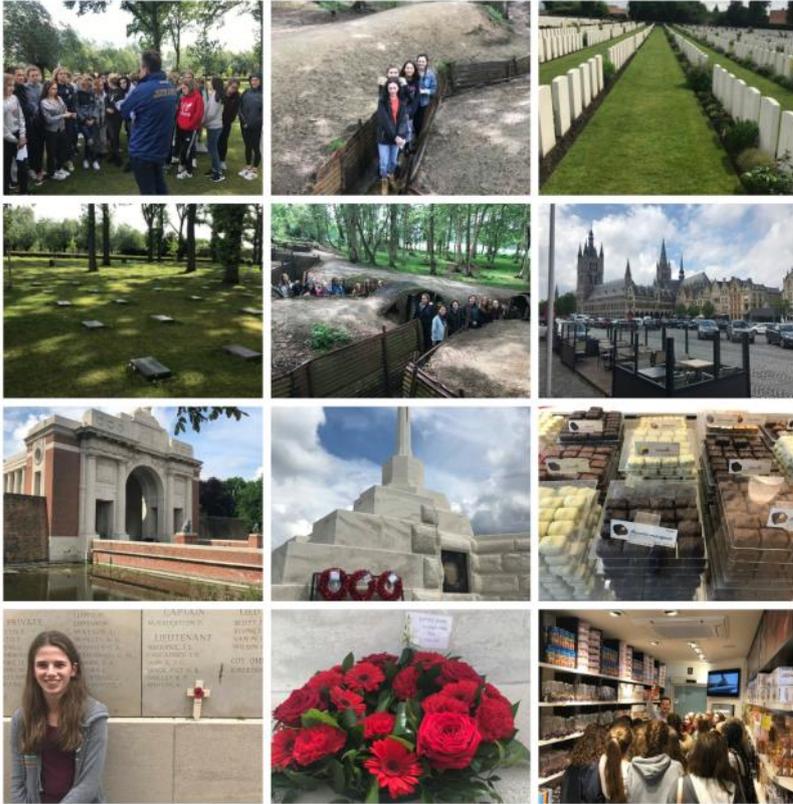
New Bus Routes!

We are delighted to announce...from September, We will be running a shuttle bus from Walton Station twice in the mornings and once in the afternoons. We will also be offering a route from Leatherhead, Bookham and Effingham.





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 Year 9 History Trip to Ypres



On Friday 19th May Year 9 travelled to Ypres to visit the battlefields of the First World War. The girls travelled by ferry to Calais and then travelled to Sanctuary Wood where they had the opportunity to walk through some of the reserve trenches. They were able to gain an insight into what conditions must have been like for the soldiers and to see the nature of trench warfare. The girls then visited the town of Ypres and the Menin Gate Memorial to the Missing. 90,000 men were never found or identified in the Ypres area during the course of the war and the gate bears the names of 34,000 of the missing men. It is a beautiful site and an area that all soldiers passed through on their way to the front line. We were able to find the name of one great great grandfather and lay a cross in memory of his life. Ypres also has many great chocolate shops and the girls were able to visit one and make several purchases. We then visited Tyne Cot, the largest cemetery for Commonwealth forces in the world, where there are 11,968 graves. 70% of those graves are of soldiers who are unidentified and marked as 'Known unto God' or 'A soldier of the Great War.' At Tyne Cot the girls worked in groups to find the graves of 10 men from the local area including the grave of Arthur Charles Brooke Tubbs, who was born in the living quarters attached to the stables which are now the Sixth Form Centre at Notre Dame. He lived with his parents and his younger brother on the Burwood Estate and would have once played in the fields of what are now our school grounds. He was killed at Sanctuary Wood aged 19 just two weeks before his twentieth birthday. It was at his grave that Mrs Carter led a beautiful service of remembrance to all those men who lost their lives. We laid a wreath on behalf of the school and it was a very moving experience for all involved. We then travelled to Langemark, a German cemetery. Langemark marked a contrast with the Tyne Cot which was designed to be like an idyllic English country garden with its pretty flowers, manicured lawns and pristine white grave stones. Langemark has a mass grave of 24,917 German soldiers. All the individual

grave stones are black and lay flat on the ground and there is a line of tall dark trees. Four bronze figures stand in front of the mass grave. The trip was an incredibly thought-provoking experience and the girls behaviour was exemplary throughout the day. Thank you to the girls for being so respectful and well-behaved and to all the staff who accompanied the girls.

