



STUDENT LEADERSHIP ELECTION

Raynes Park High School history was made this term with its first ever Year 11 Head Boy and Head Girl election. After a fantastic campaign by our eight Year 11 candidates, school-wide voting commenced. The final speeches were presented, ballot slips were distributed throughout the school and the final, toughest part was in the hands of the RPHS community - deciding who to elect.

For Head Girl, we had Ellie, Kiera, Emily and Maryam. All gave heartfelt speeches and are passionate about making student voices heard. For Head Boy, Ewan, Sean, Thomas and Owen all put up a strong campaign. Any one of them would have put your ideas into action and we enjoyed every one of their assembly presentations.

Following the election results, the final interviews took place, and your elected Student Body for the next academic year is:

Head Boy: Ewan

Head Girl: Kiera

Deputy Head Boy: Owen

Deputy Head Girl: Ellie

Senior Prefects:

Tom, Maryam, Sean & Emily



SIXTH FORM HEAD BOY & HEAD GIRL

Last term we were pleased to announce the election of our Head Boy and Girl for the academic year 2017-18. Both endured a rigorous selection process which involved them giving presentations to their peers, the school council and then being interviewed by the Sixth Form team and by our Headteacher.

“Adapt to survive, educate and strive. This is the motto I live by and it inspired me to apply to be Head Boy.” says Head Boy, Joshua. “I aim to help you with all aspects of your education and experiences during our time here at Raynes Park High School. I want to see you strive and fulfil that raw potential I know you all have.”

“A negative mind will never give you a positive life. Being at Raynes Park for 6 years has taught me the value of friendship, education and family.” said Amy, our new Sixth Form Head Girl. “I want to support you all, don’t be afraid to sparkle a little brighter. But most of all stay positive and keep going!”

Amy and Joshua are in their second year of their A-level studies and hope to make a real impact in their new role. They have already taken part in school assemblies and spoken at public engagements and have done a fantastic job representing the school. We wish them every success in their roles for the next academic year.



RAYNES PARK SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING

Thursday 2nd November 5.00pm - 7.30pm

RAYNES
PARK SIXTH FORM

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Director of Sixth Form talks
at 5.30pm & 6.30pm



in partnership with
Fulham Football Club

Our Open Evening will give you the opportunity to meet current Sixth Formers, tour our building and find out if Raynes Park Sixth Form is right for you. Our Head of Sixth Form will be speaking at 5.30pm and 6.30pm

Discover a range of A-Level qualifications and Vocational courses, as well as extra-curricular activities and Student Leadership Opportunities. Alongside achieving academic excellence, Raynes Park Sixth Form offers exceptional pastoral care. You will benefit from individual support from staff who take a full interest in your progress and offer guidance every step of the way, from settling in on your first day to achieving your goals after Sixth Form. We hope to see you on 2nd November.





AWARD CEREMONY

If you read Issue 84 of the Raynes Park High School Times, you will know that Mia recently appeared on the 2017 Roll of Honour for the Diana Award. In recognition for her exceptional volunteering work in Merton, she attended a ceremony and was presented with her award. We hope that Mia's achievement will inspire even more students to volunteer in their local area. Find out more about The Diana Award, visit www.diana-award.org.uk



FULHAM FOOTBALL & EDUCATION PROGRAMME



We are delighted to announce our partnership with Fulham FC, which will see the delivery of one of the best Football & Education Programmes in the country.

The programme guides talented young footballers on their journey as student athletes. The programme provides academic support for pupils working towards A-Levels and Vocational courses at Raynes Park Sixth Form, whilst training like professional footballers every day.

To train at the ground alongside professional football players sets this programme apart from any other. Exciting times are ahead for football development at RPHS.

For more information about the Fulham Football & Education Programme and to obtain an application form, please contact Mr Wilson-Boyle, our Director of Sport; cwilsonboyle@raynespark.merton.sch.uk

ACADEMIC TARGET SETTING



Thank you to all those families who attended our Academic Targeting Setting last month. We had a very high volume of parents/carers who attended appointments, and we really appreciate you taking the time out of your busy schedules to attend these meetings.

It was a wonderful opportunity for our staff to meet with families and establish relationships that will be built on throughout this academic year. We hope that you found this day useful to discuss how best to support and encourage your child's progress.



SCI-PI DAY

in association with



BECSLink &
THE SOCIAL MOBILITY NETWORK

TIM HENMAN
FOUNDATION



As part of our ongoing partnership with BECSLink, this term we welcomed 120 Year 5 students to visit our school for two exciting, hands-on workshops. The first workshop was run by pi-top Champions and aimed to inspire young people to learn how to code. A pi-top is a revolutionary laptop kit, powered by a Raspberry Pi. The programming tools take inspiration from early 2D computer games and modern video games such as Minecraft to gamify education and make learning programming accessible and fun. Raynes Park High School is now proud to be the home of two pi-top Labs fully equipped with pi-topCEEDS. Much of our curriculum is now delivered through these machines, and the workshops this term had students programming traffic lights, building animations and creating games in Scratch. "I've never used Scratch before but I started making an aeroplane game and it was much easier than I thought." said a Year 5 student



from Hatfeild. “When I go home I’m going to download Scratch so I can finish making the game.” You can find out more about pi-top’s exciting work at www.pi-top.com

The second workshop of the day was run by Sublime Science (www.sublimescience.com). Sublime Science received investment from the Dragons Den and were even given the Queen’s Award for innovation. The Science presenters brought spectacular experiments to our Science Labs and was 45 minutes packed full of fizzing potions, bubbles, smoke, sweets and slime. “The staff and children had a great time and we all enjoyed the sessions.” said West Wimbledon Primary School’s KS2 leader. “The children learnt lots!”

Raynes Park Year 7 & 8 students also had the chance to experience both workshops in the morning, and some were selected

to be ambassadors throughout the day. All student helpers represented our school flawlessly and were incredibly helpful in both workshops.

This event is another example of the success of our continuing partnership with BECSLink. Raynes Park High School is the first state school to become a BECSLink Registered Centre, bringing fantastic opportunities to the local community. Together, we have started to work alongside local businesses, charities, educational institutions and sporting organisations to provide resources and learning opportunities to young people in Merton. The Tim Henman Foundation said it was “proud to support aspiration raising activities in the Raynes Park community.” We must extend our thanks to both BECSLink and The Tim Henman Foundation, without whom this exciting day would not have been possible.





