

*From The Headmaster
Robert Masters, BSc*

10 May 2017

Dear Parents,

Staff Changes

In September, **Mrs Karen Eamens** will be joining the school as **Deputy Headteacher**. This is a fabulous appointment for the school; Mrs Eamens joins us from Central Foundation Girls' School, in East London, where she is currently Deputy Headteacher. The experience she will bring will enrich the school and be great a support to Mr Wood as he leads the school forward. I am also delighted to announce that **Monsieur Hermi** has taken on the role of **Head of French** following the departure of Mrs Terrasse at Easter. We are most grateful to **Mme Holder**, who has taken over the teaching of Mrs Terrasse's classes.

Senior Prefect Team (2017-2018)

The Heads of House and I are very pleased to have appointed our senior student team for 2017-18. They are: **Head Boy – Daniel Starkey, Head Girl – Moya Thomas, Deputy Head Prefect – Henry Carter.**

Student Investor Challenge – National Champions! (Mr Rowlands)

On the 3 May, in the City of London, 'The Underdogs' won the Student Investor Challenge 2017. The team of **Hamza Ansari, Ollie Baker, Sam Brown** and **Stephen Lidbetter**, all from Year 12, did fantastically well just to reach the final. Over 10,000 teams enter the competition every year and only 8 make it to the final. The final was the culmination of six months of hard work. This has been a challenging year for our student investors with events such as Brexit and the Trump election dominating investment conditions. At the finals, The Underdogs had to compete in a trading challenge in the morning session, and present a team presentation to a prestigious panel of judges in the afternoon. The lead judge was William De Lucy, Managing Director of Amplify Trading. He described our team as 'the stand out team' and 'worthy winners'. Coming from an ex-Skinners student this is praise indeed! Congratulations to The Underdogs. Their reward is £2,000 for the school, £200 for each team member, and an all-expenses paid trip to New York.

Athletics – World Schools' Championship (Mr Fraser/Mr Taylor)

We are delighted to announce that the school has been selected to represent England at the forthcoming World Schools' Championship in Nancy (France) in June. A team of six Seniors will compete against schools from the likes of China, Brazil and Australia. This is a fantastic

opportunity for Judd, well-deserved after many years of consistent success at a National level and an unprecedented achievement in the school's history. We wish the boys the best in their training in the run-up to this Championship.

iGEM (Mrs Andrews)

Since winning the Rolls-Royce Science Prize in 2015, the Biology Department has been striving to enter a team into the international competition in Synthetic Biology called iGEM. It stands for the International Genetically Engineered Machine. iGEM started as a collegiate competition at MIT in 2003 and came down to high school level six years ago. Although schools from all over the world compete, there have been no UK state schools to date. We aim to be the first and plan to pave the way for other UK state schools to follow. Our team is called Judd_UK and consists of fifteen Year 12 students. There are various aspects to the competition including outreach work; spreading awareness of synthetic biology. The team will be doing this in a number of ways, such as running a club for Year 7 students (called BioBlast) and engaging the school in an ethical debate on Synthetic Biology. The team will be working on their project over the coming months and, assuming they can raise enough funds, will be presenting it at the Giant Jamboree in Boston in November.

Year 10 Entry September 2017 – Possible Vacancy

It is possible that one or more places will become available in Year 10 for September 2017 entry and we wish to alert interested parties. Preliminary entrance tests will be held on Tuesday 13 June. Students will sit three electronic CAT tests (cognitive ability tests) which require no prior revision and consist of Verbal Reasoning, Non Verbal Reasoning and Maths. Applicants may then be asked to return on a further day to sit an English paper and a Maths paper. Applicants must return the In Year Admission Form (link below) to admissions@judd.kent.sch.uk. The closing date for applications is Thursday 8 June. Applications received after this date will not be accepted. http://www.kent.gov.uk/_data/assets/pdf_file/0012/3522/in-year-admission-form.pdf

Meningitis ACWY Vaccine – Year 13 Leavers

The NHS are advising all students going to university to contact their GP to have the Men ACWY vaccine, ideally before the start of the academic year. For more details, please visit the NHS website: <http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/vaccinations/Pages/men-acwy-vaccine.aspx>. If you need any information about immunisations please contact the School Immunisation Team on 0300 1235205, email kcht.cyp-immunisations@nhs.net.

