



# Newsletter

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Dear Parent / Guardian,

## House system – What have we been up to?

We now have our first House Emblems designed by students. These have been digitally enhanced thanks to the help of Holly Weston and Mrs Weston, so that they can be featured on various House items. House Flags have arrived and will be displayed for the winning House each week outside the reception starting Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018.

We have a new House display in the reception to show visually which House is winning. We've taken our first House 'family' photos together and these are displayed on our new House boards in the reception.

Postcards and letters outlining the hard work of students in a particular subject have been sent enabling successes to be shared with parents/carers.

This half term 41 students have won a breakfast with SLT for having the highest number of points for Attitude to Learning and Progress. This involves a pastry and hot drink whilst members of SLT have shared the reasons why they received points from staff.

We have regular House Assemblies each half term, where students are able to discuss House tactics and celebrate House specific success. House Point certificates are awarded for reaching the milestones Bronze (50), Silver (100), Gold (150) and Platinum (200).

We have had an incredible number of points awarded by staff since the start of the new school year. The breakdown can be seen below:

Uniform and Equipment – 1,239  
Extra-Curricular – 8,680  
Sustained Excellence – 2,388  
School Motto – 2,351  
Progress – 10,058  
Growth Mindset – 1,931  
Positive Attitudes to learning – 13,676  
House/Subject competition points 2,250  
Total number of House Points awarded = 42,573

## Whole School Celebration Assembly Autumn Term

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2018 we held our first Whole School Celebration Assembly to celebrate students' hard work over the last 14 weeks.

Points have been awarded for acts of kindness, teamwork, extra-curricular activities, progress, sustained excellence, growth mind-set, attitude to learning and having the correct equipment and uniform. Students have been awarded these points in lessons and around school.

We have also held House/Subject Competitions for opportunities to earn more points in; Languages Bake Off, Inter-form Netball, Pink Day, Senior Maths Challenge, School Play Competition, Periodic Table Competition, World War One anniversary, ICT Python Coding weekly, Designing Fantasy Jewellery, Economic Challenges and the Winter Fair.

For every 10 House Points students were given a raffle for their chance to win a £10 voucher of their choice. The 3 winners for KS3 and KS4 were announced. KS5 will be announced and certificates awarded in an assembly after Christmas. The next chance to win vouchers will be towards the end of the spring term.

In the run up to the assembly the departments of Rugby High School had to pick one student from each year group who had shown 'Exceptional Attitude to Learning'. We also introduced the Head Teacher Award, where form tutors nominated students for their 'Exceptional Contribution to Rugby High School', and one winner from each year was picked. The winners were announced by SLT where they stood up to be recognised for their achievements and were awarded certificates.

## Autumn Term Winners

Year	English	Drama	ICT	Art	Textiles	Business	PRS	Music
7	Milly Gallacher	Sophie Costa	Priya Lovell	Sophia Wilk	NA	NA	Sophia Chowdry	Tabitha Kimberley
8	Kiera Barnes	Anna Flynn	Hamsi Nishanehan	Morgan Brand	Danielle Zeini	NA	Nakshatra Narayanan	Macey Quinn
9	Elise Scotney	Edie Fenson	Diya Modi	Heidi Waters	Kiya Bhatia	NA	Sakeenah Alam	Rachel Stephens
10	Felicity Cooksey	Priye Sikabofori	Julia Redfern	Elodie Mills	Jessica Batchelor	Jessica Bryn	Imogen Day	NA
11	Chloe Streeter	Lila Hassan	Vicky Holmes	Ashley Parsons	Amelia Dickens	Bria Smith	Delphi Fothergill	Amelia Thompson

Year	Science	Biology	Chemistry	Physics	History	PE	Food
7	Riya Paul	NA	NA	NA	Daya Ojla	Daisy York	NA
8	Jess Naylor	NA	NA	NA	Millie Machin	Lucy Sharman	Nelina Baker
9	Emma Hayman	NA	NA	NA	Heather Dargie	Rhiannon Wooding	Elena Ridges
10	Madeleine Lear	Ellen Morley	Samudi Wickramaratne	Hollie Wiseman	Dhruvika Talati	Tally Faupel	Hannah Ashley
11	Amy Murphy	Storm McCarthy	Rebecca Williams	Lola Zukhurova	Elise Richardson	Sophie Chohan	Rohini Neelakantan

Year	Spanish	French	Latin	Maths	PSHE	Geography
7	Annabel Crees	Millie Rogers	Sophie Robinson	Sophia Dixon	Nosang Lawati	Mithra Suresh
8	Priya Barhey	Saranya Vasudev	Beth Rodley	Lucy Gray	Tvisha Bhatt	Emily Stitson
9	Akshya Subramanian	Eloise Marshall	Claudia Pyne	Madeleine Fletcher	Lana Penney	Vinuki Tilakaratne
10	Eleanor Hague	Olivia Browne	Elle Hardy	Ana Moisa	NA	Sonia Ahmed
11	Holly Smith	Maria Botros	Anna Cox	Sunita Garg	NA	Reeyan Patel