Mrs Ha



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Good luck Year 13!

Yesterday, we said farewell to our wonderful Year 13 as they begin their study leave for the final set of exams at Notre Dame!

We wish them all the best in their A2 exams and every success in the future!

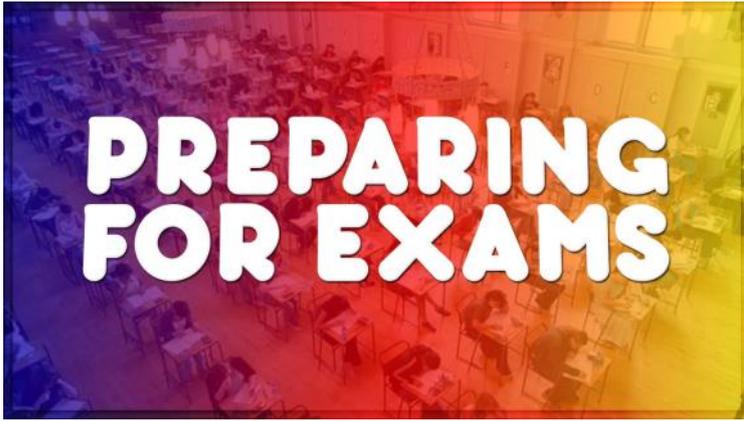


Nursery Circus Clowns!

Nursery have been doing circus theme activities in the afternoon. Here are their circus muffin-day clown masks!



Getting ready for school exam week



The senior school girls have been busy preparing for the school's exam week which takes place immediately after the half term break (June 6th- June 10th). All the revision lists for each subject, as well as a guide on how best to revise, are on Firefly under the heading 'exam revision'. To provide our Year 7 with a little extra help we issued them with a revision booklet prior to the Easter holidays and they have attended a 'how to revise' session on 22nd March. The girls should use the revision lists to guide their revision. Whilst they have been completing revision in school and for homework, girls should continue their revision throughout the half term holiday. We would advise not more than 3 hours of revision in any one day at Year 7-9, and that revision is most effective when broken into 45 minute sessions. It is helpful if during those 45 minutes, distractions are minimised, so revision should take place in a room without a mobile phone or television. If music is on in the background the girls are likely to start recalling the lyrics and this can distract their focus from the learning.

The girls have been taught that the best revision is usually active, including tasks such as making mind maps, preparing flash cards and practising questions, rather than simply reading a textbook or copying out their notes. Images are more easily remembered than text and so it is better to link text to small pictures or doodles when making revision notes. Similarly, girls should use lots of colour in their revision notes as it makes the information more memorable. Employing more than one revision strategy will prevent the girls from becoming bored and so it is better to use a variety of approaches. In Lower School pupils' work and textbooks are sufficient for revision purposes and commercially available guide books are not necessary.

The key to learning something is repetition. Eighty percent of new learning is lost within 24 hours if the brain does not revisit the material. This is where a parent or a kind sibling can be of help. Parents can test their daughters on what they have learnt and this provides a useful check on whether the information is being retained. After a couple of days, girls should go back to the topic and look through it again. Small rewards and plenty of praise for completing periods of revision can also incentivise the girls to adopt good revision habits.

Anxiety can be an impediment to examination success and exercise and a healthy diet will help lower stress levels. Girls will also need a good night's sleep before their examinations and they should not be revising late into the night, as this is counterproductive. Keeping the examinations in perspective

and providing reassurance will help the girls face the examinations with confidence. We do not issue examination results during exam week as we wish the girls to focus on their next exam, rather than dwell on any mistakes they have made. Once exams week has concluded staff will then provide detailed feedback to their classes on how the papers were marked and advice on how to improve. Parents will be informed of examination results via the end of year school report.

