

# Reigate School

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### MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Thank you to all the Year 10 and 11 parents and carers who attended the 'Parent Power' workshop last night which was aimed at empowering parents to support their child's learning at home. We hope it gave you some additional ways in which to support your child.

The Year 10 children were visited by a company called Study Skills Zone yesterday. They ran a workshop entitled 'Drive for Results'. This was an interactive workshop focussing on active learning techniques, time management, exam techniques and mindset.

On Tuesday we were privy to the Year 11 GCSE Dance pieces at the annual showcase along with performances from other dancers across the year groups. It was a very successful evening and a full report will be in next week's newsletter.

Last night the annual Celebration of Sporting Achievement Dinner was held at the Redhill and Reigate Golf Club. Congratulations to all the award winners. A list of the winners and a full report of the event will be in next week's newsletter. Following on the sporting theme, commiserations to the Year 10s who narrowly missed out in their Cup Final match and were very unlucky to lose in extra time. Good luck to the Year 11 football team who will be playing their Cup Final match next Thursday.

Mr Alexander

### SPOTLIGHT

#### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Year 7 Satvik Sati and Matthew Sarjantson for obtaining a large amount of achievement points.

Year 8 Emily Hill for being the leading achievement point earner in her year group.

Year 9 Sophie Walsh for her fantastic piece of descriptive writing in English.

Year 10 Kieran Hook for delivering such an amazing assembly on mental health.

Year 11 Hayley Turner for her performances in assembly this week.

### BEST ATTENDANCE

Year 7	7PCO, 7BHA	100%
Year 8	8JMA, 8JKE	99.3%
Year 9	9JMR	99%
Year 10	10MBR	98%
Year 11	11WMO	99.5%

**Whole School Attendance**

### COMMENDATION AWARDS

Year 7	7PBO
Year 8	8SMI
Year 9	9MKI
Year 10	10MBR
Year 11	11JWI

### UPCOMING DATES

Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	11SJO form activity evening in school.
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	GCSE Kayaking Course, Richmond. Symphonic Rock Concert at The Royal Albert Hall.
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	GCSE Kayaking Course, Richmond.
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May	11GFO form trip to Eighty Ate Burger, Reigate.
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> May	Strive for Five English Conference, Dominion Theatre, London.

NEW YORK TRIP 2018

Early on Monday morning in the second week of the Easter holidays, 34 children and six members of staff left school to travel to Heathrow for our biennial trip to New York. For some, including Miss Hillier, this was the furthest they had ever flown. So although a few found it quite nerve racking, we all got there safe and sound.

When we arrived in New York, we discarded the five hour time difference and went straight on a tour. Our driver Mr Lee and guide Jared took us around some important sites including the always thought provoking and quite emotional Ground Zero Memorial. As many of the children's visit was predominantly for the love of musical theatre, they were pleased to also have a little bit of history and see the grave of Alexander Hamilton, an American statesman and one of the Founding Fathers of the United States. Our evening meal at the end of a long day was at the Hard Rock Café.



Tuesday started with a great breakfast and then off to a drama workshop entitled 'Making a Scene' where the children did an awesome job. Poor Bethany had battled with an ankle problem and so we managed to find a wheelchair for her. Mr Jones did an epic job of getting her to Grand Central Station with the rest of us. I hope she remembered to tip him!

For lunch it was back to Bubba Gumps and Times Square. In the afternoon we had great fun on 'The Ride' where you sit sideways on a coach and are entertained by two actors and various people that are planted to sing and dance along the route. We were quite surprised when we saw a bit of an altercation on the way which we thought was scripted but it wasn't, it was just New York!



One of my highlights of the whole trip was when we had finished the ride but then became part of the entertainment by breaking out into a flash mob routine, choreographed by Miss Swift.

In the evening we saw a spectacular view of the city from the top of the Empire State Building.



(pictured above – The Ride)



**BROADWAY'S TONY AND GRAMMY-WINNING BEST MUSICAL**

Wednesday began with a blast. We were so privileged to have Kyle from the cast of Kinky Boots and the Musical Director of the show to teach us the finale song from the show. The children all made an amazing effort and afterwards Kyle was brilliant at answering some of the questions about the profession and the show itself.

There was time after this to have a little walk around Central Park and then on to the Top of The Rock for more great views of the city.

We had an early dinner where we sang happy birthday to Miss Swift and then off to Kinky Boots, our chosen Broadway show. It is always nice to watch something where you know someone so we looked out for Kyle who had some outrageous costumes.



