


# Reigate School

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## NEWSLETTER

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### MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Happy New Year. I hope you all had an enjoyable break and are ready for the new term ahead. The Spring Term is always busy with the upcoming parents' evenings (dates listed below) and mock exams for the Year 11s.

I'd like to welcome the new Student Leadership Team who are now carrying out their new roles and am looking forward to their official introduction to the children in assemblies next week.

Congratulations to Mr Moore and his team of young engineers who, whilst the majority of the school were enjoying their Christmas break, were victorious at the Lego League final.

The new extra-curricular list is now published below with many clubs running from last term and some new ones. The children are welcome to come along and try them out any time, no prior arrangement are necessary unless stated.

Mr Alexander

### SPOTLIGHT

#### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Year 7 Owen Blackley and Madeline Powell for earning the most achievement points last term.

Year 8 Oscar Hough for a great start to the year with improved motivation and behaviour.

Year 9 Elissa Hough for a significant improvement across many of her subjects.

Year 10 Amy Brown for gaining her black belt in Korean Karate.

Year 11 Amy Caddy for her improvement in her GCSE PE table tennis.

### COMMENDATION AWARDS last week of term

Year 7 7OEV and 7TMA

Year 8 8CWH

Year 9 9JKE

Year 10 10HSK

Year 11 11EPO

### BEST ATTENDANCE

Year 7 7SMI, 7AJU

Year 8 8AME

Year 9 9PWR

Year 10 10JMR

Year 11 11JHU

100%

97.7%

99.4%

96.2%

100%

**Whole School Attendance 93.1%**

### UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January English trip to see A Christmas Carol at the Old Vic Theatre, London

### PARENTS' EVENINGS

Year 11 Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> January

Year 9 Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> January

Year 7 Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> February (meetings will be with form tutors only)

Year 10 Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> February

Year 8 (Options Evening) Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March

Year 8 Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March

FIRST LEGO LEAGUE REGIONAL FINAL

On Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December Reigate School entered a team of eight children into the First Lego League Regional Final. They were pitted against children from a range of primary and secondary schools.

After an early start and an hour's drive, the team set out to impress. The day's schedule started with a presentation on 'How people can stay healthy in Space'. The team had designed an exercise machine to prevent muscle degradation that can occur in a zero gravity environment. The judges were especially impressed with the research they had completed, the development of their prototype and their maturity.



Next up was rating the robot design, looking at the robot's core strength and versatility of attachments. At a crucial moment the team realised the battery was dead and the afternoon session was in danger. Thankfully a rival team gave them a cable for the vital electricity to breathe life into an otherwise unresponsive robot. The judges were once again impressed by the ingenuity of the team and their approach to problem solving. The robot was able to do a lot of things well; it was a little temperamental but with the right supply of power, up for the challenges ahead.



The final assessment was core values, looking at how the team interact, communicate and collaborate. It was a challenge to build a bridge to span a river using K'Nex. The team responded well with a plan of action, each member had a role, but as the task developed the team was visibly strained. After a brief pause, the team refocused their efforts and completed their task with time to spare.

The afternoon session was dedicated to the robot game. Robots would be programmed to navigate a map and complete various tasks. There were three rounds with each team given 180 seconds to score as many points as possible. The robot was built, the programs written and it was now a matter of game management and calm heads. In their first run the team achieved 50 points after successfully completing four of the challenges. A solid start sitting them in second place. The team saw an opportunity to gain further points and set about writing a program to add to their total as they trailed the leaders by nine points. Unfortunately the second run didn't go to plan and they received a score of 38. Another team had improved their score which meant the Reigate team had dropped down to third place. Once again, calm heads were called for as it all came down to the final round. They completed the first four challenges to match their first round score. With seconds remaining knowing that 50 points wasn't enough, the robot started its path to the challenge that could tip the balance. The seconds ticked by with the robot managing to avoid two obstacles before manoeuvring to score the points that would surpass their total from round one, but would it be enough see them win?



The team had featured well in their presentation, their core values and their robot design but none of these had earned them a coveted first place finish. Hopes were beginning to fade but with a high score of 69, the Reigate School young engineers had won the robot game to secure their trophy. Whilst this victory was sinking in, the team then received the ultimate surprise, they were also crowned First Lego League Regional Tournament Champions and an invite to compete at the national tournament in the new year!



The whole team performed amazingly well and were ecstatically happy with their achievements. Well done to the Reigate School First Lego League team. Year 7 – Humaid, Tom and Ben. Year 8 – Adam, Jack and Eliyas. Year 10 – Ben. Year 11 – Euan.

