

## Gifted and Talented

Welcome to the Gifted and Talented Programme at Rutlish. At Rutlish we believe passionately in the right of each and every student to achieve their potential and that includes our gifted and talented students. Rutlish continues to develop in its provision for those pupils who are either gifted in academic subjects or those students who exhibit a specific talent in sporting or artistic areas.

Rutlish provides a broad and challenging curriculum to help their Gifted and Talented pupils fulfil their potential and exceed their expectations by offering a wide range of activities both inside and outside of the classroom.

Rutlish has developed an inclusive approach that allows pupils from all backgrounds to express themselves and it provides an environment where the more able are recognised in their achievements by their peers and the school community as a whole.

Lesson planning at Rutlish includes the criteria laid out by the national quality standards that specify the types of activities the more able can be expected to complete. Rutlish also provides for accelerated programmes of learning in some subjects. For instance, the highest ability maths students complete their GCSE at the end of Year 10 and study a Level 3 Maths course in Year 11. The more able Science students receive specialist teaching in Biology, Chemistry and Physics. In the Arts and Humanities in-class activities for the more able include working independently on research projects that allow pupils to develop their subject skills by studying topics of personal interest.

Outside lessons Rutlish offers a wealth of activities and events that both support class work and also promote the social and emotional aspects of their development. Rutlish has established an ongoing public speaking workshop during Key Stage 3 for our Gifted and Talented pupils whereby each year group improves and develops its public speaking skills to an advanced standard by Year 10. These skills are then honed in national competitions such as the Jack Petchey Speak Out public speaking event for Year 10 pupils.

Rutlish links with other schools, such as Ursuline and Ricards Lodge in Merton, to provide further support and competition for the more able pupils in such disciplines as the Maths Challenge, teacher support and training, and

developing links with local colleges for placements in further education.

Below is a brief list of some of the programmes for the Rutlish Gifted and Talented Programme:

- The Jack Petchey Achievement Awards
- The Jack Petchey Speak Out public speaking competition.
- Year 9 Science G&T visit to St George's Hospital
- MAD Arts and Drama Day
- Rutlish has got Talent competitions

Useful links

<http://www.education.gov.uk>

<http://>

[nationalstrategies.standards.dcsf.gov.uk/giftedandtalented](http://nationalstrategies.standards.dcsf.gov.uk/giftedandtalented)

<http://www.speakoutchallenge.com/pages/home>

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## Rutlish School GCSE Results for 2011

Rutlish for the fifth successive year improved on its GCSE results.

Rutlish School boys scored 64% success for A\* to C grades for 5 GCSE subjects including English & Mathematics. Last year Rutlish scored 60%. Rutlish is now third in terms of other Merton schools behind Wimbledon College and Ursuline High. Rutlish School scored 85% for A\* to C for 5 GCSE subjects overall in 2011, up from 77% last year.

The Head Teacher, Mr. Williamson, is very pleased with these results and delighted for the pupils and parents as well as all the staff of Rutlish who have worked so hard. Looking towards the new academic year there is a very promising year 11 coming through to take the majority of their GCSE in June next year and Mr. Williamson is confident that with the right application next year's results might even surpass this year's. We wish him much success over the next twelve months.

In terms of the new year 7 intake, Rutlish is fully subscribed so recognising the progress Rutlish has been making in recent times.

Peter A. Norrie  
Chair of Governors

## Frontier Login Details

Managed Learning Environment (MLE) is a part of Government's initiative to bring students, teachers and parents together in a single 'place', which allows easier communication. It also facilitates learning, whilst referring to a wider infrastructure of information system to support the electronic learning.

### The Provider of MLE for Rutlish is Frontier.

KS4 parents can access coursework and homework information for each subject. Login to

<http://www.fronter.com/merton>

using the account details below.

