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Welcome from the Headmaster

We have reached the end of the Spring Term and what a fitting finale we witnessed last night. Our Spring Concert was the most inclusive event of its kind, with around 200 children performing at some point. There were choirs, ensembles and rock bands a-plenty, along with some wonderful Art & DT displays, and such universal support from staff, pupils and parents alike. A truly humbling experience! Coming on the back of the excellent Year 6 performance of Shakespeare's 'Twelfth Night' last week, it was lovely to see the Creative Arts coming to the fore at the end of this busy term. It reflected the all-round nature of our school and I hope that the Spring Term has provided something for everyone, whatever your talents. When we return, it will be to the sunshine and prospects of a brighter few weeks. Enjoy a restful Easter break, wherever it takes you!

Ian Thorpe

Spring Concert

Thank you to everyone who was involved in the Spring Concert last night. We had a wide range of age groups and music styles on show. The children looked wonderful and sounded even better! Congratulations to everyone for what was a fantastic evening of music making!



Nicole Allison

Summer Term Uniform

Please note when we return after the Easter break, pupils should come to school in their Summer uniform. A detailed uniform list can be found on our website [here](#).

Karl Newland and Clare Kirkham

Upper School Update

As we head into the Easter break can I take this opportunity to say a huge well done to all the Upper School pupils on a busy but brilliant term.

In my final day assembly today we reflected on the achievements across the Upper School, including sporting success, Science week, the Year 6 Twelfth Night production and we presented awards in

Technology, Music, Drama, Public Speaking and Art. In addition we were treated to brilliant LAMDA presentations from Katharine, Amy, Lexi, Emma, Riley, Daniel and Teddy, and a fantastic Public Speaking piece from Meharpal, Ollie and Matthew Iveson on 'Does Money make the World Go Around?' Well done to all of you!

We also had a guest speaker from the Lower School. Shihong (Year 5) came along to present his own piece on 'Unsung Heros', and talked about Paul (from the maintenance team) and how his tireless work on Lost Property and Car Parking is so important to all of our pupils and parents. Well done Shihong and thank you indeed to Paul for all your hard work.

As we head into the Easter break I hope you all have a restful and peaceful holiday, and that you recharge your energy levels ready for another busy, but hopefully warm, summer term. If a little revision is needed, our staff have ensured that all the necessary work and guidance is available on the VLE, but do also make sure that you all have a good rest as well.

Karl Newland, Head of Upper School

Library News - Spring Surprises 2018



The Spring Surprises 2018 Book List is available [here](#). Have a look for some suggestions for books which will also be available in our School Library from April 2018.

Wishing you all a lovely Easter break.

Karen Cresswell

Year 6 Commendations

Congratulations to all the Year 6 pupils who have been working effectively in class this term and have



Khalil V	Chloe M
Daisy W	Edward G
Sam W	Brandon G
Josie D	Roman A
Oliver F	Oliver B
Jasper G	Noah B-W
Marcus H	Ryan T
Millie M	Charlie W
Ayrana M	Daniel R
Emerson N	Damla S
Amelia B	Ines M
Joshua B	Aadam M
Joel W	William E
Elsbeth W	Aniyah G
Alexander W	Lauren B
Evie S	Jacob S
Mia K	Sophie S
James M	Alexander T
Harry H	George V
Natasha C	Bronwen R
Luke W	Teddy G
Bibi W	Elizabeth H
Jack M	Mia H
William K	

Well done!

Rob Temlett

Year 7 Commendations

Congratulations to the following children for achieving their next Headmaster's Commendation: Harry M, Ben W, Hannah K, Tilly H, Joanna H, Louie P, Lachie T, Jake W, Toby W, Olivia B, Sofia H, Leah F, Amy N-J, Katherine V, Luke C, Ed M, Warren H, Lexi M, Mihir R and Matthew Y. As you can see, there were many badges to give out this week which is a reflection of the great work the children have put in this half term.

A special mention to our top achievers this term: 7RH Louie P, 7MS Harry M, 7BD Luke C. Very well done for collecting the most house points!

A big thank you to our Spring term Ambassadors: Lexi M, Luke C, Ben M, Jack P, Jules T and Katherine V who have worked hard this term to help support the staff in their leadership roles carried out their Peterborough Hall sessions before school to help hear readers and play with the younger children in the Lower School. Very well done for showing great commitment!

