



Sandhurst Weekly News

Friday 8th September 2023

Headteacher's Weekly Review

It has been a pleasure to welcome students back this week. Being new to the school I wasn't quite sure what to expect, but I have been really impressed by how polite and friendly the students have been.

I mentioned in a previous letter that we have introduced some positive learning routines (PLRs) this year with a particular focus on ensuring there is a calm and purposeful start to every lesson (silent starters). The senior leadership team and I have been walking the school as much as possible and again have been really impressed by the level of cooperation from the students. More importantly we are starting to see consistently good starts to lessons which in turn will enable students to get the most out of every lesson.

Sometimes it feels like we are constantly wishing for sunny weather so I really try not to complain when some turns up! However, the heatwave this week has certainly made things more difficult as we have a number of classrooms that get incredibly hot. Again, I would like to thank the students for the way that they have just 'got on with it' and have done their best to remain focused despite these very uncomfortable conditions.

Another knock on effect of the weather has been the need to come out of our standard uniform. This was unfortunate timing for us as we had just started to set our standards in this area and then have had to pause for the rest of the week. However, the weather forecast is much more favourable next week so we will be able to revert back to our standard uniform on Monday and we will be able to start afresh and establish our standard. Anything that you are able to do to support us with this is hugely appreciated.

As well as welcoming new students to the school, we would like to introduce you to our new staff members:



Ms N Allen
Music



Miss C Heighes
PE



Mrs T Irving
Science



Mr T Riley
English



Ms J Vallée
MFL



Mrs P Kachroo
English



Mr D Sweeney
Maths

I'm not sure I could have hoped for a better start to the academic year. Sandhurst school has enormous potential and I am finishing the week feeling incredibly optimistic for the year ahead. Having said that, I am definitely looking forward to the weekend!

Gareth Croxon
Headteacher



Headteacher's Award

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The winner of this week's Headteacher's Award is:

Oleh Dorozh, 8G2



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 14th September	Year 10 Information Evening Starts at 5:00pm—School Hall
Monday 18th September	Year 13 PPEs start
Tuesday 19th September	Karkow Visit Information Evening
Thursday 21st September	Year 6 Presentation Evening Starts at 5:00pm—School Hall
Friday 22nd September	Year 10 Art and Photography Visit to Kew Gardens
Tuesday 26th September	Year 9 Battlefields Visit Information Evening
Thursday 28th September	Open Evening 6:00—8:00pm School closes at 1:20pm



Free School Meals



Are you entitled?

FREE SCHOOL MEALS



If children who are eligible for free school meals or have been eligible in the past six years (known as Ever6) are registered, then the funding we can access is known as the Pupil Premium. For every child registered we get £955 per year.

With this money, as well as providing a school lunch for those eligible, we are also able to employ more staff, creating time for extra support in Maths and English and have been able to purchase a new reading scheme. The continued success of the Student Learning Centre in supporting the pastoral welfare of some of our most vulnerable students relies on Pupil Premium funding and the ability to subsidise uniform or equipment costs and school visits for our students too. In order to register – first check if you qualify. It is not just if you are unemployed. Registration is confidential and will not affect other benefits you may be claiming.

You can check if you qualify and register your child for Free School Meals by visiting the local authority website:

<https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/free-school-meals>

If you don't want your child to have the school meal they don't have to, but as long as you qualify and are registered, the school still gets the extra £955.

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Please use:

[*attendance@sandhurstschool.org.uk*](mailto:attendance@sandhurstschool.org.uk)

For all attendance issues - thank you.

At Sandhurst School, we firmly believe that regular attendance is vitally important to ensure the best possible outcomes for all of our children. Regular attendance means your child can make the most of their education, thus improving their chances in adult life. Being in school will also help your child's social skills, such as making and keeping friendships. A regular and punctual attendance pattern will help your child when they enter the world of work.

To ensure your child gets the best possible start to their education, we ask that you support regular school attendance and punctuality.