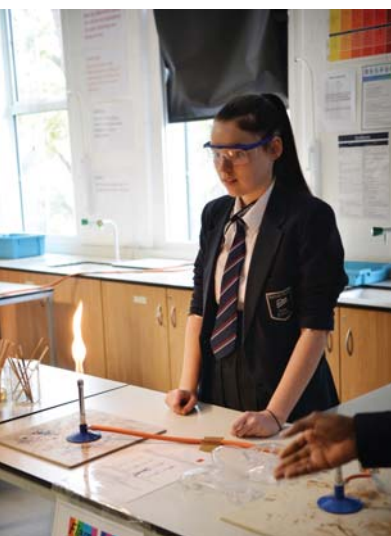
"I loved it, I loved it! The best bit was making slime and sherbet in Science.
Our visit was really amazing and I want to visit again for a whole week!"
- Year 5 student, West Wimbledon Primary School



OPEN EVENING

This term we opened our doors to families throughout the borough to show them what we at Raynes Park High School have to offer. Every department pulled out all the stops, with activities ranging from a spooky Shakespearean murder mystery in English, to a nitrogen ice cream demonstration in Science. Our students were quick to volunteer and we were so proud to see over three hundred students representing our school. Visitors were full of compliments about the student tour guides and were quick to get involved in each of the activities which departments had created. The school was a hive of activity all evening. The familiar Countdown music could be heard in the English corridor, with both parents and students keen to get involved in the

anagram game, and things got messy in Art, as students were given the chance to create their own clay sculptures. Following the delicious smell of baking to the D&T block, you would find students working away all evening to provide sweet and savoury treats to our visitors. We were lucky to have so many student volunteers willing to wash up! We would like to thank our Year 7 speakers, Emily May Buller, Ebony Ope and Zeph Stow, who did a fantastic job speaking to prospective families within their first 3 weeks of being at RPHS. Our sincere thanks to all three hundred student ambassadors and to the many families who came to visit on both the Open Evening and Open Mornings this year.





WIMBLEDON BOOKFEST



TRACY CHEVALIER

Ms Smith, our school librarian, took a group of Year 9 students to hear award-winning author Tracy Chevalier discuss her latest book “New Boy” at Wimbledon Bookfest. Tracy is the author of the critically-acclaimed “The Girl With the Pearl Earring”. New Boy is set in the more recent past: 1970s Washington DC. It is a re-telling of Shakespeare’s Othello, set in an American schoolyard. Our students found the idea of transposing this Shakespearean tale to such a radically different setting intriguing and have already started to read their own copies of the book, which they received at the event.



LOUIS DE BERNIERES

Our Year 7 tutors nominated 25 students who have made an excellent start on our Accelerated Reader programme to go on this reward trip to see Louis De Bernieres speak at Wimbledon Bookfest about his latest book: Blue Dog. This is the prequel to his much loved Red Dog and is the heart-warming tale of a boy, his Grandpa and their dog. Our students found the experience of listening to Louis de Bernieres talking about and reading from his own book fascinating, and were delighted each to receive a copy of the book for themselves. Thank you to Wimbledon Bookfest for organising such an excellent event and well done to our Year 7s for winning places on this trip.



