



NEWSLETTER

Summer Edition 2018



Welcome to the summer edition of The Roundhill Academy newsletter. This year has seen a number of key changes to the school. The school is a member of Bradgate Education Partnership (BEP), a multi-academy trust formed two years ago. This summer Wreake Valley Academy will be joining the Trust and we look forward to the two schools working closer together. Through this partnership, we will be able to enhance the experience of students who go on to study A Levels at Wreake Valley Academy and improve the provision for all students in both schools through closer collaboration.

We have introduced a new behaviour policy, which has been successful in reducing low-level disruption in lessons and increasing contact with parents if students are not behaving appropriately. We have also seen an increase in fixed term exclusions as we sanction students who are not prepared to follow the school behaviour policy. This policy is to be enhanced next year with a team of Behaviour Managers who will ensure students achieve the best possible outcomes by monitoring their behaviour in lessons.

We have communicated with you this term our uniform and equipment expectations for next year and trust you will support us on these with your son / daughter. These are readily available on the school website and all students have had them explained to them in tutor time and assemblies. Unfortunately, we have had to ask a small number of students to return home to change or not allowed them into lessons over the last few days if they have not met our high uniform standards. Students have also had explained to them if they do not have the correct equipment for learning next year they will receive a lunchtime detention.

It is at this time of year we need to say a fond farewell to a number of staff. I want to say thank Miss Attwood in PE, Miss Henson in History and Miss Knaggs in DT for the tireless service that they have given and they will be sadly missed by all staff and students at the school. Thank you for everything you have done and good luck in your new roles.

We have had a wonderful end of term with a hugely successful Year 11 Prom, Sports Day, Presentation Evening and Rewards Day Trips. I wish you all a wonderful and relaxing summer with family and friends and look forward to seeing you in the new academic year.

The Roundhill Family Partnership

The Roundhill Family Partnership is a group of parents who meet to support the school and effect positive change. All parents of children at The Roundhill Academy are automatically part of TRFP.

Future Meetings

Wednesday 3 rd October 2018 6:30pm to 7:30pm	Wednesday 6 th February 2019 6:30pm to 7:30pm	Wednesday 15 th May 2019 6:30pm to 7:30pm
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Cancer Research Race for Life 'Gordon's Girls'

After the sad passing of Gordon Nairn in January this year, the staff wanted to do something collectively to commemorate him, as well as raising money for Cancer Research. A group of more than 40 of us decided to don our trainers and running gear and take part in 'Race for Life' in Loughborough on Sunday 10th June. What a brilliant (and tiring!) day it was! As the students also wanted to help, we held a 'Wear it Pink' Non-Uniform Day on Tuesday 19th June, with the vast majority of students throwing themselves into it – there was pink glitter on many a face, numerous pink t-shirts and even an inflatable pink flamingo! Overall, we have so far raised a grand total of just over £3,000.00 An amazing achievement. If anyone still wishes to donate, the Just Giving link is still active.

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/gordons-girls-1>



Thanks to everyone who has taken part in any way.



Please can you ensure your son/daughter brings their cashless catering card into school.

If the card is lost, a new one can be purchased for a £1 charge.

If your son/daughter is entitled to Free School Meals, the card still has to be produced at the till.

Remember the easiest way to top up is via Parent Pay.



United Kingdom Mathematics Trust

UKMT Maths Challenge Successes

We have seen some amazing results this year from our students who took part in the UK Maths Trust Challenges run nationally by Leeds University.

Intermediate Challenge

In February 40 outstanding mathematicians from Years 9 and 10 took part in the Intermediate Challenge.

Year 9

Holly Taylor achieved a Silver award whilst Connie Liu achieved a Bronze award with Holly also receiving the Best in Year award.

Year 10

Farayola Lewis achieved a Silver award whilst Zac Afflick, Reon Doshi, Shayna Kotecha and Stuti Pankhania achieved Bronze awards. Farayola also received the Best in Year and Best in School awards.



Junior Challenge

Then in April, it was the turn of another 40 outstanding mathematicians, this time from Years 7 and 8, who took part in the Junior Challenge.

Year 7

Andy Liu achieved an amazing Gold award, which also earned him the Best in Year and Best in School awards. Andy also achieved such a high score that he went through to the higher Kangaroo Challenge round, the results from which are yet to arrive. Marcus Branney and James Keen achieved Bronze awards.

