

23<sup>rd</sup> April 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **World Book Night**

Join us for the #ReadingHour on World Book Night tonight.

What better way to Go All In on a new read than during the #ReadingHour? The Reading Hour, running from 7–8pm on World Book Night, encourages people across the country to pause, switch off distractions and spend time reading. Any form of reading counts! From audiobooks to zines, articles to novels, Go All In on a read that interests you.

### **Highway to Hale – Rock & Pop Concert Night**

We are delighted to invite families to an exciting evening of live music, *Highway to Hale*, taking place at the Corn Exchange on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April with a 7:00pm start. Expect a high-energy rock and pop vibe and a great atmosphere.

This concert is also a fantastic opportunity for our students to perform in a real live music venue, giving them valuable experience of playing on a professional stage and building confidence performing in front of an audience.

Tickets are available on Wisepay:

Adult: £10

Concession: £6

Family of 4: £30

A bar will be available on the night for the purchase of refreshments. We look forward to welcoming parents and pupils for an enjoyable evening supporting our musicians.

### **U18 District Cup Final vs Broxbourne School**

Richard Hale started brightly, creating two early chances but failing to convert. Broxbourne capitalised on defensive errors to take the lead, making it 1–0. Broxbourne then grew into the game, controlling possession and preventing Hale from progressing up the pitch.

As the half went on, Hale began to retain the ball better and created some good opportunities, but was unable to find the breakthrough. The halftime whistle blew with Broxbourne leading 1–0.

The second half followed a similar pattern, with Hale creating chances to level the game. However, Broxbourne showed their quality, finding space and scoring again to extend their lead to 2–0. We continued to play positive football and created multiple chances, but struggled to hit the target. The pressure eventually paid off when Isaac Francis scored a well-taken goal to make it 2–1, shifting the momentum firmly in Hale's favour.

In the closing minutes, Hale were awarded a corner. A great leap from Aaron Ship caused problems in the box, and the ball fell to Kaja Novotny, who fired home - cue celebrations as Hale equalised at 2–2.

Hale carried their momentum into extra time and looked the more likely side to score, applying constant pressure with energy and intent. The breakthrough finally came when Dexter Moor worked space brilliantly before rifling a shot into the top left corner - scenes of pure celebration as Hale took a 3–2 lead. From there, Hale managed the game superbly, taking the sting out of proceedings and seeing out the victory. *Final Score: Richard Hale 3–2 Broxbourne.*

This victory marks an incredible milestone, as Richard Hale has now retained the U18 District Cup for the 11th consecutive year, underlining their continued dominance and resilience at this level. Well done to all concerned.

### **Parent Survey**

As part of our self-reflection and planning for the future improvement and development at Richard Hale School, we are keen to gather the views from parents.

Using the link below you can access the parent survey, please take time to complete the questions which are multiple choice and should not take too long to complete. There is an open text box at the end of the survey for you to make any additional comments or points which you feel would help support the school moving forward. The deadline for responding to the survey is Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May.

<https://forms.gle/HMzeDRTyxVfrhFyE6>

We are very interested in hearing your views on the key areas of the school and this will feed into the responses we have from the other members of the school community. All the feedback will be analysed and will inform our development planning in the future.

Thank you for your support with this.

### **Locker Bonds**

From September 2025, we stopped taking bonds for school locker rental. Therefore, students in Year 7 have not paid for locker bonds. In order to make this consistent across the school, for students in Years 8, 9 and 10 who paid £10 locker bonds when they started school, this money will be transferred onto catering accounts. This has already happened for Year 11 students.

### **Darts Club**

Due to exams taking place in the Gym, the final darts club of the year will be on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April.

### **RHSPA Quiz Night - Cancelled**

The RHSPA Quiz Night planned for Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April has been cancelled as unfortunately there has been insufficient interest. The RHSPA apologies for any inconvenience caused. All tickets already paid for will be fully refunded.

### **Staff News**

Good luck to Mr Smith, PE, (Bib Number 19061) who will be running the London Marathon on Sunday for Teenage Cancer Trust. If anyone still wishes to donate to this cause, please use the link below.

[www.justgiving.com/page/alex-smith-96](http://www.justgiving.com/page/alex-smith-96)

### BEAM Theatre Student Offer

Please see below student rate offer for The Reduced Shakespeare Company who are at the BEAM next week.

All 37 plays in under 2 hours. Three actors. One wildly funny show - The worldwide comedy hit returns with a brand-new, updated version of [The Complete Works of William Shakespeare \(abridged\)](#), a fast, furious and gloriously absurd sprint through all of the Bard's tragedies, comedies, and histories.

Expect *Hamlet* performed backwards, *Titus Andronicus* as a YouTube cooking tutorial, and all the History plays turned into a chaotic football match where the crown is kicked from king to king. Throw in lightning-fast costume changes, sword fights, outrageous improvisation, and the result is a wildly inventive and hilarious celebration of Shakespeare.

BEAM, Hertford, Mon 27 - Wed 29 Apr 2026

Use discount code **SHAKES15** to purchase tickets for just £15 each.

Ian Hawkins  
Headteacher

### April 2026 Calendar

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
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	A Level Art Exam Year 7 Parents Evening
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	BTEC Exams start GCSE Exams start Year 12 Exams End
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup>	A Level Exams start
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup>	BTEC Exams end Year 10 Geography Field Trip 1 – Epping Forest

Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 Treasure Hunt
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup>	French Language Trip to the 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup>	Half Term Week

### June 2026 Calendar

Monday 1 <sup>st</sup>	Return to school
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Year 10 History Trip – Tower of London
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup>	Year 10 Parents Evening
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Year 12 Geography Trip, Bath to the 10 <sup>th</sup>
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Year 10 & 12 Geology Trip, Cornwall to the 12 <sup>th</sup>
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup>	GCSE Exams End Year 10 MFL Mock Speaking Exams week
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup>	D&T Rotary Club Competition
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup>	Year 8 Parents Evening
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Year 10 English Exam
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup>	A Level Exams End Year 10 DofE Practice Expedition to the 21 <sup>st</sup>
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	Year 7 Trip to Bude to the 26 <sup>th</sup>
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Sixth Form Induction
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup>	Sixth Form Induction
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup>	District Athletics
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup>	Biology Field Trip – Day 1
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Year 6 New Parents Evening HPV Vaccinations Biology Field Trip – Day 2

### Weeks

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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