#### Yr 7

1. Log in to Frontier website  
[www.fronter.com/merton](http://www.fronter.com/merton)
2. Enter username: rp7
3. Enter password: homework

#### Yr 8

1. Log in to Frontier website  
[www.fronter.com/merton](http://www.fronter.com/merton)
2. Enter username: rp8
3. Enter password: homework

#### Yr 9

1. Log in to Frontier website  
[www.fronter.com/merton](http://www.fronter.com/merton)
2. Enter username: rp9
3. Enter password: homework

#### Yr 10

1. Log in to Frontier website  
[www.fronter.com/merton](http://www.fronter.com/merton)
2. Enter username: rp10
3. Enter password: homework

#### Yr 11

1. Log in to Frontier website  
[www.fronter.com/merton](http://www.fronter.com/merton)
2. Enter username: rp11
3. Enter password: homework

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## Memories

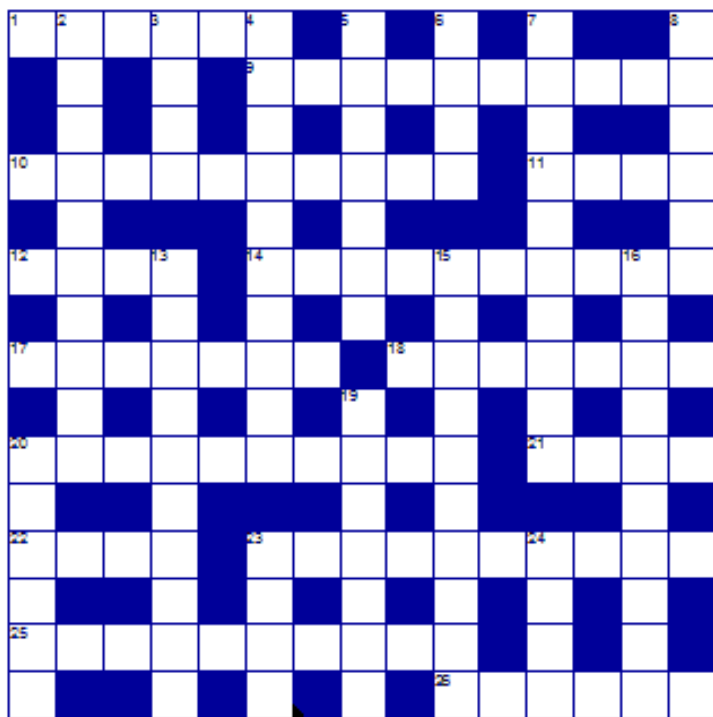
We were involved in the Herculean task of discovering how long it would take six men to build a wall if three of them took a week. I seem to recall that we spent almost as much time on this problem as the men spent on the wall.

Gerald Durrell

"That's the reason they're called lessons", the Gryphon remarked; "because they lessen from day to day."

Lewis Carroll

# Crossword 4



www.CrosswordSolver.com

## Solution to No.3

S	T	U	N	G		E	P	E	E		P	A	C	T	
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### ACROSS

- Wholly engage first two in southern sphere. (6)
- Reparation given by a heavy weight on rearranged northern hunting occasions. (10)
- Trades Union Congress follows plume released by hairdresser. (6,3)
- Sounds as if star is not working? (4)
- Enough is surely expressed in this context to express disapproval. (4)
- No eastern being leading disorientated Rosy British Columbian to golfing singer. (4,6)
- Large vessel suitable for ocean crossing. (3,4)
- Country relocated vat mine. (7)
- Cleaning method on the far side of male child in charge. (10)
- Smallest found in poor unit but not the ninth. (4)
- Sweet with no middle indulged in equestrian sport. (4)
- Bee pic list made for vote. (10)
- Nice indefinite article lent sorted for anniversary. (10)
- The lamb op done with assurance. (6)

### DOWN

- Fail and be nice arrangement is helpful. (10)
- Remove Open University saint initially. (4)
- Let no bad ban seek to change menu. (5,5)
- Cool van changes when this blows up. (7)
- Ex TT edited message. (4)
- Legendary king of Britons led policeman to pole-less rear of aircraft. (10)
- Laura found in remains of blaze on pewter. (6)
- US version that rates booth for prehistoric cat. (10)
- Fur found in chic hall by arrangement. (10)
- Second precipitation on carriageway or Malcolm initially leads to sudden impulse. (10)
- The family nose, in her it is handed on. (7)
- Reveal international organisation group. (6)
- Yearn for soft insect. (4)
- Hood for bovine student. (4)



Solution next month



**It's Allwright:  
Family, War, Teeth**  
A Memoir,  
covering the years from 1915

This book, written by an Wally Allwright, is available for borrowing from the editor.  
The editor can be contacted at  
jrundle@blueyonder.co.uk or on  
020 8715 1808 or  
07828 840 109

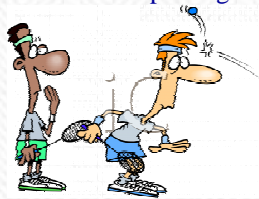
### Paying by Card

The option of paying at the bar by credit or debit card is part of our system. We have set a **minimum payment of £10**, and cashback is also available (with debit card only) to help you buy that extra round of drinks.