Year 8

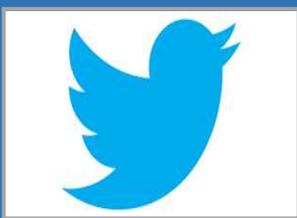
This year group did exceptionally well with 11 awards being received in total. Devani Patel and Ben Walshe achieved amazing Gold awards. Keaton Gibbs, Macy D'Costa, Liam Bourke and Grace Ford achieved Silver awards whilst Grace O'Connor, Kaine Pollard-Waldrone, Mollie O'Brien, Kayan Kotecha and Parth Prajapati achieved Bronze awards. Devani and Ben also received joint Best in Year awards.

Changes in the way we handle your personal data

With the introduction of the new General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR), we have amended our Data Collection forms. There is now a section on our website, which has a number of relevant documents.



For Updates from
The Roundhill Academy





My time at The Roundhill Academy is coming to an end after 20 years teaching in mainstream education with 10 of those being at The Roundhill Academy, I am moving on to work in a specialist school for young people with Specific Learning Needs and Autism at Maplewell Hall Special School.

I am keeping my fingers crossed for the GCSE results this summer and I wish all at The Roundhill Academy the very best.

After 20 years of teaching, it seems strange to think that these last few weeks of term could be my very last in the mainstream system. I am sad to say goodbye, but this year in particular has taught me that you should never say never. The reality is that we never really know what is around the corner.

As I am sure you would already appreciate, if you know me well, I have really enjoyed my time here and had the privilege of working within the community I have grown up in. I have served as a Parish and County Councillor, School Governor and Teacher, I have represented and have worked with some beautiful students, great parents and supportive staff, some of whom have become lifelong friends.

I am going to grab this opportunity at Maplewell School, after the break, with both hands. I will go home this summer, spend some time with my beautiful boy and family and reflect on my time with fondness and some very happy memories.

Thank you so very much for all the love I have experienced here at The Roundhill Academy. It genuinely has been the best place ever to work, and I sincerely wish each and every one of you, all the very best for the future, wherever your rosemary grows.

I would particularly like to thank my 'Dream Team' the Design Department and my absolutely brilliant colleagues and friends in the Faculty of Arts. Some of my favourite people ever.

Have a wonderful, well-deserved summer break.

Give us a wave if you see us in the village ☺

I remember arriving and feeling that it was where I was meant to be. I slotted straight in and became a part of a great big team of buzzing, motivated, dedicated and creative educationalists. Many of those original staff have now retired, but we welcome young, exciting new staff that are very committed to the young people of our local and school community.

"Live the Life you Love and Love the Life you Live."



Miss Knaggs

Uniform Reminder



SKIRTS

A fully pleated knee length skirt in plain mid-grey. The skirt should not be tightly tailored or of a stretchy "lycra" type material. It must not be split above the knee.

PE KIT

Please be reminded all students must have the new style PE kit by September 2018.

Safeguarding News

If you have any concerns about the safety of any young person at this school please ask at Reception to speak to any of the following Designated Safeguarding Leads.



James Tickle
Principal



Helen Blythe
Assistant Principal



Michaela Rueben
SENDCO



Jo Parfitt
Head of Student Services

The Roundhill Academy fully recognises the contribution it can make to protect children and support students in school. The aim of the policy is to safeguard and promote our students welfare, safety and health by fostering an honest open, caring and supportive climate. The students' welfare is a paramount importance.



Leicestershire Police has recently launched a new website designed to benefit and guide young people, parents and professionals on personal safety, crime prevention and reporting.

The website, 'kids and teens' is a section of the leics.police.uk website, offering advice and information on various different subjects relating to the wellbeing of children and adults. It is important that this information is delivered directly and successfully to children of all ages, therefore encouraging them to report crime if they deem it necessary. Not only that, but this website encourages interaction with parents, carers and teachers along with opening up communication between the police and young people, giving them confidence to speak up.

The 'Kids and Teens' website, aimed at children and teenagers, is an educational resource area that offers advice and information on various subjects relating to the wellbeing of children and young adults. It provides fun and interactive tools and resources for children and teenagers. The information zone also encourages interaction with parents, carers and teachers to open up communication on the police and to give them the confidence to speak up and make the right choices. The information zone covers a range of topics for children and teenagers such as staying safe online, stranger danger, bullying and alcohol and drugs. There is also an area for teachers, parents and professionals to seek guidance and support.

