



This Week in Pictures...

Year 7 students fully engaged in their Spanish lesson!



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Parents' and Carers' Information Evenings

We look forward to welcoming parents and carers to our Information Evenings as follows:

Dates
for
your
Diary

Year 7 - Thursday 22 September at 6.30pm
Year 8 - Tuesday 20 September at 6.30pm
Year 9 - Tuesday 20 September at 7.30pm
Year 10 - Thursday 15 September at 6.30pm
Year 11 - Thursday 15 September at 7.30pm
Year 12 - Tuesday 13 September at 6.30pm
Year 13 - Tuesday 13 September at 7.30pm

Monday 12 September - Year 12 New Student Lunch in Private Study at 12.00pm
Saturday 24 September - Years 7 to 13 Surrey Schools' Swimming Relays at Guildford Spectrum
Friday 30 September - Glyn PSA Years 7 and 8 Disco - 7.30pm to 9.00pm

An Excellent Start to the New Academic Year

It has been an excellent start to the new academic year. The students have arrived promptly and are looking incredibly smart. I have been very impressed with their attitude and behaviour in and out of lessons. Thank you for your support in helping the students to do so well.

We were delighted to celebrate record A Level results with the number of Year 13 students getting either an A* or A grade increasing by 8% on last year's results to 29.6%, while those securing results at A* to B grades went up by 4% to 57%. This was despite a national fall in A*-A grades.

At GCSE overall, provisional results (before appeals and remarks) show that the percentage of students achieving A*-C in English and Maths rose by 7% to 84%. These are among the best in the school's history.

These results are a testimony to the hard work of the students and the incredible support, patience and encouragement of staff and families. I would like to thank you for all that you have done in this.

It has been a delight to see so many of the Year 11 students return to the Sixth Form, as well as welcoming a number of new students to the school who have fitted in well. Likewise, the Year 7 students have made a superb start - clearly benefiting from the summer camps run over July and August. Thank you to the staff and families who supported this initiative.

I am delighted to welcome a number of new colleagues to the school.

In Creative and Performing Arts we welcome Mr C Beaney as Head of Drama, Miss A Gascoigne and Mr J Malone as Teachers of Art, Miss R Isaacs as a Teacher of Music and Mr D Hewitt as a Teacher of DT. In English we welcome Mrs H Damoulis-Williams, Miss E Kay and Mr S Olsen as Teachers of English. Miss K Maher will be our KS5 English Coordinator, with Miss J Phillips and Mrs C Tooke as Teachers of English.

In Maths we are delighted to welcome Miss M Garcia, Mrs M Mitra, Miss A Tan, Mrs T McKee and Miss S Thomson as Teachers of Maths. In IT and Computing Mrs S Htun-Neal joins us as a Teacher of Computing and in PE Mr J Ellis starts as a Teacher of PE. In Humanities we welcome new colleagues to Geography and History. In Geography we have Ms G Bhasin, Mr D Emley, Mrs M Bloomberg and Mrs F Wilson-Cressey as Teachers of Geography. We welcome Mr B Woolford as a Teacher of History and Government and Politics.

In Science Mr R Brooks joins us as a Lead Practitioner, Ms A Dowden and Mr P Simmons as Teachers of Biology. Dr A Smith joins us as a Chemistry Teacher and Mrs A Thomas as Teacher of Biology. In Social Sciences Mr D Brogden joins Business Studies and Miss E Clare becomes our new Head of Law. In MFL Mr J Benavides and Mrs M Lindsay join us as Language Teachers and Miss S O'Reilly as a French specialist. In the Support Staff we welcome Ms D Berlin as an Administration Assistant, Mrs K Cooke as a HLTA within SEND with Mr M Price and Mr O Dendy as Learning Support Assistants.

I hope that they will be happy and successful during their time with us and that you will join me in welcoming them to our community and in settling in quickly.

Finally, I would like to remind families of the Information Evenings for each year group coming up from next week onwards. They are a critical part of our partnership and enable you to meet the Leadership Team Lead, Head of House and, most importantly, your child's Form Tutor. We look forward to seeing you then.