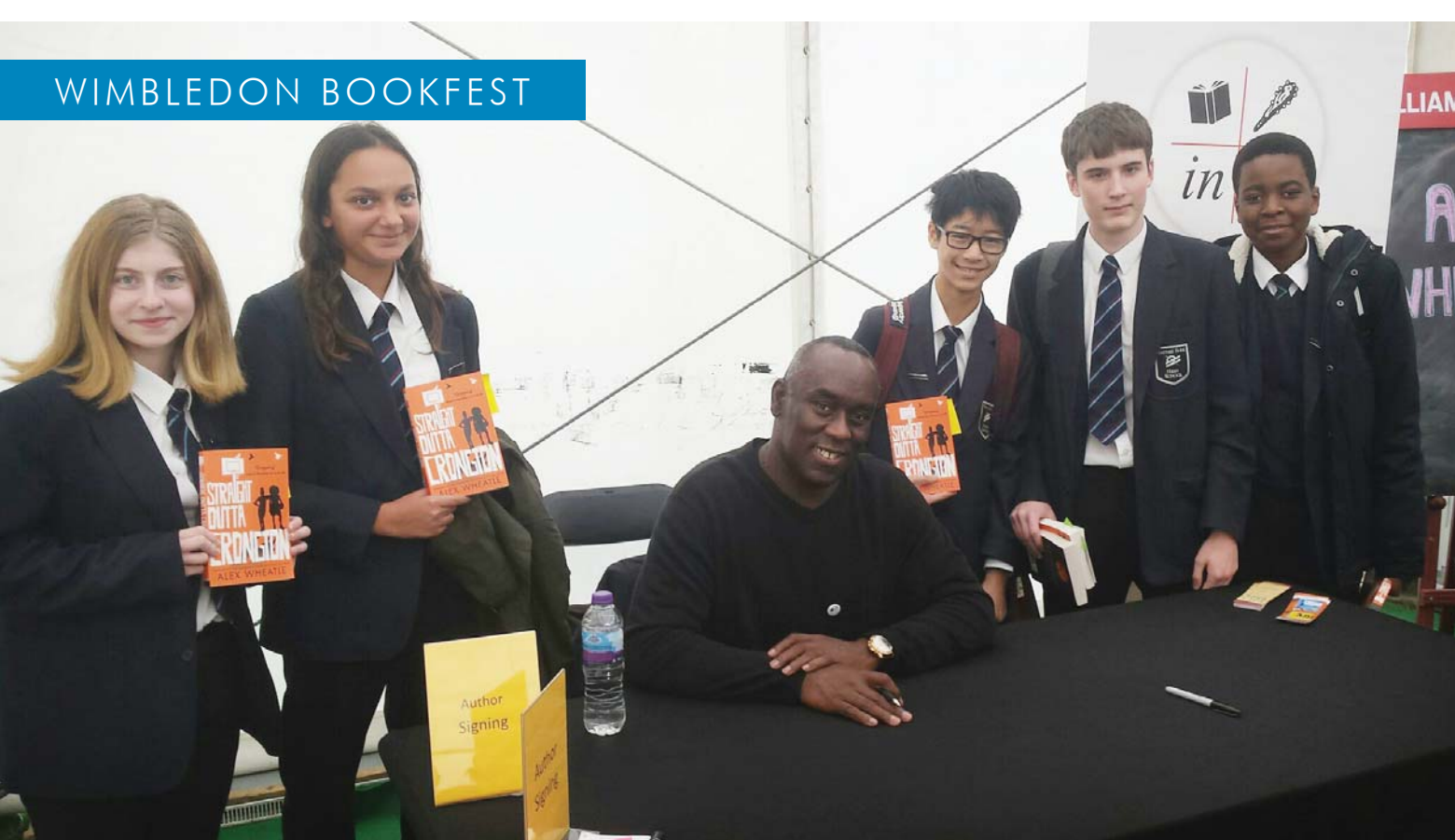


YOUNG WRITERS' COMPETITION

In May many of our students entered the Young Writers' Competition organised by Wimbledon Bookfest. The theme was "The Outsider". We were delighted with the high standard of our students' work, and thrilled when we heard that some of our students had been successful in this competition: Mia Ciano in Year 9 was runner-up in Key Stage 3 poetry. Sophie Morriss, Jaime Harvey and Courtney-Mae Kidger's entries were "highly commended". Ella Ritchie-Dickson, Vaamini Mathimaran, Amelie St Clair, Josh Goodenough and Sasha Robinson-Packham's entries were "commended". Four of our students have had their work published in the prize-winners' anthology. As a school, we are delighted with our students' creative writing success.

Ms Chevalier, who is best-known for her second novel, *Girl with a Pearl Earring*, presented Mia with her award at the annual Wimbledon BookFest competition which attracts hundreds of entries each year, including from Merton and Wandsworth and beyond. It was a great honour to receive her prize from such a successful author and will, we are sure, inspire Mia to keep writing and build on her success. Well done to Mia and to all of our students who took part in this competition!

[Read Mia's full poem on page 15](#)

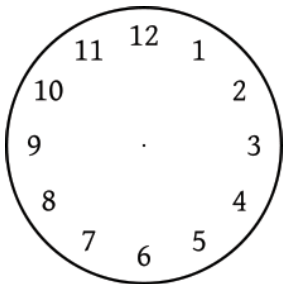


STUDENTS MEET AWARD-WINNING NOVELIST ALEX WHEATLE

Ms Smith and Ms Whitby took a group of Year 10 students to see the author Alex Wheatle talk about his latest book "Straight Outta Crongton" at Wimbledon Bookfest. The tickets were very kindly sponsored by Book Clubs in Schools, a charity that helps us run our Year 7 Book Club. Our Year 10 students were invited to attend the event in recognition of their valuable contribution in leading our Book Club. Alex Wheatle spoke movingly about his troubled youth and how he had managed to turn his life around

through reading and education. It was a compelling and inspiring talk, from which our students benefited greatly. They were particularly interested in the fact that Alex writes predominantly from the perspective of female characters. At the end of the session our students received copies of Alex's latest book and *The Hobbit*, as this was a book that helped inspire his love of reading. These books were kindly donated by the Charity "Give A Book".





Name: Mia Ciano
Age: 12
Year Group: 8

Just Like Clockwork?

- 1 Our society is like clockwork.
- 2 The individual has become a mere cog-
in a vast organization.
- 3 They function the clock,
working in perfect harmony
to regulate time.
- 4 Some cogs more immense.
Some more intricate.
Some more imperative.
But nevertheless, they intertwine together and
keep the clock ticking.
- 5 The cogs are hard at work turning the gears;
Not questioning
Why? or What?
Exactly their purpose is in the machine
They do as they're told.
- 6 I tried to fit in.
But I just couldn't seem to find my space—
There's wasn't enough space.
Perhaps I'm just broken, cracked or frayed.
It's all rather discombobulating.
I feel disconnected.
- 7 Where in this great machine did I fit?
I used to be part of it.
I could mould myself into a cog,
With the right size and shape to fit in.
But this little cog decided to leave and become a
nomadic cog.
But what good is a nomadic cog?
How do I contribute to the great machine of
civilization?
- 8 So I become a cuckoo.
I visited a sculptor.
His wonderful figurative work made me feel alive,
demonstrating his astonishing ability to capture
the quintessential essence of perfection.
He had a deep affection and understanding,
A delicate aesthetic sense
And exceptional artistic talent.
He had changed me for the better.
- 9 I was a little brass bird,
Embroidered with little swirls across my chest.
My wings were slim and glossy,
Resembling a satin like material.
My flat head moves quickly as I turn it from side to side
And my eyes posses the qualities of an onyx gemstone.
I have a beak shaped like a dagger
Bearing a resemblance to the colour seen in a dark rain
cloud.
I am alluring and I am different.
- 10 Everyday, I would embrace myself.
At the hour of nine,
Two wooden doors,
(Embossed with a design similar to the one across my
chest)
Opened;
And I would flutter out.
I'd portray a grand entrance
One so grand that it would be eternally scorched into the
minds,
Of anyone privileged enough to witness this feat of gusto
For you have but one chance to relish your entrance and
all its splendour.
- 11 I'd sing a song of...
Love,
And beauty too.
It sounded like a flute.
An admirable voice,
That lingers in ones ears.
My call softens the perfect mood,
Into a relaxed state of mind.
A sound where one can drift away into space.
A place of paradise,
And happiness that comes to being.
- 12 I no longer whined,
But shined
And embraced my quirks:
'Don't let the vague darkness give blindness in your eyes.
Let your heart illuminate the beauty and lies.
Be prepared for surprises for events may quickly flip,
Or else you'll lose your grip and faraway you'll slip.
Enjoy your time when all is well
And when it is bad do not dwell.'
I am a cuckoo.
I am an outsider.
I am proud.

HOUSE SYSTEM

Students have many opportunities to develop their personalities and extend their skills in extra-curricular activities with their House. These may include sports competitions and events to raise money for House charities. Through these events students gain a great deal both socially and personally. We find that a sense of loyalty and commitment to the House is fostered. Each student is assigned to one of four Houses: Gibbs, Halliwells, Miltons and Newsoms, named after some of the school's original Housemasters.

The House system plays a central role in the development of the RPHS values and helps promote participation in a number of diverse events over the course of the year. We encourage each and every member of the school community to get involved in any form of activity that they; would like to try, already enjoy doing or, that they will excel in. We aim to provide opportunities as part of the House system that will support pupils' growth alongside a well-balanced curriculum.