For information or guidance on a range of topics, please visit the Kids and Teens zone via the force website: <https://leics.police.uk/advice-and-information/kidsandteens>.

Science



On the 2nd July, 12 students visited Welland Park Academy for a careers workshop with Medical Mavericks. Throughout the day, they were able to use medical equipment such as: an ultrasound machine which was used to see inside their arms; a pulse Doppler, this was used to measure their pulses; an ECG (Electrocardiography) machine which records the electrical activity of the heart over a period of time using electrodes placed on the screen; and much more.

The activities were linked to careers in the health service so they could see the wide range of medical careers available to them. All the students had learnt something and enjoyed their day.

Written by Sophie Cheung, Year 10

Death Below Zero



CSI Investigation Experience

During this investigation, we went to **3M** Labs where we were equipped with hazard suits, which we wore when entering the crime scene. We gathered evidence from around the room and wrote a brief description on the evidence bag. After going around three crime scene sites, we got back to school, started to gather the information and created the story of Frank's death. Once we had this information, we started on our crime scene board and our lab reports. This gives an account of what we gathered and what involvement it had to the death. A lot of work had to be put into this part but it was all fun. After completion, we report to the judges of what we think happened to the victim. This is the intense part but the judges are friendly. Once all presentations are complete, the judges will pick four teams to go through to the final where the winning team will be announced. It was to our surprise that on the evening of the presentation, out of four other very competitive schools, our team won. As a prize, we won £750.00

for the school to spend on Science equipment and a small contribution for our efforts. Even though one of the other schools got the cause of death correct that a frozen salmon hit Frank, we still won due to our enthusiasm, confidence when presenting and scientific knowledge.

History



In November, a group of Year 9 students took part in a Historic England local history project focused around the Thurmaston War Memorial. The project involved completing the designation process to get Thurmaston's war memorial a listed status. We received confirmation that the Secretary of State has approved the proposal. In recognition of this, the students were invited, along with pupils from Sandfield Close Primary School, Cllr David Atterbury and representatives from the local community, to attend a celebration of the Listing on Wednesday 13th June at the Thurmaston War Memorial.

Pupils from Sandfield Close read accounts of the fallen soldiers from the First World War from the Thurmaston community. Students from The Roundhill Academy Tom, Sophia, Callum, Ayush gave readings and Holly laid a wreath at the memorial. Students reflected on their experience and recognised the importance of preserving the memorial for future generations. Jess said, "Being involved in this project has made me feel a part of my local history". Ellie commented, "I was part of something special and think young people should be more involved in finding out about their ancestors' history."

Sports News

Students represented The Roundhill Academy in the Area Athletics. There was a high level of competition from schools throughout the region and our students worked hard to produce their best performances. Well done.

Year 10

Alex Greasley
Joe Hardcastle
Jake Finnerty
Omar Nduwimana
Kieran Grudgings
Spencer Baker
Dylan Leake
Alex Greatorex
Dev Chauhan
Josh Dixon
Holly Stevens
Neeve Solanki
Megan Nuttall
Katie Jutson
Kayleigh Parker
Torin McLean
Harrison Stuart

Year 9

Ben Palmas
Milly Palmas
Max Hawkins
Stevie Willis
Dillan Hawes
George Caldwell
Callum Holtom
Kunj Patel
Eleanor Hill
Ethan Crawford
Sam Leahy
Ellen Bastable
Ria Taylor

Year 8

Dan Kew-Moss
Leo Perez
Ellis Smith
Louka Katsaros
Arwen Clifton
Jasmine Mistry
Shannon Braker
Grace Ford
Millie Watson
Taylor Wright
Joe Chapman
Amelia Coleman
Kaine-Pollard Waldron
Ella Golding
Nhi Lai
Puja Pankania
Kiera Ball
Amelia Jarman
Jacob Burton
Conan Evans

Year 7

Max Bradbury
Diego Rhoed
Jenson Wingfield
Sam Taylor
Freddie Eaton
Rishi Pancholi
James Keen
Ella Laight
Freya Laight
Ahmed Meftah
Shay Moore
Jacob Moore
Jack Allott
Rishi Sharma
Poppy Riddell
Eden Moore
Jacob Simpson
Ellis Quinn
Libby Daffy
Piper Roark

Pooja Patel
Lizzie Ledger
Lottie Syckes
Toby Della

