

Calendar

MONDAY 5TH JUNE
INSET Day – Academy Closed to Students
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Year 7 Summer Residential to Yorkshire, returning on Friday 9 th June
FRIDAY 23RD JUNE
GCSE Geography Field Trip to Hunstanton
THURSDAY 29TH JUNE
Duke of Edinburgh Gold Expedition 1, returning Sunday 2 nd July
SATURDAY 1ST JULY
Music Tour to Denmark, returning Friday 7 th July
MONDAY 3RD JULY
Duke of Edinburgh Gold Expedition 2, returning Friday 7 th July
FRIDAY 7TH JULY
Year 11 Prom
TUESDAY 11TH JULY
Year 12 Road Safety/Alcohol Awareness Day
WEDNESDAY 12TH JULY
Year 10 – Trip to Alton Towers
THURSDAY 13TH JULY
Sports Day
FRIDAY 14TH JULY
Academy Closes for the Summer Break

Academy Term Dates

AUTUMN TERM 2017

RSA opens to Y7 & 10 students	Tuesday 29 August
Y12 Registration	Tuesday 29 August
Y7, 8, 10, 11 & 13 students only	Wednesday 30 August
All students (including Y12)	Monday 4 September
Training Day & Open Evening	Thursday 28 September
Mid-term break	Monday 16 to Friday 20 October
RSA Closes	Wednesday 20 December at 12.45 pm

From the Principal

Dear Parents

The exam season is now upon us and I wish all our students the best of the luck.

But as Thomas Jefferson once said:

"I find that the harder I work the more luck I seem to have."

Our message to students is to work hard but also look after yourselves. Exercise, sleep, friendship and chocolate are all good things to incorporate into the next few weeks.

We continue to have sporting success with our U19 boys' Football team. They narrowly lost against Brooke House College in a local derby. Despite the opposition boasting greater experience and having the benefit of daily training, we were extremely competitive throughout and were unfortunate to lose 2-0. This is the third time that RSA have reached the County Cup final in four years.

Our Leavers' Concert on Friday 19th May was a marvellous event and showcased the very best of music in the Academy. We also began the process of saying goodbye to Helle Petersen who, after 15 years at RSA, will be returning to Denmark in the summer after leading the Music Tour to Denmark! We will miss her tremendous talents, but are equally excited to have appointed an excellent replacement in Lucy Wass.

Our partnership with TGAT continues to develop extremely positively. A uniform guide and FAQs sheet will be with you in the first week back after half term. This addresses many of the thoughts, concerns and questions that you have been asking. These have come out of private emails and public meetings and I'm grateful for the 350 of you who attended those meetings. Our partnership with TGAT – which I'm sure you will have read about in the Harborough Mail article from 4th May – will produce many gains this summer including significant investment in the Sixth Form Centre, with both upstairs and downstairs being remodelled and redecorated.

As ever, thank you for your partnership with us in raising standards for our students and your children.

Richard Taylor
Acting Principal

Sport

Athletics results

Well done to all the Year 7 and Year 10 students who represented RSA at the Track and Field Cup and Area Sports athletics events which were recently held at Saffron Lane.

Track and Field Cup – Thursday 11th May

The first athletics event of 2017 had some promising results. Year 7 were up against year 8 opposition and, although, we finished at the bottom of the team results, the experience was good preparation for the future. The Year 10 boys' team came in 4th place and the Year 10 girls' team 5th. There were notable performances from **Freya Tansey** (high jump) and **Fran Braham** (Shot).

Area Sports – Friday 19th May

RSA U13 team finished an incredible 4th. The U17 team finished in 9th place, which was a good result considering that quite a few key athletes were away on a trip.

Well done to the athletes who qualified for the South Leicestershire Schools Team for the County Finals on Saturday 10th June. They are:

Oliver Howland
Nataliya Karapchanska
Tabitha Tooms
Freya Tansey
(High Jump)

Charlotte Ellis
(Long Jump)

Evie Douglas
Joe Pearson
(Hurdles)

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Sports Leadership Opportunities

In the next half term there are a number of Sports Leadership opportunities for any students on Sports Leadership courses. Please see Mr Scully or Mr Grundy for more details.

Selected events:

7th June – Great Bowden Sports day
8th June – Year 1/2 multi skills at RSA
16th June – Foxton sports day
22nd June – Year 1/2 multi skills at RSA
29th June – Year 3/4 mini Olympics at RSA

Cricket results

Well done to the U12 team who won their first two cricket matches against Lutterworth High. RSA secured a 9 wicket win after an excellent bowling and fielding display – **Ollie Howland** and **Jake Dowling** batted really well to see RSA home. In the next fixture away to Thomas Estley Community College, RSA scored over 100 off just 16 overs with **Jake Dowling**, **Jamie Forster** and **Freddy Verbruggen** putting in good performances with the bat. **Jensen Colley** then bowled extremely well as the visitors failed to reach RSA's score. The two wins saw RSA progress through the group to play Leicester Grammar.