Advance Notice of Early Closures – Skinners' Day and Open Evening

Skinners' Day (Senior Prize Giving) will be held on the afternoon of Wednesday 28 June. School will end at 12pm. A separate letter with further details will be sent nearer the time. All students will also be dismissed early on Tuesday 4 July as the Year 5 (and under) Open Evening will take place from 4.30pm-8.00pm. Lunch will be from 1.00pm-1.30pm and then school will close after registration at 1.30pm. Year 7 and Year 8 students, together with many Sixth Formers, will be required to assist with the smooth running of this major school event. Again, a separate letter will be sent out nearer the time.

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

Thank you to everyone who bought poppies in the Autumn term. We have had confirmation that The Judd School raised **£851.28**, a great achievement.

Proposed New Cycle Route

Kent County Council is proposing to install a 'shared use' pedestrian/cycle route linking the 'A21 NMU' to Tonbridge Railway Station. The A21 NMU is a non-motorised user (NMU) route currently under construction alongside the A21 dualling scheme. The intention is to provide, by the end of 2017, a continuous NMU linking the towns of Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells. Please see the attached public information sheet, which includes a plan of the route as well as details of how KCC is consulting with the public on these proposals and more information on the project. You are invited to participate in the consultation, which starts today.

Recycling Competition – Used Batteries Wanted!

The school has entered the KCC *Power Up to Recycling* competition, which means that we are collecting used domestic batteries, from now until 1 December 2017. The school that collects the largest weight of batteries will win a reward voucher to spend on supplies for the students. Please do send in any used batteries with your child, as we are of course hoping to win! The battery collection boxes are located in student reception.

Tonbridge Junior Football Club (TJFC) Open Day

TJFC will be holding their annual Open Day on Saturday 13 May, aimed at students in Years 7, 8 and 9. The club provides opportunities for boys and girls to play organised football in a safe, friendly environment supervised by F.A. qualified coaches. For more information contact: tonbridgejuniors@gmail.com.

Save the Date

The annual Judd Football Fiesta will take place on Sunday 9 July. By popular demand, this year the event will be open to the whole school. More details to follow.

Active Kids Vouchers

Grateful thanks for the donations of Active Kids vouchers that we have received so far. Please do pass on any more that you might have; we will be ordering sports equipment after half term.

Safeguarding

The updated policy is now available on the school website. If you have any safeguarding queries, please contact either of the two designated safeguarding leads: Mrs Middleton (Senior leader, Wellbeing) or Mr Wood (Deputy Head).

E-safety

An interesting perspective on e-safety, from the upcoming Government Internet Safety Strategy youth consultation, five things teens want parents to know. <http://www.childnet.com/blog/5-things-teens-want-parents-to-know>

Talking with your Teenagers about Drugs & Alcohol

The Cranbrook School Parents' Association are holding a lecture on Talking with your Teenagers about Drugs and Alcohol on 23 May and would like to invite Judd parents to attend. The talk will be delivered by Rosie Johnston, a drugs and alcohol counsellor. Full details are on the attached leaflet. There is a charge for tickets.

School Photographs

The proofs for the **Y13 leavers** photographs have been given to the form tutors for distribution. You can order this photo pack online or alternatively, if you wish to pay by cheque, via the school office. Orders and cheques must be handed in by Monday 15 May so that Van Cols, our school photographers, can collect them on 16 May. They will then do their utmost to have orders ready in school for collection by the 23 May, before Year 13 go on study leave. Further details on how to order **Sports, Music, House and other group photos** will be emailed home shortly. The email will list an access code for each type of group photo, so that you may order online.

Absence Reporting

A polite reminder that all absence must be reported on each day of absence by **9:30am** please, either by leaving a message on our 24-hour absence telephone line, or by email to absence@judd.kent.sch.uk (**not** via the 'enquiries' email address or a note in the planner). Also, we would appreciate as much advance notice as possible via the same methods for absence for appointments and any other planned absences. *Please remind your son/daughter they must sign out should they be leaving the school site for any reason during the school day and sign back in on return.*

Illness During the School Day

If students are unwell during the school day they should not call or text parents asking to be collected; nor should they leave the school premises. Students who are feeling unwell should inform their teacher and/or go to Student Reception where school staff will make the necessary calls. Please can you remind your son/daughter of the rules – we have a duty of care to our students that we can only fulfil with your assistance.

