

IN THE LOOP

Whole school development bulletin



Every day shapes a future

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Issue 3 of In the Loop.

The most important news is that United Learning has now commissioned architects to create a whole school masterplan. This will enable us to decide on future investments. I will update you as soon as I can in the new year. I hope you enjoy reading about our other developments in the following pages.

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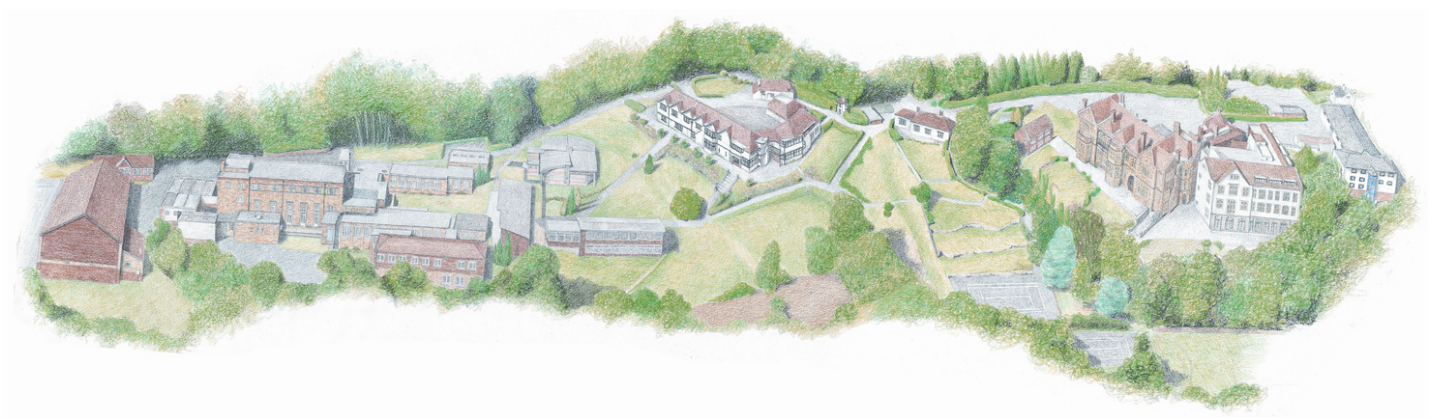
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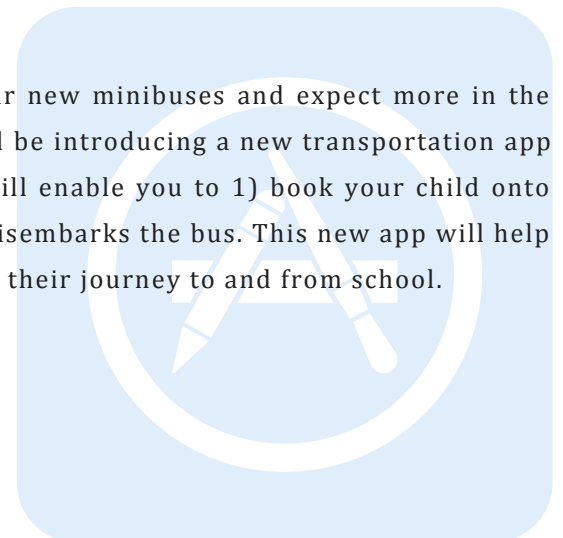
THE ROYAL SCHOOL MASTERPLAN



Latest update

United Learning have commissioned a complete space utilisation survey to provide a masterplan of site development opportunities. Surrounded by beautiful countryside and the wonders of nature on a 26-acre site of varying levels, there is a wealth of possibilities.

We continue to improve our transport service and now have four new minibuses and expect more in the new year. The safety of our pupils is paramount, and soon we will be introducing a new transportation app which will be launched in the coming weeks. This new service will enable you to 1) book your child onto one of the minibuses and 2) track when your child embarks and disembarks the bus. This new app will help reassure you of knowing when your child is on time or delayed on their journey to and from school.





