

5<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **School Production – We Will Rock You**

Good luck to all the students who have worked so hard preparing for the School Production of We Will Rock You this evening and tomorrow evening. We hope you enjoy.

### **National Bowl Competition**

The U15 XV progressed to the National Bowl semi-finals yesterday and will now face either Perse School or Harrogate Grammar School. The team, supported by a dedicated group of parents, made the long journey to Birkenhead. After 60 minutes of intense rugby, both sides were level at 17–17. Hale progressed by virtue of scoring first and being the away team.

This match demanded a great deal from every player, and, without exception, the entire squad rose to the challenge and demonstrated resilience and determination to secure the result.

### **Year 9 CPR Training**

Next week, all Year 9 boys will take part in a CPR training session delivered by a qualified paramedic, supported by college students. This valuable experience will introduce pupils to essential life-saving skills and help build confidence in how to respond effectively in an emergency situation.

While we hope our students will never need to use CPR, equipping them with this knowledge is an important part of preparing them to act responsibly, calmly, and compassionately in real-world situations. We are delighted to be able to offer our Year 9 boys this practical and potentially life-saving learning opportunity.

### **Cross Country**

A handful of runners competed in The Herts Cross Country championships on Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January at Westminster Lodge in St Albans. After a night of rain, the already challenging courses were slippery and heavy but that did not stop the athletes racing hard with large running fields for each age group.

In the Intermediate boys' race over 5000m, Finn Everitt, Year 10, produced a very pleasing run in a fast race which saw him placed 39<sup>th</sup> out of a field of 71 runners

Alex Shoesmith and Matthew Wearne, both Year 9, entered the Junior boys' race over 3500m which had a massive field of 102 runners. Alex kept with the pace and finished a creditable 6<sup>th</sup> while Mathew finished 83<sup>rd</sup> in his first outing at the event.

The penultimate race of the day was the Minor boys' race over 2500m where 78 Year 7 took on the course. Henry Wakefield ran very well to finish 12<sup>th</sup> in a very competitive race.

Well done to all the students who took part and represented the school with no short amount of enthusiasm and commitment.

All sporting results and updates can be found on our new Instagram page: **username:** rhs\_pe1617

### **PE Department – Instagram account**

#### **Progress Reports**

Year 13 PR2 Exam reports will be available on the SIMS Parent App from 3.20pm on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2026. If you have any problems accessing the system please email [simsparentapp@richardhale.co.uk](mailto:simsparentapp@richardhale.co.uk).

#### **Parent Trustee Vacancy**

As you know we have a vacancy for Parent Trustee and we have received eight nominations. A ballot will, therefore, need to take place and the ballot letter and information on how to vote will be sent to all parents/carers on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February.

#### **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026**

Finally, a reminder that next Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026 is an Inset day and school will be closed to students. The Junior Ski trip will depart on this day with the senior ski trip departing on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> February.

Ian Hawkins

**Headteacher**

#### **February 2026 Calendar**

Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	School Production
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	School Production
Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 11 Parents Evening
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	GCSE Art Gallery Visit
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Inset Day Junior Ski trip departs to the 20 <sup>th</sup>
Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup>	Senior Ski trip departs to the 19 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Half Term Week</b>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Return to School
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Year 11 Revision Workshops
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 13 Parents Evening
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 11 Food Tech Practical
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Year 11 and 13 Photographs Year 11 Food Tech Practical

#### **March 2026 Calendar**

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 8 Careers Networking Event
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 8 Careers Networking Event
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Sixth Form Offer Holder Evening
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup>	World Book Day DofE Year 10 Parents Meeting

Friday 6 <sup>th</sup>	Year 9 Welwyn Youth Drama Festival
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup>	GCSE MFL Mock Writing Tests to the 13 <sup>th</sup>
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	Year 12 Parents Evening
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup>	Year 13 Revision Evening
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup>	House Music
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Senior Colours Assembly BTEC Mock Exams to 26 <sup>th</sup>
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Year 9 Parents Evening
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup>	Year 11 English Exam
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup>	Non-Uniform Day End of spring term, school finishes at 12.30pm
<b>Easter Holidays</b>	

### April 2026 Calendar

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	Summer Term begins A Level MFL Mock Speaking exams Year 10 Exams to the 17 <sup>th</sup>
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup>	GCSE Art Exam
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup>	GCSE Art Exam
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup>	Year 10 Work Experience Week GCSE MFL Speaking Exams Week
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Post-18 Pathways Evening
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Year 7 Bude Information Evening
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup>	A Level MFL Speaking Exams
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Junior Maths Challenge
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 12 Exams start A Level Art Exam

### May 2026 Calendar

Friday 1 <sup>st</sup>	A Level Art Exam
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>Bank Holiday – School Closed</b>
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Year 7 Parents Evening
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	BTEC Exams start GCSE Exams start

### Weeks

Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Week 1
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>Half Term</b>
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	Week 2
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> Mar	Week 1
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Week 2
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Week 1
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Week 2
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Apr</b>	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Week 1

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Week 2
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Week 1
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Week 2
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> May	Week 1

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