HOH Message: In Gibbs, our strong sense of community means we are able to achieve with class. Gibbs House members are constantly striving for excellence, arriving to school with a positive mind-set and challenging themselves to attempt new tasks and make progress in all subjects. Our House has a huge focus on participation, with the mentality that we can achieve anything if we work together. Charity fundraising is also a subject we are passionate about within Gibbs, as well as on a whole school basis. We will work tirelessly to support and surpass any target set in raising money for some incredible causes.

HOH: Mr Wheel

Being a teacher of Physical Education here at Raynes Park and a keen sportsman in general, competition is an integral part of my day-to-day life. I have strong will to win and this is just as true for House events, where I will be found encouraging pupils to achieve and enjoy themselves while giving 100% for their House. Gibbs.



HOH Message: I have been a Miltons tutor for the last three years and I am thrilled to be the Head of House this year. Miltons is built on a foundation of trust and mutual respect; students are extremely proud to be a member of the Miltons family. I want to continue to encourage this strong sense of community. Miltons is a diverse house where difference is celebrated and students are encouraged to relish in their array of talents. We are the current House Cup champions, my hope is that we continue to build on the current success and surpass our current achievements.

HOH: Ms Holland

I would describe myself as a very competitive and approachable person. I would like to think that I am a relentless trier and hope to encourage this resilience in my students. I feel that it is important, for my students, to not be so focused on the finish line that they fail to find joy in the journey. My aim is to make sure that they all enjoy the journey and that they make the most of it.

HOUSE SYSTEM



HOH: Ms Totty

HOH Message: My name is Ms Totty and I'm thrilled to have taken on the role of Head of Newsoms. I am an English teacher and love being a part of the Raynes Park school community. Now I am really excited to play a role in the success of Newsoms going forward this year.

I know that as a House, Newsoms are fantastic at coming together as a community and achieving excellence, both academically and in competitions, events and clubs outside of the school day. Last academic year we came first place for attendance, number of positive apps and accelerated reader. I want to make sure we are at the top spot again at the end of this year!

Our House is grounded in the idea of family and belonging, where each student feels comfortable and confident enough to push themselves to achieve their potential. We show respect and resilience in everything we do, pushing through challenges to be the best version of ourselves possible.

I am so proud to have such a hard working House, and my student leadership is a reflection of this. On the Newsoms student leadership this year are,

House Captain: Taliyaah Henry Vice Captain: Jetta David Year 9 Leader: Helen Lawk
Year 8 Leader: Monnay Marshall Year 7 Leader: Crystal Amoo-Mensah



HOH: Ms Bartle

HOH Message: I have been a member of staff at Raynes Park High School as a PE and Dance teacher for six years but have also had the privilege of being a dedicated and passionate member of the Halliwells House. I believe in and fully support the House system here at Raynes Park and enjoy observing how well students encourage each other on a daily basis within their House communities. As a PE teacher, I am naturally very competitive and am looking forward to leading Halliwells in many exciting House events, not just in sport, but every aspect of school life. I feel it is very fitting that the most recent House event (House Dance) was won by Halliwells and I intend to continue on this path of excellence into the new academic year.

As the new Head of Halliwells my main goal is to promote the value of community and participation for all. Every student at Raynes Park should feel proud and be fully aware they are a valuable member of their House. I believe the main strength Halliwells students consistently demonstrate is the natural ability to give peer support and respect. There are endless positive role models emerging from this talented House who successfully inspire our younger pupils.

TERM UPDATE FROM: MILTONS

Following on from our success of last year - current House Champions, Miltons have had a busy and exciting first half term. We had our first House assembly where students celebrated the successes of last year and looked to the future. Thank you to all the students who wrote me a letter of application for the student positions in the House system. Huge congratulations to our House Captain Martin Chau, our Vice-House Captain Tajhayee Speede and our year leaders Daniel Dyoniziak, Ria Boardman and Muskan Gul. I have been lucky enough to attend some House play rehearsals and can say that I have been so impressed with the level of effort and dedication; I am really looking forward to Miltons version

of Fantastic Mr Fox which will be competing against the other houses for top spot at House Plays on the 17th of November. Congratulations to the many students who competed in House Dodgeball, a special congratulations to Year 10 who had a huge turn out and comfortably beat all the other Year 10 groups. There are a number of House competitions taking place next half term including our Charity Action Week so make sure that you get involved. Well done on an extremely positive start to the new academic year, enjoy your break and see you on the first Monday back.

Ms Holland.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

A huge 'thank you' to the many parents/carers and students who returned their individual photo orders. These envelopes have now been collected by Van Cols, who will now print your images! If you ordered online, these will be posted to your home address. If you ordered through the school, your photos will be distributed in tutor time next term. If you have misplaced your envelope and would like the online link code sent to you, please e-mail rburnham@raynespark.merton.sch.uk

PUT THE KETTLE ON PARENT/CARER SUPPORT GROUP

Thank you to those Year 7 parents/carers who attended our first Put the Kettle On session with our pastoral team on 11th October. We hope you found it a useful opportunity to get further guidance on your child's transition into secondary school and thank you for your positive feedback. The next session will be for all parents/carers, on Wednesday 8th November, covering any concerns you may have about anxiety and your child.

"Put the Kettle On..."