The Year 7 tutor team would like to wish you all a Happy Easter and hope you enjoy your break wherever you are – and eat lots of chocolate eggs of course!

Anna Mercer, Michelle Sehgal, Beth Day, Rupert Howe

Year 8 Round Up

This has been a very busy term for all pupils across Year 8. Pupils in 8S should be congratulated for some fantastic academic results, and those in the CE groups have produced some very promising mock exam scores. All in all, this has been a superb term and so a big well done to all pupils.

There has also been a flurry of housepoints added over the last week or so, meaning the following pupils have been awarded Headmaster's Commendations:

Bronze Award: Felipe G, Alex M-T and Joe R

Silver Award: Chloe S, Francesca T, Tom Q, Roman H-T, Chloe C and Sophia B

Well done to all pupils on their achievements this term.

Lee Silva, Head of Year 8

Downsend Marsden March

Thank you so much to all our families for your overwhelming response to our Lower School Marsden March. The idea started earlier this term, when Sarasa in Year 5 suggested we hold our own version of the annual Marsden March. The children enjoyed walking round the school grounds on a beautiful Spring morning with their friends and teachers and together we have raised an amazing £5,653.50 for the Royal Marsden. Any outstanding sponsorship money can still be handed into the office after the Easter break.

Mrs Ludlam and Miss Wilby



Calling all Dragons!!



As part of the ACE timetable (after CE exams) the Year 8's will have their annual Dragons Den day. Due to some of the past Dragons no longer being Downsend parents, I am in need of some help! Please if you have any experience of the following roles and feel you could help out on the following dates, could you let me know?

Managing Director

Human Resources

Sales

Finance

Marketing and Advertising

If possible, any volunteers would be able to attend a briefing given to the pupils on Wednesday 27 June at 8.45am where the children will be told how to fulfill their role and given the briefing for the product design. It would be helpful if you could stay for the morning and oversee the teams working on their presentations but not essential.

The actual presentations will take place on Friday 29 June all day where you would be part of the Dragons team who decide on winners of "Best Teamwork", "Best Product" and "Best Presentation". You would need to deliver a Masterclass at the start of the day on each role within the team (past ppts are available to look at).

If anyone feels they may be able to help please could you e mail dee.vanstone@downsend.co.uk

There will be a meeting about the set up of the day on Wednesday 20 June at 4.15pm in E1 if anyone is interested in helping out and finding out more.

Thank you,

Dee Vanstone

Public Speaking Competition

Next term it is the turn of the Year 5's and 6's to enter a public speaking competition hosted by Downsend. The date of this will be confirmed at the start of next term, but I am hoping it will be in the first week of June.

If your child is in Year 5 or 6 and is interested in taking part, they will need to prepare a two minute speech to deliver on our return on any subject of interest to them. We have a number of Year 5's and 6's who I know are interested so it is important that they are prepared as this will form part of their selection.

Dee Vanstone and Sue Dinnage

House Sportsmanship Cups

Well done to the winners of the House Sportsmanship Cups who received their cups in assembly this

Y2 - Sam R and Grace K

Y3 - Finley G-S and Natalia B

Y4 - Lucas T and Jemima J

Y5 - Felix A and Eleanor K

Fiona Fitch



Final Reminders for Ski Trip 2018



Well the time has nearly arrived for us to depart to the slopes! The snow this year is unbelievable with yet more to come so it promises to be an amazing trip! I thought I would send a few last-minute reminders to you all:

- 6.30am meet in Downsend car park on Saturday 31st March.
- Please bring any medication in named bags in its original packaging and hand to Susie Taylor (Ensure any travel sickness tablets are given before meeting and that some are packed for the return journey.)
- Ensure you check out the BA website – 23kg maximum weight and no drinks in hand luggage!

Remember your child is in charge of their own luggage!

- Packed breakfast and lunch needed (no drinks) and £10 for spending on drinks etc at the airport.
- No mobile phones under any circumstances.
- Pack swim hats if your child would like to swim.
- Please ensure your child has both suncream, after sun and lip balm.
- The link to the daily blog will be found at: <https://downsend.fireflycloud.net/residential-trips-2017-18/ski-trip-2018>
- Please remember to e mail dee.vanstone@downsend.co.uk if you are collecting from the airport on our return.

Any queries, please don't hesitate to contact me. See you bright and early on Saturday!

Dee Vanstone

Spring Term Art Newsletter

The Art Department Spring Term newsletter below can also be downloaded [here](#).





