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Welcome from the Headmaster

I hope that you enjoyed the glorious Bank Holiday sunshine. The staff returned refreshed and ready for the week ahead but were not necessarily expecting the call from the Independent Schools Inspectorate during the shortened week, informing us that we would be the subject of a Regulatory Compliance Inspection on Thursday and Friday. We will receive the final feedback this afternoon and have certainly enjoyed showing the Inspection Team our school. I am indebted to the 193 sets of parents who completed their questionnaires as this healthy number gives a sense of balance to the feedback, both good and bad. We are delighted that the things that we value so much here were the key aspects raised in your questionnaire responses. I will elaborate further on this when the final report is made available to you.

The Reporting Inspector joined our whole-school Assembly this morning, ably led by Mr Mott, Head of Senior School at Hurst. Mr Mott presented a host of awards and prizes, from Sewing Bee winners to mini cricket bats for 50's scored, Maths Challenge winners to Girls' Cricket Tournament Champions. It

highlighted that all-round excellence that you identified in your survey responses. On the issue of highlights, one of the highlights of the DPA Calendar is the Summer Ball which, this year, will take place on Friday 15 June, at Painshill Park. If you have not yet booked your table, please do so as the event is always great fun. It gives the opportunity for Year groups to inter-mingle in lovely surroundings and is always very well attended.

Ian Thorpe

8S Trip to The Globe

Last night 8S travelled up to London to see the play 'Twelfth Night' at The Globe. It was a perfect evening in town as we sauntered along the South Bank stopping to eat a packed tea and take in the sights and sounds. Once at The Globe we took our seats (or hard wooden benches to be more accurate) and were surprised at the entrance of one of the main characters, Lord Orsino who was a woman!

The play was excellent, if a little alternative in places and I was relieved that the pupils knew the play as well as they did! Malvolio in his yellow stockings was a sight to behold and the drunken Sir Toby was incredibly funny with a great sense of comic timing!

8S have written their own modern film version of the play which they are currently filming under the able directorship of Ollie G. This will be shown to the Upper School after half term.

Dee Vanstone



Maths Competition

On Tuesday 8 pupils in two teams took part in a United Kingdom Maths Trust inter-schools competition at Halstead Prep. There were 7 rounds of puzzles, algebra, BIDMAS, logic which all required team work or paired work, speed and agility.

The girl's team shone in the logic round with an amazing 100% and the boys completed the cross-number with impressive accuracy and in record time. We were very impressed with both team's communication skills and determination to do their best.

As the final rounds were completed, it was clear the boys were towards the top of the rankings and an impressive final round saw them in direct battle with the hosts, Halstead Prep. In the end, for our first competition of this kind, we came away with an impressive 2nd place.

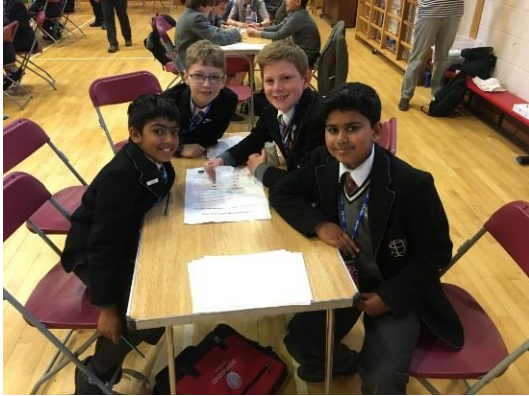
It was a great day of maths competition and enjoyed by all; well done the two teams of Brandon G, Noah B-W, Khalil V, Aadam M, Ovee D, Bronwen R, Amelia B and Ines M. Also huge thanks to Mrs Grocock and Mr Winmill for taking the children and helping out for the day.

My favourite round was the relay round – I like the idea of half the team positioned on one table and the other half a distance away on another table and that you had to get the answer correct before you gave the next question to your team mates...and you weren't allowed to run! Brandon G.

*My favourite out of all the rounds was the logic and the poster rounds as we were really good at those!
Ovee D.*

Anna Mercer





Year 6 Commendations



Year 6 have been working super hard and I know many are busy preparing for their 'end of year' exams; now all children in the year group have achieved their second Headmaster's Commendation. Well done! We also have some her pushing on for the third.

Congratulations to all!

	6CB	6ST	6SG	6DV	6JT
2 nd Commendation	Honey C James Gracie N Eva R Kyle R	Alexa E-M Jude G Geraldine H Nastia N Amelie M Dan R Thomas U	Bijou C-S Over D Alex K Harry M Emily M Michelle M Archie S	Ben B Anita B Hailey C William K Isaac N Rihanna P Aaryan S	Deen B Findlay S
3 rd Commendation		Elsbeth W	Luke W	Damla S	Millie M Aryana M

Rob Temlett

House News

Ranmore have LOST!