Reported by Mr Moore

INTRODUCING THE HEAD GIRL, BOY AND THEIR DEPUTIES



I'm Aliyah and I will be the new Head Girl of Reigate School. During my time as Head Girl, I'm looking forward to improving the school and all aspects of school life. My main interests include drama, dance and music and I also enjoy English and Spanish. I am very excited to begin the role and can't wait to start working with Ethan and the amazing team of deputies.



Hi, my name is Ethan and I am the Head Boy. I applied for this position because I knew I could bring good ideas to the role and listen to any suggestions on how to improve things around school. All my interests are mainly sport related. My favourite sport is rugby and I play for my club Old Reigatians where I am the team captain. I was also selected for the Surrey U15's team. Around school my interests are PE theory and practical and I also enjoy maths and drama. If anyone has any good ideas, please come and see me or any one of us and we can see what we can do for you.



Hi, my name is Hayley and I am a new Deputy Head Girl of Reigate School. In school my favourite subjects are drama and English as I find them the most engaging. I also love sports, especially netball and I competed in the netball Malta rally in 2017. I feel privileged to have been given the role of Deputy Head Girl and I am looking forward to helping improve Reigate School with my ideas and yours.



Hi, I'm Hannah and I will be a new Deputy Head Girl at Reigate School. I like all my subjects but particularly love English and the creative freedom that comes with it. As well as that, PE is another favourite of mine and a great chance to break from more academic subjects. Outside of school I enjoy trampolining and of course socialising with friends. I'm keen for a career in the business side of fashion, working with a range of new people in many different areas. In the new role of deputy, I'm passionate about improving the experience of all students and staff at the school and I'm extremely excited to bring fresh ideas.



Hi, my name is Joe, a new Deputy Head Boy for Reigate School. Inside of school my two favourite subjects would have to be English and history. In terms of clubs, I attend the Carnegie club which is a book reviewing club and I also help out at the Homework club. Outside of school I'm a member of the Reigate Sea Cadets and the Reigate Youth Council. My other interests are reading, video games, running, assembling miniatures, 80's music, writing and playing the guitar. As a Deputy Head Boy my primary concern is to help my fellow students and so I hope I'll be able to do this to the best of my ability in the coming year.



My name is Owen and I like PE. I play three sports outside of school which are football, hockey and futsal. I am also interested in maths and chemistry and enjoy biology and physics. Another subject I am interested in is geography which is why I love travelling. I would like to travel to many more places in the future.

**EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES 2018-2019 SPRING TERM**

	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Year Group(s)</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Contact/ Department</b>
<b>Any Day</b>	Art Club	lunchtime – every day after-school - Mon-Thurs	All Years	N3	Any member of Art
	Independent Study	before/after school (5pm close)	All Years	LRC	Mrs Knights – Librarian
<b>Monday</b>	Band rehearsal	3:15pm – 4:15pm	All Years	MU1	Miss Hillier – Performing Arts
	Carnegie Shadowing	3.15pm – 4.15pm	All Years	T8	Mrs Scotton – English
	Dance Club	lunchtime	7 & 8	D2	Miss Swift – Performing Arts
	Drama GCSE catch up	3:15pm – 4:00pm	10 & 11	D1	Mr Jones, Mr Kirby – Performing Arts
	Film Club	3:15pm – 4:15pm	All Years	8	Ms Wright – RE Dept
	History Independent Study help	lunchtime	All Years	13	Miss Wesby – Humanities
	Lacrosse	3:15pm – 4:15pm	All Years	Astro	Any member of PE
	Model Rocket Club	3:15pm – 4:15pm	All Years	S5	Mr Gentile – Science Dept
	Youth Club	3:15pm – 4:15pm	7&8 Invitation Only	D1	Mrs Davies – SEN Dept
<b>Tuesday</b>	Art GCSE catch up	3:15pm – 4:15pm	10 & 11	N3	Mrs Wilson – Art Dept
	Basketball	3.15pm – 4.15pm	All Years	Gym 3	Any member of PE
	Computer Club	3:00pm - 4:00pm	All Years	A4	Mr Moore - ICT Dept
	Creative Writing (starts 15 <sup>th</sup> January)	3:15pm – 4:00pm	7, 8 & 9	T9	Miss Jefferies, Miss Maloney – English
	Dance Club	lunchtime	Boys only	D2	Miss Swift – Performing Arts
	Dance Club (exam practice and choreography)	3:15pm – 4:15pm	11	D2	Miss Swift – Performing Arts
	Mr Collins' Marvellous Club	lunchtime	All Years	M1	Mr Collins – Maths
	Music - GCSE catch up	8:15am – 8:45pm	10 & 11	MU1	Miss Hillier – Music
	Netball	3.15pm – 4.15pm	All Years	Courts	Any member of PE
	Rugby	3.15pm – 4.15pm	All Years	Field	Any member of PE
	Table Top Games Jan 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 29 <sup>th</sup> , Feb 5 <sup>th</sup>	3.15pm – 4.15pm	All Years	9	Mr Marsh or Mr Bowdery – RE
	Youth Theatre – We Will Rock You	3:00pm – 4:30pm	All Years	D1	Any member of Performing Arts
<b>Wednesday</b>	Art GCSE catch up	3:15pm – 4:15pm	10 & 11	N3	Mrs Wilson – Art
	Boxing Training	3.15pm – 4.15pm	9 & 10	Gym 1	Any member of PE
	Choir	3:15pm – 4:15pm	All Years	MU2	Miss Hillier – Performing Arts
	Dance Theory Breakfast Club	8:10am – 8:40am	10 & 11	D2	Miss Swift – Performing Arts
	Football	3.15pm – 4.15pm	All Years	Astro	Any member of PE
	French Culture Club	3.15pm – 4:15pm	All Years	2	Miss Lane, Miss Salton – MFL
	Philosophy	3:00pm – 3:50pm	All Years	6	Mr Marsh or Mrs Wright – RE
	Photography	3:15pm – 4:15pm	7	N3	Mrs Wilson, Year 8s – Art
	Leading Ladies Vocal Group	lunchtime	9 - 11	MU2	Miss Hillier – Performing Arts
	Tech Club	3:15pm – 4:00pm	7	T4	Mrs Patton – D&T
<b>Thursday</b>	Trampoline	3.15pm – 4.15pm	Week 1: 7 Week 2: 8 - 11	Gym 3	Any member of PE
	Band rehearsal	3:15pm – 4:15pm	All Years	MU1	Miss Hillier – Performing Arts
	Business Discussion Group	3:00pm – 4:00pm	11	A3	Mr Hollands – Business Studies
	Dance Club	lunchtime	9 & 10	D2	Miss Swift – Performing Arts
	Hockey	3.15pm – 4.15pm	All Years	Astro	Any member of the PE
	Humanities GCSE Film Club	3:15pm – 4:15pm	10 & 11	13	Miss Wesby – Humanities
	Magic The Gathering (Fantasy card game)	Lunchtime and 3:05pm – 5:00pm	All Years	M3	Mr Ford – Maths
	PE GCSE Theory Revision	3:15pm - 4:15pm	11	P1	Any member of PE
	Table Tennis	3:15pm - 4:15pm	All Years	Gym 1	Any member of PE
	Table Top Games Jan 24 <sup>th</sup> , Feb 14 <sup>th</sup>	3.15pm – 4.15pm	All Years	S1	Mr Kavanagh – Science
Youth Theatre – We Will Rock You	3:00pm – 4:30pm	All Years	D1	Any member of Performing Arts	
NO CLUBS ON FRIDAYS					

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



Top Correct Answers 14<sup>th</sup> December – 4<sup>th</sup> January

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Dheyona Rajendra Sophia Ellis Rampertab Nandini Joshi Joseph Armstrong George Marcroft Ellie-Mae Hyder Emily MacKenzie Bobby Munro Jake Gough Tilly Richardson	Leo Lowe Matthew Sarjantson Jessica Chapman Caydey Gough Amelia Macpherson Kayla O'Neill Alex Cheung Sophia Walsh Alexander Blair	Kayleigh Gough Nikita Izbrodin Sadie Jenkins	Abudi Bala Chloe Hedges Hayley Ford Emily Hetherington Megan Lodge Opal Owen Anisa Rahman Ella Rodd Cameron Peck	Sam Harvey Alyssa Gobin Orla McAuliffe Oscar Picking Bethany Horn Aaron Walsh George Seymour Nartiya Uthuba-Hatari Fahmina Khan Rebecca Hartley

NOTICES

EDUCATION AND HEALTH SEMINARS

We are pleased to be able to offer a series of Education and Health Seminars which aim to offer up to date information and advice about some of the issues we often have concerns about as professionals, parents and carers. We are offering these through our alliance with the i2i Teaching Partnership and they will be hosted in the Medici Theatre, Weydon School, Farnham.

There is a non-refundable charge of £5 per seminar and they can be booked via Eventbrite using the links below. Please print and bring your ticket since places are limited due to space. Limited parking is also available on site but please do arrive in plenty of time to guarantee a space. We hope that you will find these seminars useful and we look forward to extending a warm welcome to you at each one.