So to our last day and there is one thing we do to relax before coming home and that is to do some serious shopping. Macy's, Footlocker, Victoria's Secret, M&Ms and the Disney Store were favourite places to go as well as The Musical Theatre Shop. Once we had all increased the weight of our suitcases significantly, we were on our way back home.

This was the fourth time we have taken this trip and it was definitely one of the best. The staff at the Hotel Gallivant were very complimentary and despite not having much down time, the children were exceptionally well behaved.

The next trip will be Easter 2020. We normally send out letters about a year in advance. It will be open to the then Years 10 and 11 so our current Years 8 and 9 who study music, dance or drama both in and outside of school. The trip normally costs between £1200 and £1300 depending on numbers. If you would like to register an initial interest please e-mail [c.gill@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:c.gill@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk).



### THE PLAY THAT GOES WRONG

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April, the Performing Arts department took 39 Year 10s and 11s to see *The Play That Goes Wrong* at the Duchess Theatre in London.

It nearly did all go wrong. The traffic was heavy and we were delayed further when the police pulled us over to allow a dignitary escort through. Luckily, the coach driver dropped us off outside and we managed to get to our seats with seconds to spare. It was all worth it; we were treated to a riotous comedy packed full of slapstick, puns and farce. Not only was the play itself hilarious, members of the cast were in the auditorium at the interval looking for a lost dog, ordering ice cream and desperate to go to the loo which added to the immersive experience.

This was a great evening out; the play was great, the children were superb and I am now looking at the possibility of taking a trip to *The Comedy* about a Bank Robbery, the second play created by this talented group.

Reported by Mr Kirby



### FRENCH THEATRE PERFORMANCE AT REIGATE SCHOOL

On Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April, our Year 8 children studying French watched a play called *Mes Chers Voisins* in our school hall. The actors spoke in French throughout the entire performance and the children were expected to understand the storyline by watching the actions and picking out key words and phrases they know.



Here is a small synopsis of the start of the French play.

#### *Mes Chers Voisins*

This is a fun play looking at the lives of five teenagers who live on the same street. Sam is sort-of going out with Marion, but Marion is more into Sam than Sam is into Marion. Hugo is the 'perfect' teenager. He is sporty and intelligent but he cannot find a girlfriend. Candice has always liked Hugo but thinks he is out of her league. Candice is a girl who tries too hard sometimes and normally fails. Then there is Magali, the biggest Justin Bieber fan in the world (or so she thinks) and she is convinced Justin will marry her one day.

Reported by Miss Forrest

## NEWS AND EVENTS

### MRS HILL'S LONDON MARATHON CHARITY RUN

On Sunday, I took part in my second London Marathon. This year, I had a ballot place and chose to run for Children with Cancer. The heat on Sunday was intense and it made running very difficult indeed, so much so that I needed to forget about time and just concentrate on getting around the course. Despite the heat, I made it and raised about £1500 for the charity. Whilst after finishing I said "never again", now I am not so sure!



Reported by Mrs Hill



### END OF SEASON NETBALL MEAL AT WAGAMAMA

This year's netball presentation took place at Wagamama in Reigate on Tuesday 17th of April. Around 40 children joined Mrs Jones, Mrs Corder, Miss Wall and Mrs Mayo for the fun where we all reflected on this season's performances. Congratulations to all the award winners.



## NOTICES

### NSPCC AND O2 ICEBREAKER

O2 and NSPCC have joined forces to help all children and their families stay safe online. They have produced a series of weekly emails for parents to support them in talking to their children about their online world. <https://nspcc.o2.co.uk/>

### LOST PROPERTY

We've had a ring, an earring and a key handed in this week along with two hoodies, two coats, a scarf, two odd shoes, a water bottle, a food container and a pencil case.

YOUNG LEADERS AT THE SURREY YOUTH GAMES

On Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> April, Mr Hughes took nine Young Leaders to Elmbridge Xcel Leisure Centre for the Surrey Youth Games. The boys were in charge of refereeing the Year 3 and 4 County Finals, including the semi-finals and final. Their performances were excellent, and their motivation and engagement was outstanding. Although there were a few interesting decisions (Adam!) they were fair, encouraging and very motivating for all of the children. One of the organisers said, "The boys are an asset to your school and have shown how fantastic Reigate School is". Well done to all the Young Leaders.