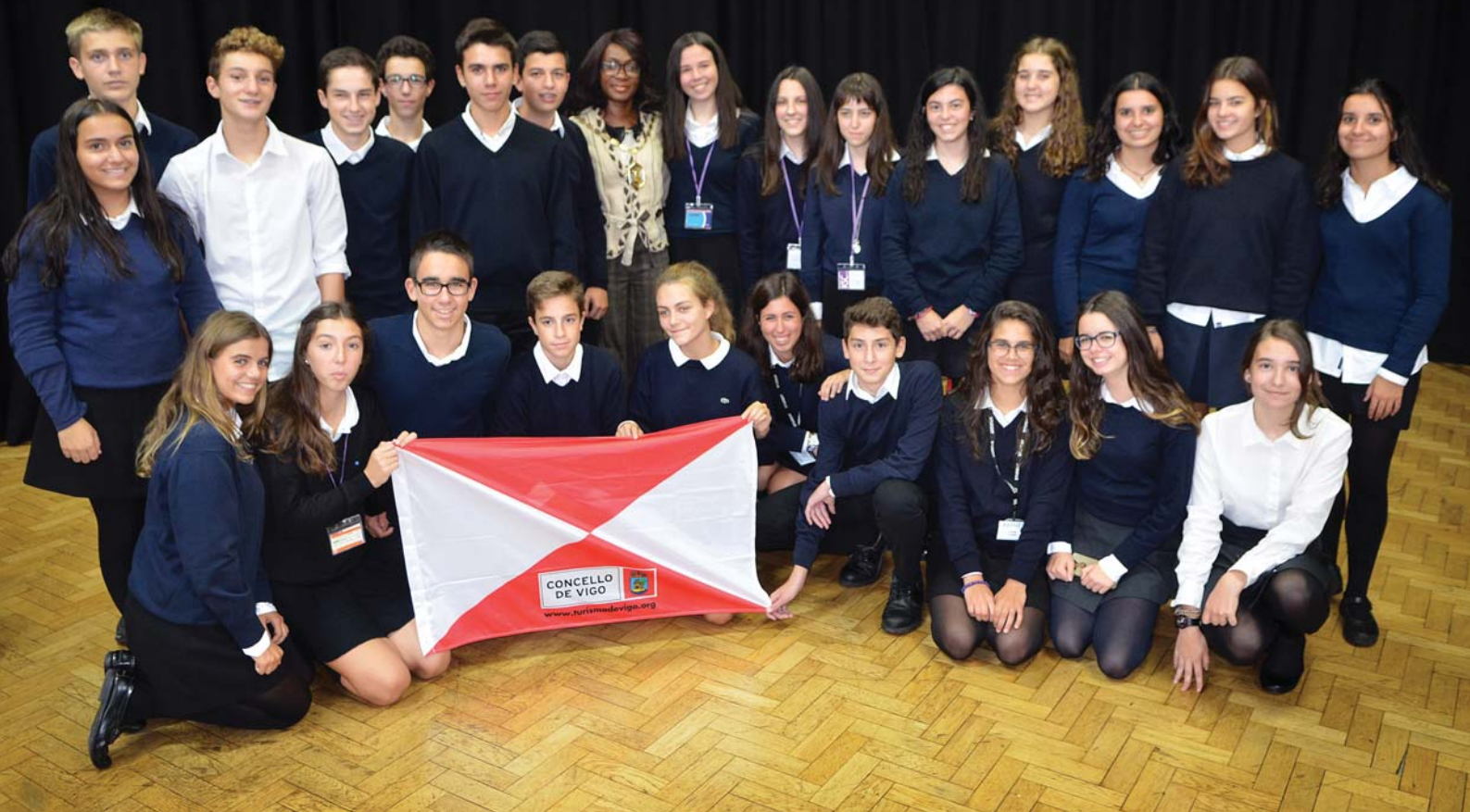
Parent Support Group

WEDNESDAY 8TH NOVEMBER 2017

Session 2:

Emotional
Wellbeing & Anxiety





SPANISH VISITORS

This term, a small group of committed, dedicated and enthusiastic students were provided with a unique opportunity to be buddies to twenty-five international visitors from Spain. Each ambassador was shadowed by a Spanish pupil for three weeks and they attended the same lessons. The ambassador's aims were to help the international students around the school and to share the Raynes Park values. This was a wonderful opportunity and enhanced students' leadership, communication and team building skills. The Mayor of Merton, Agatha Akyigyina (pictured, left) visited our Spanish students in their final week to answer their questions about Merton borough. The Spanish students were very grateful for the students' hospitality, and learnt a lot about British culture and our educational system.





YEAR 7 TEAM BUILDING

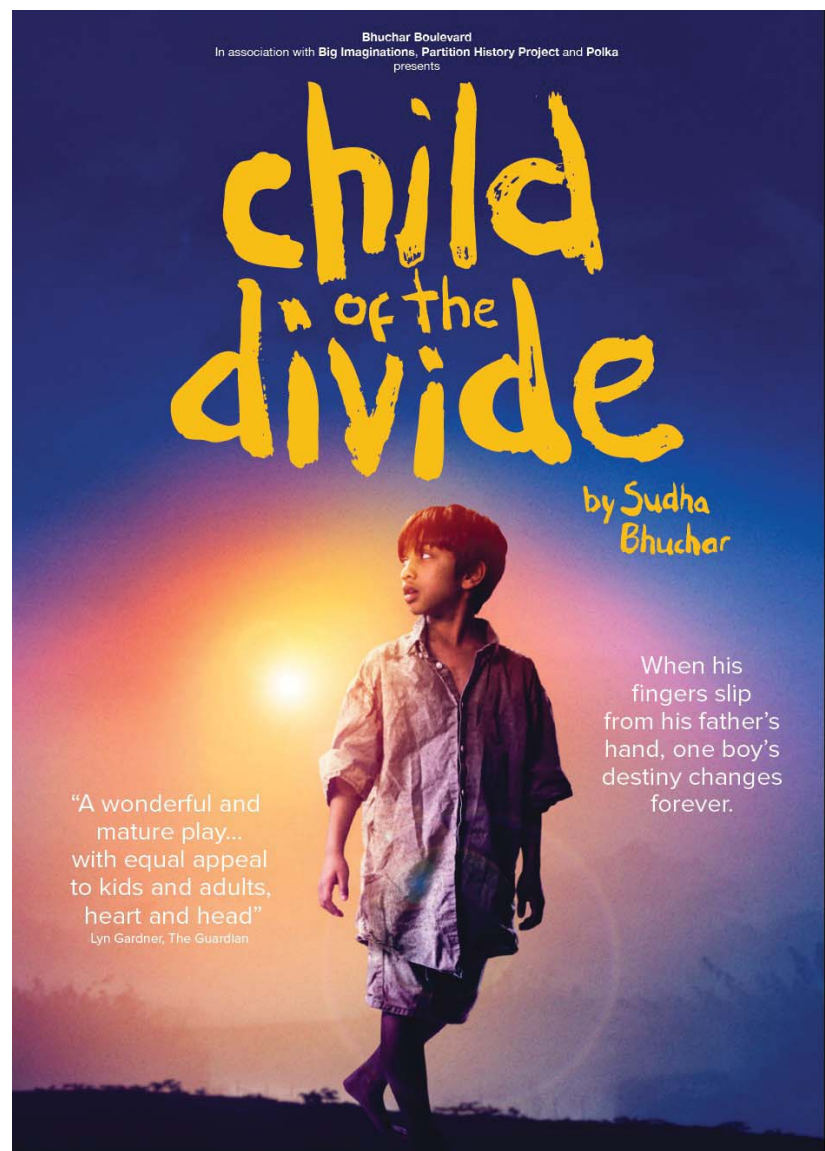
Year 7 students had the opportunity to take part in over thirty activities this term to encourage teamwork and foster new friendships within the year group. Groups faced many challenging activities, ranging from brain teasers to physical games, all of which encouraged students to collaborate and cooperate. We were very lucky to have glorious sunshine all day and students had a very energetic, engaging and fun-filled day.





