

Priory News



Educating Students for Success in Life

TRANSITION DAY



On Thursday 12th July 2018 we welcomed over 200 eager Year 6 students as part of their transition to secondary school.

They began their life at The Priory School with a jam-packed day of lessons, team-building and ice-breaking activities and a chance to meet some of their new teachers and form mates. Among the activities were Science and English lessons, sports, music and drama clubs, and of course a chance to sample the café food.

The young people did fantastically well on their first day here and we look forward to welcoming them in September.

Mr Foster, Assistant Headteacher

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Due to the expansion of Beat School Uniforms, a second shop has been opened in Hitchin - this shop will sell the uniform for The Priory School.

The address for the shop is: Beat School Uniforms, 4 Churchgate, Hitchin, SG5 1DN. Tel: 020 3362 2930.

Hitchin Lavender
HERTFORDSHIRE



The Priory School would like to thank Hitchin Lavender for their kind donation of an array of plants for the Memorial Garden. Thanks also to Will who gave the students good advice about how to best look after the lavender.

Dates for Your Diary

Friday 20th July

Last day of term (finishes at 12.40pm)

Wednesday 5th September

Start of term for Year 7 & Year 12

Thursday 6th September

- Start of term for Years 8, 9, 10, 11 & 13
- Student photographs Years 7, 10 & 12

Monday 10th September

- Bronze & Silver DofE Launch
- Year 8 HPV1 (Girls only)

Tuesday 11th September

World Challenge launch/ buffet, 6pm in the Main Hall

W/c Monday 17th September

Year 7 Raising Aspirations Week

Wednesday 19th September

- North Herts Legacy Sports Event
- GCSE Success Evening 6.30-7.30pm

Thursday 20th September

- Year 12 Welcome to Sixth Form Evening 7-8.30pm
- Year 10 Netball vs Hitchin Girls' School 3.30-5.30pm

Friday 21st September

UCAS deadline

Monday 24th September

Year 7 CAT tests begin

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PHOTO GALLERY: SPORTS DAY 2018



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YEARS 7 TO 10 STEM & FUTURES DAY AT THE ROYAL INTERNATIONAL AIR TATTOO 2018

On Friday 13th July, 38 of our students attended the Royal Air Tattoo at RAF Fairford to help celebrate 100 years of the RAF.

The event was attended by school students from all over the country and combined an amazing airshow with 'Technozones' that allowed students to gain an insight into career paths in the aerospace industry. The airshow featured aircraft fly pasts, including Lancaster bombers, submarine spitfires, the Red Arrows display team and the latest F-35 fighter planes. Students were able to gain first-hand access to a lot of the planes on static display and were able to talk to the pilots and ground crew about careers in aviation. Students commented that their favourite part of the day was "seeing the Red Arrows display team and getting to go inside the A400 transport plane".

Both students and staff had a fantastic trip and were certainly inspired by the technology on display at the Air Tattoo.

David Hassett, STEM coordinator



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Mathematical Success!

Huge congratulations to all the students who have taken part in the maths challenges this year. There have been three individual challenges run by the UK Mathematics Trust and supported by the Institute and Faculty of Actuaries; the Senior, Intermediate and Junior competitions. The UKMT is a registered charity whose aim is to advance the education of children and young people in mathematics. www.ukmt.org.uk

In the **Junior Competition**, The Priory School achieved 3 Gold, 13 Silver and 26 Bronze certificates. Over 260,000 pupils from across the UK sat this challenge with the top 6% receiving Gold, the next 13% receiving Silver and the next 21% Bronze. Special congratulations go to **Dominic Band**, who was one of 8000 students invited to take part in the next round, the Junior Mathematical Kangaroo where he achieved a Certificate of Merit. Well done Dominic!