PANATHLON EVENT AT DONYNCS

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> April, Mr Hughes took 20 Young Leaders to Donyngs Leisure Centre for a Panathlon. The Young Leaders ran eight events for disabled children from local schools. All the children took part in table cricket, paddleball, football dribble, parachute, beanbag throw, basketball shot, curling and boccia.



Our young leaders were extremely encouraging to the children; they were fantastic in leading the events, and were extremely polite and helpful. An organiser said, "This is by far the best group of leaders I have ever seen lead a Panathlon. They are amazing with the children and fantastic at leading the events".



Reported by Mr Hughes

YEAR 8 FOOTBALL

The Year 8 Football team had their District Cup semi-final against Oxted School on Monday. The tactical genius that is Mr Hughes adapted the formation to play to our strengths and to ensure Oxted had a hard time getting through.

The boys started extremely well only going down 1-0 to a very lucky goal. We then pulled it back to 1-1 with another goal from the main man Haarris and dominated the game for most of the first half. Mr Hughes was quoted as saying it was the best game he had ever seen them play. They were organised at the back, strong in midfield and ruthless upfront. Oxted took the lead early in the second half with a hard press against Max in goal. We managed to maintain the pressure and went close to pulling it back to 2-2 on multiple occasions. Sadly, in the last minute Oxted managed to score one more taking the score to 3-1. The boys put in fantastic effort and deserved far more. It has been a fantastic inaugural season for Mr Hughes and the boys should be proud of what they achieved.

REIGATE PRIORY FOOTBALL CLUB LEAGUE CUP WIN



On Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April, seven Reigate School boys represented Reigate Priory's U13s in the Epsom and Ewell League Cup Final at Banstead Athletic football ground against Old Walcountians. After a fantastic match, they won 4-2. Well done to our boys Matthew, Freddie, Tom, Harrison, Jacob, Dilan and Harris.

YEAR 10 DISTRICT CUP FINAL

On Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> April, Reigate School and Warlingham School turned up to a thrilling encounter. It was time for the biggest match of the year which everyone has been looking forward to for the whole season. It was finally here. The District Cup final. As the match started Reigate School were shaken by an out of the blue strike by Warlingham's main striker. This consequently led to a mistake at the back meaning we were 2-0 down going into half time.

However, Reigate were not giving the final up that easily. The inspirational team talk from Mr Simmonds-Dance set us up to go out and get back in it, which we did. With some great tackles from James Rutland and big Will King and a couple of wonder strikes from Dru Tunstall and Chris Gray we were back in the game. This led us into extra time which we were dominating until a mistake at the back led to an unfortunate goal to Warlingham. As we went into the last minute James was set up to take it to penalties but he sadly missed.

We would like to say a massive thank you to Mr Simmonds-Dance for giving us previous Cup Final wins and for the runners up medals on this occasion.

Squad: Felix Teasdale, Lukie Fisher, James Rutland, Willy King, Harrison Whitwell, Harrison Chart, Kai Coutet-Arthur, Daniel Blundell, Finley Lenihan, Gregory Fowler, Dru Tunstall, Lucas Evans, Chris Gray and Ryan Darragh.

Reported by James Rutland

YEAR 9 AND 11 NETBALL MATCHES VS WARLINGHAM



Warlingham School are top of the league for both the Year 9 and Year 11 competitions and both Year 11 teams were playing their last game for their respective schools. With this in mind, both games were extremely exciting with the lead changing at the end of every quarter for both year groups.



The result was a mixed bag with the Year 11s unfortunately losing 17-19 but the Year 9s winning 17-15.



## HEGARTYMATHS

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Congratulations to the following children who have clocked up the most learning hours on HegartyMaths this week



Top 10 Correct Answers 20<sup>th</sup> April – 27<sup>th</sup> April

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Oscar Spenceley Jacob Sedgwick Lauren Hunt Anya Sedgwick Abbie Brownlee Florence Weids Amira Abourezk Milly-Madeleine Eade Ava-Grace Markwick Jennifer Smith	Niamh Parker Zain Masood Katie Green Lily Waylett Emily Sutton Alice Cobbin Hayley Driskell Leon McLoughlin Milan Newsam Demie O'Leary	Mary Haan Elizabeth Williamson Tegan Lucas Jessica Munro Opal Owen Amy Brown Maya Smith Abigail Grant William Halsey Freya Sharkey	Raife Eskisan Joshua Peck Hannah Dennis Aaron Walsh Lucy Stannard Jodie Finch Larissa Gray Oliver Smith Henry Clarke Oliver Shaw	Natasha Smith Afsar Khan Paul Riley Thalia Potter Rebecca Grant Mariam Abbas Shala Monderin Max Wilson Teagwen Cameron Jason Bell