## Head teacher Award

Year 7 - Neve Langeveld  
 Year 8 - Elizabeth Hooton  
 Year 9 - Olivia Aram  
 Year 10 - Grace Milsom  
 Year 11 - Sarah Kelly

# House Prize

We also announced the winner of First House Prize, to watch the Greatest Showman with popcorn on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> January

1<sup>st</sup> Place - Hepworth 11,444 points



2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Sharman 10,901 points



3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Ryder 10,709 points



4<sup>th</sup> Place - Glennie 9,519 points



Each House Prize is won based on points earned in one term, enabling all Houses the opportunity to win. The next House Prize will be announced just before Easter.

## Foundation Day

The splendour of Foundation Day returned once again as we celebrated the achievements of our upper school and sixth form, and unfortunately the life of one of our beloved Rugby High girls. Ophelia Clarke was recently taken from us and, although everyone is distressed by this tragic event, we tried not to dwell on the sadness of her loss but remembered the wonderful and cheerful person she was through tributes from some of her teachers and close friends. Ella, Becky, Hannah and Kelsee expressed the very fondest of memories of her and showed those who were not fortunate enough to know her just how kind and caring she was.



The afternoon continued with the presentation of GCSE and A Level certificates. The Year 11s and 13s of last year returned to celebrate the endless hours of hard work, blood, sweat and tears that went into gaining these qualifications.

There were inspiring speeches from the head girl teams of new and old and the presentation of the House shield to Sharman House (GO SHARMAN!). This year's guest speaker was District Judge Louise McCabe, a previous student who gave a motivating speech on fighting for equality.

After a beautiful musical performance from Rebecca Clarke and Millie Thompson, the whole school stood to sing the dreaded anthem. Despite the strange lyrics and excruciatingly high notes, all members of the Rugby High family learn to love the school anthem and it was great fun to perform it all together. Overall, it was a day of success tinged with sorrow, and one that will be remembered for a long time.

*Elise Scotney, Year 9*

## New Heights Magazine

You will find the 2017/2018 edition of our school magazine, New Heights, attached to this newsletter. Please enjoy reading about the happenings in our school community over the last academic year. Thank you to all the contributors!

# Christmas at Rugby High School

Over this last week of the term nearing Christmas, there have been many old and new events occurring such as Foundation Day, Christmas classrooms, Sixth Form entertainment, Christmas dinners and for the first time, a Celebration Assembly for students in Year 7 to 11 at the end of this term.



Christmas classrooms is a competition where each form class chooses a theme to decorate their form room. The judges are guided through the classrooms, usually following an interesting Christmas story, so that they can make their decision on which form from each year group had the best classroom; this is based on teamwork, planning, music etc. This year, there were many unique themes where the judges had to smell and taste different things to discover 'who stole the mince pies' and a tropical Christmas in which the judges were offered fruity mocktails and watched the form perform Shakira's 'Waka Waka (this time for Africa)!' Other themes included a Harry Potter classroom which consisted of a dance number, Hogwarts students being sorted by the Sorting Hat and most importantly, Mr Phillips and Ms Vann dressed up in elaborate costumes!

Christmas classrooms is always exciting when making decorations, thinking of out of the box ideas and working together with your form for a fun and festive way to end the year before the holidays.



The festivities continued with the Christmas dinners on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. The catering staff, once again, produced a lovely Christmas dinner followed by a choice of pavlova or chocolate cake for dessert. This was all accompanied by music, crackers and lots of fun. Overall, it was a great end of term during this festive period.

*Anoushka Dutta, Year 10*

*Anna Farrow, Year 9*

## Celebration Day

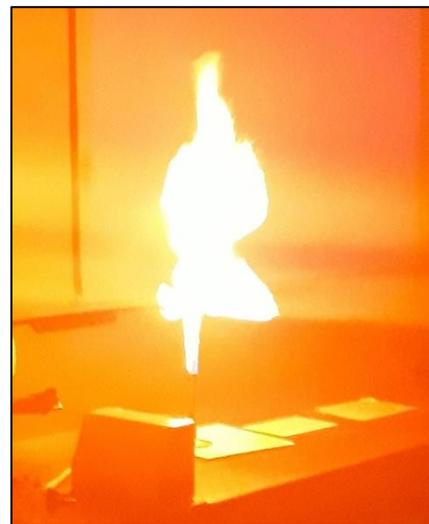
Celebration day took place on Friday 14th December and was the first of its kind to be hosted in the sports hall. It was an event for Years 7-11 that celebrated the achievements of the students at Rugby High this term, through a presentation of certificates and badges. Awards were given out for each subject and were presented by Ms Marten, Mr Grady and Mrs Grogan. The winners of the awards were decided based on students who had shown an exceptional attitude to learning and who had demonstrated a superb growth mindset. Also, the headteacher's award was given to a student in each year. This award was given to the student in the year group who had most embodied the school motto and school values this term. Students were short listed by form tutors, and then a panel met to consider feedback and comments from staff, and decide an overall winner. And finally, the winning House in the House points competition was announced alongside the prize. Hepworth were announced the winners and have the afternoon on the first Friday back off to watch the Greatest Showman. Overall, Celebration day was an incredible event which celebrated the students at Rugby High and all their achievements.