Along with the multitude of other awards received this morning, the loudest cheer came for announcement of Wisley winning the first collection of the summer term. Congratulations to all those working hard in Wisley to topple Ranmore's long standing success. Let's hope that it continues, or Norbury and Headley can join the party!

A special mention as always goes to the Top Achievers below for their hard work in all aspects of school life and to the Wisley House Captains, Kitty and Meharpal.

Lower School	Position	Top Achiever
Wisley	1 st	Freya VDH Y3
Ranmore	2 nd	Alexander T Y5
Norbury	3 rd	Octavia M Y3
Headley	4 th	Felix G Y2

Upper School	Position	Top Achiever
Headley	1 st	James C Y8
Wisley	2 nd	Brandon G Y6
Norbury	3 rd	Damla S Y6
Ranmore	4 th	Aimee M Y8

Whole School	Position
Wisley	1 st
Ranmore	2 nd
Headley	3 rd
Norbury	4 th

Jon Albert





Music Update



Upcoming Events

- Friday 18 May - Informal Voice Concert (pupils of Hayley Griffiths) 5.30pm, Social Area
- Monday 21 May - Informal Piano Concert (pupils of Sarah Cobby) 5.45pm
- Monday 11 June - Informal Violin Concert (pupils of Mr Bayley) 5.00pm
- Monday 11 June - Informal Flute Concert (pupils of Mrs Hart) 6.15pm
- Tuesday 12 June - Downsend Rocks (Band Evening) 7.00pm
- Monday 25 June - Informal Piano and Guitar Concert (pupils of Miss Rob and Mr Keer) 5.30pm
- Wednesday 27 June - Informal Guitar Concert (Mr Smith) 5.30pm ***Change of date please take note***



Music Clubs and Ensembles

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

Music Ensembles

April 2018





Monday	
Year 4 & 5 Choir	10.15 - 10.45 a.m. (Mrs Allison)
Upper School Choir	10.45 - 11.15 a.m. (Mrs Allison)

Tuesday	
Chamber Choir (Rehearsal 1)	8.00 - 8.30 a.m. (Mrs Allison)
Flute Ensemble	10.15 - 10.45 a.m. (Mrs Hart)
US Mixed Ensemble	10.45-11.15 a.m. (Mrs Allison)
Upper School Rock Band	10.45 - 11.15 a.m. (Mr Bradfield)
Lower School Orchestra	12.45 - 1.15 p.m. (Mrs Allison and Mrs Hart)
Lower & Upper School Rock Band	1.15 - 1.45 p.m. (Mr Bradfield)

Wednesday	
Brass Ensemble	8.00 - 8.30 a.m. (Mr Boote)
Lower School Rock Band	10.15 - 10.45 a.m. (Mr Bradfield)
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)

Thursday	
Lower School Percussion Club/ LS Mixed Ensemble	10.15 - 10.45 a.m. (Mrs Allison)
Upper School Mixed Ensemble	10.45 - 11.15 a.m. (Mrs Allison)
Chamber Choir (Rehearsal 2)	1.15 - 1.45 p.m. (Mrs Allison and Mrs Bayley)

Friday	
Whole School Orchestra	8.00 - 8.45 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)

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.

We **currently have spaces** for anyone who would like to learn **recorder, clarinet or saxophone**. Please contact Mrs Allison if you would like to find out more.

Nicole Allison

News from the DPA

**Downsend
Parents'
Association**



Registered Charity No. 1116557

You are invited to the
DPA Summer Ball 2018



Friday 15th June
7.00pm – Midnight
The Conservatory at Painshill
Cobham

Fantastic Black Tie Event with a pre dinner drink
Three Course Dinner with Wine
Music, Auction and Silent Auction

Tickets £85.00 per person

To book please email: events@dpaschool.org.uk

Downsend
Parents'
Association



TICKETS ON SALE

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT.....

Over the past few years, we have outgrown the locations we had previously booked and it was requested by many parents to find a larger site. We therefore booked a much larger venue, which obviously had larger minimum number booking. We have had 130 of you book tickets which is great but we need to sell 200 tickets to not lose money so we have 70 tickets still to sell.

We should be able to get 2 tables of 10 per year and I can always offer tables of 8, 10 or 12 as options.