Phillip Wheatley, Headteacher

Welcome to Year 7 Students

I hope that the transition to Glyn School has run smoothly for your son and, although he will probably be very tired this weekend, that he has enjoyed his first few days. The students have done so much already and feedback from the teachers and wider staff has been extremely positive and many students have already received a number of achievement points.

In order to help the students adapt to life at secondary school, we will not be setting any homework in the first few weeks. This will allow students to find their way around and become more familiar with the number of subjects they are studying; they can just focus on getting to know us and the school!



If you or your son have any general questions over the coming weeks, please continue to use the Year 6 into Year 7 Transition Website question section which can be found at the link below <http://www.glynschool.org/167/transition-contact>. For any specific questions or concerns, please email your son's Head of House who will be happy to help and support you.

Over the coming weeks we will be publishing our Extra-Curricular Timetable and it would be excellent to see all Year 7 students taking part in at least one club or activity as we have a huge range of clubs on offer.

The Year 7 Parents' and Carers' Information Evening will be held on Thursday 22 September at 6.30pm, so I look forward to seeing you all then.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Jones, Assistant Headteacher

Welcome to Year 12 Students

We are delighted to welcome our new Year 12 student cohort as they embark on their A Level studies. This year, approximately 130 new students are joining our Sixth Form. In addition, we are proud of welcoming back our existing students following some of the best GCSE results the school has ever seen.

I look forward to meeting parents and carers on Tuesday 13 September at 6.30pm for our Year 12 Information Evening. In the meantime, and if you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact your son or daughter's Form Tutor in the first instance or Mrs Bennett, PA to the Sixth Form Leadership Team, at bennettj@glynschool.org.

Miss Mayaire, Assistant Headteacher and Head of Sixth Form



Punctuality and Attendance

Excellent attendance at school is a critical factor in determining academic success for students. This includes punctuality to lessons. Students who are late to lessons impact on their own learning and that of their fellow students, as a late arrival to class disrupts those who are in the lesson ready to learn on time. Additionally, the first few minutes of every lesson are very important. For these reasons, the school expectation is that students are on time for lessons, Form Time and assemblies.

The school day starts at 8.40am and students are expected to be in their Form Room or Assembly by 8.40am. This means that students need to be in school by 8.35am, at the latest, to ensure they are not late to the first period of the school day. The names of students who are walking through the gates after 8.35am will be recorded and if they are late to the first period they will be required to attend a Late Detention for 20 minutes during lunchtime from 12.40pm.

Your support with ensuring students' excellent punctuality and attendance is much appreciated.

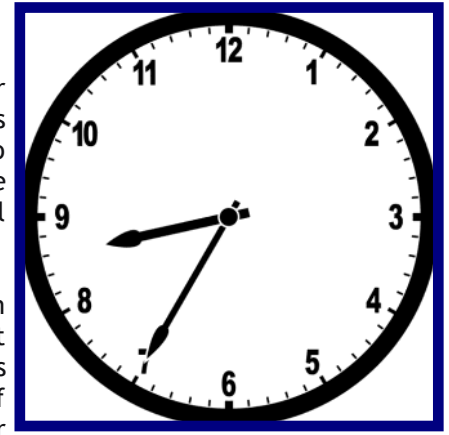
Lockers

There are a number of lockers available for students to use during the school year. Lockers cost £5 per academic year. If your son or daughter would like a locker, please make a payment via Parentpay by Thursday 15 September 2016. Students who choose to use a locker will need to bring in their own combination padlock. Suitable padlocks are available via Kitbox. Lockers will be allocated from Friday 16 September onwards.

Paths Around The Chaloner Building

During the summer holidays work began to install wider paths and additional drainage pipes and gullies in the area across the front of The Chaloner Building and the Sports Hall. The contractors are making good progress at the moment, and we are looking forward to the work being completed in the next three weeks. Once completed, we very much hope that the flooding and mud we experienced last winter will be a distant memory.

Mrs Buckley, Business Development Leader



Do We Have Your Correct Contact Details and Medical Information for Students?

We would like to ensure that we have up to date contact details for every student, especially at the start of the new academic year.

If you have changed your email address, mobile, work or home contact telephone numbers over the summer holidays, please let us know so that we can update our records and, therefore, ensure that you will receive all communications from the school.