We expect all parents and carers to comply with all national regulations regarding student attendance and punctuality. Absences must be reported in the morning on a daily basis to the Attendance Officer via email attendance@sandhurstschool.org.uk or by calling Reception on 01344 775678 and choosing option 1.

If your child is absent from school for a justifiable reason, e.g. illness or medical appointment, their parent/carer must email attendance@sandhurstschool.org.uk or ring school on each morning of absence. If you know in advance that your child is going to be away e.g. medical appointment, you should email as above or you can write a letter giving the reason and details. You will be asked to provide evidence of any medical appointments and leave of absence request forms are available on our school website or can be collected from Reception. All unjustified absences will be investigated.

All students **must** sign out at reception before leaving the premises. If students are returning to school later on, they must sign back in at reception. It is your child's responsibility to report to Reception at the correct time in order to be signed out as Reception staff are not able to collect students from class.

Punctuality

Students should be in their first period classroom no later than the beginning of their morning registration time (8:30am). Students will be marked in 'late' if they arrive after that start time. If students arrive late for school they must make sure that they go to the main Reception to be signed in late. Punctuality is an important expectation of students and when they are late, they will receive a 15 minute detention for that day. Consistently late students will have their detention up-scaled and brought to the attention of their Head of House.

DFE Links

<https://www.gov.uk/school-attendance-absence>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/parental-responsibility-measures-for-behaviour-and-attendance>



COLLECTION OF FINAL QUALIFICATION CERTIFICATES

If you know anyone or have a son/daughter or sibling who has not collected their final exam certificates then please read the following:

- We currently hold certificates from 2018 onwards.
- We only require to hold certificates for one year and therefore we will begin secure disposal of old certificates in the next few months.
- Please remember that any employer is entitled to request to see your original certificates at any stage of your working life! (Replacements are £45-50 per exam board)

ACTION

- Please email Mrs Evans, Exams Officer on jevans@sandhurstschool.org.uk to check if we still hold your certificates and to advise on a day of collection.
- They will then be placed in reception for you.
- If you need someone to pick them up on your behalf please go to the school website and click on Read More (Exam Results Days Information)
- Select “Results for Third Party Collection” and complete and print the form so that your nominated person can bring your authorisation with them along with their ID.

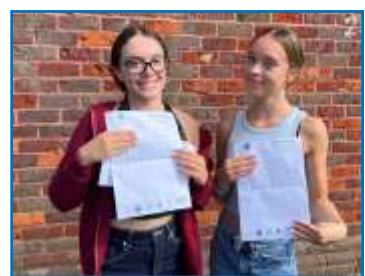


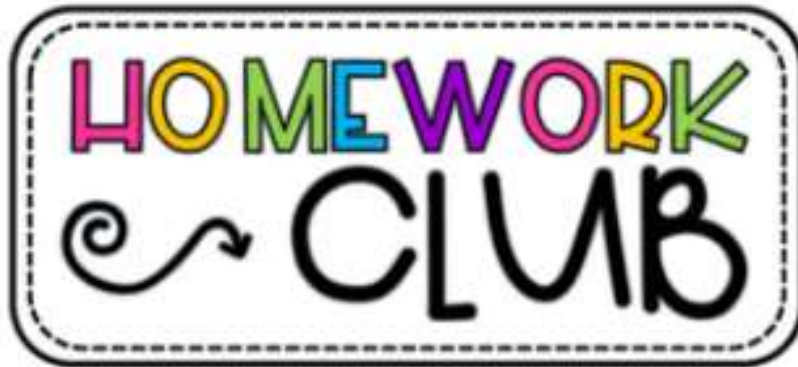
GCSE Results Day



Another year of successful GCSE results was celebrated at Sandhurst School on Thursday 24th August, with students being welcomed back to school to collect their results.

Despite the cancellation of exams and closure of schools, the results for Sandhurst School reflect the hard work and commitment of both students and their teaching staff - Congratulations!





Every Day

All are Welcome

2:50 - 3:50pm in PC4

PE Clubs September to October half term 2023

Starting Monday 11th Sept (except Basketball which has a letter coming out soon)

After school clubs run from 3:10pm to 4:00pm.