Peter Day

### For Hire

The Old Rutlishians' has a purpose built squash court with changing facilities and a spectator's gallery. All members are entitled to book the court and play at no additional membership charge.



Honesty pays, but it doesn't seem to pay enough to suit some people.

Kin Hubbard

## Old Rutlishians Social Network

This is the Facebook page for all things social at the Old Rutlishians in Poplar Road - the home of the legendary RutsFest, Rugby, Cricket and Football sections, Rutsjest and the hub of the Merton Park Social Network. Become a member of the Old Ruts (its easy and cheap) and then join us to make "The Ruts" a great place for locals to go for a casual social get together any night of the week (midweek from 7pm), the base for your local community group and lots of other great events all the time.

**Every Monday Night at the Ruts is Knitting kNight and Poker!!**  
All can come along and learn to drop a stitch... and have a natter or play Poker.  
For knitting details contact  
susansheridan@boltblue.com



# They who laugh - last



## Physics

One day our physics professor was discussing a particularly complicated concept. A pre-med student rudely interrupted to ask "Why do we have to learn this stuff?"

"To save lives." the professor responded quickly and continued the lecture. A few minutes later, the same student spoke up again. "So, how does physics save lives?" he persisted. "It keeps the ignoramuses out of medical school," replied the professor.

## Bad Day

A woman came home to find her husband in the kitchen shaking frantically, almost in a dancing frenzy, with some kind of wire running from his waist towards the electric kettle. Intending to jolt him away from the deadly current, she whacked him with a handy plank of wood, breaking his arm in two places. Up to that moment, he had been happily listening to his Walkman.

## Accident descriptions

"As I approached an intersection a sign suddenly appeared in a place where no stop sign had ever appeared before."

"To avoid hitting the bumper of the car in front I struck a pedestrian."

"My car was legally parked as it backed into another vehicle."

"I told the police that I was not injured, but on removing my hat found that I had a fractured skull."

## English Lecture

A linguistics professor was lecturing to his English class one day. "In English," he said, "A double negative forms a positive. In some languages, though, such as Russian, a double negative is still a negative. However, there is no language wherein a double positive can form a negative."

A voice from the back of the room piped up, "Yeah, right."

## You Won't Believe...

The following are actual submissions on a series of quizzes, tests, and essays.

"Nitrogen is not found in Ireland because it is not found in a free state."

"H2O is hot water, and CO2 is cold water."

"To collect fumes of sulphur, hold a deacon over a flame in a test tube."

"When you smell an oderless gas, it is probably carbon monoxide."

"Water is composed of two gins, Oxygin and Hydrogin. Oxygin is pure gin. Hydrogin is gin and water."

"Three kinds of blood vessels are arteries, vanes and caterpillars."

"The body consists of three parts - the branium, the borax, and the abominable cavity. The branium contains the brain, the borax contains the heart and lungs, and the abominable cavity contains the bowels, of which there are five - a, e, i, o, and u."

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"I was sure the old fellow would never make it to the other side of the road when I struck him."

"The pedestrian had no idea which way to run as I ran over him."

"I saw a slow moving, sad faced old gentleman as he bounced off the roof of my car."

## Building Rome

Marilyn, the teacher, asked her 5th grade history class, "When was Rome built?" and called on Timothy to answer first.

"Rome was built at night." was his answer.

"At night?" asked Mrs. Taylor, holding her ruler firmly in her boney-knuckled hands. "How ever did you get such an idea?"

"Well," gulped the student, hoping his answer would satisfy her, "everyone knows Rome wasn't built in a day."

## Personnel

The personnel office received an email requesting a listing of the department staff broken down by age and sex. The personnel office sent this reply...

"Attached is a list of our staff. We currently have no one broken down by age or sex. However, we have a few alcoholics."

*"Man is the animal that intends to shoot himself out into interplanetary space, after having given up on the problem of an efficient way to get himself five miles to work and back each day."*

Bill Vaughn

## Having a Bad Day?

Iraqi terrorist Khay Rahnajet didn't pay enough postage on a letter bomb. It came back with "Return to Sender" stamped on it. Forgetting it was the bomb, he opened it and was blown to bits.

There now, feeling better?