Medical Information

Please inform the school of any changes to students' medical issues or medication. It is important that the information we hold for each student is up to date.

Please email any changes to contact details or medical information via the following email address:
communications@glynschool.org

Thank you.

Student Reception

Attendance and Achievement

Glyn School has one of the highest attendance records amongst Surrey Schools. I would like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support and cooperation.

80-90% achievement is good in any test, but did you know?:

Student Attendance

½ day missed every week = 90% attendance

1 day missed every week = 80% attendance

1 school year at 90% attendance = 4 whole weeks of lessons MISSED

1 school year at 80% attendance = 8 whole weeks of lessons MISSED

90% attendance over 5 years of secondary school = ½ a school year missed

80% attendance over 5 years of secondary school = 1 whole year missed

Research suggests that 17 missed school days a year = GCSE grade **DROP** in achievement. (Department for Education).

The simple message is: *the greater the attendance, the greater the achievement.*

How Parents and Carers Can Help

- Do not take holidays in school time. The school will not give you permission and they will be recorded as unauthorised absence.
- Talk regularly with your son or daughter about school and how they feel about it. Please contact your son or daughter's Form Tutor or Head of House if you feel support is needed and for any anxieties to be listened to.
- Only grant days at home for **genuine** illness. (You will know.)
- Phone or email the school as soon as possible to tell us why your son or daughter is absent.
- Please do not make routine dental or medical appointments during school time.
- If the appointment is urgent or last minute, please advise the school. Please do not keep your son or daughter out of school the whole day.
- For orthodontist appointments please return your son or daughter to school after the appointment, or bring them in beforehand.
- If you have any concerns, please ring us and we will check attendance and be discreet.
- Praise and reward good attendance at home and at school. We will congratulate and encourage students.
- If a school can improve attendance by 1%, we will see a 5-6% improvement in attainment. (Department For Education).
- Please **help** us and your son or daughter by ensuring their attendance remains above 97%, allowing them to achieve their potential.

Mrs Scruton, Attendance Officer and PA to Student Support

Kitbox - School Uniform and Shop

The school shop offers the full range of uniform, PE Kit and accessories for Main School and Sixth Form students.

Items purchased online are available for weekly collection from the school or next day home delivery.

The school shop is operated in partnership with Kitbox, a social venture that gives students a real life experience of work.



Opening Times

The Kitbox shop is open during term time at the following times:

Mondays - 12.30pm to 1.00pm and 3.20pm to 4.20pm

Tuesdays - 12.30pm to 1.00pm and 3.20pm to 4.20pm

Wednesdays - Closed

Thursdays - 12.30pm to 1.00pm and 3.20pm to 4.20pm

Fridays - 12.30pm to 1.00pm and 3.20pm to 4.20pm

Kitbox

sales@kitbox.com



Calling All Students in Years 12 and 13 - Netball Training!

All students in Years 12 and 13 are invited to Netball Training which will be held on Monday from 3.30pm onwards. With friendly fixtures held against local secondary schools throughout the year for both girls' teams and mixed teams. I look forward to welcoming boys and girls to training; no previous experience of netball required!

This Monday's training session will be held outside, so please dress accordingly.

I look forward to seeing you at our friendly and fun-filled training sessions.

Mrs Mabbott, FSA

Partnerships and Pavilion Painting!

We are delighted to welcome various new teams who are going to be using Priest Hill Playing Fields this year at weekends and evenings when there are no school fixtures.

We are particularly delighted to welcome the football club FC Club Athena who will be basing many of their teams and training sessions at Priest Hill. As part of the partnership working with them, a team of their parents and supporters worked at Priest Hill last weekend, and will be working again this weekend, painting and decorating The Paul Beeken Pavilion.

Our thanks to them for all the hard work from their supporters - we look forward to further partnerships developing with them.