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STOATLEY RENOVATIONS

In September 2023, the Prep School (Reception to Prep 6) will move to the magnificent Stroatley Hall on the Senior School site, Farnham Lane, Haslemere.



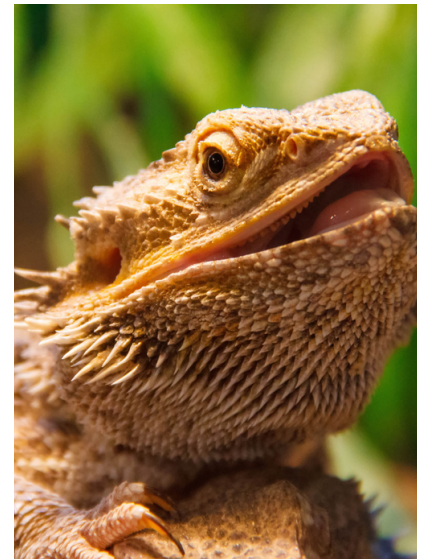
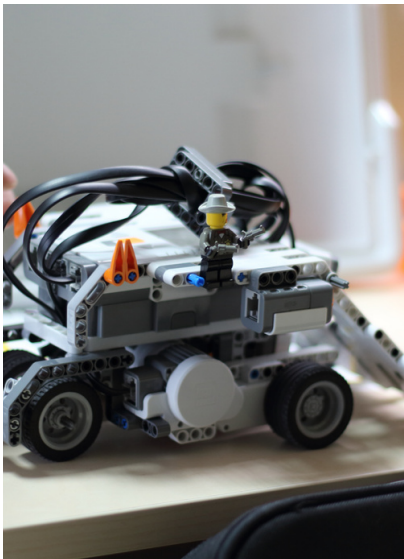
Latest update

All our classrooms in the new Prep School are light and airy and will include bright modern furniture and engaging wall art. The prep 3 tables are pie-shaped, allowing multiple configurations to maximise individual and group learning in the classrooms. Rooms are fully equipped with the latest digital screens to allow pupils and teachers to share pupils' work and visual aids at the click of a button. The next room to be renovated is the 'MAKER SPACE' room which will be an innovative multi-faculty space allowing cross-collaboration between Science, Technology, DT, and Art. This space is the largest in the Stroatley and incorporates a fish tank, and two further tanks will be added, housing some interesting creatures!



MAKER SPACE

Our Maker Space aims to spark a love for the arts and sciences from a young age. This unique approach means children upskill their analytical and creative skills. We look forward to further fostering their natural curiosity for the world around them.



Latest update

This new innovative space will include the following:

- A giant lego robotics table
- A cricut maker, a powerful smart cutting machine for every craft. The improved technology will allow pupils to engrave metals, cut fabric for quilting or sewing projects, cut metal foils, and engrave acrylic
- A large fish tank housing live fish & reptiles
- Sewing machines
- Screens to enlarge creations from iPads and Surface Gos in real-time
- And much more...



TECHNOLOGY UPDATE



Latest update

We have now completed the roll-out of devices from Pre-Prep right through to Year 12

There are many advantages to pupils having their own devices. These include:

- A better organisation with homework through the use of Teams/OneNote.
- Collaborating on complex projects and documents/PowerPoints in real-time.
- Instant feedback via voice notes allows teachers to personalise their feedback further, and pupils hearing a comment's tone often means they take the feedback on more readily.
- The flexibility of personalising the screen background aids legibility and receptiveness of content.
- The recent purchase of a new software called Senso. It is a Cloud-Based monitoring and management platform which allows teachers to monitor every device and ensure pupils stay on task.
- Instant access to resources created by United Learning subject specialists means pupils can further enhance their learning.
- iPads for our younger pupils have a range of apps to bring learning alive.