How would you do? (Answer below)

Q. *Gill scored a goal half way through the second quarter of a 'teachers versus pupils' netball match. At that point, what fraction of the whole match remained to be played?*

A 1/4

B 3/8

C 1/2

D 5/8

E 3/4

Junior	Year 8	Year 7
Gold	Dominic Band	George Cook
	Bill Reason	
Silver	Alfie Baxter	Alice Rowlands
	Sam Johnson	Matthew Reed
	Holly Long	Rebecca Davies
	Rhianna Wood	Claire McKay
	Elise Budd	
	Lily Honey-Doyle	
	Elliot Mainwaring	
	Daniel Baverstock	
	Holly Keshishian	
Bronze	Haaris Akram	Alex Reed
	Robyn Gorvett	Omar Aboushaeshe
	Ashleigh Cooper	Lauren Anderson
	Ellie Braganza	Esme Anderson
	Patrick Byrne	Isaac Prutton
	Rowan Scourfield	Kamil Tanaka
	Henry Radford	Lola Mellor
	Leon Johnson	Harry West
	Freddie Finch	
	Natasha Pulham	
	Amy Grieves	
	George Gallon	
	Kirsty Warren	
	Maisie Cobbett	
	Eren Ozaydin	
	Jessica Halford	
	Sam Bevan	
	Niamh McCrystal	

In the **Intermediate Competition**, The Priory School achieved 2 Gold, 9 Silver and 27 Bronze certificates. Over 250,000 pupils from across the UK sat this challenge. Special congratulations go to **Harry Walker & Ros Stephenson of Y11** and **Michael Howes & Briony Arnold of Y9**, who were several of the 8000 students invited to take part in the next round, the International Intermediate Kangaroo where they all achieved a Certificate of Qualification. Well done to you all!

	Intermediate	Year 11	Year 10	Year 9
Gold	Harry Walker			
	Ros Stephenson			
Silver	Simran Minhas	Jacob Starkey	Michael Howes	
	Jack Holmes			Briony Arnold
	Lauren Wyatt			
	Torin Burrows			
	Maria Lenton			
	Charles Preston	Emily Grieves	Billy Walker	
	Ewan Gilfillan	Lily King	Alice Ramsey	
	Sarah Fleetwood	Harry Critchley	Tilly Hughes	
	Isaac Gianfrancesco	Luke Matthews	Anna Wills	
	Mia Deacon	Ajay Lidder	William Box	
	Max Thomas	Alfie Pym	Nathan Collinson	
	Jack Ramsey	Christopher Ward	Charlie Ford	
	Tamzin Antony	Tian Morley		
	Amy Powell	Lauren Sloane		
	Hassan Khan	Max Brawn		
		Molly Root		

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In the Senior Challenge Competition, The Priory School achieved 1 Gold, 2 Silver and 5 Bronze certificates.

Special congratulations go to **Odysseas Kalatzis** who was one of 6000 students invited to take part in the next round, the International Senior Kangaroo where he achieved a Certificate of Qualification. Well done Odysseas!

Senior	Year 13	Year 12
Gold	Odysseas Kalatzis	
Silver	Cerys Day-Williams	Harry McCarthy
Bronze	Nathaniel Hammarcott	Emil Wheatley
	Isabel Pearcy	Daniel Stollenwerk
	Sonica Minhas	Freya Brown
	Cerys Day-Williams	
	Ethan Miller	
	Naomi Johnson	

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{5}{8}$$

of the match remaining to be played is equal to:
When Gill scored the goal, half of the second quarter of the match re-

mained to be played, plus the third and fourth quarters. So the fraction

How did you do? Answer: D - 5/8



GENEVA/CERN TRIP

The next Geneva/CERN trip will take place in 2020 and is available to current KS3 and KS4 students. Deposits need to be with Finance by the end of September.



Geneva/ CERN trip
Remember to get
your deposits in by
Sept 28th for the
2020 Geneva
Science tour!

Visit includes accommodation, flights, tour of CERN, other Science institutions and a Swiss Chocolate factory tour!!!