POLKA THEATRE

Ms Smith and Ms Burnham took a group of Year 7 students to see the play *Child of the Divide* at the Polka Theatre. This was an excellent opportunity to learn more about the Partition of India in 1947 through the medium of this thought-provoking and emotional play. Our students followed the story of Pali, a young Hindu boy who was separated from his family during the chaos and fear of partition. Pali was adopted by a Muslim family and consequently brought up in a different faith. Our students were deeply moved by the tensions and heartbreak experienced by both sets of parents during these difficult times. Many issues relevant to today were raised, and this was an educational and rewarding experience for our students.



News from the Governors

The Governors held their first full meeting of the year on 25th September. We welcomed Ms Crowe as the new Staff Governor and spent some time analysing the summer exam results. The A-level results were excellent, particularly at the top grades A*-A, where we were right there at the top among Merton's schools. At GCSE, we remained strong, in spite of the new grading structure for English and Maths and the new curriculum in a number of other subjects. Governors have now set new and demanding targets for 2017/18, determined to improve still further the life chances of our students.

We developed this theme at our first Strategic Visit of the year on 2nd October. Our focus was on the current Year 11 in the lead-up to their GCSEs next summer. We were reassured about the drive for excellent results after a presentation and questioning of the Head of Year, and discussions with the Year 11 Tutors and groups of the students themselves. We also toured a number of their classes and were pleased to note throughout their attentive attitude to learning and their excellent behaviour

Find out more about the work of our School Governors here:
www.rphs.org.uk/31/governors

Governors were very pleased to have a stall at the Open Evening, staffed mainly by our Parent Governors. RPHS remains one of the few schools locally to allow the parents of prospective students to talk one-to-one to current students' parents at such events. We also spoke at the Parents Forum on 4th October about the work of Governors. This was part of the build-up to the election of a new Parent Governor to fill a vacancy we have currently.

The next major event for Governors will be their away day with the Senior Leadership Team on Saturday, 11th November, where we will be considering our future strategy for the school in response to the changing educational scene locally and nationally. Later in the half-term there will be another Strategic Visit, focussing on Year 7, and work on our budget for next year, which will, we hope, include extra money allocated to us under the Government's New Funding Formula. On the fun side, we are looking forward to the school hosting the Celebrating Merton event, and, like everyone else, we will be there for the annual House Plays competition. See you there!



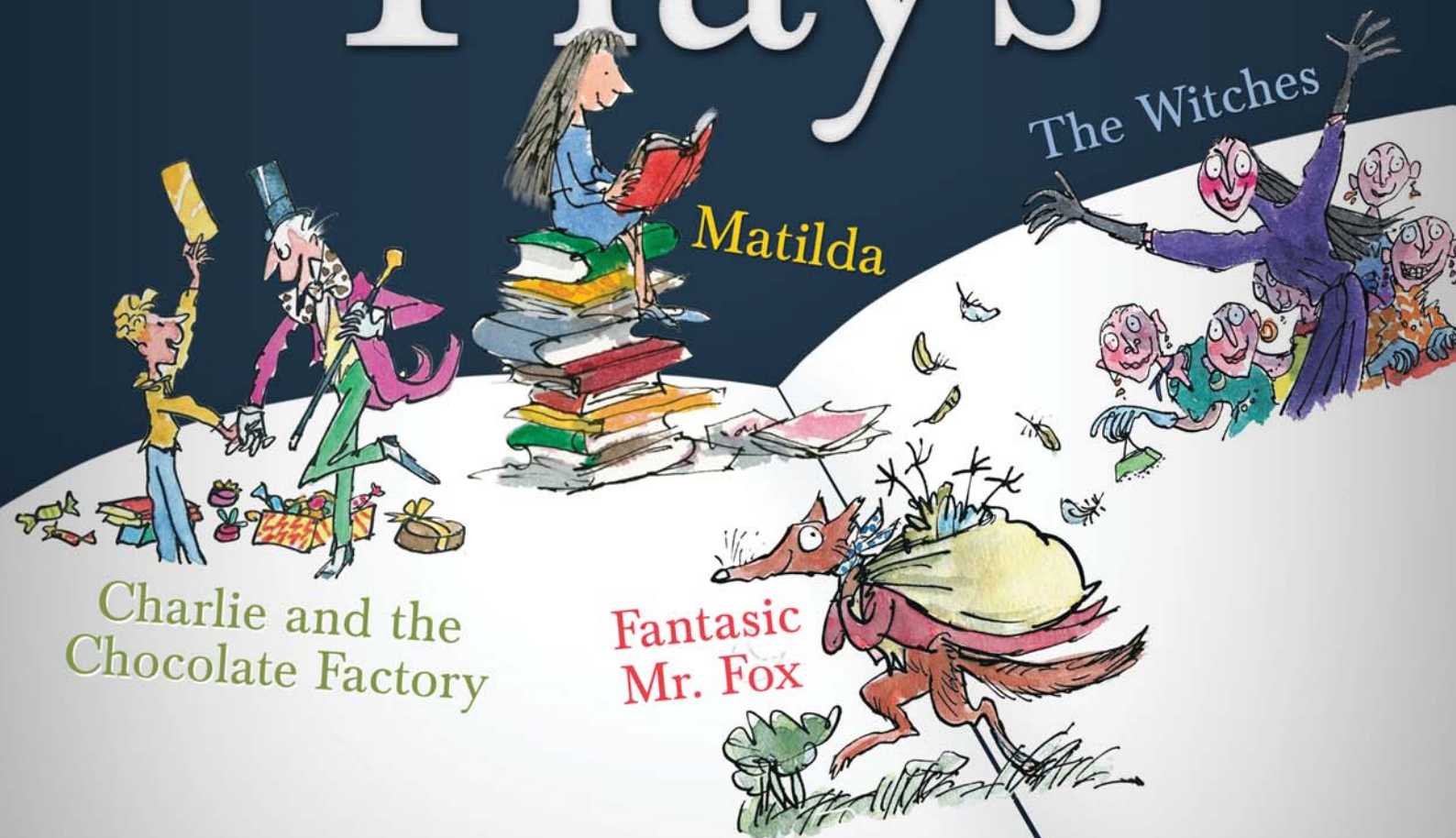
Michael Ross
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Chair of Governors

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Thursday 16th November 2017

Raynes Park High School presents...

