



# Royal Russell

## Headmaster's Weekly Newsletter 6 January 2017

Dear Parents and Friends,

Welcome back and Happy New Year to all our Royal Russell families.

This week started with a tremendously busy Year 7 Entrance Examination Day, full of excited youngsters keen to join Royal Russell in September. I was delighted to see a good number of existing Royal Russell families represented and many Royal Russell Junior School pupils who were taking their academic scholarship assessments.

On Thursday our Senior School pupils were immediately settled back into an academic routine, with Year 11 and Year 13 completing trial examinations and assessments. The results from these will be discussed at Parent Evenings planned for:

Year 11 on Tuesday 17th January from 4.30pm in Great Hall

Year 13 on Tuesday 21st February from 4.30pm in Great Hall

On Wednesday next week we are holding a Year 9 GCSE Awareness evening from 7.00pm in the Auditorium and this will be followed by the full Year 9 Parents' Evening on Thursday 2nd February from 4.30pm.

Year 10 have their Parents' Evening on Tuesday 28th February from 4.30pm in Great Hall and Year 12 have their Higher Education Evening on Thursday 23rd March at 7.00pm in the Auditorium.

As well as a number of new students starting this term, we welcome Ms Kanji, who joins us from Trinity School as our new Head of Chemistry and Dawn Lawrence and Hayley Stenning who form the new team on Reception.

We publish a number of important policies relating to Anti-bullying, Behaviour, e-safety, Health and Safety, Safeguarding and parental complaints on our website [here](#). These are also available in printed form by request from the Headmaster's Office.

At the start of this new year, I thought it valuable to share the Christmas message from our Patron, Her Majesty The Queen. In her Christmas broadcast she said:

*"I often draw strength from meeting ordinary people doing extraordinary things: volunteers, carers, community organisers and good neighbours; unsung heroes whose quiet dedication makes them special. They are an inspiration to those who know them, and their lives frequently embody a truth expressed by Mother Teresa, from this year Saint Teresa of Calcutta. She once said: 'Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love'.*

*When people face a challenge they sometimes talk about taking a deep breath to find courage or strength. In fact, the word 'inspire' literally means 'to breathe in'. But even with the inspiration of others, it's understandable that we sometimes think the world's problems are so big that we can do little to help. On our own, we cannot end wars or wipe out injustice, but the cumulative impact of thousands of small acts of goodness can be bigger than we imagine.*

*The message of Christmas reminds us that inspiration is a gift to be given as well as received, and that love begins small but always grows."*

There is much for us to learn in the wisdom of the world's longest reigning monarch and I hope this challenge of 'doing small things with great love' can be our guide for 2017.

With very best wishes for a happy and prosperous year ahead.

**Chris Hutchinson**  
Headmaster

# Diary Dates

## Parents' Evenings

Year 9 - Parent GCSE Awareness Evening - Wednesday 11th January 7.00pm Auditorium

Year 11- Tuesday 17th January from 4.30pm

Year 9 - Thursday 2nd February from 4.30pm

Year 13 - Tuesday 21st February from 4.30pm

Year 10 - Tuesday 28th February from 4.30pm

Year 12 - Higher Education Evening - Thursday 23rd March at 7.00pm in the PAC

## Next Week's Events

Sunday 8 January Epiphany Holy Communion 6.00pm Chapel All Welcome

Friday 13 January Year 12 Geography Trip to Snowdonia Departs

Friday 13 January CCF Camp Departs

## 1853 Society

Saturday 4 February Quiz Night 7.00pm Great Hall

Saturday 18 March Comedy Night 7.00pm Great Hall

## Music Department

'Young Musician of the Year 2017' Final: Wednesday 8 February 7.00pm in the Auditorium. All Welcome.

Preliminary Rounds 31 January and 1 February. All styles and abilities welcome. Pupils can contribute to a new House prize by participating or work together to create a House ensemble/choir.



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