We have 7 tables still to sell..... please support this amazing night that is run for you as parents to meet other parents and let your hair down! Even if you are new to the school, we will put you on a table with parents in the same school year, if you are on your own, no worries, why not make up a table just of ladies or men..... We are also opening the ticket sales to your friends and family, we have quite a few grandparents coming along, hopefully to show us some dance moves!

We've had a few comments on the cost of tickets £85pp, well the cost we are charging you is the cost we are being charged by the venue, we make no profit on the ticket sales at all. We negotiated this price down from what it should have normally been £100pp. As I previously advertised this is a totally exclusive event, Downsend are the only people using the venue that night, and the ticket price covers a welcome drink, 3 course dinner, ½ bottle of wine pp, disco with light up dance floor, silent auction, live auction (with some amazing packages) an onsite photographer that will be printing on the night, security and car parking, all within the most amazing walled garden setting at Painshill Park. We even get access to the grand drive, a special entrance that's only opened for evening guests at The Conservatory.

Also when you book your tickets we have managed to get a number of local companies such as hairdressers, clothing stores and beauty shops to offer special discounts to attendees of the ball.

Please come along and I guarantee that you will have a fantastic night. Please complete the [booking form](#) and return it to us at events@dpschool.org.uk to confirm your place. You do not need to fill a table to book a place and we recommend that you do not hold back on sending your form whilst waiting for a group booking.

Please have a look at the wonderful venue we have managed to secure this year

www.painshillevents.co.uk

Auction Prizes – URGENTLY NEEDED



We still need some more Auction prizes CAN YOU HELP???. Do you work for, or own a company that could offer a prize to be auctioned at the Ball? We never make money on selling the ball tickets, this year we are selling at cost, so all of the fundraising on the night is from the auction. Without some really cracking auction items we simply will not make any money. Remember that every bit of profit we make on the night goes towards EXTRAS for your children. In the past we have paid for musical instruments, the playground fort, The Pavilion, extra sporting equipment and much more over the years.

If you can offer something such as sporting tickets, spa packages, experiences, hotel/holidays or anything you feel we could auction to parents on the night please email me at admin@dpschool.org.uk

Umbrellas for sale



We know its May and it's supposed to be lovely and sunny, but we know that rain always shows up when you least expect it, normally when standing watching your child on the sports pitch! Well the DPA can come to the rescue and offer you the Downsend Umbrellas. In limited edition (Black & White) and standard (Red & White) Priced at £25 and £20. If you would like one please email Nicola Burger at admin@dpschool.org.uk and she can arrange collection from Reception.

Many Thanks,

Maxine Homewood, DPA Chair

Uniform Sale



Next week - Uniform Intake in the Turret:

Wednesday 16 May 2018

From: 8 – 8.30am

All Items need to be clean and labelled. Any items not labelled will be returned. Please also include a stamped addressed envelope for payments to be sent. Labels can be downloaded [here](#). Please do not leave items in Reception.

Please note: We are no longer accepting Grey Trousers and White Shirts

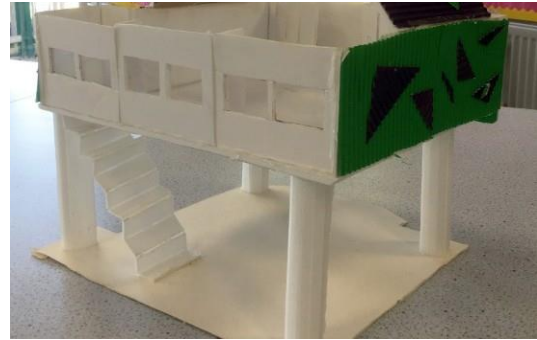
Lynn Goodwin

Artist of The Week

Well done to this week's Artists of The Week 8S and 8Y.

The two forms have been working collaboratively to design and construct an art gallery. This week they have been putting the final touches to their buildings and have begun creating pieces of art to exhibit inside!

Julia Ayles



Next Week @ Downsend

School Events



Date	Time	Event
Monday 14 May	All Week 12.15pm	Common Entrance Oral Language Week Team Photos Yrs 7 & 8
Tuesday 15 May	2.30pm 6.30pm	Yr 6 Boys Inter House Cricket Yr 5 Upper School Transition Meeting, Dining Hall
Thursday 17 May	All Day All Day 12.15pm	Yr 2 Forest School Visit @ Downsend 8S Visit to Dover Castle Team Photos Yr 6
Friday 18 May	Assembly All Day 5.30pm	Whole School House Assemblies 8S Trip to the Victoria & Albert Museum Informal Vocal Concert, Social Area

Downsend+

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

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[Summer 2018 Booking Form](#)

Rebecca Peek

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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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