Julia Aylen

Spring Term Design Technology Newsletter

The DT Department Spring Term newsletter below can also be downloaded [here](#).



Design and Technology
Spring Term 2017—Lower School



YEAR 2—WOVEN TROPICAL FISH
 Pupils have used their weaving and textiles skills to create beautiful tropical fish decorations.



Year 3—LUNAR BUGGIES
 Lunar buggies have been landed.



Year 3—FOOD TECHNOLOGY
 Year 3 pupils have made a variety of dishes including fruit faces and Easter com flake cakes.



Year 4—FOOD TECHNOLOGY
 Year 4 pupils have investigated the history of bread making, created their own bread rolls, pizzas.

Year 4—FABRIC POSTCARDS
 Holiday memories have been created in fabric and embroidery stitches with the sublimation printer and heat press being used for our message!



Year 5—EMERGENCY SHELTERS
 Shelters for a variety of emergency situations are under construction



UPPER SCHOOL DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY
 A gallery of products will be included in the end of year newsletter

TECHNOLOGY CLUB

Years 4-7

Laser cut device stand—an introduction to CAD using Tech Soft 2D . Upper School Pupils provided fantastic peer support whilst honing their CAD skills



News from the DPA



As I write this we are getting prepped for the Lower School plant event activity due to happen last day of term. Thank you to the volunteer parents and grandparents who have come forward to help and I hope you like your child's decorated Easter themed plant.

NEXT TERM

DPA SUMMER BALL TICKETS ON SALE AFTER EASTER BREAK:

A number of you have asked me regarding this annual event, well this year it is booked for Friday 15th June 2018 at The Conservatory at Painshill Park in Cobham Surrey. The Tickets which will be £85.00pp will go on sale after Easter. The venue has a much larger capacity than previous venues that we were bursting out of due to our size, so everyone is welcome.

So start thinking about who you may want to be on a table with. Tables are 10 -12 people in size.

The ticket cost will include: drinks reception, 3 course dinner with wine, disco, exclusive use of the venue to Downsend only, Live Auction, Silent Auction and a Photographer. All in the most beautiful walled garden setting.

<http://painshillevents.co.uk/>

RECYCLING EVENT

(Date TBC but probably the end of April) So if you have had a good spring clean save some bags for this event and help raise funds for the DPA.



I hope you and your families have a lovely relaxing Easter break and don't eat too much chocolate. See you next term.

Maxine & the DPA Committee



Music Exams

Congratulations to all pupils who took external music exams this term. A full list of all results will be published next term.

Music Clubs and Ensembles

For a full list of Music Ensembles please download [here](#).

Monday		Tuesday		Wednesday		Thursday		Friday	
Year 4 & 5 Choir	10.15 - 10.45 a.m. (Mrs Allison)	Chamber Choir (Rehearsal 1)	8.00 - 8.30 a.m. (Mrs Allison)	Brass Ensemble	8.00 - 8.30 a.m. (Mr Boote)	Lower School Percussion Club/ LS Mixed Ensemble	10.15 - 10.45 a.m. (Mrs Allison)	Whole School Orchestra	8.00 - 8.45 a.m. (Mrs Allison)
Upper School Choir	10.45 - 11.15 a.m. (Mrs Allison)	Flute Ensemble	10.15 - 10.45 a.m. (Mrs Hart)	Lower School Rock Band	10.15 - 10.45 a.m. (Mr Bradfield)	Upper School Mixed Ensemble	10.45 - 11.15 a.m. (Mrs Allison)	Year 2 & 3 Choir	10.15 - 10.45 a.m.
		US Mixed Ensemble	10.45 - 11.15 a.m. (Mrs Allison)	Upper School Rock Band	10.45 - 11.15 a.m. (Mr Bradfield)	Chamber Choir (Rehearsal 2)	1.15 - 1.45 p.m. (Mrs Allison and Mrs Bayley)	US Mixed Ensemble	10.45 - 11.15 a.m. (Mrs Allison)
		Upper School Rock Band	10.45 - 11.15 a.m. (Mr Bradfield)	Whole School Orchestra	1.15 - 1.45 p.m. (Mrs Allison and Mrs Hart)				
		Lower School Orchestras	12.45 - 1.15 p.m. (Mrs Allison and Mrs Hart)						
		Lower & Upper School Rock Band	1.15 - 1.45 p.m. (Mr Bradfield)						

April 2018



Instrumental Lessons at Downsend School

If your child would like to learn an instrument at Downsend with one of our tutors then please email the Head of Music at nicole.allison@downsend.co.uk. For more information about how the music lessons work, please click [here](#). Currently we have tutors for the following instruments:

Flute, Recorder, Oboe, Clarinet, Saxophone, Trumpet, Trombone, French Horn, Tuba, Electric Guitar, Acoustic Guitar, Mandolin, Bass Guitar, Drum Kit, Percussion, Ukulele, Violin, Viola and Piano.