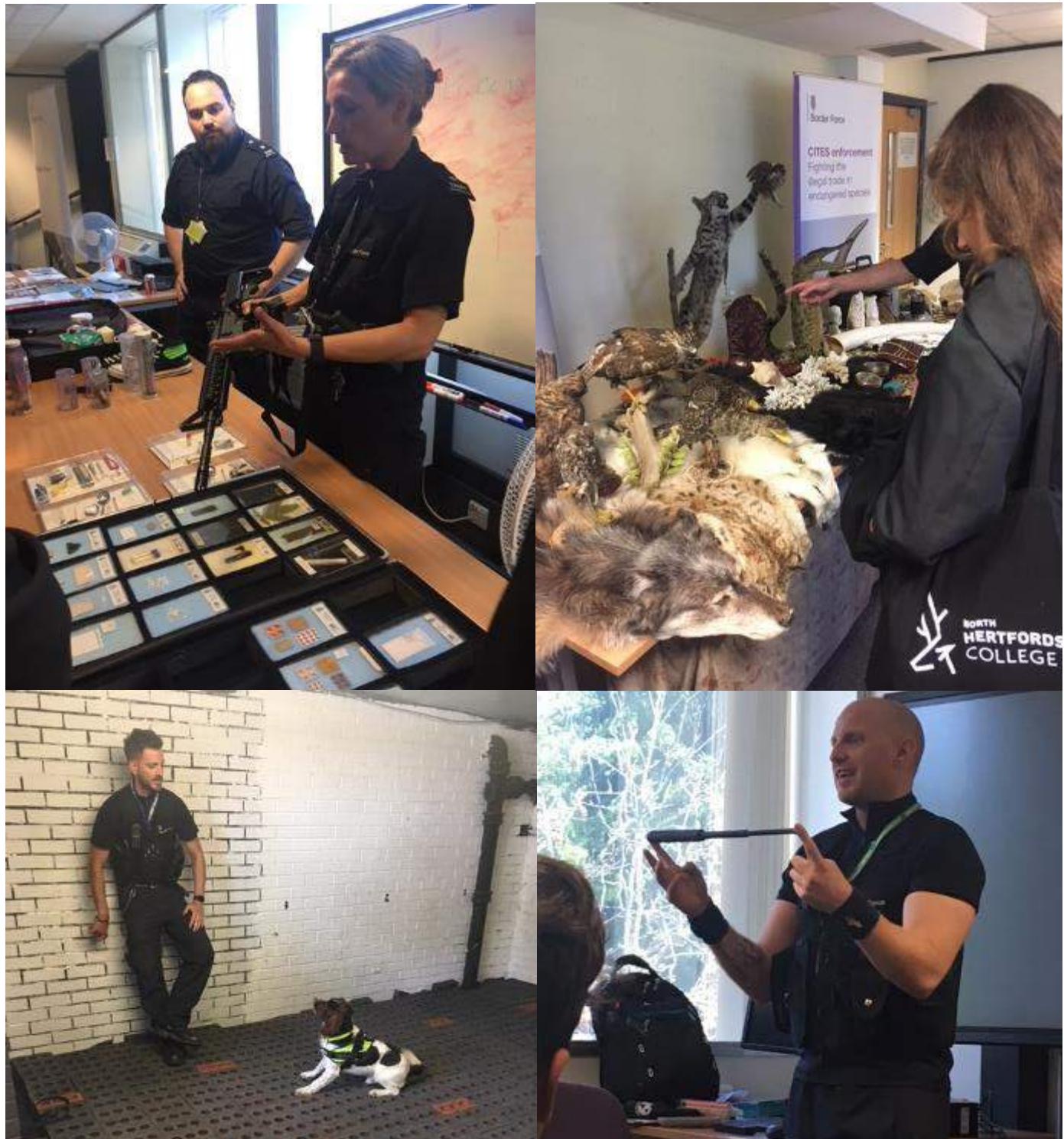
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YEAR 10 iMEDIA HEATHROW

Year 10 iMedia students recently had the opportunity to visit Heathrow Airport to find out what the UK Border Force do. They saw how different items are carried into the country illegally, heard how counterfeit goods can fund terrorism, and even got to see a sniffer dog at work.

This visit was the final session of a six-week workshop for the students working with the Civil Service where they also worked on skills such as communication, presenting and CV writing.

