



# THE WEEKLY BULLETIN

MOON HALL SCHOOL, REIGATE

22<sup>ND</sup> MARCH 2019

Dear parents and families of Moon Hall School Reigate,

## Reasons why our school is so special!

### THE TOP FIVE THIS WEEK

#### 1. Our pupils

Here's an example....

A member of staff took this photo and sent it onto me last night with this note:

*"This is what makes our school so special! Just leaving work at 4:30, no adult around and found a pupil trying to do his homework but was struggling and this fellow pupil very kindly offered to show him how to it. You would not get that type of pupil relationship and understanding anywhere else. That is what makes us unique. Started my day with the whole of juniors saying good morning to me and ended with this. Made my day!"*



#### 2. Our staff

Our staff always do that little bit extra for our school and our pupils. An example is that recently a member of our staff, Mr Reg Bates was visiting hospital where a 14 year old boy was admitted. The boy suffered a heart attack whilst playing football. Luckily for the boy a defibrillator was on site at the pitches.

Mr Bates very kindly decided to purchase and donate a defibrillator for the school in case of any such need for it here with our pupils or staff. An exceptionally kind, generous and thoughtful gesture – *thank you Reg!*





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### 3. Understanding of dyslexia

The expertise in our staff is unparalleled. Each and every day our staff use their skills and knowledge to help and assist our pupils through every single lesson. Each classroom I visit is a hive of productivity and positive learning. Our motto rings true each and every day:

*Understanding the difference, making the difference*

### 4. Helping our children to no longer feel different

On a recent tour with a prospective parent, I stopped one of our pupils in Year 9. I had earlier in the meeting with that parent explained how all of our pupils here will state that “*they no longer feel different*”.

I decided to put this to the test and ask a pupil without warning what they thought of Moon Hall. Sure enough this was their response:

*“Moon Hall has really helped me. At my last school they didn’t. I really love it here and I no longer feel like the different pupil in the class”.*

It is lovely for a teacher to know the positive impact we are making on a child’s education, enabling them to be themselves and to embrace any difficulties that they may have. All of our staff here are dedicated to helping raise pupils’ self-esteem and to encourage them to overcome any hurdles.

### 5. Our superb academic results... celebrating individual targets

Last year we had our highest ever GCSE results. Working with staff to explore ways to improve teaching and learning will only reinforce and improve these GCSE results year on year. We carry out CAT testing of every pupil when they arrive at the school. This gives us baseline data to indicate what a pupil should be achieving in their GCSEs.

**Across the board through all subjects there were numerous examples of pupils continually achieving higher than their predicated CAT score.** This I have no doubt is due to the Value Added that our teachers provide.

It is always important to remember here, when looking at data, to also look at the individual’s achievement. For one pupil achieving a 4 is a massive accomplishment in the exam and for another it may be achieving a grade 8. Being a small school allows us to work 1:1 with pupils, setting them targets that aim to inspire and motivate them to achieve their best.



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I had far *too much* that I wanted to write this week about how wonderful our school is. In next week's letter I will have more things to share that I feel make our school so special and unique.

Thank you again to Dr Hilary for visiting the school today. His talks to the pupils were engaging and informative. He pitched the talks perfectly and as I mentioned to him, covered all of the things that would resonate with our pupils.

**Please follow us on Twitter and Facebook – there is a great video of Dr Hilary on the school zip wire!**

Kind wishes for a wonderful weekend

Michelle Catterson  
Acting Head





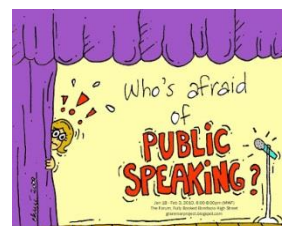
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## English Speaking Board Examinations

Last week we held the English Speaking Board International examinations at Moon Hall. These were open to all pupils throughout the senior school. There was great excitement as we learnt about the many varied topic choices. Power Point presentations were honed and poems learnt. Every candidate was familiar with the words: 'don't forget your introductions!'



