



The Richmond upon Thames School  
Excellence Through Endeavour

# NEWSLETTER

9 November 2018



## Head Teacher's Message

Having a clear area outside schools is very important, as most road accidents involving children around school gates occur when a child has their sight obscured by parked cars. Again, we are asking that parents do not collect or drop off near the school gates. We are expecting our yellow-keep-clear lines to appear in front of the school gate very soon. Until then, please assume that you cannot park in front of the school's gates. Thank you in advance for your support on this, I am sure you will agree that it is everyone's responsibility to keep our children safe.

It was pleasing to meet with the parents/carers who attended our recent Parent Forum. The topics discussed and feedback received will assist us in the school's ongoing development. The next Parent Forum takes place on Wednesday 30 January 2019 (18:30-19:30), please sign-up [here](#).

Please remember to use WisePay for all payments including trips, replacement school equipment and school meals. I look forward to seeing you at your child's Academic Tutor and Parent Consultation evening this month.

**Ms Dooley**



## RTS in the community

As part of our core values, the students at RTS recognise their role in supporting both the local and wider community. Over the academic year, 2018-19, students in years 7 and 8 will participate in raising awareness about a number of charities and the work that they do.

We would appreciate any support that you can provide.

| Charity event  | Date   | House  | Action  |
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| Children in Need   | Monday 12 November<br>Tuesday 13 November<br>Wednesday 14 November<br>Thursday 15 November<br>Friday 16 November | Shakespeare<br>Berner - Lee<br>Madiba<br>Stoop<br>Anderson | Each house will hold a cake sale on the date provided at break time only. Students will be able to bring money in on this day to purchase cakes.  |
| Children in Need   | Friday 16 November 2018  | All students and staff                                     | £2 donation to be paid to academic tutor (this may be paid before the day).<br><br>Students MUST wear something yellow or black.  |
| The Trussell Food Bank/Spear Housing Association ( <b>Homeless charity</b> ) | Friday 30 November   | All students and staff                                     | Donations of non-perishable food or new gloves, socks or hats to be handed into academic tutors.<br>Non-perishable food will be shared between the charities, however, at this time of year warm hats, socks and gloves are sought after by individuals who have found themselves homeless. |
| Save the Children  | Friday 14 December   | All students and staff                                     | £1 donation to be paid to academic tutor to wear a Christmas Jumper.  |
| Comic Relief   | Friday 15 March  | All students and staff                                     | £2 donation to be paid to academic tutor (this may be paid before the day). Students MUST wear something red.   |
| Shooting Star Sponsored walk   | Summer term (TBC)  | All students and staff                                     | Students will be invited to collect sponsorship money for Shooting Star Hospice. Online sponsorship forms will be provided by academic tutors closer to the time.   |
| Shooting star Sponsored walk   | Summer term (TBC)  | All students and staff                                     | £2 donation to be paid to academic tutor. Students MUST dress in their Games Kit  |



## Academic Tutor and Parent Evenings

In November, all Parents/Carers are invited to make appointments to meet their child's Academic Tutor. Please use this [link](#) to book your appointment.

## Year of 2017 - Yearbook

If you would like to order a keepsake of your son/daughter's first year at RTS, you can buy a copy of the 2017 Year 7 Yearbook for £12 via WisePay. The yearbook is a 46-page, full-colour, A4 hardback book full of memories of your child's first year in secondary school. Orders should be placed by 30.11.2018 and can be collected from reception.

## Residential Trips - Summer Term 2019

### Year 7 in Hatfield Woods

All RTS Year 7 students are invited to attend a trip to Hatfield Woods, Hertfordshire from **Thursday 16 May to Saturday 18 May 2019**. This two-day residential will involve students taking part in a range of hands-on activities, giving them the chance to get to grips with life in the outdoors. It will also provide them with a unique environment in which to learn, interact and work together as a team. You can read the letter [here](#). The first payment is due on Wednesday 05 December 2018. Please contact the school by email [info@rts.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:info@rts.richmond.sch.uk) if you have any questions.

### Year 8 Adventure in Cuffley Woods

All RTS Year 8 students have the opportunity to attend a two-day residential at an outdoor adventure site, in Cuffley Woods. This an exciting opportunity, for all students to take part in a range of hands-on activities including high ropes, low-ropes, games, navigating, archery, tomahawk-throwing and more. The residential runs from **Thursday 13 June to Saturday 15 June 2019**. You can read the letter [here](#). The first payment is due on Wednesday 05 December 2018. Please contact the school by email [info@rts.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:info@rts.richmond.sch.uk) if you have any questions.



