

# Roysia Review



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Last week, year 6 rehearsed their SATs so that they will know exactly what to expect in May and their teachers have reported that they took it all in their stride – well done year 6. The ‘real thing’ will be 9-13 May 2016.

On Friday 22 January we watched year 8 perform their unique interpretation of William Shakespeare’s ‘A Midsummer Night’s Dream’. I’m sure that all those of you who watched it with us will agree that it was both entertaining and very funny. We saw a different side to many of our pupils! Year 8 worked hard to produce the play in just 4 days, including learning some tricky Shakespearean language. Bravo, year 8! Thanks must go to Anthony Glenn and Mr Streeter for their support and guidance of year 8.

Z J Linington  
Headteacher

## ATTENDANCE

I received an official communication from Hertfordshire County Council last week advising me that there will be changes to the attendance policy as of 1 February 2016. These changes relate to the issuing of penalty notices for unauthorised absence. The number of sessions of unauthorised absence is reduced from 21 sessions (10.5 days) to 15 sessions (7.5 days) in the current and/or previous term before a penalty notice could be issued. Unauthorised holiday and lateness to school in the morning without prior notification all count as unauthorised absence.

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## A MIDSUMMER NIGHT’S DREAM

Last week, on Friday 22 January, the Year 8s performed 'A Midsummer Night's Dream' in front of both the school and their parents.



They were given a wonderful ovation, especially as they put so much energy and enthusiasm into the acting, dancing and performing and should therefore feel rightly proud of the (amazing) final result.

Well done everyone involved, plus of course a huge THANK YOU to Anthony Glenn for masterminding the whole show.

Mr Streeter  
Leader of English



Pictures and a recording of the performance will be available to purchase from next week at a cost of £3.00.

### STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENT

At the weekend Jenson Gurr represented Roysia in the Eastern Area Schools championships. He won 2 contests in the Year 6&7 category for the gold medal! This was an advanced competition so it is a great result for Jenson. Congratulations!



### MUDDY FEET

Please send in spare shoes for your child to change into from playground to classroom. The cleaners would really appreciate your support.

### FRIENDS OF ROYSIA EVENTS

**Bingo 26 February:** doors open 7pm, eyes down 8pm. Tickets £2, this includes your entrance and last game of the night. Other games £1 each. If interested please contact Sam Bowen: [sam.bowenisg@ntlworld.com](mailto:sam.bowenisg@ntlworld.com), as we are restricted to 100 places.

**A Valentines Disco on Friday 12 February** between 7.00-9.00pm. Tickets are £2.50 each and will be available **at break times only** in the dining room from Monday 8 February. No ticket—no entry.

### MATHS CHALLENGE

On Wednesday 27 January, Kai Wong, Rachel Albone, Coby Green and Lorely Hall went, along with Mr Wheeler, to Barnwell Middle School in Stevenage to take part in the regional heats for the Year 7 Maths Challenge.

Despite heavy rain and being given the incorrect postcode, the team arrived on time (just) and competed against approximately 19 other schools in a variety of challenges and mathematical problem solving activities. Some of the problems were extremely difficult and the team worked

### VACANCIES

**CLEANER:** 15 hours per week between 3.30pm-7.30pm, term time and some holidays by agreement

**RELIEF CLEANER:** to fill in for absences

**RELIEF MSA (Midday Supervisor):** 1 hour per day 1.15-2.15pm to fill in for absences

Application packs from the school office.

### CURRICULUM MAPS

Your child's curriculum map for the Spring term is attached which outlines everything to be studied this term.

### AYLMERTON VISIT

An information meeting for the Aylmerton visit will be held on Monday 1 February at 6.15pm in the school hall. Parents and pupils going on the visit are invited to attend. A letter has been sent home.

NB: the final balance is due on Friday 12 February. All monies must be paid in full before the visit takes place.

### TEXT ALERTS

The School's incoming text number is **07860 003487**. If your child is absent please text with details on the day of absence and each day thereafter. Alternatively you can e-mail us at [admin.roysia@rsat.org.uk](mailto:admin.roysia@rsat.org.uk). For your child's safety we ask that you contact us before 10am.

### SAINSBURY'S ACTIVE KIDS

The Sainsbury's Active Kids Voucher Scheme has now started and vouchers can be collected between 27 January to 3 May 2016.