The seminar titles and schedule is below:

Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> January 2019	Drugs awareness and prevention: what parents need to know about current trends	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/drugs-awareness-and-prevention-what-parents-need-to-know-about-current-trends-tickets-53535779959">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/drugs-awareness-and-prevention-what-parents-need-to-know-about-current-trends-tickets-53535779959</a>
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	The Science of Learning: how parents can support their child with their learning and revision	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-science-of-learning-how-parents-can-support-their-child-with-their-learning-and-revision-tickets-53535865214">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-science-of-learning-how-parents-can-support-their-child-with-their-learning-and-revision-tickets-53535865214</a>
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Alcohol awareness and prevention: what parents need to know about current trends	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/alcohol-awareness-and-prevention-what-parents-need-to-know-about-current-trends-tickets-5353622282">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/alcohol-awareness-and-prevention-what-parents-need-to-know-about-current-trends-tickets-5353622282</a>
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Online safety and social media seminar	<a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-safety-and-social-media-seminar-tickets-53536357687">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-safety-and-social-media-seminar-tickets-53536357687</a>

## SAFEGUARDING

### THINKUKNOW



Thinkuknow is an education programme from the National Crime Agency's CEOP Command. Since 2006, Thinkuknow has been keeping children and young people safe by providing education about sexual abuse and sexual exploitation. Thinkuknow is unique. It is underpinned by the latest intelligence about child sex offending from CEOP Command. Thinkuknow aims to ensure that everyone has access to this practical information – children, young people, their parents and carers and the professionals who work with them. Alongside the Thinkuknow website the programme provides educational resources, including films, cartoons and lesson plans, to help parent/carers and professionals raise young people's awareness.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

## ATTENDANCE

We would like to remind all parents and children about the importance of regular school attendance. Children are expected to attend 100% of the time, be punctual every day and show good behaviour in lessons. Parents are expected to phone the absence line on every day of absence to notify the school of the reason for your child's absence.

Telephone number: **01737 245241 (Available 24 hours)**.

**Your message should include your child's name, tutor group, reason for absence and your name.**

This year, good attendance, punctuality and behaviour are being rewarded with a trip to Thorpe Park in the summer term for Years 7-10. To qualify your child must have 95 points, which is made up from 95% attendance and points awarded because of good behaviour on their reports each term. Children can also lose points for poor behaviour on their reports and for persistent lateness.

### **What are acceptable reasons for absence?**

Some examples are vomiting, diarrhoea, high temperature, hospital appointments, and funerals.

### **Unacceptable reasons include:**

Headache, tiredness, stomach-ache, colds, coughs, birthdays, haircuts, shopping days, duvet days! Children who have broken bones can normally be accommodated in school after discussion with Heads of Year.

### **Leave of absence during term time**

It is highly unlikely that the Head of School will grant permission for a leave of absence during term time. These can only be considered in the most exceptional circumstances and must be applied for in advance using the absence request form available from the office. Please refer to the Attendance Policy on the school website for more information.

### **Will I be made aware if my child's attendance is low?**

Yes, if their attendance falls below an acceptable level, a letter of concern will be sent to you and you may be asked to provide medical evidence. If there is no improvement a meeting will be arranged to discuss the situation and you may be referred to the Education Welfare Service. The Government guidelines state that if your child falls below 90% attendance they are classed as persistently absent.

## YEAR 11 GCSE EXAM NOTICE

Please be aware that the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) requires all Year 11 children to be available until the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019. This is because an awarding body (exam board) may need to invoke its contingency plan which would require children to go into their school up until the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019.

In light of this, please do not book holidays that begin before the 27<sup>th</sup> June 2019 or other events that would mean your child would be unable to come into school.

## CAREERS

### EAST SURREY COLLEGE OPENING DAYS

East Surrey College is opening its doors for an opportunity to look around the facilities and discuss courses with lecturers.

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> February 2019      17:30 - 19:30  
Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2019              10:00 - 13:00

## VISIT US AT OUR OPEN EVENT

- ★ Welcome talk from Jayne Dickinson, Principal and Chief Executive and Kevin Standish, Deputy Principal, Curriculum and Standards
- ★ Apprenticeship information talk
- ★ Higher Education information talk
- ★ Discuss the best course for your chosen career
- ★ Access advice and guidance on English & Maths qualifications
- ★ Tour our top quality facilities and discover our range of support services
- ★ Take part in interactive activities around the college
- ★ Chat to existing students and industry specialists
- ★ Find out how work experience and employability skills are embedded into all our courses
- ★ Apply for your place!

"The quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good"

Ofsted Report, January 2015

"Teachers focus strongly on supporting students to develop employability skills through work experience or work-related projects"

Ofsted Report, January 2015

#### OFSTED RATED OUTSTANDING AREAS:

- ★ Early Years & Playwork
- ★ Health & Social Care
- ★ Media & Communication
- ★ Visual Arts

PRE-REGISTER ONLINE

[www.esc.ac.uk](http://www.esc.ac.uk)

East Surrey College, Gatton Point, London Road, Redhill, Surrey RH1 2JX

### 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.

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

**Apprenticeships**

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

**allabout**  
school leavers

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



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



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