The U19 cricket team responded to a disappointing defeat to Leicester Grammar by winning away to Regent College. Excellent bowling from **James Lawton** was backed up with a superb half century for **Jack Bellamy** and 33 runs for **Matt Sayles**. **George Lawton** hit the winning runs, which ensures that RSA reach the next round of the competition.

Sports Day

Our annual sports day is on Thursday 13th July at Rockingham Triangle, Corby. If you are interested in participating please see a member of the PE staff for more details and to sign up for events. Year 7, 10 and 12 will be participating.

Inter-house fixtures

There will be inter-house competitions in cricket, tennis, softball and rounders after the half term break.

PE Department

Medic Mentor

The National Medic Mentor weekend is taking place on the 1st and 2nd July in various locations.

Students will be able to network with a variety of healthcare professions, learn about work experience opportunities and how to make a successful application.

The professions that will be represented are:

- Medicine
- Veterinary Medicine
- Nursing and Midwifery
- Dentistry
- Pharmacy
- Biomedical Sciences
- Psychology

Find out more at:

<http://medicmentor.co.uk/about/events-2/>

Mr Webb

Apprenticeship Opportunities

Fortnum Home Improvements have two vacancies for apprenticeships: carpenter and trowel skills (builder).

Contact Vicki Fortnum on 01858 461286 for further information.

Mr Webb

INSET DAY

A reminder that Monday 5th June is an INSET Day. The Academy will be closed to students.

Year 7 students will be going on the trip to Yorkshire on this day.

Miss Nicholson

Music

Denmark Music Tour – Jazz Band and Soul Patrol

There will be a parent information meeting on **Wednesday 14th June at 6.00 pm** in the Lecture Theatre in Humanities. All parents and students are encouraged to attend.

Should anyone wish to come to Denmark to watch the bands on tour, or have friends or relations in Denmark who wish to attend, the concert venues and times are as follows:

- **Sunday 2nd July, 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm:** Ribe Cathedral Square

- **Monday 3rd July, 3.00 pm – 5.00 pm:** Copenhagen City Centre Municipal Square
- **Tuesday 4th July, 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm:** Bakken Open Air Stage
- **Wednesday 5th July, 3.00 pm – 5.30 pm:** Fredericia Jazz Festival
- <http://www.fredericiajazzklub.dk/>

Double success for Soul Patrol

Many congratulations to Soul Patrol who have been invited to play at two prestigious events in the summer:

Saturday 8th July: Music for Youth National Rock, Pop and Urban Festival at Birmingham Town Hall.

The session lasts from 5.45 pm – 7.45 pm and Soul Patrol is the opening act. For tickets please contact Town Hall Symphony Hall Box Office 0121 780 3333 or visit www.mfy.org.uk/nationalfestival.

Thursday, 31st August: The Opening Ceremony at the Schools' Games at Loughborough University.

This will take place between 8.15 pm and 9 pm in front of 3,000 spectators.

Grade 8 Music Exam Passes

Many congratulations to the following sixth form students who recently passed their Grade 8 exams:

- **Will Rodger** – vocals – Grade 8 Distinction
- **Madeleine Oakland** – violin – Grade 8 Distinction
- **Lachlan Lindsay** – cello – Grade 8 Distinction
- **George Martin** – drums – Grade 8 Merit
- **Andrew Martin** – flute – Grade 8 Distinction (second instrument)
- **Abi Wright** – piano – Grade 8 Pass (second instrument)

Success with Conservatoire and Oxbridge Music Applications

Many congratulations to singer **Will Rodger** and pianist **Andrew Martin** who have successfully auditioned for and gained places at the Academy of Contemporary Music and the Royal Welsh College of Music and Drama respectively.

Also a huge 'well done' to violinist **Emily Newlyn** for gaining a place to study Music at Christ College, Cambridge, and for being awarded a Choral Scholarship too, a fantastic achievement.

Mrs Petersen

Dear Parent/Guardian/Student

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Prospects - once you are aged 13 or over we are required to pass on certain information to Prospects. Prospects is the South Leicestershire careers support service for all young people aged 13 to 19. We may provide both your name and address, and those of your parents together with any further information relevant to Prospects services' role. However, you can ask that no information beyond name and address be passed to Prospects if you are over 16 years old. Your parents also have this right. Please inform the Data Manager if you wish to opt out of this arrangement.

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