If your child would like to play an instrument that is not listed above, please let me know and I will try to source a tutor for you.

M:Tech Music Technology – Summer 18 Term

M:Tech is a creative composition course in which children create exciting music using the latest music technologies. The course is available to children age 7 - 13 and is suitable for all levels of musical ability.

In the Summer 18 term the children will be working on **Project 'Cartoons'**

'Compose your own jingle, background music and sound effect to the likes of Tom & Jerry, Scooby Doo, Bugs Bunny and Pokemon'.



A digital download is emailed directly to parents and a Certificate will be given out in assembly at the end of each term. This course is administered directly by M:Tech and so to register your child's interest please sign up online at www.mtechonline.co.uk or contact Pia, Rebecca or Ann on 01483 578114.

M:Tech costs £165 per term with weekly sessions of 30 minutes. Please note: It is important to understand M:Tech is not a club or an activity. It is a group instrumental lesson teaching creative composition with a clear graded learning curve, therefore we apply the same terms and conditions as for instrumental lessons notice is required by half term in order to stop at the end of term.

Easter Music Course at St Teresa's

Please have a look at the information about this course. It would be wonderful if some of our instrumentalists could participate. As we all know – there is nothing more fun than playing your flute / clarinet / saxophone / trumpet / trombone / violin / cello / french horn with others in a group! This is a well-run course and the day is divided into sectional rehearsals as well as some time to take a break

before the big orchestral session. You can download an application for [here](#).

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Easter 2018
MUSIC COURSE

for boys and girls in Years 4 to 8

A non-residential instrumental music course
to be held in the beautiful surroundings of
St Teresa's School in the Surrey Hills

Tues 3rd – Fri 6th April 2018
10.00am – 4.00pm

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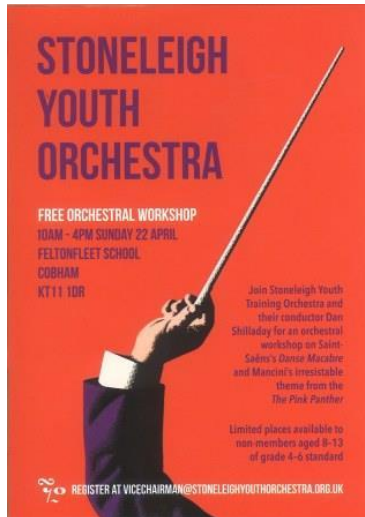
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Stoneleigh Youth Orchestra

Stoneleigh Youth Orchestra are holding a free orchestra; workshop after Easter and their next auditions will be held on Sunday 29 April and Sundays 2 and 9 September at their rehearsal venue, St Paul's Community Centre, Inner Park Road, Wimbledon, SW19 6ED.

Details of all of their concerts along with further information about the orchestras are available on their website www.stoneleighyouthorchestra.org.uk.



**STONELEIGH
YOUTH
ORCHESTRA**

FREE ORCHESTRAL WORKSHOP
10AM - 4PM SUNDAY 22 APRIL
FELTONFLEET SCHOOL
COBHAM
KT11 1DR

Join Stoneleigh Youth Training Orchestra and their conductor Dan Shilladay for an orchestral workshop on Saint-Saëns's Danse Macabre and Mascagni's impassable theme from the *The Pink Panther*

Limited places available to non members aged 8-13 of grade 4-6 standard

REGISTER AT VICECHAIRMAN@STONELEIGHYOUTHORCHESTRA.ORG.UK



OPEN CASTING CALL!

Modest! Management, the team behind acts such as One Direction, Little Mix, JLS, and 5 Seconds of Summer are holding open auditions for singers OR songwriters to be part of an exciting new project launching in 2018. We are seeking males and females aged between 14-18.