Please bring vouchers in to school where you can place them in the designated box outside Reception.

## Spring Term (2016) Curriculum - Year 5

	Wk 1	Wk 2	Wk 3	Wk 4	Wk 5	Wk 6	HT	Wk 7	Wk 8	Wk 9	Wk 10	Wk 11	Wk 12
<b>English</b>	Biography - of a Famous Victorian		Traditional Tales		Traditional Tales			Recount	Explanation	Poetry			
<b>Maths</b>	Securing number facts, relationships and calculating		Counting, partitioning and calculating		Securing number facts and understanding shape			Securing number facts and understanding shape	Calculating, measuring and understanding shape	Handling data and measures			
<b>Science</b>	Earth and Space		Earth and Space		Earth and Space			Life Cycles					
<b>History</b>	The Victorians		The Victorians		The Victorians			The Victorians					
<b>Geography</b>	Water - access, rivers, water cycle		Water - access, rivers, water cycle		Water - access, rivers, water cycle			Water - access, rivers, water cycle					
<b>Art</b>	Printmaking - experimenting with colour		Printmaking - experimenting with colour		Printmaking - experimenting with colour			Sculpture - making a model Victorian					
<b>Design &amp; Tech</b>	5C : Musical instruments - making a pitched instrument 5M : Food Tech: Healthy Sandwiches		5C : Musical instruments - making a pitched instrument 5M : Food Tech: Healthy Sandwiches		5C : Musical instruments - making a pitched instrument 5M : Food Tech: Healthy Sandwiches			5M : Musical instruments - making a pitched instrument 5C : Healthy Sandwiches					
<b>French</b>	Animals and vocabulary associated with colour and number. The verb 'to have'		Animals and vocabulary associated with colour and number. The verb 'to have'		Animals and vocabulary associated with colour and number. The verb 'to have'			Food and some opinions.					
<b>Music</b>	Exploring our voices, understanding key conventions and features in songs, performing in a massed Choir at the Barbican Concert Hall.		Exploring our voices, understanding key conventions and features in songs, performing in a massed Choir at the Barbican Concert Hall.		Exploring our voices, understanding key conventions and features in songs, performing in a massed Choir at the Barbican Concert Hall.			Treble Clef - learning to read treble clef notation and performing on the recorder					
<b>PE</b>	Gymnastics		Gymnastics		Gymnastics			Dance		Handball			
<b>Games</b>	Health and Fitness		Health and Fitness		Health and Fitness			Swimming					
<b>RE</b>	Famous Jewish personalities - Esther and Moses		Famous Jewish personalities - Esther and Moses		Famous Jewish personalities - Esther and Moses			Jesus and His life.					
<b>Computing</b>	Exploring Google Drive / e-mail and Blogging		Exploring Google Drive / e-mail and Blogging		Exploring Google Drive / e-mail and Blogging			We are advertisers					
<b>PSHCE</b>	Going for goals/ drugs		Going for goals/ drugs		Going for goals/ drugs			Sex and relationships education					

## Spring Term (2016) Curriculum - Year 6

	Wk 1	Wk 2	Wk 3	Wk 4	Wk 5	Wk 6	HT	Wk 7	Wk 8	Wk 9	Wk 10	Wk 11	Wk 12	
<b>English</b>	Revision for SATs - Reading comprehension, grammar, punctuation, spelling, writing genres etc.		Adventure Stories		Adventure Stories			Revision for SATs - Reading comprehension, grammar, punctuation, spelling, writing genres etc.		Non-fiction writing: Journalistic/debate				
<b>Maths</b>	Securing number facts, relationships and calculating		Counting, partitioning and calculating		Securing number facts, understanding shape			Securing number facts, understanding shape		Securing number facts, relationships and calculating		Calculating, measuring and understanding shape		
<b>Science</b>	Materials -states of matter, reversible and irreversible changes, separating mixtures												Electricity and magnetism	
<b>History</b>	Geography and History Focus: Royston												Geography and History Focus: Royston	
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<b>Art</b>	Drawing - portraiture with tone and texture												Sculpture - design and build a mask	
<b>Design &amp; Tech</b>	6W : Control Technology 6S : Pastry snacks												6S : Control Technology 6W : Pastry snacks	
<b>French</b>	How I get to school; where French is spoken; our travels												Weather, Easter and festivals in France	
<b>Music</b>	Programme Music - Understanding its history and demonstrating the genre through group compositions												Ukulele - performing a range of British folk songs .	
<b>PE</b>	Gymnastics												Dance	Handball
<b>Games</b>	Health and Fitness												Swimming	
<b>RE</b>	Hinduism												Easter	
<b>Computing</b>	Exploring Google Drive / Coding												SATs Revision - Maths & English	
<b>PSHCE</b>	Our community and the world/ drugs												Sex and relationships education	