Yours sincerely,

Robert Masters
Headmaster

A21 NON-MOTORISED USER ROUTE TO TONBRIDGE STATION PEDESTRIAN/CYCLE ROUTE

Provision of new Pedestrian/Cycle Route.

What are we planning to do?

We are planning to provide a new 'shared use' pedestrian/cycle route facility to link the non-motorised user (NMU) route being constructed next to the A21 dualling scheme to Tonbridge Station. The route will run along Vauxhall Lane, Pembury Road, St Stephen's Street and Priory Road to Quarry Hill Road. The facility is planned to provide a safe, off street route by upgrading existing footways to allow cycling. This is achieved by widening the footpath from, generally, 2.5 metres to 3.0 metres. On St Stephen's Street there is insufficient space to widen the footpath. Here, cyclists will be directed to use the street along with all other users, i.e. without a dedicated on-street cycle lane and directed back to the shared use facility at each end.

Please see the drawing on the reverse of this sheet for an overview of the route.

Why do we want to do this work?

This work will complete an interurban NMU route joining Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells town centres by way of the new A21 facility. Another incomplete link in Tonbridge Road Pembury between North Farm roundabout and Pembury Hospital is expected to be completed later this year, after which it will be possible to walk or cycle the whole way via a dedicated route.

Why are we writing to you now?

We would like to give you an opportunity to let us know what you think of this proposal. A full set of proposal drawings can be viewed on our website www.kent.gov.uk/pemburyroadcyclerroute, where there is also an online questionnaire for you to provide your comments.

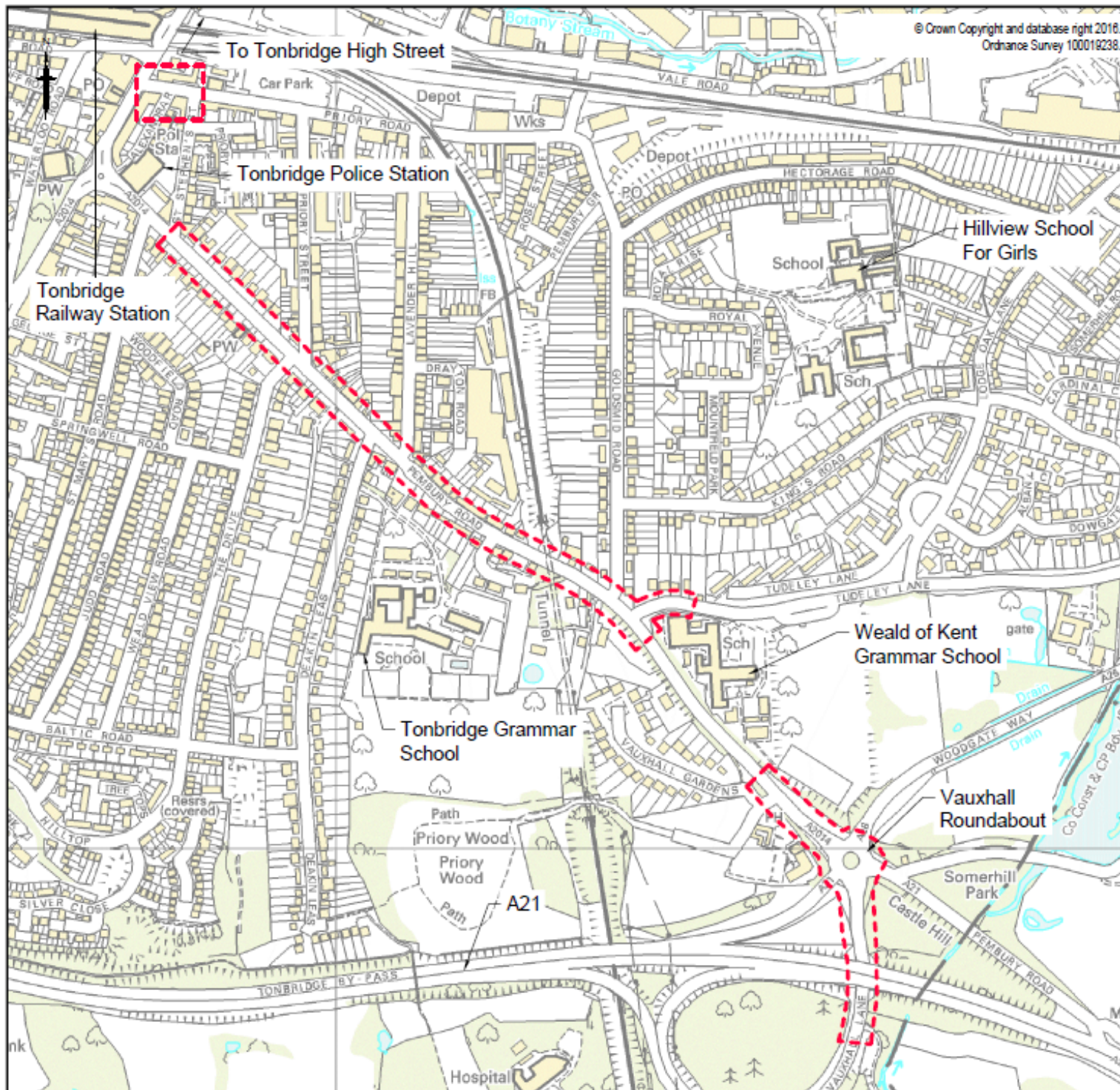
Alternatively, paper copies can be viewed at Tonbridge Central Library (1 Avebury Avenue, Tonbridge TN9 1TG) and the Gateway (Castle Street, Tonbridge Kent TN9 1BG), along with paper copies of the questionnaire.

