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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Thank you to all the Year 11 parents and carers that came to our Parents' Evening last night. It was well attended and will have helped the children know where to focus their efforts for their upcoming mocks and GCSEs in the summer. We look forward to welcoming our Year 9 parents and carers on Thursday.

Our open door tours are running next week. These are a good opportunity for prospective parents and carers to look around the school during a normal school day and also for those who already have children here but haven't had a chance to look around.

Over the next two weeks we will be holding our achievement assemblies. The children will have an entry into a draw for every 25 achievement points gained giving those with more points more entries and a better chance of being selected for a prize. Two winners from each year group are selected at random. The results will be posted in next week's newsletter.

Mr Alexander

SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Year 7	Sam R and Samuel S who both finished in the top 20 of the District Cross Country Championships at the weekend gaining a place in the Regional finals to represent Surrey.
Year 8	Georgia Earl for her great contribution to the year group. We wish her every success in her new school.
Year 9	Ella Patey an amazing mathematician who is always helping others which in turn reinforces her own knowledge.
Year 10	Samuel Robinson for consistently working beyond the work set; stretching and challenging himself each time.
Year 11	Anabel Morgan for her hard work and perseverance in maths.

COMMENDATION AWARDS

Year 7	7RPA
Year 8	8AWE
Year 9	9LSW
Year 10	10MKI
Year 11	11SMA

BEST ATTENDANCE

Year 7	7PDE	100%
Year 8	8AME	99.3%
Year 9	9CHA	98.5%
Year 10	10MKI	97.4%
Year 11	11EN	100%

Whole School Attendance 94.9%

UPCOMING DATES

Thursday 31 st January	Year 9 Parents' Evening
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PARENTS' EVENINGS

Year 9	Thursday 31 st January
Year 7	Thursday 7 th February (meetings will be with form tutors only)
Year 10	Thursday 28 th February
Year 8 (Options Evening)	Thursday 7 th March
Year 8	Thursday 14 th March

NOTICES

If you have not yet returned the blue admission form and yellow consent forms following our cyber attack please could you let us have them as soon as possible. It is essential that we are able to contact you in an emergency concerning your child.

YEAR 10 SURGICAL EXPERIENCE- 'SURGEON FOR A DAY'

On Thursday the 17th of January, ten Year 10s were given the opportunity to visit Royal Alexandra and Albert school to partake in an operating theatre live event. The experience consisted of learning the pre surgical procedures of preparing the patient and wearing the professional surgical uniform.



We learnt to calculate the correct dosage of general anaesthetic for the patients (thankfully all patients were mannequins), and were taught how to conclude a correct diagnosis for each patient.

As grotesque as it may sound, we were given the privilege to learn about the anatomy of the brain and fully dissect one belonging to a pig. Furthermore we were given the chance to dissect a pig's heart, lungs, and even the eyes. It was gruesome but awesome. (You may want to avert your eyes for the next series of photos if you're squeamish!)



Our last task was not a dissection, but actually a chance to view a fully intact digestive system! We were personally disgusted by the awful smell produced, but nonetheless we found the event truly astonishing, as what we viewed was a once in a lifetime experience.

"I loved the operating theatre experience and I was so impressed by everything available to us. I thoroughly enjoyed being able to see what we learn in the classroom, in real life!" - Hannah C

"The best part was dissecting the pig's eye and observing the various details of it." - Archie A

Reported by Eshal K



SPORTS NEWS

OUTSTANDING RESULTS

We would like to highlight some children who excelled in last weekend's district events. Fifteen children took part out of which four did particularly well.

In the District Cross Country Championships on Saturday, both Samuel S and Sam R in Year 7 finished in the top 20 to gain a place in the Regionals representing Surrey.

In the Surrey Schools Individual Swimming Championships Adam Gatland (also a Surrey rugby player) achieved a bronze medal in the Intermediate 100m Freestyle and Jay Cornelius achieved a silver in the Intermediate 100m Fly (pipped to first by 0.18 seconds). The Intermediate boys came 5th overall out of 22 schools competing. What an achievement! Many of the girls also got personal bests.

Outstanding results all round.