## Spring Term (2016) Curriculum - Year 7

	Wk 1	Wk 2	Wk 3	Wk 4	Wk 5	Wk 6	HT	Wk 7	Wk 8	Wk 9	Wk 10	Wk 11	Wk 12
<b>English</b>	Reading: Romeo and Juliet - themes of Love/hate and chance/choice. Writing: designing a poster in groups to show Shakespeare's life and works												
<b>Maths</b>	Algebra, manipulating numbers	Key processes	Shape, space, measures			Key processes		Number	Algebra				
<b>Science</b>	Earth and Atmosphere												
<b>History</b>	Middle Ages -peasant lifestyle, Magna Carta & Black Death												
<b>Geography</b>	Map skills												
<b>Art</b>	Printmaking - collaborative processes												
<b>Design &amp; Tech</b>	7A : Flowol Control Technology; 7V : Soups, stews and sauces												
<b>French</b>	School subjects	Giving opinions and justifications			The language of computers								Sports & activities
<b>Spanish</b>	School subjects, genders	Opinions of school subjects										Saying what we do in lessons, using adjectives to describe our teachers	
<b>Music</b>	Jazz - Exploring, performing and composing in different styles of jazz.												
<b>PE</b>	Gymnastics												
<b>Games</b>	Health and Fitness												
<b>RE</b>	Comparison of Sikh, Islamic and Christian religious practices												
<b>Computing</b>	Using the internet safely / coding												
<b>PSHCE</b>	Managing feelings/ drugs												
	Sex and relationships education												

## Spring Term (2016) Curriculum - Year 8

	Wk 1	Wk 2	Wk 3	Wk 4	Wk 5	Wk 6	HT	Wk 7	Wk 8	Wk 9	Wk 10	Wk 11	Wk 12
<b>English</b>	Reading : A Midsummer Night's Dream & Macbeth - how Shakespeare creates tension / How the themes of ambition and appearance and reality are shown through use of recurring motifs and symbols. Writing - posters in groups on Shakespeare's life and works. The Gothic continued.  Writing : A review of a band; an article for a newsletter; an interview; a persuasive speech. Shakespeare - Macbeth - writing in character (letter from Macbeth to Lady Macbeth); leaflet advertising Shakespeare's plays. Reading - Investigating the link between poetry and lyrics, bias in texts and how writers create tension and excitement.												
<b>Maths</b>	Shape, space, measures and co-ordinates		Key processes		Number			Handling data and probability		Shape, space and measures			
<b>Science</b>	Waves (Light & Sound)  Reproduction, Genetics & Evolution												
<b>History</b>	The making of the UK - gunpowder plot, Civil War, beheading of a King; rule of Oliver Cromwell and the final restoration.												
<b>Geography</b>	Rivers and flooding												
<b>Art</b>	Printmaking - reduction lino printmaking  Drawing - planning a composition and using a sketchbook												
<b>Design &amp; Tech</b>	8M Control systems; 8H Meals from around the world  8H Clocks; 8M 3D textiles - door stops												
<b>French</b>	Paris		Opinions & justifications		Transport			Personal characteristics		Music		Clothes	
<b>Spanish</b>	Saying what we do in our free time and when we do it  Talking about what we like doing and saying what we are going to do												
<b>Music</b>	Film Music - Understanding the history, conventions and techniques. Creating film compositions.  Impressionism - Learning about the features and history of the style, performing and composing												
<b>PE</b>	Gymnastics  Dance  Handball												
<b>Games</b>	Health and Fitness  Volleyball/ table tennis												
<b>RE</b>	The Holocaust  Buddhism and suffering												
<b>Computing</b>	HTML; Website design  Coding												
<b>PSHCE</b>	Drugs and alcohol  Sex and relationships education												