The purpose of the examinations is partly to assess pupil progress and also to provide valuable experience of sitting examinations. As with any skill pupils become better at preparing for and completing examinations with practice. Unlike the public examinations, internal examinations take place within the normal school classrooms. Within Lower School (Years 7-9) the examinations are not our only means of assessing girls' progress, we also analyse their work throughout the year. The summer reports and any setting decisions will reflect this holistic approach to assessment.

Internal examinations are an important part of the learning process for the girls and will give them valuable experience for when they sit public examinations higher up the school. At Notre Dame we pride ourselves on the level of care and support we provide for our pupils and are convinced that this nurturing approach produces the best academic outcomes for the girls.

Mr Coackley

Year 6 Mathematicians

Over the past couple of weeks, Year 6 have been looking at area and perimeter in mathematics. Red Set were set the task of designing and then building their own 5* hotels. There were set rules in place and our mini-architects had to decide which rooms would yield the greatest profit. The competition was closer than ever this year, with the difference between first place and fifth place being a mere £400, but congratulations go to our winning team of Daisy P, Katie K, Maddy S and Costanza D.



Mr Power



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■ Prep News

■ Music Technology



Mr Flaherty is offering Music Technology to pairs of girls in Years 3 to 6 on a carousel basis. There will be additional spaces available in September. Please see Mrs Shaw for an application form.

■ Year 1 Music Workshop with Glenesk School

On the afternoon of Tuesday 6th June, Glenesk Year 1 pupils will be joining our own Year 1 girls for an afternoon of musical activities at Notre Dame.

The afternoon will culminate in a performance by the pupils in the theatre. Year 1 parents are welcome to attend this special event.

Please join us at 3.00pm in the theatre. The performance will start promptly at 3.10pm and finish at 3.30pm. Please park in Car Park 1 and we will then dismiss as normal from the playground after the girls have returned to class to collect their belongings.

■ Faith and Music Assemblies

These are an opportunity for girls to perform for the school and their parents in a faith setting connected with our Floricer themes. Girls will hear more about how this is going to happen in their lessons with Mrs Shaw. Assemblies are at 9am when the chapel doors open to parents but girls will need to be in the chapel with their instruments at 8:30am.

- Year 3's Faith and Music Assembly will be taking place on Friday 9 June.
- 6M's Faith and Music Assembly will be taking place on Friday 16 June.

Mrs Shaw

■ Senior News

■ Violin Buddies

These two year 7 students both started violin in year 2 and have made brilliant progress ever since.

They both have lessons with Mrs Keeley and have progressed through the ABRSM grades, recently passing grade 4 with

identical marks! The similarities don't end there, as they each gained identical marks when completing their grade 3 last year. They sit next to each other in orchestra and have music theory lessons together. It just goes to show how new friendships can be made when you take up a musical instrument or join an ensemble. Keep up the good work girls!



■ Summer Concert

The senior school concert for this year is on Wednesday 5th July 2017. The evening, entitled 'Music for a Summer Evening', will begin at 7.00pm with Pimm's on the lawn followed by the music concert in the Chapel starting at 7:30pm. The concert will feature music by the chamber choir, Notre Dame Singers, senior school orchestra and selected soloists and will run for just over an hour. Please try to keep the date free in your diaries and I look forward to seeing you then.

Mr Black

■ Whole School News

Soirees

These are informal concerts featuring performances given by students of our visiting instrumental teachers. Most begin at 4.10pm and will last for less than an hour, here is a list our concert dates:

Date	Instrument + teacher	Venue
June 12 th	Piano pupils of Mr Lane and prep singers with Miss Treharne Year 7 & below	Lytton Parlour at 4.10pm
June 16 th	Piano pupils of Mrs Birchall and Mrs French	Lytton Parlour at 4.10pm
June 19 th	Senior Singing pupils of Miss Treharne Year 8 and up	Lytton Parlour at 4.10pm
June 20 th	Flute pupils of Miss Porter	Chapel at 4.10pm
June 21 st	Saxophone and Clarinet pupils of Mrs Andrews	Prep Music Room at 4.10pm
June 27 th	Guitar students of Mr Mitchell	Chapel at 2.10pm
June 28 th	Cello and recorder students of Mrs Walker	Chapel at 4.10pm
July 3 rd	Brass and Piano (Mr Maxwell)	Chapel at 4.10pm
July 6 th	Violin pupils of Mrs Keeley	Chapel at 4.10pm



DRAMA

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■ Prep

Alice rehearsals are well under way.....!