Louise Buckley, Business Development Leader

Glyn Sport

As usual, the start of term has been busy with trials and training sessions for both football and rugby. Year 7 students have been taking part in rugby and football sessions across the week to determine which of the newly launched Sports Academies they would like to be a part of. We are delighted that students will now be able to attend both rugby and football training sessions (instead of having to choose just one of those sports, as in previous years) with the aim of representing the school on Saturdays for one of those sports. Indeed, students in all year groups are now able to attend both rugby and football training sessions to give them a wider experience of as many sports as possible. Even if students are not initially selected to represent the school, there will be opportunities arising throughout the year with an ever-growing fixture list. Alongside football and rugby academies, we are pleased to have established a Racquets Academy with regular fixtures and training taking place throughout the year for all students, as well as a Cricket Academy.



With the increasing popularity of sport at Glyn, there are also opportunities for Key Stage 4 students to attain Coaching and Refereeing badges. This initiative will enable students to work with Key Stage 3 students to explore other aspects that sport has to offer. Students who are interested in coaching or refereeing should see Mr Martin or Mr Taylor in the Sports Hall Office.

If you have any questions regarding the Sports Academies, please contact the relevant staff by email as below:

Mr Martin Head of PE - martinj@glynschool.org
Mr Tanner - Football and Racquets - tannerm@glynschool.org
Mr Hawkes - Rugby - hawkesm@glynschool.org
Mr MacLeod - Cricket - macleodk@glynschool.org

Parking at Priest Hill Playing Fields

There are a large number of fixtures taking place on Saturday mornings and consequently a large number of vehicles arriving at the playing fields. The car park immediately in front of the playing fields should only be used by staff and officials. Please could I ask parents and carers to use the NESCOL car park and walk the short distance to the playing fields from there. It is important that access to the entrance in front of The Paul Beeken Pavilion is kept clear at all times. Thank you for your cooperation in using the NESCOL car park.

Thank you for your support of sport at Glyn and I welcome any feedback.

Mr Martin, Head of PE and Games

Year 7 Football and Rugby Trials

Following this Wednesday's trials, the second day of Year 7 football and rugby trials will be held on Saturday 10 September from 9.00am to 11.00am at Priest Hill Playing Fields, Reigate Road, Ewell.

RUGBY - Merton, Oaks, St Benet and Tudor Houses
FOOTBALL - Abbey, Bourne, Carew and Derby Houses

Parking

Please park in NESCOL College car park and walk from there to the playing fields.

Students are reminded that they must wear shin pads for football and gum shields for rugby. Thank you.

Mr Martin, Head of PE and Games

A Message from the Glyn PSA

We raised £29,549.36 for Glyn School last year!

Thank you for all your support over the last year. As always, we couldn't have done it without you. Over the year we managed to make a profit of £29,549 on receipts of £36,763 as at 31 August, which is fantastic news.

Our biggest activities for the year were The 200 Club, Years 7 & 8 Discos, refreshments at Priest Hill, Matched Fundraising, RoadCraft off-road driving, the Christmas Fayre, Easyfundraising and the sale of Christmas trees, second-hand uniform and revision books and foreign coins.

The Glyn PSA were able to purchase a number of items for the school within 2016 which will further enhance the school's facilities for the benefit of all students. These included the lease on Glyn's 17 seat minibus (the larger one of the two), English and French books, an author visit, Music & DT equipment, sports equipment for gymnastics, rugby, basketball and the Glyn gym, as well as many other items for the school. We have also agreed to a further £24,370 for other items to be purchased later this year.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the Glyn PSA.

Glyn PSA Years 7 and 8 Disco

The first disco for students in Years 7 and Year 8 will be held on Friday 30 September 2016 from 7.30pm - 9.00pm in The Proctor Hall at Glyn School. Students from Rosebery School will also be invited. Tickets cost £4.50 and are now available to purchase via ParentPay. Each student is only allowed to purchase one ticket and tickets are non-refundable. If you do not have details of your login, or require any further assistance with this, please email finance@glynschool.org or call the Finance Office on 020 8716 4938. Your son's name will be added to the ticket list held at the door on the night of the disco. Refreshments will be available to purchase during the evening. Tickets for this event are limited and traditionally sell out very quickly, so please buy your tickets early. Many thanks for your support.