House Plays



Charlie and the
Chocolate Factory

Fantastic
Mr. Fox

The Witches

Venue: Main Hall Time: 5.30pm-7.30pm

£6 Adults/£3 Children - tickets available from Finance Office



HAVE YOUR CAKE & EAT IT

Thank you to all families for their generosity and support for our charity fundraising day this term. The Cake Sale raised £520.78, and our Mufti Day raised £860.92. All £1 donations for the Mufti Day will go towards Jeans for Genes, a charity which helps to deliver inspiring projects and support services affected by a genetic disorder in the UK. Half a million children in the UK are affected by a life-altering genetic disorder and Jeans for Genes Day raises money to transform their lives.

All the money raised from the cake sale will go to Macmillan Cancer Support. Macmillan nurses are trained to provide the best cancer care possible, and our donations will help make sure that everyone gets the help they need. The money will go towards medical, practical, and emotional help for those currently living with cancer. We are so grateful to all students and staff for supporting these worthy causes.

Find out more about the work of these charities here;

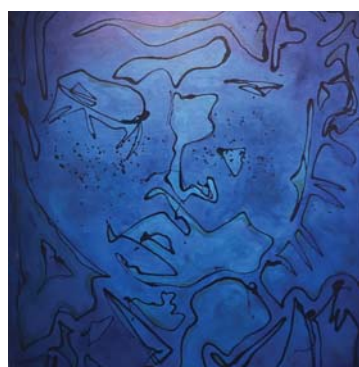
www.jeansforgenesday.org
www.coffee.macmillan.org.uk





REFLECTION & TRANSFORMATION

Over two weekends in September Merton Arts Festival covered the borough with art! From Wimbledon Park to Colliers Wood, Merton Park to Raynes Park, Mitcham to Morden, artists threw open their doors to welcome visitors. Throughout the festival, you could see work from printmakers, jewellers, textile and glass artists, ceramicists, sculptors and more. Mr Nicolas, Art Technician at Raynes Park High School, organised the event, and we were lucky enough to be one of the venues chosen to display artwork. We opened up our Art Department for a weekend and exhibited work from Raynes Park and Hollymount students. As always, we were represented by a fantastic group of student ambassadors who volunteered to show guests around the exhibition. The theme for this year was 'Reflection & Transformation' which inspired artists to create a range of exciting art pieces. Congratulations to Mr Nicolas for running such a successful borough-wide event.





FORMER PUPILS' DINNER

The Former Pupils' Society Dinner was another fantastic success this year. This annual tradition is a great opportunity for current and former staff and students to socialise and reminisce. The evening began with an AGM, which was followed by dinner and speeches. Mr Wilson-Boyle gave a speech filled with the exciting Sports projects which we are currently working on, including our work with BECSLink, The Tim Henman Foundation and Wimbledon Hockey, Mr Hayes spoke about our involvement in DofE, and thanked the Former Pupils for their generous donations to the school through the Charitable Trust. These kind donations enabled the school to purchase essential equipment which the students otherwise would not have been able to use. Olympian, Corrine Hall attended the evening,

bringing her shiny new MBE with her! (pictured, below) Recent former pupils were in attendance, including Kaleel, Kat, George and Alex (pictured, above), some of whom were awarded a Lifetime Membership to the society in their final year. As is tradition, the guests all joined together to sing the School Song, and a wonderful evening was had by all. Whether you are a former or current student or member of staff, we can recommend visiting www.rpfps.co.uk to find out more about the Former Pupil Society and how you can join and enjoy the many benefits of becoming a member.





TIM HENMAN SCHOLARSHIP

As part of the association with BECSLink, we are delighted to announce that we have been awarded a grant of up to £12,000 over 3 years by the Tim Henman Foundation to be awarded as scholarships to some of our students.

The aim of these scholarships is to identify and nurture talent by giving our students opportunities to access extra-curricular activities that they otherwise would not be able to afford.

The students may be talented at sport, art, music, drama, dance, academic excellence and it will be up to you as members of staff to identify and propose students that you think would benefit from these scholarships.

The money is targeted at students in financial need so PP/bursary students will qualify automatically. Other students that apply will need to demonstrate a financial need for the scholarship. All students that apply must also demonstrate their motivation through a personal statement.

The scholarships may be used to pay for anything that will support the student in nurturing their talent. This might include outside tuition, purchasing kit or equipment, attendance at a residential programme etc. The amount awarded will be up to a maximum of £500 in any one year but students may apply again in the following year.

To apply the student must complete an application form – and they must be sponsored by a member of staff. We will also expect the parent/carer to sign the application form.

This is a fledgling programme but we are very excited about the opportunities that it will open up to talented RPHS students in a range of diverse fields and we are very grateful to the Tim Henman Foundation for making this initiative possible.

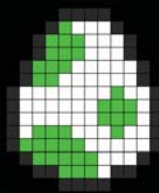
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WORD MILLIONAIRES

Pictured above are our Word Millionaires from the end of last term. All of these students managed to read over a million words! Congratulations, and we look forward to seeing how many of you reach two million words before the end of this year!

CHALLENGE WEEK



LOADING

COMING SOON...

A UNIQUE BOND FORGED IN
*Pride, Participation
& Performance*

YEAR 7 & 8

RUGBY

TRAINING

EVERY WEDNESDAY

ON THE RSA

3:15-4:15PM

BRING OLD KIT

BOYS AND GIRLS WELCOME!





FULHAM ACADEMY

BOYS STAR IN U13's DEBUT!

The new look Year 8 team made an excellent transition from 9 to 11-a-side football in their first fixture this term. In an important season opener in the Surrey Cup, against Fullbrook, it was vital that they made a fast start. The opening half flew by with Raynes Park dominating possession and having the majority of chances, however, the score at half time remained 0-0.