Year 6, keep learning those lines over half term. You are doing brilliantly and I am thrilled with the progress we are making.

Miss Fletcher



Senior

The Firework Maker's Daughter – Rehearsals start up again after exam week.

After last week's exciting Inter-House Drama Festival, some of our very talented lower school actors will be treading the boards again at the end of June in this year's Lower School Play, *The Firework Maker's Daughter*. Mrs Treherne will be starting to costume the cast shortly, Miss Gilhespie will be planning the set and lighting and Miss Graham and Miss Simpson would like to remind the cast that rehearsals will commence again after exam week on Monday 12th June. We know you will be busy with your examination revision during half-term, but if you get the chance, please try to have a look through your script to prepare you for the final busy weeks before the production. The dates for your diary for the two performances are Thursday 29th and Friday 30th June at 7:00pm in the Montaigne Theatre.

Miss Graham

endpapers of the book into the whole story and use font and colour to portray emotions. We had some brilliant discussions about the use of repetition, rhyme and questions to involve readers in the plot.

This examination of quality books sparked some simply wonderful ideas and we can't wait to see what the girls produce. Watch this space for award winners of the future!

Mrs Thompson

Senior Library News

Year 7 Library Poetry Project

This term, Year 7 have been busy working on their poetry projects and despite the June 16th deadline, we have had some fantastic work handed in already!



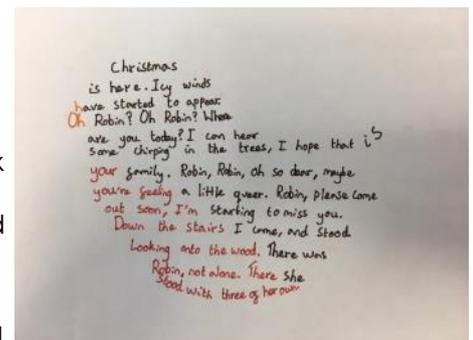
As part of the project, students are exploring different types of poetry; will identify key poetic terms; analyse different types of poem and create an anthology of their favourite poems. Lastly they will be writing a poem of their own based on specific themes.

Of worthy mention so far is a very imaginative project by Lotty G.

Inspired by memories of Christmas Day at her Grandma's house, she designed a sizeable Aga and filled it with parchment paper displaying her favourite poems, as well as her own, 'Christmas Time', which combines the themes of love, war, food and forgiveness.



Amy T produced another excellent project and for her anthology chose some lovely poems such as the three lined 'Water Trough' by Ai Li; 'The reflection in the water really does make it look like the horse is drinking sky!' She also produced this fantastic shape poem:



We will be displaying all of the poetry projects in the Library and prizes will be awarded for the best projects in each English/Library class from week beginning 19th June.

Book Awards

Well done to Alicia W from Year 8 who has completed her reading passport and received a Book Award.

Mrs Finch



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Prep Library News

Author Visit

We are all very much looking forward to the visit by children's author Tracey Corderoy to our Pre-Prep and Year 3 pupils on Tuesday 13th June. All parents of children involved in the event will now have received a letter giving details of the visit and an order form should you wish to purchase copies of Tracey's books for signing on the day.



The last day for ordering books was today, Friday 26th May, however I will not be placing the order until Tuesday 30th May so you have the weekend to submit orders via Firefly if you have forgotten to do so already.

Year 6 Picture Book Project

The girls in Year 6 are planning to produce their own picture books so this week Red set have spent some time analysing what makes a picture book work well. A happy time was spent poring over the latest award winners in the library. They realised how much these books can differ and the importance of creating something both visually appealing and with a text that engages young readers. We discussed how illustrators can incorporate the



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Yr3 Rounders v Downsend

Well done to the Yr3 girls who had their second rounders match on Friday 19th May. The girls showed huge improvement from their first match, fielding with precision as well as scoring those vital ½ rounders. It was wonderful to see how much the girls have learnt and their ability to apply this to a competitive game. The A Team drew 12-12, B team had a narrow loss 8-9 ½. Players of the match went to Rachel and Charlotte.