HEGARTYMATHS

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



Top Correct Answers 19th January – 25th January

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Oliver Dredge Aleeza Pervaiz Lily Woodhams Grace Weids Maddy Friday Keira Fenton George Burrows Kai Brooker Abbi Prentice Elsa Lenihan	Zachary Lynn Troy Jacobs Caydey Gough Kyla Khan-Wood Florence Weids Harriet Seymour Anise Miller-Bassi Alexander Blair Rhys Burgess Jack MacLennan	Harry Newell Thomas Maidment Iris McAuliffe Harry Trussler Rose England George Gibbs Ruby Church Jason Chapman Robbie Davies Alisha Haider	Scarlett Pearce Bailey Durrant Amy Brown Binal Chudasama Kirstie Milne Emily Hetherington Ella Rodd Samuel Forgie Larna Hamilton Hayley Bell	Joshua Stopher Harry Mackenzie Chloe Cooper Zak Hammond Mia Khan Jessica Crame Natasha Maynard Reeves Herbie Clarke Jodie Finch Oscar Picking

TALKING TEENS WORKSHOP

Dovers Green Sure Start Children's centre are running free workshops aimed at Year 7 and 8 parents. Please book with them directly if you are interested.

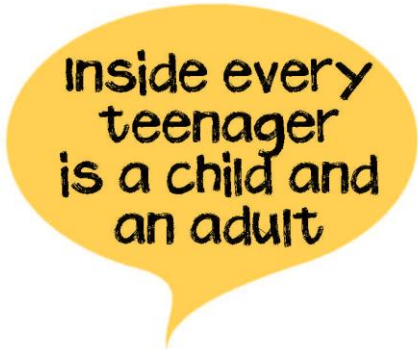
What is Talking Teens?

Teenagers are rewarding, stimulating and fun, but being a parent of one can be stressful and challenging.

The Talking Teens Parent Group helps deal with those challenges so you can have a calmer, happier family life.

A tried and tested Programme, it helps us think about what we do, why we do it and how it makes us feel and looks at questions that many parents have, like:

- How can I stop my child always getting the last word?
- Why do they always sleep in so late?
- Can I do anything to help them argue less?
- What's normal?
- Why don't they want to tell me how they're feeling?



The Four Sessions

- 1:** Being a parent of a teenager; The role of parents for teenagers; Responding to difficult feelings
- 2:** Understanding your teenager; Understanding teenage development; Parenting styles; Praise and criticism
- 3:** Communicating with your teenager; Talking and listening; Communicating clearly; Handling difficult issues
- 4:** Managing conflict; Rules and boundaries; Choosing how to respond; Problem solving

Practical information

There are four 2-hour sessions over four weeks

10-20 parents are invited and there are two Family Links trained group leaders

Partners are welcome and it's also fine to come on your own or with another relative or friend

You'll get the most out of the Programme if you come to all four sessions.



How the Talking Teens Parent Group has helped other parents

- "I realised that you're really needed as a parent even if your teenager behaves otherwise"
- "I'm doing a better job than I thought I was"
- "I like the time for discussion during the sessions"
- "It has been really interesting and informative, both leaders great and lovely approach, felt very relaxed"

The Nurturing Programme Talking Teens Parent Group

where:
Dovers Green Children's Centre
Rushetts Road
Reigate
RH2 7RF

when:
Thursday Evenings 7:30pm – 9:30pm
7th March (week 1)
14th March (week 2)
21st March (week 3)
28th March (week 4)

Contact details:
Dovers Green Sure Start Children's Centre
Telephone: 01737 223621
Email: childrenscentre@dovers-green.surrey.sch.uk
£10 donation includes a handbook, £15 per couple



Talking Teens Parent Group

Information for parents and carers



check out familylinks.org.uk/Parents



familylinks.org.uk
Charity no. 1062514

**Calling all
11 to 18
year olds**

**Star for
a Night
Casting**

**Sunday
27 January 2019
Harlequin Theatre
Drama: 1.30-3pm
Singing: 2-4pm
Dance: 3-5pm**

10 weeks of free
professional tuition
ending with two stage
shows on 10 and 11 April 2019



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Register online at www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/sfan
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01737 276322

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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 28 th January	The Science of Learning: how parents can support their child with their learning and revision	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-science-of-learning-how-parents-can-support-their-child-with-their-learning-and-revision-tickets-53535865214
Tuesday 29 th January	Alcohol awareness and prevention: what parents need to know about current trends	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/alcohol-awareness-and-prevention-what-parents-need-to-know-about-current-trends-tickets-53536222282
Monday 25 th February	Online safety and social media seminar	https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-safety-and-social-media-seminar-tickets-53536357687

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

SAFEGUARDING



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>

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 27th February 2019 17:30 - 19:30
Saturday 15th 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

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.

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Apprenticeships

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school leavers

www.allaboutschoollleavers.co.uk



www.notgoingtouni.co.uk



www.icould.com