The Raynes Park team, having motivated one another at half time, sprung out of the traps in the second period, heaping pressure on the visitors' goal. After a couple of accurate passes through the middle of the pitch, the ball fell kindly to Maxie inside the penalty area who

dispatched it with ease past the diving Fullbrook goalkeeper, 1-0. Within minutes, RPHS capitalised on their dominance once again with multiple one-twos around the area. Jack then side-footed the shot over the keeper, 2-0.

From then on, RPHS were in full control. They started to relax on the ball and keep possession without being in any trouble for the most part. One lapse in concentration and communication late on led to a Fullbrook goal and a nervy last 5 minutes, but the team held strong to run out 2-1 winners and go through to the next round.

GIRLS GO GOLD

by Mia Bravo, 12M



On Thursday 28th September I had the amazing opportunity to go to Wimbledon High School to participate in Girls Going for Gold. When we got there we were given a welcome speech by the British Olympic rower Helen Glover, we then took part in a psychology lecture which was very interesting and informative. From there we went to a teamyou lecture where we learnt about our own team (family, friends, coaches & teachers) and how they can help us. This was presented by Montell Douglas, former women's British 100M record holder who has now turned her hand to the bobsleigh. After lunch we got to take part in netball where I learnt lots of new skills such as passing and how to move, this was run by Tania Hoffman who is Director of Netball for the Surrey Storm. Two girls from our school went and took part in a training session that was run by Frank Lampard as well. Girls



Going for Gold was a fun opportunity to meet many famous athletes and learn new skills which I really enjoyed.

(Pictured: Raynes Park students with Montell Douglas and Frank Lampard)



FULHAM ACADEMY

U19's BEGIN WITH A BANG

Match Report by Rui Soares

On the first game of the new season, both teams were eager to get the new campaign up and running with 3 points. Fulham got off to a quick start with Adrian playing a through ball in behind the Palace defence with the outside of his foot, with Djamel finishing it down the middle of the goal from a wide area. The second goal soon followed after Fulham played out from the back very well as Keith and Rui combined with a one-two playing a through ball to Ali Ramzani cutting it back for Djamel who tapped in off the near post.

Crystal Palace began to trouble the Fulham defence with a few half chances and they would argue they should have scored two to equalise, however Fulham's keeper, Ricardo, was on top form to fingertip a shot around the post from close range. Fulham then dented Palace's chances when Rui got the ball from out wide and dropped a shoulder to cut in and play a ball over the top of the Palace defence, for Adrian to loft it over the keeper's head to make it 3-0. Palace continued to pressure as they had chance after chance but still couldn't score.

15 minutes into the second half, Ali Dakata played a pass to Adrian who beat a player with a scoop turn, then another to calmly finish across goal. Even though the score was 4-0 by this point, Palace kept fighting and managed to get a goal back when their right winger managed to sneak one in at the near post. Fulham seemed in control for the majority of the match and this became fact rather than opinion when they won a penalty as Ali R was fouled by the keeper on a one on one. Keith stepped up but he gave Adrian the ball to allow him his first hat-trick of the season.

As the game was coming to an end, Palace got another when, oddly, their centre back scored a free kick from about 20 yards out. The game ended 5-2 to Fulham FC as they ran rampant on the first game of the season. Both teams played well but Fulham proved too much for Palace after 90 minutes.

Goal scorers for Fulham FC:
Adrian Okoro (3)
Djamel Boughedda (2)



SURREY CUP WIN

3-1 WIN

V. WINSTON CHURCHILL SCHOOL

On 5th October our young girls were given the tough task in the first round of the Surrey FA Cup Competition against Winston Churchill School, a specialist sports college in Wokingham. The game was played at a frantic pace and Winston Churchill School quickly went 1-0 up.

After a few tactical changes from team managers Mr. Hayes and Tilly, the Raynes Park team took the game by the scruff of the neck and started to dominate proceedings. We quickly got back on level terms then took the lead.

In the second half we never looked like conceding again and we punished WC and scored the third goal wrapping the game up. We are looking forward to the next game in the Surrey Cup.

RAYNES PARK RAIDERS BASKETBALL TRY-OUTS

The stakes were high, and it got very competitive in our Sports Hall on Wednesday, as Raynes Park boys competed for a spot on the highly-regarded U16's Raynes Park Raiders team. Who will have done enough to make the 2017/2018 roster? Results will be announced soon. Keep an eye on our PE Twitter feed for information on the final team @RPHSPE



SPORT UPDATE

It's been a great term overall for **Girls' Football**. Our KS3 team ran out easy winners against Ricards Lodge 3-0. We had further success with our Year 9-11 Girls' football team who managed to compete spectacularly against 8 teams in the Merton Borough 7-aside tournament. They were catapulted to the final after not conceding a single goal and played Ricards Lodge in the final - the pre-tournament favorites - with a very strong team. We looked the better team during the final but were cruelly beaten on penalties 2-3. Well done to all the female footballers who have made a really strong start to the year.

Our **Year 9 Girls' Netball** team took on the Hollyfield school in a friendly match played at home on Wednesday 27th September. It was their first game of the season which took its toll on the first quarter of the game with the score line very close at 2-2.

Raynes Park soon found their stride and with the arrival of Amber Guiver taking her centre position, we dominated the match with excellent goals from Georgia Holman-Hall and great defending from Kiera Williams and Luisa Franco.

The match ended with a Raynes Park victory of 10-3 with Hollyfield failing to score any goals in the second half of the game.



The **Year 9 Girls' Netball** Team continued to do us proud at the Merton Tournament, bagging a silver medal and only losing one game!

The **U15 Boys' Football** team made a scintillating start to their football season with a 7-0 friendly victory over Hollyfield. After a stuttering U14's campaign, the boys were highly motivated to put past inconsistencies behind them with a dominant performance.

Maureese opened the scoring in the opening ten minutes and the goals kept coming from there. Captain Cassidy weighed in with four goals including a perfect hattrick. A double from Chris capped off a very slick performance for the boys. This promised to be a strong season for this talented squad.

Finally, **House Dodgeball** ran this half term. Halliwell's won the Year 7, 8 & 9 rounds, with Miltons winning Year 10 and the Year 11 round being won by Gibbs. Keep an eye on Twitter for information on the next House Sports!

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