WHAT TO DO NEXT:

Simply film a video of yourself* singing and upload it to YouTube.

Snap a selfie (headshot) and email it along with a link to your video to:

talent@modestmanagement.com

(Include your full name and D.O.B and contact info)

*If you are solely a songwriter, please feel free to send audio only.

**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR ENTRIES
BY 23rd April 2018.
GOOD LUCK!**

Modest!
www.modestmanagement.com

Nicole Allison



House Textiles Competitions Reminder



Years 2 & 3

Design and make a HOUSE banner or mascot using fabric and fabric glue, no stitching necessary. All entries must be submitted on the first day back after the Easter Holidays to the Textiles Studio. Judging will take place in the following week.

All entries must have your **name, form** and **House** attached.

All entries will receive house points and prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place.

Years 4 & 5 and Upper School

Design and make a HOUSE banner or mascot using fabric and textile materials and a range of textile techniques.

All entries must be submitted on the first day back after the Easter Holidays to the Textiles Studio.

Judging will take place in the following week.

All entries must have your **name, form** and **House** attached.

Year 4&5 will be judged together and Upper School separately.

All entries will receive house points and prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place.

Melanie Grimshaw-Smith

Years 2,3 and 4 Swim Galas 2018

This past week has seen children from years 2,3 and 4 take part in their annual inter-house swimming gala. All three have been extremely exciting and intensely competitive, with the final results being decided on the very last race - the relay, worth double points!

Every child who swam gave their absolute best, demonstrating fantastic progress over the past two terms. The number of children swimming lengths this year is the highest ever and highlights the incredible determination and effort put into their lessons.

The support from the record breaking number of parents, grandparents and siblings spectating and between each other was amazing and provided an electric, and hot, atmosphere. Good sportsmanship is something we strongly enforce and it was shown in abundance across all three year groups.

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the smooth running of the gala's, from the class teachers, teaching assistants, GAPs, games staff and Mr Turvey for inputting the results electronically - looking forward to the electronic score board next year!

Well done to everyone and Norbury for winning all three gala's.

Year 2

4th - Headley (109 points)

3rd - Ranmore (131 points)

2nd - Wisley (135 points)

1st – Norbury (142 points)

Year 3

4th Headley (104)

3rd Wisley (113)

2nd Ranmore (115)

1st Norbury - (120)

Year 4

4th - Wisley (110)

3rd - Ranmore (117)

2nd - Headley (128)

1st Norbury (129)



Fiona Fitch

Next Term @ Downsend

School Events



Date	Time	Event
Monday 16 April	All Day	STAFF INSET
Tuesday 17 April	8.30am	Term Starts
Thursday 19 April	All Day	Yr 2 Forest School visit @ Downsend
Friday 20 April	Assembly All Day All Day	Mr I Thorpe Yr 4 Junk Percussion Workshops 8S Sports Leadership

Downsend+

Please note that the reduced rate for our Summer Tennis and Cricket courses expires on Friday 6 April so don't delay in getting these courses booked in time.

For all enquires please email downsendplus@downsend.co.uk or call 07909 861 280

[Contact Form 2017-2018](#)

[Easter and May Half Term Description](#)

[Easter 2018](#)

[May Half Term 2018](#)

[Summer 2018 Tennis Cricket Booking Form](#)

Rebecca Peek

Notice to Leave Reminder

We would like to remind Parents that if you are leaving Downsend at the end of the Summer Term, notice must be given before the first day of next term, i.e no later than **Tuesday 17 April 2018**. Where Parents have not given a term's written notice, fees in lieu of notice will be applicable. Notice should be in writing and addressed to and received by the Head personally or the Business Manager on the Head's behalf. It is expected that Parents will consult with the Head before giving notice to withdraw a pupil. Full terms & Conditions are available to view on the parent Portal section of the website.

Carole Dickie, Business Manager

School Notices

Contact Details

Please email office@downsend.co.uk if any of your contact details change. Most communication regarding school matches, meetings and other general school information is sent via email or text message.

Medical Details

Please email nurse@downsend.co.uk if any of your child's medical details change or return a hard copy to the School Office.

Downsend Times

Should you wish to add any additional family members to the weekly distribution list then please email their details to editor@downsend.co.uk

Downsend Sports Bulletin

If you do not already receive the Downsend Sports Bulletin on a Wednesday and would like to start receiving it then please email your details to editor@downsend.co.uk to be added to the distribution list.

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