All the clubs starting next week are free to attend and there are no forms required to sign up: Students just need to arrive in PE with their PE kit.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch Time	Fitness Suite – year 10 Badminton - Year 7 Miss Heighes	Fitness Suite – year 11 Badminton - Year 8 Mr Proctor Searle	Fitness Suite - year 10 Badminton - Year 9,10, 11 Mr King	Fitness Suite - year 11	
After School	GCSE PE revision Mr King Mrs Evans Basketball - Year 7 and 8 Coach D'Mellow (need letter - Coming soon)	Netball - Years 9, 10 and 11 Mrs Evans Miss Paul Rugby - Year 8 and 9 Mr King Mr Proctor Searle Hockey - Year 7 and 8 Miss Heighes	Netball - Years 7 and 8 Miss Heighes Miss Paul Rugby - Year 7 and 10 Mr King Mr Proctor Searle Basketball - Year 9, 10, 11 Coach D'Mellow (need letter - coming soon)	Staff meetings / Fixtures GCSE PE revision Mr Proctor Searle	

For the majority of the PE clubs students can just turn up and participate. They should arrive at the PE changing rooms with their kit and they will be signed in by one of the PE staff. They do not need to register in advance.



**If you see something online
that makes you feel upset,
anxious or uncomfortable ...**

✓ **Step away from it**

✓ **Tell an adult you trust,
like a parent or teacher**

✓ **Don't delete or respond to it**

✓ **Report it in the app
or on the website**



**> Talk to your Head of House
any time**



You can also call these helplines at any time:

Childline: 0800 1111 NSPCC: 0808 800 5000



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PROSPECT IN THE COMMUNITY

Here at Prospect, we don't just sell and let homes in the local area; we are local people ourselves and love being a part of the local community. That is why we set up the Prospect Foundation to give back to the amazing community that has given us so much over the years.

In the spirit of giving back to our community, we are also reintroducing our school donations this year. When you sell with Prospect, we will donate £250 of your selling fee to a local school of your choice.



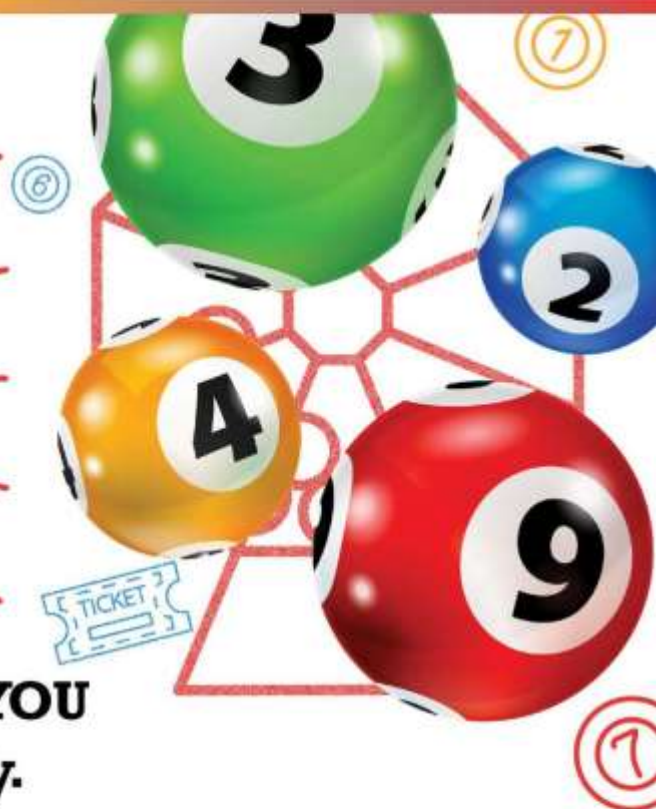


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**BOOST FUNDS
FOR OUR
SCHOOL
JOIN OUR
LOTTERY**

**It's the easiest way for YOU
to HELP US raise money.**



- Join our weekly lottery from just £1 a week
- It's an easy way to support our school and help raise funds
- 40% of ticket sales come back to us
- There's a guaranteed winner every week as well as the chance to win £25,000
- It's easy to sign up online so start supporting our school today!



