



Rockport Newsletter

The latest news and updates from Rockport School



General News

Thankfully remote learning is now becoming a memory rather than a reality and the days of only seeing each other through a screen seem to be behind us. As we are quickly approaching summer, all school laptops & devices such as webcams and microphones should be returned this week before we finish. These items can be left in Reception. If any items have been lost or damaged please let me know and we can organise to have these items replaced with the Bursar.

Many thanks,
Stephen Smith

Sixth Form Sweet Treats Charitable Donation

Well done to our Sixth Form Business Class in their organising, marketing and success of running their own ice-cream stall within school over the past few weeks. I am so proud of their efforts and I am pleased that they have donated their profits to Walk Inn Community Project.

They are so grateful for the donation and stated the following;

On behalf of Belfast And Lisburn Community Project, we thank you for your donation, it is greatly appreciated.

Rory

Belfast And Lisburn Community Project

**Mrs H McBride
Head of Sixth Form**





Round Square Recruitment



**Wanted: Sixth Form pupils to fill x6 delegate places at
RSIC 2021**

Gather for Blue Skies and Brave Conversations at the RSIC2021

Round Square are excited to invite you to save the dates from 20th to 23rd September 2021 for the Round Square International Conference 2021.

This year's theme is "Blue Skies and Brave Conversations".

The conference will be hosted online over four days on a purpose-built Round Square Gather Town Campus which combines video calling with fun features in a custom 2D world. Delegates will be online for three hours each day in an environment that combines video conferencing with retro-style gaming. Timings will be staggered so that at least 50% of the RS community from at least four of our five regions will be online simultaneously with no one having to be online before 7am and no one online after 9:30pm.... complicated but Round Square have done the maths!

Rockport will be invited to register delegations of 8 participants, consisting mainly of students, but with at least one (and no more than two), adults forming part of the delegation (so 6+2 or 7+1). The official age range for the event is 16-18 years old. Sixth Form Students will be given priority in the first instance.

Each day will be framed around a different conversation topic connected to two of the RS IDEALS, with a programme including icebreaker activities on the campus, a Keynote session, followed by baraza breakouts, student presentations and some free time either before or after the core session to take part in a choice of student-led activities on offer around the virtual campus (e.g. livestream yoga/ kahoot/ graffiti walls/ art exhibition/ treasure hunts/ online team games/ busker's corner/ disco etc).

- Day 1 will be our Welcome Day, with an opening event, introductory Barazas and time to participate in live activities around the Virtual Campus.
- Day 2 will discuss Diversity, Equity and Inclusion through the lenses of International Understanding and Democracy
- Day 3 will address themes relating to Climate Action through Environmental Stewardship and Adventure
- Day 4 will consider Ethical and Servant Leadership, bringing together the RS IDEALS of Leadership and Service

At the end of each day's three hour session, each delegation will take away a presentation kit from that day to enable you to replicate the topics for the baraza discussions in school, and involve other students in completing a small task in preparation for the following day's online session.

In the week prior to the conference:

On Tuesday 14th September we will be hosting a short orientation session on the RSIC Online Campus for 2 adults per RS school (2 time options will be offered) to come and explore before the students show us how it's done.

On Wednesday 15th September, we will be hosting a "day of play" for registered student delegates, when they will be invited to join the RSIC Online Campus for 60 minutes of "free time" to explore, find out where things are, play games etc.

Please email Mrs Toland with an expression of interest, students who apply MUST be prepared to show leadership and service in the next academic year by sharing their conference experience with the wider school community via assemblies or planned activities. Students applying should state that they are committed to this in their expression of interest email.

The delegation will be confirmed by September 4th upon our return to school.

Dawn Toland- Round Square Rep - dtoland@rockportschool.com

Are you ready for some Brave Conversations ...



Round Square International Conference

20th - 23rd September 2021

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... on an international scale?