*Fatima Krida 9H*

## The Chemistry Department has a visit from Bilton Juniors

Thanks to grant of £100 from The Royal Society of Chemistry to purchase chemicals, the Chemistry Department have again been able to hold a series of practical sessions for Year 5 students from Bilton Junior School. Students arrived all kitted up in their lab coats and ready to go! Firstly, they watched a demonstration of sugar reacting with concentrated sulfuric acid to show just how dangerous acids can be, followed by each student reacting dilute hydrochloric acid with magnesium ribbon, testing the resulting gas with the 'squeaky pop' test to prove that hydrogen was produced. Finally some coloured fire finished off the session.



Miss Gospel, Head of Science

## Festive Sock Day

From everyone in 9S, we want to say a big thank you to everyone who participated in Festive Sock Day on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> December. It was amazing to see so many people having fun with their Christmas socks and we managed to raise £146! That is a massive amount of money and it will do so much good for young people with autism in North Warwickshire; Roots to Branches is so grateful for all the support. Thanks again and have a wonderful Christmas!



## Seneca Learning

All students and teachers now have free access to Seneca - a revision and homework platform making studying more fun. Seneca is an interactive way to learn official course content. Their web app covers 150+ exam board specific courses condensing what students need to know for their exams. The software is able to identify gaps in learning. For instance, when you get a question wrong, the platform will repeat the topic in different formats and their smart algorithm has proven to make students remember topics 2x faster.

Seneca is totally free for students, teacher and parents. You can sign up via [senecalearning.com](https://www.senecalearning.com)

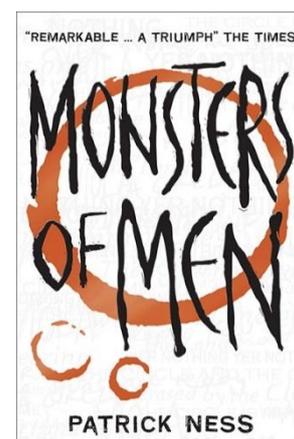
## Used Postage Stamps

We would still like to collect used postage stamps to give to Birmingham Children's Hospital in order for memory boxes to be bought for the parents of babies born prematurely.

If you are able to help with this request please ask your daughter to hand them into the main office. Thank you.

## Looking for something to read? KS3 Book Recommendation

The third and final volume in the "Chaos Walking Trilogy" finds three armies marching on New Prentisstown, each intent on destroying the others. Todd and Viola are caught in the middle with no chance of escape or, it seems, of stopping the fighting. But then a third voice enters the fray, one bent on revenge.



# Thought of the Week from the Languages Department

Answer to last week's Thought for the Week: Merry Christmas  
(The thought of the week will pick up again in the new year)

## Maths Quiz 527

What is the Perimeter?

Ignoring the different units, the perimeter of this right angled triangle is numerically a third of its area. In addition the length of its shortest side is a prime number and the other two sides are consecutive whole numbers/

What is its perimeter?

Answer to Quiz 526: The maximum number of spots is 66

## Diary Dates

LAST DAY OF TERM - day ends at the normal time of 3:45pm  
Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December

MARKING DAY  
Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January

TRAINING DAY  
Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January

STUDENTS BACK IN SCHOOL  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January

Macready Theatre for Drama Showcase Year 10  
Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> January

Year 13 Mocks begin  
Year 11 French and Spanish Speaking Exams begin  
Monday 14<sup>th</sup> January

Year 10 First Aid Day  
Year 11 Art Students to Victoria & Albert Museum & Natural History Museum  
Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January

Institute of Mechanics Engineering Talk  
Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> January

French Trip to Versailles  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January to Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February

Year 9 Vaccinations (DTP + Men ACWY)  
Monday 28<sup>th</sup> January

Year 9 Options Evening  
Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> January

MARKING DAY  
Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January

British Biology Olympiad Year 13  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> February to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> February

Ski Trip Years 8 and 9  
Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> February to Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> February

University Finance Talk Year 13  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> February 6pm

Intermediate Maths Challenge Years 9, 10, 11  
Jessie Wright Poetry Evening  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February