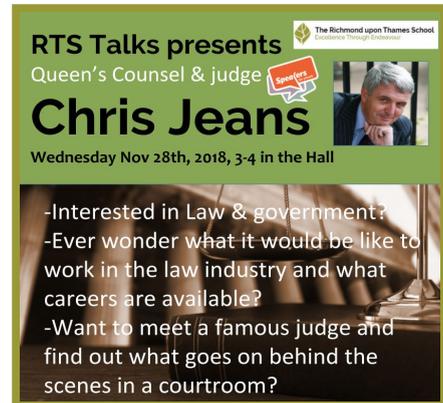
## Richmond Teaching School Alliance (RTSA) School Direct Teacher Training Vacancies

If you are interested in a career in teaching, please see the flyer [here](#) promoting School Direct Teacher Training vacancies for 2019/20 through RTSA.



## RTS Speaker Series present, Queen's Counsel and Judge, Chris Jeans

We are delighted to host the honourable Chris Jeans, QC, who will be speaking to RTS students on **Wednesday 28 November 2018, in the Assembly Hall**. Chris Jeans is an experienced Judge and member of the Queen's Counsel. He will talk about his career to date, as well as his experiences at school and what it is like to pursue a career in Law. This event will take place during Prep and is open to all interested Year 7 and 8 students. To attend this event students must write a reason why they are interested in meeting Chris Jeans via **Google Classroom** by Friday 23 November.



## Bebras International Challenge Fortnight



This week RTS students have been taking part in the [UK Bebras Challenge](#). Students from more than 120 countries take part by completing as many logical-thinking problems as they can, under timed-conditions. Last year, in the UK over 140,000 students took part, making the UK the third-highest country in term of participation. The results from the competition will be available at the end of the fortnight. If your child was absent, they will be given login instructions via Google Classroom and can complete the challenge at home.

## Lost Property

Students will be able to collect any unnamed items from the Lost Property trolley in the Atrium during break-times. At the end of each half-term, any unclaimed uniform or shoes will be donated to charity and all other items will be disposed of. We ask that all clothing, footwear, bags and school equipment are clearly and permanently named in order to ensure a safe return of any lost items. We also encourage parents to provide a lanyard for students to keep their locker key on in order to reduce the risk of losing the key or leaving it in the locker.

## Bike Security

Unfortunately, a student's bike was stolen whilst they were in a meeting after school this week. The bike was locked and the school gate was locked, However, the thieves jumped the fence, broke the lock and threw the bike over the fence. We have passed the CCTV footage to the police. One way we can prevent further thefts is if students use D-locks. These locks are impenetrable and when seen, deter thieves. It is very upsetting that this has happened but, with your help, we can prevent further thefts from occurring.



## **FoRTS (Friends of The Richmond upon Thames School)**

The next FoRTS meeting is on Monday 12 November at The Royal Oak pub in Twickenham from 19:45-21:00. Everyone is welcome! If you would like to find out how to get involved in fundraising for RTS please email [forts@rts.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:forts@rts.richmond.sch.uk).

## **Christmas Fair - Save the date!**

The RTS Christmas Fair will take place on Thursday 13 December from 17:00 to 19:00 in the Atrium. Come along for a glass of mulled wine and a mince pie, browse the Christmas stalls and listen to the RTS school choir sing Christmas carols to get you in the festive mood!

## **Medicines**

Please make sure that any medicines that your child has permission to take (either over a period of time or on a specific day) are clearly labelled with instructions and handed in to reception for safe keeping. Students are not permitted to carry medicine. Please use this [form](#) to tell us about medications your child needs to take while at school.

## **Events**

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| <b>Academic Tutor and Parent/Carer Evening Year 7</b> | Wed 14.11.2018 | 16:30-19:30      |
| <b>Academic Tutor and Parent/Carer Evening Year 8</b> | Wed 21.11.2018 | 16:30-19:30      |
| <b>RTS Christmas Fair</b>                             | Thu 13.12.18   | 17:00-19:00      |
| <b>Christmas /Festive Jumper Day</b>                  | Fri 14.12.2018 | All day          |
| <b>Last day of the Autumn Term</b>                    | Fri 21.12.2018 | 12:00 ~ day ends |
| <b>First day of the Spring Term</b>                   | Tue 08.01.19   | 09:45-16:00      |