Sally Emler, Raising Aspirations



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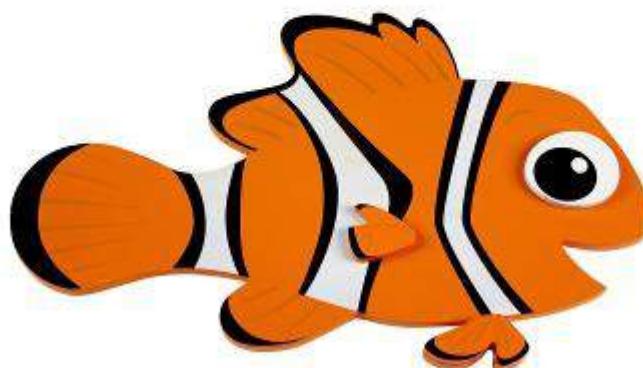
SANDWICHES DESIGNED BY YEAR 7 AVAILABLE AT CHILLI B'S

Students in Year 7 were given the opportunity this term to design new sandwiches for local café Chilli B's (32 Bucklesbury, Hitchin). The two winning groups' sandwiches will be on sale over the summer holidays so please pop down and try them!



THE PRIORY PEPPERS PRESENT

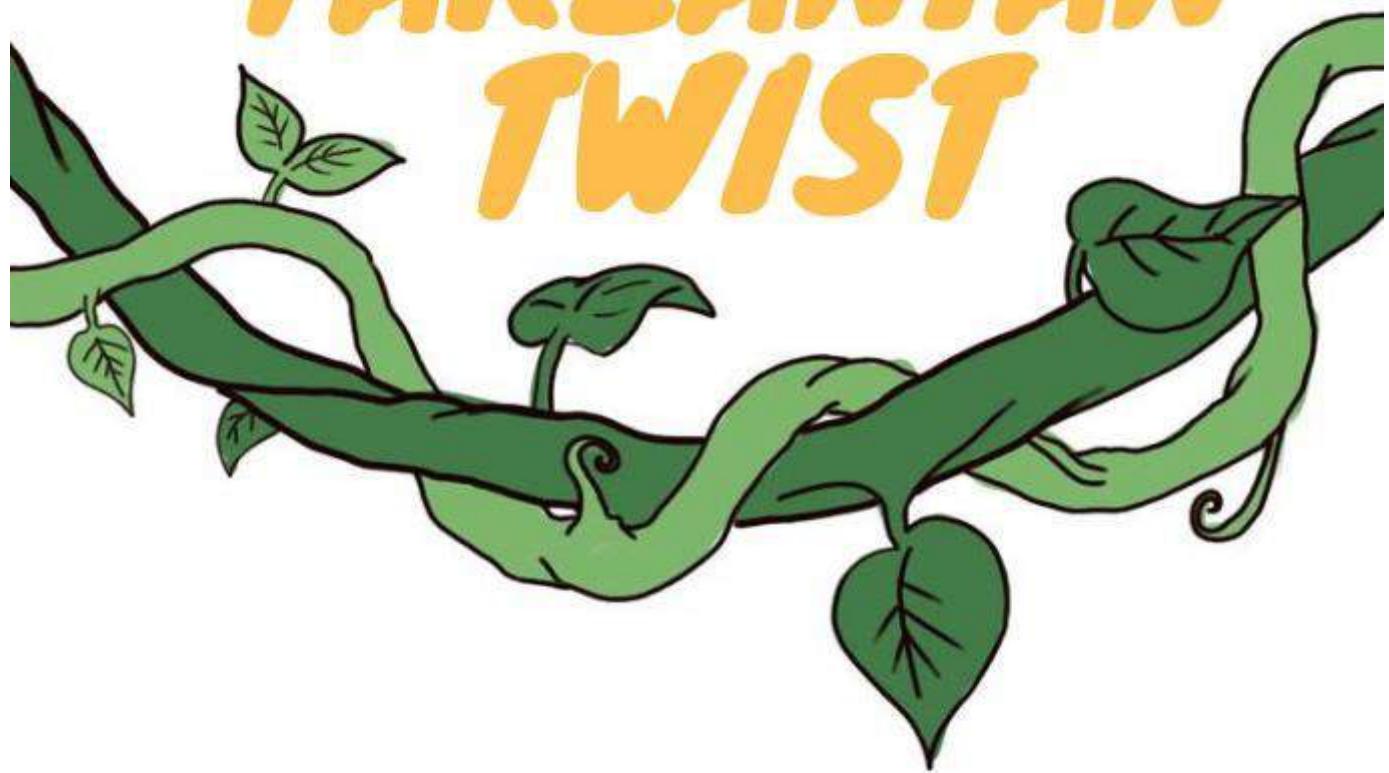
The Finding Nemo Sandwich



PRAWNS
CRUNCHY LETTUCE
ROASTED ORANGE PEPPERS
MARIE ROSE SAUCE

Just keep eating!

TARZANIAN TWIST



Heated Tortilla wrap
with
Haloumi
Peri-Peri Chicken
Iceberg lettuce
and a **TWIST** of mayo and
garlic sauce



Infinity Fillings

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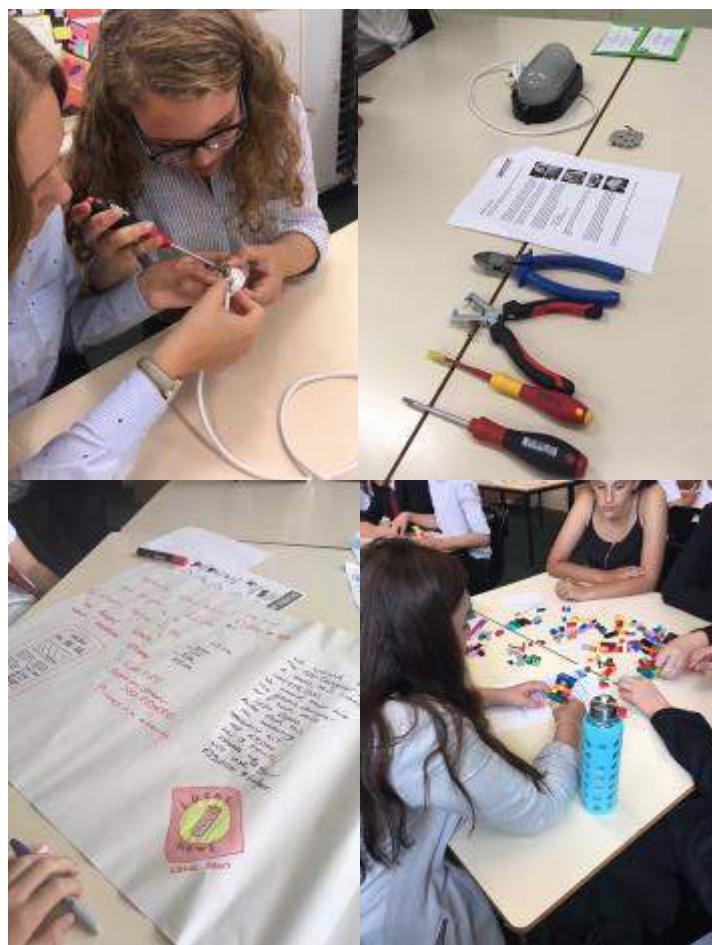
YEAR 10 CAREERS WEEK

This past week has seen Year 10 students take part in a number of activities and events to get them ready for the world of work. They had a Get Work Ready Day run by Jane Shipley of ELSA Education., and worked with local businesses including Waitrose, Morrison Utilities and Computercentre. They were put in different scenarios and had to work in both teams and as individuals, including for interviews. A lot of the activities they took part in were actually assessments that the companies use to recruit.

Students also had a talk from The Speaker with the Orange Tie about how the brain works, positive branding and Linked In. They also had the opportunity to attend a Careers Fair which had over 35 business and colleges for them to talk to.

The final day was Take Your Child to Work Day where students went with their parents, carers or a family friend to experience a day in a workplace. For students who were unable to get a placement they either had an Enterprise Day in school launching their own business or they worked with The Settle Group who offered students the chance to work as a tradesperson or learn how to work in an office environment.