Do you hope for a brighter future in which we work together to take on some of the world's biggest problems? Are you ready to help create that future? Are you interested in blue-sky thinking around some of those topics that you find most challenging and that concern you most? Are you willing to press pause on cancel-culture to build greater international understanding, acceptance and inclusion by respectfully airing, sharing and listening to differing views?

If the answer is "YES", come and join us for the Round Square International Conference 2021: *Blue skies and Brave Conversations*. Come ready to listen to the ideas of your fellow students from 50 countries around the world and lend your voice, your opinions and your unique perspective to the debate.

COME AND JOIN IN

BECAUSE CHANGE BEGINS WITH
BRAVE CONVERSATIONS



Our three RSIC "Brave Conversations" will be around :

- **Identity, Social Justice and Inclusion**
(RS IDEALS: International Understanding and Democracy)
- **Climate Action**
(RS IDEALS: Environmental Stewardship and Adventure)
- **Ethical Servant Leadership**
(RS IDEALS: Leadership and Service)

Our R14 maths class organised a maths treasure hunt for the R8H pupils. Throughout this treasure hunt, the class needed to solve multiple maths problems as a group and get help from either Mrs. Moody or the upper sixth pupils.

We wanted to help them develop their problem solving and map reading skills as well as their interest in solving harder maths questions. It was truly a pleasure to work with this class, we enjoyed every moment of this activity. We hope R8H liked it as well!

Mulang Shu

Year 14 student



DOE Bronze Qualifying Expedition

Congratulations to our Year 10 and Year 11 pupils who all passed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh qualifying expedition this week, making fun memories along the way. Even if not everyone felt it at the time, I'm sure they will look back with fond memories.

We were very proud that every pupil persevered to the finish line, despite some questioning along the way if they would make it with sore backs from heavy rucksacks and blistered feet. The Duke of Edinburgh's award is about so much more than just walking from A TO B; it is about growing in character, working well as a team, showing resilience, and persevering when you don't feel like it. For that reason, we gave out some character awards at the end of the expedition. Congratulations to Hollie Harlen who got the award for most supportive team player, to Oliver Tweed for a consistent and solid performance, to Erin Dawson for resilience and perseverance and to Lucy Philips for her exemplary patience and good attitude.

Students should now be working towards completing the information and assessor's reports on eDofE for their skill, volunteering and physical and Miss O'Hara will email parents next week detailing what they still need to do to complete the award.

K Megarry

Duke of Edinburgh Leader



R7s @ Belfast Activity Centre

The R7s enjoyed a fun and challenging day at Belfast Activity Centre on Wednesday. The climbing wall, the vertical challenge and the canoeing all brought individual and team challenges to the forefront. Races up the climbing wall and the thrill and exhilaration of standing on top of the vertical challenge 40 feet in the air doing the funky chicken dance – I really think they had no fear. All the pupils excelled themselves and the smiles and excitement when returning from the two hour canoeing, soaked to the skin, thoroughly exhausted but obviously having a great time. Thanks to our instructor Warren and Miss Bridges who accompanied us. It really was a day when the Adventure of the IDEALS made us believe 'there is more in us than we think'. Well done to all.

Colin Reid



Boarding

With boarding students beginning to fly home, the Boarding team wanted their last weekend together to be a memorable one!

It was a weekend of fun and adventures, with shopping, t-shirt design, games, Mauds ice cream, a Greatest Showman movie night (with special guest Henry Jackman) and enjoying the most of the amazing weather with a fun water event with lots of fun team challenges and water fight and slide.

The weekend was finished off with a photo slideshow of favourite memories from throughout the year!



Sport

Molly O'Hara once again has been successful, winning the Mabel Henderson Golf Trophy played at Royal Portrush on Saturday 12th June. Molly came in with the best gross score to lift the trophy.

Well done, Molly! The golf season has begun!!!



Sports Day Medals

Sports medals were planned to be presented on Thursday but, due to unforeseen circumstances, will now be awarded on Monday. Pupils – don't worry, you will have your medals before we break for summer!!

G Holland
Head of P.E