CLFS Tennis Festival U8-U11

Well done to all the girls who took part in the CLFS Tennis Festival on Monday. It was a glorious day for the girls to play in a friendly tournament. ND girls from Years 3-6 took part, showing huge progression in their tennis across all the games.



U11 Rounders v Halstead

Well done to the U11 girls who played great rounders against Halstead on Tuesday. The girls' fielding was to the highest standard, making many catches and stumpings! Unfortunately the girls were unable to score the rounders, which led to some very narrow losses. A team lost 4-5, Mabel got player. B Team lost 13-14 Sophie K got player and C team lost 5- 5 ½ with Dina getting player of the match.



Guildford and District Schools Athletics

On Wednesday a team of 30 ND girls went to represent the school at the District Athletics competition, consisting of 14 schools. It was a hot day, which created an extra challenge! The ND girls were very sensible, applying sun cream as well as ensuring they were in the shade throughout the day. The girls performed above and beyond in all events, from the throwing to jumping, middle distance and sprints. Each sprint has a heat, and then a final. All girls qualified for the finals, which gave us good promise for a fantastic result.

Team results;

Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Holy Trinity 1 st	GHS- 1 st 206 points	ND- 1 st
ND- 2 nd	ND- 2 nd 205 points	GHS- 2 nd
Claremont - 3 rd	Halstead- 3 rd	St Catherine's -3 rd

Overall Results

1 st - GHS 667 Points
2 nd - Notre Dame 617 Points
3 rd - St Catherine's 587 points
4 th - Holy Trinity
5 th - Halstead
6 th - Tornead

Notre Dame won the Small Schools Competition

AND

The Squadron Relay Trophy, where one girl from each age group competed in a relay.



Mrs Jones, Mr Parsons and I couldn't be happier for all the girls who took part and we are very proud of the way they performed and competed throughout the day. Notre Dame girls were also spoken very high of, as they helped members of staff running events.

I am awaiting the individual results confirmation but will award their ribbons on Friday.

Fixtures after half term

- Monday 5th June – Annual Relay Run Yr3-6 4:20pm @ ND
- Tuesday 6th June- Nursery Sports Day 10:30am
- U10/U11 Surrey League Tennis v St Georges @ ND
- Friday 8th June- U10/ U11 Rounders v Westward School 2:00pm
- Monday 12th June – U10 + U11 Tennis/ Rounders v MHS @ ND
- Tuesday 13th June- U10 A and B Rounders v St Catherine's @ ND 4:30pm
- Wednesday 13th June- U8 A and B Rounders v St Georges AWAY 4:20pm

[Prep Fixtures Calendar](#)

Mrs Purgavie

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Rounders

U12 A & B v Manor House



Notre Dame U12 A and B rounders teams played their first matches of the season against Manor House on Monday. Both teams played really well with fantastic final results. The A team won 18 rounders – 6 ½ rounders. The B team won 23 rounders – 4 ½ rounders. Great matches girls, well done!

U12 v Claremont

U12 had great matches v Claremont with a win for U12A 23.5-8.5 and win for CFC B 11-10.5!



U15 v Prior's Field

U15 rounders teams great games v Prior's Field in sunshine with loss 15-8.5 for A's and win for B's 9-8.5! MVP's Emma and Emanuela

U13 A, B & C Rounders v St Catherine's



Notre Dame's U13 A, B and C rounders teams played against St Catherine's on Wednesday. All teams played very well. The A team won 13 – 4 rounders. The B team lost 15 ½ – 6 rounders. The C team lost 14 – 5 rounders. Good matches girls, well done!

Athletics

Congratulations to four of our athletes who have been selected to represent North East Surrey at the Surrey Schools' Athletics Championships on Saturday 10th June at Kingsmeadow Stadium. Caitlin P has been selected for the JG 75m Hurdles, Tara B and Anna G for the JG 200m and Pippa E for the IG 80m Hurdles. We wish them well and look forward to hearing how they get on.