Sally Emler, Raising Aspirations



We are always looking for new businesses to come and work with our students. So if you would like to be involved in any of the events we run or would be interested in talking to our students about the career that you have or the business you work for, please contact Mrs Emler on sally.emler@priory.herts.sch.uk.

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LITERACY PAGE

This page has been created by TPS Literacy Leader Jessica Halford.

Ms Farman, English Department

Literacy Newsletter Page

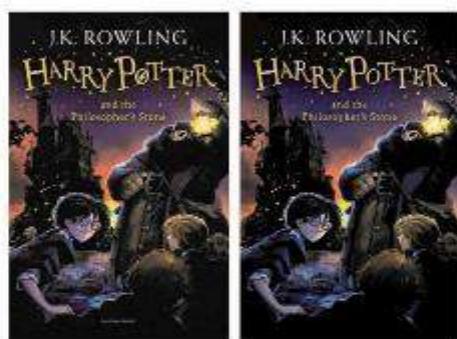
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NONFICTION
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Harry Potter Spot-the-Difference

There are 10 differences to find:



Guess the Author



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NEWS FROM OUTDOOR EDUCATION

It's been a busy half term for Outdoor Education. We've seen all of our DofE Bronze students complete their qualifying expedition, they're now just a few assessors reports away from having their awards completely finished and we look forward to welcoming them to the silver level in September,

On Sunday 15th, two teams of priory students also landed in Marrakech ready to start their World Challenge expedition to Morocco. Over the next couple of weeks the teams will be working with local communities, exploring one of the most scenic areas in the world and attempting to Summit Mt. Toubkal, the highest mountain in North Africa. We'll keep you posted with news from the teams!

Mr Findon



THE YC HERTFORDSHIRE LETCHWORTH ACCESS POINT

This LGBTQ project for 13 to 17 year olds has moved to the Letchworth Young People's Centre (Town Hall, Letchworth Young People's Centre, Broadway, Letchworth Garden City SG6 3BF) on Monday evenings from 7pm to 9pm, and the summer programme is focussing on an animation project.

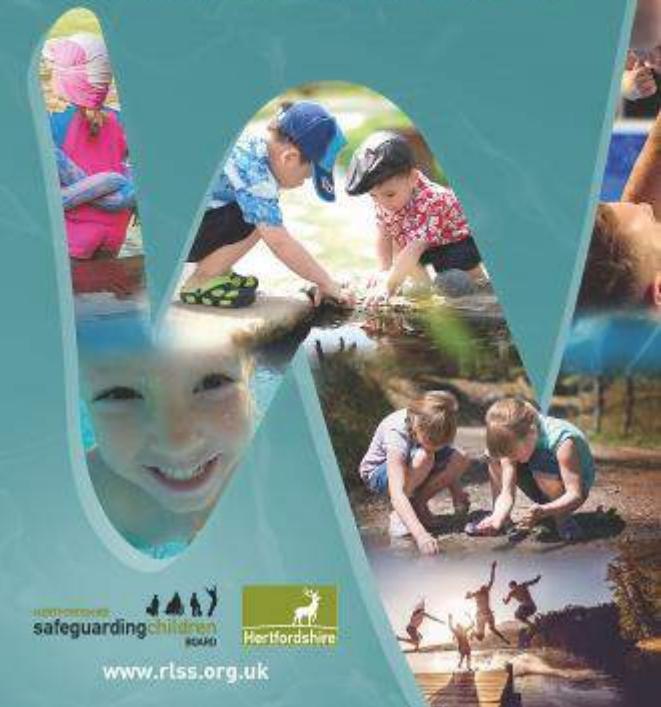
If you have any queries please contact Leanne Clayton Leanne.Clayton@hertfordshire.gov.uk or Claire Gormill c.gormill@sky.com.



Local News

Keep Children Safe In The Water

Drowning is the third highest cause of accidental death for children in the UK. Keep them safe.