Facebook

The Glyn PSA Facebook page is the easiest place to see what's happening with the PSA. Posts from other parents and carers, second-hand uniform, events and general news are all listed: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/GlynSchoolPSA>

This year we also have Facebook groups for Year 7 and Sixth Form parents and carers:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/GlynPSA2016Year7/>
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/GlynSixthFormParents/>

If you are unable to locate these groups on Facebook, please email us via GlynPSA@Outlook.com and we will send you the link.



Easyfundraising - Internet Cashback

We raised £936.39 from Easyfundraising last year!

Joining Glyn from primary school? How do I change the cause I support in Easyfundraising? Your donation will be given to the cause you are supporting at the time you make your purchase. If your child changes school and you want to support your new school, you can change the cause you are supporting in your Account Settings. Login using your username/password, then select 'Settings' from the 'Account' menu in the top login bar, then select 'Change cause'. Type in Glyn School PSA and select 'Change to this cause'.

Did you know that whenever you buy anything online - from your weekly shop to your annual holiday - you could be raising a free donation for Glyn School PSA - Ewell? There are nearly 3,000 retailers on board ready to make a donation, including Amazon, John Lewis, Aviva, Thetrainline and Sainsbury's - it doesn't cost you a penny extra!

It's really simple. All you have to do is:

1. Join.
Head to <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/glynpsa/> and sign up for free.
2. Shop.
Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first, pick the retailer you want and start shopping.
3. Raise.

After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever! There are no catches or hidden charges and Glyn School PSA - Ewell will be really grateful for your donations.

Thank you for your support of Easyfundraising.

Foreign Coins and Notes - £220.24 for Glyn last year!

We raised £220.24 last year by cashing in your donations of foreign coins and we are now collecting towards our next 10kg of coins, so please keep them coming in.

You can help without really having to put your hand in your pocket by simply sorting out any old foreign notes and coins left over from holidays and business trips. Many people have some old foreign currency, either notes or coins and perhaps some old UK or Irish decimal coins. It sits in pots and drawers and is unlikely to be used again, especially if it is from countries where the currency has become the Euro. The PSA would like all worldwide current currency in notes or coins and any of the older currency such as the German Marks, Spanish Pesetas, old UK Shillings, old UK decimal coins, including Ireland, Channel Islands, Scotland, Isle of Man and £5 or £2 coins. Old half or full crowns and silver or brass coloured 3 pence pieces can also be exchanged. You can even donate old farthings and pennies, 1d or 1/2d. The coins and small notes cannot be exchanged in the UK, and old Spanish Pesetas cannot be spent in Spain, so they are of little value to anyone. The PSA can turn your old money into a valuable donation. It is estimated that there is £100 million in old or foreign coins across the UK that could be used for good causes, so please dig out yours and get it to Glyn Student Reception today!

If your business would be willing to have a collection box on our behalf, please get in touch with the PSA at GlynPSA@outlook.com for collection leaflets and posters.

Contacting the Glyn PSA

If you would like to contact the Glyn PSA, please email us at GlynPSA@outlook.com. Thank you.

Glyn PSA



Calling All Glyn Parents and Carers! - Fitness, Fresh Air and Fun Sessions at Priest Hill Playing Fields

We are delighted to invite you to Down2Earth Outdoor Fitness sessions.

The sessions are held at Priest Hill Playing Fields on Wednesday evenings from 7.00pm to 8.00pm and are open to parents and carers and their families aged 16+. All abilities catered for. Complete beginners welcome! The classes take the form of outdoor Boot Camp style exercises.

The cost is just £5.00 per session and Down2Earth will make a donation out of that fee to the school for each Glyn parent or carer who attends.

The classes will take place every Wednesday, including the school holidays.

We hope to see you at Priest Hill Playing Fields on Wednesdays.

Mrs Smith, Events and Lettings Manager



Swimming and Biathlon

There are two swimming matches this term and the Biathlon is on 2 October. If you would like to compete in the Biathlon, please see Mrs Pearson as soon as possible for more details.



Duke of Edinburgh Award - Update

Details about the Duke of Edinburgh Award will be coming out later this month. There have been some recent changes to the way in which the awards are to be undertaken this year which has resulted in a review of the timetable. I will let you have more details about the Duke of Edinburgh Award as soon as possible.

Mrs Pearson, Science, EVC, Extra Curricular Manager, UCAS

Wishing you a restful weekend.