**Support
your
school
today!**

Just £1 per week

40% to your school

£25,000 jackpot!

Cash prizes every week

**your
school
lottery**

How it works

It's simple - choose 6 numbers between 0-9 and if they match the weekly lottery draw, you win great prizes with a **jackpot prize of up to £25,000!** One of our supporters will win a cash prize every week. Tickets cost just £1 per ticket per week and 40% of all ticket sales are donated to your school.

Draws are conducted every Saturday at 8pm and results are posted online. Winners will be notified via email and the winnings will be paid straight into an account of their choosing.

The easiest and quickest way to join our lottery is online where you can set up your payment either by direct debit or one off payment card. Alternatively, set up can be done over the phone using the contact details below.

It's so easy to join and you could make a real difference to your school.

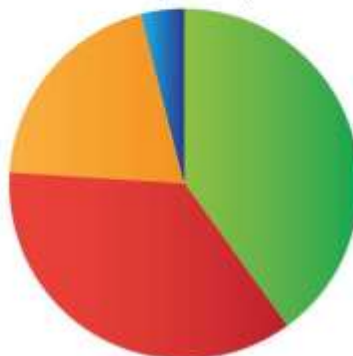


The maths...

100 tickets sold means
= **£30** a week cash prize
= **£2,080** a year for your school

Where does your money go?

Tickets cost just £1 per week



- **40p** goes directly to your school
- **36p** goes towards lottery winner's cash prizes
- **20p** goes towards lottery administrative costs
- **4p** for VAT

BUY TICKETS ONLINE TODAY

www.YourSchoolLottery.co.uk/play

✉ support@yourschoollottery.co.uk

☎ 01865 582 828



Reading Football Club's 1st School and Grassroots Fixtures of 2023-24!

You have been invited to Reading Football Club's first Schools and Grassroots fixture of 2023-24!

When?

Reading vs Burton Albion
Saturday 30th September @ 3:00pm

Where?

Select Car Leasing Stadium

How to qualify for the discount and confirm your attendance?

We would be delighted if you could join us for our 1st schools and grassroots fixture of 2023-24. And as part of our special invitation, we would like to offer the below discounted prices:

12 and Under: £1
18 to 24: £5

17 and Under: £3
65 and over: £5

Adult: £10

To redeem, please visit <https://ticketing.readingfc.co.uk> and enter the following unique coupon code: **#SandhurstSchool** in the basket once you have logged in and selected your tickets.

How many tickets can we purchase?

There is no limit on the number of tickets you can buy using your unique code. And, for every ticket which is purchased you will receive one entry in a prize draw for a chance to win a series of 'money can't buy experience' prizes!

Important! This offer applies to tickets in the Eamonn Dolan Stand blocks and Y19/Y20 of the Sir John Madejski Stand. Coupon codes are valid up until 4 hours before kick-off.

You can also use the same coupon code to join us for the below women's fixture:

When?

Reading Women vs Sheffield United Women
Sunday 22nd October @ 12:00pm

Where?

Select Car Leasing Stadium

12 and Under: £1
18 to 24: £3

17 and Under: £2
65 and over: £3

Adult: £5

Important! This offer applies to tickets in blocks G9 and G10 of the West Lower Stand only. Coupon codes are valid until 4 hours before kick-off.

If you have any questions about this offer, please email sales@readingfc.co.uk or call 0118 968 1313.



Bracknell Open Learning Centre Community Learning Open Day

Saturday 30 September, 10am - 3pm



Free taster sessions in art and well-being, plus free job seeking/careers advice, health checks, demonstrations and more. The kids are welcome to come along – there's practical, fun activities for them too!

Free refreshments.

Venue:

Bracknell Open Learning Centre,
Rectory Lane,
Easthampstead,
Bracknell RG12 7GR



Find out more at:

www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/community-learning or
email community.learning@bracknell-forest.gov.uk