KEEP CHILDREN SAFE IN WATER – Follow our top tips:

1. Always supervise children playing near water: pool, lake, pond, sea or bath.
2. Don't let them swim till you know the depth, temperature and current/flow.
3. If you control access – use self-closing gates, safety nets, fences and locks.
4. Be careful with older children near lakes, hot tubs and places you think are safe.
5. Drowning can happen in moments – empty pools and buckets straight after use.
6. A few inches are enough to kill – it's silent and quick! Don't take risks.
7. Many drown by accidentally falling into water – wear the right kit to stay safe.
8. Supervise use of water wings, arm bands, life vests and inflatables so they work.
9. If your children are swimming, swim with them – it's more fun and much safer.
10. If your children can't swim – get them lessons. If you can't swim, you need to learn.
11. If you can't see it – cover it; so you know it'll be safe for your children.
12. Train people in safe rescue and resuscitation or get trained yourself!
13. Always make sure children and young people who may go out unsupervised know about water safety.



Bereavement Support Group for Children and Young People

Stand-by-me Children's Bereavement Service is offering bereaved children, young people and their families the opportunity to take part in a free support group for Secondary-aged children.

The sessions will be chance to:

- meet with other bereaved children and their families
- to have fun
- create and share memories about the person who died
- take part in activities
- learn about new ways that families and children can support each other.

Venue: Stevenage or other venues in North Herts

Dates: 6 consecutive Saturdays starting October 2018
(exact dates TBC)

The sessions last for one and a half hours and are run and supervised by experienced volunteer bereavement supporters.

For more information please call 07469 255139 or email info@stand-by-me.org.uk

To find out more about Stand-by-me Bereavement Support visit www.stand-by-me.org.uk



Registered Charity: 1161085

CONTACT DETAILS
collisons@gmail.com
07913703896

ALL STANDARDS

SMASH IT

ARE YOU READY TO MASTER THE SKILLS THAT MATTER

Date: Every Sunday from 2nd September 2018

Time: Juniors 10.30-11.30am
Ladies only 12.30-1.30pm

Venue: Hitchin Boys School

Pay and play basis offering coaching tips and games.

Coach: Anna Collis

Ex international badminton player ranked 3rd in England in career.
Qualified Level 2 coach.
Safe guarding and first aid.

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Local Events



Saturday 17th November

Spirella Ballroom, Letchworth, SG6 4ET

Doors Open 6:15pm

For tickets and more information visit www.ghhospicecare.org.uk or call our Fundraising Team on 01462 679540

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STEM RETURNERS PROGRAMME RUNNING IN HERTFORDSHIRE WITH MEGGITT

Have you taken a career break from an engineering or technical sector and wish to return? Are you working below your experience in a different sector? Do you have an engineering or technical degree that you aren't using? Do you just wish to transfer sectors but don't have any experience? If so this could be the opportunity for you! We are currently sourcing candidates for the Meggitt STEM Returners programme, a 13 week fully paid and supported return to work programme starting in October in Stevenage. All candidates will also have the opportunity to obtain a permanent role at the end of the programme.

No career break is too long, register to return to STEM today! For more information please visit www.stemreturners.com or send an email to hello@stemreturners.com.



COOKERY Camps

Holiday cookery camp for boys & girls aged 4-11 featuring unique food adventures each day!

Summer 2018 Camp In HITCHIN
Week 1: 23-25 July | Week 2: 30 July - 01 Aug
Monday - Wednesday | 9am - 5pm

Kitchen skills • Science experiments • Ingredient talks
Seasonal decoration • Visitors & trips • Planting & growing
Food art • Flavour mixing • Star bakes • Lots of tasting

Please DON'T pack a lunch (or tea) - all meals included!

Adventure Time!

- Food Focus - Always learning, always trying | portable foods | Sandwiches reinvented (3 layers, baked veg for bread, toasties, open faced) | learn a new skill (individual learning opportunity)
- Tackle it - reusable food packaging | Food storage & safety | holiday time eating (new places)



Get in touch to book your child's place:
www.cookeryeatery.co.uk
info@cookeryeatery.co.uk
07795 627 492

£40
per cook
per day



COOKERY Camps

Holiday cookery camp for boys & girls aged 8-16 featuring unique food adventures each day!

Summer Camp in LETCHWORTH
26-27 July & 2-3 August 2018
Thursday & Friday | 9am - 5pm

Kitchen skills • Science experiments • Ingredient talks
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