After each session the natural feeling of relief was accompanied by a knowledge that everyone had gained in confidence from the experience.

At the point of writing this report we have not received the results. However, a message was sent by one of the assessors, which included the following statement - 'It was clear that a great deal of work had gone into preparing them for this assessment. I was particularly struck by how supportive the students were of each other, and the enthusiasm and maturity with which they engaged in discussion about their various topics. They seemed confident and engaged – it was a real pleasure to spend time with them'. This is a real credit to the students of Moon Hall and hopefully it is an indicator of some pleasing results to come.

- Mrs Collins

## Sports Results

MHSR Junior Boys' Hockey 5 – 0 Warlingham Park School  
Player of the Match – Isaac S

MHSR Senior Boys' Hockey 1 – 5 Box Hill  
Player of the Match – James D

Mr Cattanach reports that both teams played brilliantly.



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## Talent Show

All parents, family and friends are invited to come along and support our pupils' performances at 3pm in the gym. Please can we remind all pupils to wear black and/or white t-shirts, black leggings or trousers, and smart trainers.

## Easter Bonnets

Please can all Junior pupils create an Easter bonnet or hat to wear for the end of term Easter Celebrations Assembly on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April. There will be an Easter Bonnet Parade and a prize for the best design!

## Parent Social Evening

**REMINDER** All parents are welcome to the Parent Social Evening at the Arkle Manor next Thursday 28th March 7.30pm. (Poster on the next page.) **It would be much appreciated if you could RSVP on Classlist Event Page.** Kind Regards, FOMHSR

### Dates for the Diary 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2019

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March

Year 11 Natural History Museum Trip  
Junior Talent Show 3pm

Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> March

BTEC Performing Arts Exam Filming  
FOMHSR Parent Social

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March

Dance Division GCSE Choreography Exam



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## FOMHSR INVITE YOU TO A PARENT SOCIAL EVENING

**relaxed friendly evening,  
giving everyone the chance to catch  
up, share news and enjoy  
a social drink**

**meet old friends and make new...**

**ARKLE MANOR  
BETCHWORTH  
RH3 7HB**



**THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
7.30pm**

**Please RSVP On  
Classlist Event Page**



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## Spring Term Menu - Week 2 Everyday

Daily selection of mixed leaves, tomatoes, cucumber, grated carrot, sweetcorn  
tuna, eggs and grated cheese  
Selection of breads and rolls  
Accompaniments include; pickles, sauces, dressings, croutons, seeds & olives

### Monday

Breaded bean burgers in a seeded bun  
Quinoa & falafel burgers on tomato slices & rocket  
Jacket potato with baked beans  
Sweet potato & potato wedges  
Apple crumble & custard, fresh cut fruit, jelly & yoghurt

### Tuesday

Pork sausage 'Toad in the Hole' with onion gravy  
Roasted red onion & rosemary sausage 'Toad in the Hole'  
Jacket potato with baked beans  
Steamed potatoes, cabbage, carrots, onion gravy  
Beetroot brownie & crème fraiche, fresh cut fruit, jelly & yoghurt

### Wednesday

Minced beef chilli  
Sweet potato & vegetable chilli  
Jacket potato with baked beans  
Grated cheese, nachos, sour cream, steamed broccoli  
Pancakes, berries & cream, fresh cut fruit, jelly & yoghurt

### Thursday

Chicken pasta bake  
Roasted vegetable quiche  
Jacket potato with baked beans  
Green beans, roasted celeriac, garlic bread  
Cheesecake, fresh cut fruit, jelly & yoghurt

### Friday

Breaded haddock, spicy chicken strips  
Lentil & butterbean stuffed mushrooms  
Jacket potato with baked beans  
Croquette potatoes, grilled tomato, pepper & onion  
Chocolate chip tray bake, fresh cut fruit, jelly & yoghurt