## CAREERS

### CAREERS ADVICE IN SURREY – WHAT'S YOUR NEXT MOVE PORTAL

For full time study, work, apprenticeships or training options, Surrey's Participation Team offer advice and guidance around any aspect of post 16 options. Some of the features of this portal include:

- A FAQ section for parents/carers and young people
- A news and events section
- Participation information for those with SEND
- Volunteering information



Whether you need inspiration to help you decide what to do with your future or whether you're just looking for a bit of advice the "What's your next move?" portal can help.

### CAREERS GUIDANCE

We have a careers section on the school website which contains useful information regarding college open events, up and coming careers events at Reigate School, details regarding apprenticeships and how to search and apply for them along with links to useful websites. There is also a link to a quiz which is fun to take and will give children an idea of what kind of careers will suit their personalities. Go to Academic-Careers or Academic-Option at post 16 for details of local college open events. Below are some other very useful websites which have plenty of information regarding further education, apprenticeships and careers choices plus interview techniques and many other tips.



[www.barclayslifeskills.com](http://www.barclayslifeskills.com)



[www.apprenticeships.org.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk)



[www.allaboutschoollavers.co.uk](http://www.allaboutschoollavers.co.uk)



[www.notgoingtouni.co.uk](http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk)



[www.icould.com](http://www.icould.com)

# PARENTAL PORTAL - SLG

## What is the Parental Portal (SIMS Learning Gateway)?

SIMS Learning Gateway (SLG) is a system that allows parents/carers to have access to information that we keep about their children.

## What information can I access?

Currently SLG allows you to see information about your child's attendance, assessments, conduct log, which includes achievement and behaviour management, as well as their timetable. SLG uses real-time data, so the information is always current. Reigate School takes electronic registers in morning registration and in all five lessons.

## Can I see whether my child has arrived in school?

Our tutors finish their morning registers by 9:05am. You will be able to log in to SLG at 9:05am to see whether your child has been marked as present. However, there are several reasons why the register may be late going into the SIMS system (for example, a tutor may not be in school so the register may initially be done on paper by a cover supervisor). If you notice that your child is not registered, please wait and check after 9.30am before contacting the school.

## What if I spot inaccuracies in the information?

Data integrity is important to us. While we endeavour to make sure that all of our data is accurate, we realise that mistakes are possible.

## Who gets access to this information?

We launched SLG for all children, parents and carers in 2016. We sent out usernames and passwords to all parents and carers who we have registered as the primary point of contact for each child. If you are not the primary contact, or have not received your username, please email [slghelpdesk@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:slghelpdesk@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk).

## What to do if you forget your username or password

In the first instance email [slghelpdesk@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:slghelpdesk@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk) if further assistance is required contact our SLG Helpdesk on 01737 229568.

## Parental Portal (SIMS Learning Gateway) - Quick Start Guide

The SLG is accessed using a web browser and by entering the details that have been provided to you by the school. The account will give you access to information relating to any children that you have at Reigate School.

The address for the Reigate School SLG is <https://portal.reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk/slg/>

## Finding Information on the SLG

Once logged in you should click on the **Parents/Carers** tab at the top of the page. You will then see the home page of the SLG Parent Site containing current SLG notices. On the left hand side of the screen are several sections that will be of interest.

**My Account Page** – it is advised that you visit this page the first time you log in and change your password to something more memorable. If you forget your password you will need to contact [slghelpdesk@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:slghelpdesk@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk) to request it to be reset.

**My Children Dashboard** – here you will find the main information about your child or children. In the main part of the page you will see headline information including attendance.

At the bottom of the page under **My Children Links** you will find three sections:

**Student Dashboard** – here you will find information regarding behaviour, achievements and timetable.

**View Reports** – this is where progress reports can be found. Click on the arrow next to the current academic year and a list of available reports will be displayed. Please note you will be unable to view reports when using a smartphone or iPhone as the mobile view doesn't support this.

**Data Collection Sheet** – Use this section of the SLG to check and update the information that we hold, including home address and home/mobile/work telephone numbers and email addresses. Changes are then submitted electronically and there is no need to telephone the school to advise us of those changes.