KILMOREY PERFORMANCE SPACE



Latest update

Over the summer, Kilmorey Theatre was refurbished to provide a holistic drama & performance space, encompassing three distinct areas for teaching & rehearsing. A Drama theory teaching classroom, a backstage rehearsal space for group work and the main theatre have enriched the quality of the Drama lessons throughout Years 7 to U6. In addition, the stage framework, along with the floor in Kilmorey, has been painted and polished, resulting in a more professional workspace, so much so that it has sparked interest from external theatre companies who wish to use the space for their productions going forward.

Come and see for yourself! 'Rabbit Hole' will be performed in the Kilmorey Performance Space on the 9 December, and our whole school musical 'Alice in Wonderland' in the New Year.



MUSIC ROOM RETURNS TO HIGHGATE



Latest update

The department will be relocated to Highgate in the old drama space at the centre of the school and be used as a multi-purpose teaching and concert space. The room is made bigger with the removal of stud walls and drapes and is freshly painted. The most beautiful oak floor has been discovered and will be restored before the baby grand is moved into the space. Our piano very much deserves the acoustics of a room like this! The lighting and sound system are also undergoing upgrade work.

The former main classroom upstairs (Apollo) is to become a composition and study space for Key Stage 4 & 5 music pupils and our younger composers, who wish to have a quiet space to develop their skills.

The Drum Studio returns to the Highgate garage, and two practice rooms are planned for pupils and the visiting music teachers to work in.



PHOTOGRAPHY SUITE & DARK ROOM



Latest update

This September, the Photography department moved to the new Media Suite. In this space, students can explore studio lighting to create high-key and low-key images, use slow shutter speed to create abstract compositions, and so much more. In addition, the darkroom has also been moved to this space and is kitted out, not only for black and white photography, but also for making photographic screens for fine art screen-printing. Furthermore, there are finishing facilities and a spectacular space for exhibiting student work. This fantastic new space brings together the diverse learning opportunities available in Photography and creates an environment where students can work collaboratively and can also cross-fertilise ideas with Art and Design Technology.



BOARDERS' COMMON ROOM



Latest update

Due to the increased number of boarders, a new common room space is being created. This space for boarders to relax together will be opened shortly. The common room will be fully equipped with drinks & snack station facilities, gaming consoles, seating areas and a choice of board games for boarders to enjoy. As always, our boarding student committee will be getting involved and making suggestions for this new space.

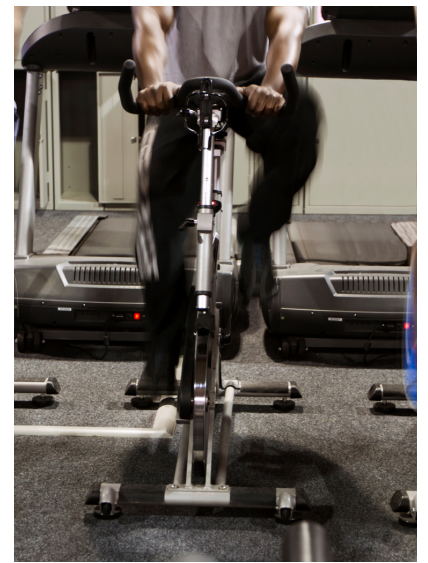
SAVE THE DATE

Our Head of Boarding, Mrs Bartlett Rawlings, would like to invite you to celebrate the new year with a cup of coffee/ tea and a slice of Galette des Rois on Wednesday, 11 January, from 10:30-12:00 in QE2's newly decorated common room. See the progress made in the new gym and meet our new houseparent, Ms Nadia Khan. To confirm attendance, email sbartlettawlings@royal.surrey.sch.uk





GYM



Latest update

The old lecture theatre has been completely overhauled and renovated into a new gym space for boarders and day pupils. The new area is on two levels, the higher level will be dedicated to strengthening equipment, and the lower level will be devoted to cardio equipment. Spin bikes now have a new home on the balcony of Princess Anne Sports Hall.



ANY QUESTIONS?

As always, we welcome your feedback; please do feel free to get in touch.



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