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Dear Parent/Carer

Year 8 Boys' Football County Cup Final, Visit from Helen Sharman – Friday 20 September 2024, Year 7 and 10 CAT Testing and Year 7 to 11 NGRT and NGST Digital Exercises, Extra-Curricular Clubs and Activities

Welcome to my end of week update letter. The atmosphere around the Academy has been really calm and purposeful this week. In fact, three days this week the behaviour hub has been completely closed. This morning, I also met with the Chair and Vice Chair of Trustees who also had the pleasure of observing Year 11 assembly as we approach the end of the first full week of term. Year 11 enjoyed a really successful trip to Snowdonia too on their KS4 residential. From this academic year, we have a residential programme in each year group which I am really looking forward to seeing our students take full advantage of. More updates below:

Year 8 Boys' Football County Cup Final

The Year 8 boys ran out 3-0 winners v Spalding Grammar earlier this week. I was lucky enough to catch most of the second half. They were fantastic ambassadors for the Academy and the game was played in the right spirit by both teams, so much so that I have written to the Head at Spalding Grammar to congratulate him on the behaviour of his boys. Each and every one, despite the disappointment of defeat, said thank you when I handed out their medals. The trophy is proudly displayed in our central trophy cabinet. Onwards to St. George's Park as a treat in November.

Visit from Helen Sharman – Friday 20 September

Next week, we host Helen Sharman CMG, OBE, HonFRSC. Helen was the first British person to go into space, as well as the first woman to visit the Mir space station in 1991. She will meet with our sixth form scientists initially but will also meet other year groups too, including competition winners from KS3 who will be able to have "Lunch with an astronaut."

Please see the attached posters.

Her talk to RP6th will include:

- Career as an industry scientist and astronaut
- Life in space
- STEM careers
- Common engineering degree subjects
- University life briefly, i.e. it is not all about the subject
- Student accommodation
- Student finance, including bursaries and scholarships

Year 7 and 10 CAT testing and Year 7 to 11 NGRT and NGST Digital Exercises

Every year, we spend a little time gathering some data about our new students and the word test sounds very formal, but it isn't. These exercises cannot be prepared for, but they give us some in-depth educational data to allow us to support learning more effectively. Youngsters will complete these tasks over the next three weeks in lesson time and, rest assured, no one need panic about it at all. We will also be completing some short exercises to ascertain accurate reading and spelling for all year groups.

Latest Extra-Curricular Clubs and Activities Timetables

We have updated our available clubs and activities for the new term. Please use this link to access the latest timetable: [Extra Curricular Clubs & Activities | Sir Robert Pattinson Academy \(srpa.co.uk\)](https://www.srpa.co.uk/extra-curricular-clubs-activities).

At the end of the first full week back from the summer break, I am always struck at the pace of activity that September brings with it. A time of new chapters, new journeys and much to look forward to. Our Year 7s, in particular, have made an absolutely brilliant start with kindness, punctuality, smartness of dress and smiles on display. Years 8 and 9 are setting the right example for our new youngsters, Year 10 have embarked on their GCSE courses and Year 11 are setting the mature example of how we do things, never more so than this morning at assembly. Added to that, the entire RP6th wraps around all of the main school supporting with wellbeing, reading, handwriting, R2L time and just generally being available to look after the younger ones. That has been the reality of our first full week. I am extremely proud of my youngsters in my Academy for the way they have started the term and embraced their new year groups.

As Walt Disney said, "We keep moving forward, opening new doors, and doing new things, because we're curious and curiosity keeps leading us down new paths."

I am really looking forward to the rest of the academic year ahead. I hope, with some spring in your step, that you are too.

Have a good weekend when it comes.

I will write again soon.

Yours faithfully



Mr D Hardy
Headmaster



"This is a calm, happy and caring school."



Have lunch with Britain's first astronaut

Helen
Sharman

Creative
writing
competition



Write a story about the first contact between humans and an alien civilization. Describe the encounter, the alien beings, and the implications for both species.

Open to all year 7, 8 and 9

Hand all entries to Mr Carter before
18th September

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Competition

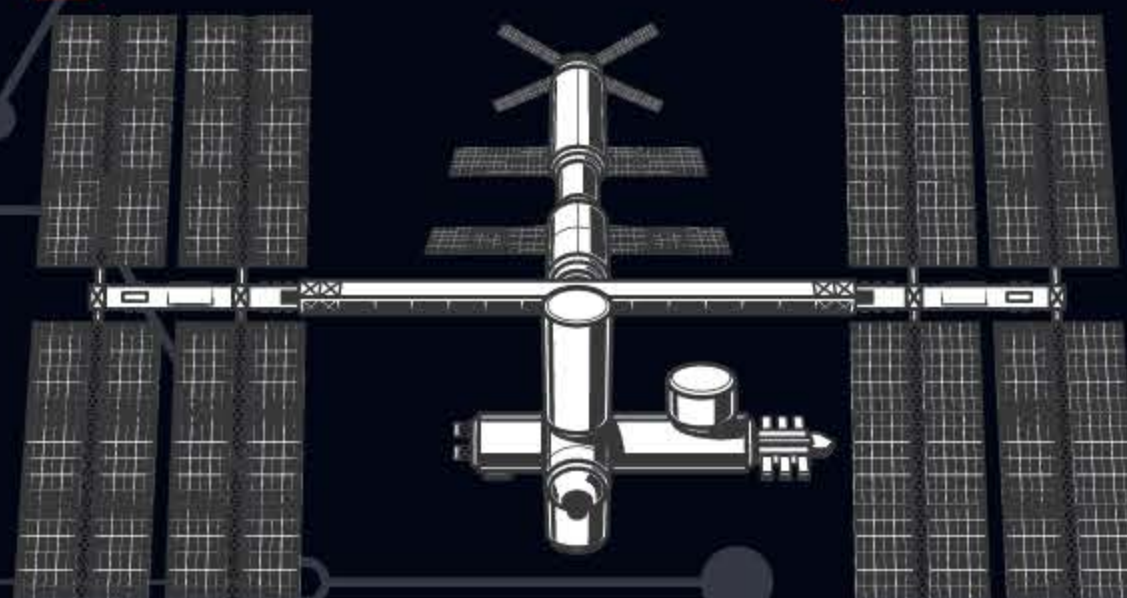
Your Mission

Design an experiment that astronauts could conduct on the International Space Station.

You must describe the experiment's purpose, hypothesis, methodology, and potential outcomes.

Open to all year 7, 8 and 9

All entries to Mr Carter by
Wednesday 18th September



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