Pippa is Going for Gold in France!

Pippa has also been selected to represent England in the International Schools Federation World Schools Track & Field Cup in Nancy, France from Sat 24th June – Friday 30th June. Pippa is one of six athletes to be chosen to complete in the 10 events! Good luck Pippa!



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Mrs Marsh



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EARLY YEARS (NDEY)



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The Clever Caterpillar Class concluded their learning journey of Mini Beasts with a butterfly, having completed The Life Cycle of the Butterfly activities and watching it happen for real in class!



Movie Night

This was another great success, raising **£514** profit. The girls loved watching Moana and Maleficent whilst crunching pop-corn and slurping slush puppies! Thank you to Ivan GB, our projectionist extraordinaire and to all the mums who helped to make it such a success. *Sarah Wilson*



Please continue to purchase on-line via Easyfundraising
Current amount of supporters: **67**
Donations to date: **£806.06**

Daddy / Daughter Campout!

Friday 7th July from 3.00pm!

- Tickets from £25
- Open to years 1 - 6
- Price includes an evening meal, ice-cream and breakfast on Saturday morning
- Fire pits allowed
- Note: cars will not be permitted on the field
- No tent building service offered this year

Who... Loves to Camp?

Year 6 – come and celebrate the end of prep school at the campout!

KITCHEN CORNER

Congratulations to Mandy and her wonderful catering team who have just been inspected by the EHO and retained the **5* rating.**

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DATES FOR THE DIARY

- 3 June** FoND Bikeability 8.45am—3pm **Prep**
- 5—9 June** Senior Exam Week **Snr**
- 6 June** Nursery Sports Day 10—11am **NDEY**
Y1 Music Workshop with Glenesk: parents welcome 3pm **Prep**
- 7—8 June** Year 4 Camp Out **Prep**
- 8 June** Year 1 to Guildford Museum **Prep**
- 9 June** 3P & 3S Faith & Music Assembly 9—9.30am **Prep**
- 12 Jun** Y12 Higher Education Day **ND6**
- 13-16 June** German residential trip **Senior**
- 13 June** Prep Author Visit **Prep**
Year 3 & 4 LAMDA showcase 4.15—6pm **Prep**
- 14 June** LAMDA examinations **Prep**
RAD ballet exams
Y6 French Trip Information Meeting 4-5pm **Prep (Y5)**
- 15 June** Whole school open evening & art exhibition
4.30—6.30pm **School**
- 16 June** 6MP Faith & Music Assembly 9—9.30am **Prep**
- 16-19 June** Y12 Geography Fieldtrip **ND6**
- 17 June** Summer Fete 12—4pm **School**
- 19 June** Y7 Natural History Museum **Snr**
Y5 PGL Trip Parent Meeting 4—5pm **Prep (Y4)**
- 20 June** Y7 Theology Trip **Snr**
- 21 June** Y7 Dover Castle History Trip **Snr**
- 22 June** Y5&6 Performance of Alice in Wonderland to Parents
7pm **Prep**
- 23-26 June** Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 PGL Trip **Snr**
- 23 June** 3P & 3S Class Assembly 9—9.30am **Prep**
- 26 June** Prep Sports Day **Prep**
- 27 June** Y5 & 6 LAMDA showcase 4.15—5.30pm **Prep**
- 29 June** Prep First Holy Communion Mass (10:30) & Lunch **Prep**
Lower School Play Performance **7—9pm Snr**
- 30 June** Senior Sports Day at Spectrum, Guildford **Snr**
- 4 July** Infant (Rec, Y1&2) trip to Discovery Centre, Bracknell **Prep**
Y13 Leavers' Mass & Dinner 5.30—10.30pm **ND6**
- 5 July** Year 6 Ceremony of Achievement 11—1.30pm **Prep**
Senior Summer Concert 7pm Pimms on the lawn **Snr**
- 7 July** Senior Prize Giving 10.30—12.30pm **Snr**
Daddy/Daughter Campout from 3pm **Prep**

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