When will I have to make my comments by?

The closing date for receipt of comments is **Midnight on Friday 26 May 2017.**

Any questions?

If you have any questions regarding these proposals, please email traffic.schemes@kent.gov.uk or call 03000 41 81 81. In each case please use 'A21 NMU to Tonbridge Station Pedestrian/Cycle Route' to identify the scheme.



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Notes

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Project	A21 NMU TONBRIDGE STATION CYCLE ROUTE
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This drawing is not to be used in whole or part other than for the intended purpose and project as defined on this drawing. Refer to the contract for full terms and conditions.



Cranbrook School

Parents' Association

CRANBROOK SCHOOL LECTURE



Talking about drugs & alcohol

with Rosie Johnston

23 May 2017 7:30 - 9:00 pm

**Queen's Hall Theatre,
Cranbrook School, TN17 3JD**

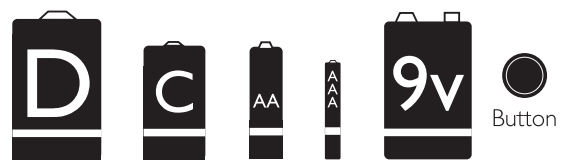
Tickets £5 available from

**Pages Newsagents and uberSPORTS, High Street, Cranbrook
or online at www.cranbrookschoolparents.com**

Cranbrook School Parents' Association Reg Charity No: 1002558

Power up to recycling challenge!

**Bring your used
batteries to school
for recycling and
help us win school
equipment!**



The batteries we collect for recycling between
1st May 2017 and 1st December 2017
will be weighed and our school will receive a voucher
to buy school equipment. The more batteries
we collect, the greater the voucher!



TONBRIDGE JUNIORS FC TRIALS.

Sat
13th
May

10:00am till 12:30



An amazing opportunity for boys and girls to try out for a community football club whose ethos is 'football for all'.

School years:* R, 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8 & 9

*There are currently no spaces for school years 2 & 4

Please come in football kit and shin pads.

**Girls football coming to
Tonbridge. Exciting opportunity
to set up girls football teams.
Players welcome from the
following age groups Yr 1 to Yr 5**



**Location: The Racecourse Sportsground,
The Slade, Tonbridge, Kent. TN9 1HR**

Any queries contact: tonbridgejuniors@gmail.com

F.A Qualified Coaches. An FA Charter Standard Community Club.