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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended the Year 10 Parents' Evening last night.

The Year 11 mock exams have been well attended this week.

Next week our Year 10 GCSE Geography classes head off on their field trip to Eastbourne, the Year 11 GCSE Textiles class visit Wisley Gardens, our Starsteppers dancers are performing at The Harlequin Theatre and the Year 11s studying Performing Arts have the opportunity to perform their exam pieces to parents and carers.

National Apprenticeship Week is from 4th to 8th March and Year 10s are taking part in 'The Big Assembly' which aims to get thousands of people online at the same time to learn what Apprenticeships could do for them. The Big Assembly is a live video stream to thousands of children across the UK wanting to find out what an apprenticeship could mean for them.

Well done to the Year 7&8 girls' rugby team who were victorious at the Surrey District Schools' Rugby Tournament at Old Reigatians on Wednesday.

We look forward to seeing the Year 8 parents and carers at the Options Evening on Thursday. Enjoy your weekend.

Mr Alexander

SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Year 7 Sienna Rogers for teaching her class how to make cakes.

Year 8 Oscar Hough for massively improving motivation and behaviour in class and with homework.

Year 9 Charlotte Ibbotson for her attitude towards school and learning and a huge improvement in her attendance.

Year 10 Martha Love for her perfect answer to a GCSE style question in History.

Year 11 Megan Graham for a vast improvement in her French writing exam.

COMMENDATION AWARDS

Year 7	7DSM
Year 8	8AME
Year 9	9MWE
Year 10	10JMR
Year 11	11SMO

BEST ATTENDANCE

Year 7	7NMO, 7SMI, 7OEV, 7RPA, 7AFO	100%
Year 8	8GJE	100%
Year 9	9PWR	98.3%
Year 10	10JWH	99.6%
Year 11	11MA	100%

Whole School Attendance 96.2%

UPCOMING DATES

Monday 4 th March	Year 11 GCSE Textiles trip to Wisley Gardens. Year 11 GCSE Drama exam performances
Tuesday 5 th March	Year 10 GCSE Geography trip to Eastbourne (Group 1). Starsteppers Dance show at The Harlequin Theatre.
Wednesday 6 th March	Year 10 GCSE Geography trip to Eastbourne (Group 2). National Apprenticeship Show, Sandown Park. Year 10 French Theatre performance in school.
Thursday 7 th March	UK Maths Challenge, Crawley. KS4 District Trampolining competition, Oakwood School.
Friday 8 th March	Year 8 Options Evening for Parents and Carers. 11SMO form trip to Hollywood Bowl, Crawley.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Year 8 (Options Evening)	Thursday 7 th March
Year 8	Thursday 14 th March
Year 9	Thursday 28 th March

NEWS AND EVENTS

YOUNG ENGINEERS FIRST LEGO LEAGUE NATIONAL FINAL

On Saturday 16th February, the Reigate School Young Engineers team met at School at 6am; an early start for a long day, but this was the First Lego League National Final. Arriving at the University of the West of England to witness the opening ceremony, the sense of spectacle was apparent. It was a big event. Sixty teams from England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales, all regional champions, all competing under the same roof. There were 10 competition tables, 20 practice tables and five separate rooms for presentations, team working, problem solving and robot inspection. There were robots of all shapes, sizes and capabilities. The itinerary for the day was detailed and non-stop.



The first event was Robot Design, something the team was proud of thanks to its evolutionary development over the past four years. The judges were impressed by their approach to solving problems posed by the layout of the obstacles on the board. The attachments were innovative and effective and the programming of the robot was simple and efficient. They chose to make only one change from the regional round, the development of an attachment to complete three tasks in one, a feature appreciated by the judges.



The next challenge was the first of three robot games. The robot struggled to make its first moves, but recovered to complete some of the more complex tasks, navigating the length of a three-meter board.

Task three was a presentation on "How people can stay healthy in Space". They had designed an exercise machine aimed to prevent potential muscle degradation that could occur in a zero gravity environment. They made changes from their regional presentation by adding in sources to their work and showing more of the development of their prototypes, however they had not practised and this was evident as the presentation overran and the team struggled to recover.



Round four was the second of the robot games. This started better than round one and the first set of attachments worked to perfection, however the robot ran into problems as it moved down the board and a failed challenge docked the team some points - but a credible 56 points had the team inside the top half of the table.

The problem solving and teamwork challenge involved the team being given eight objects to put into order of priority for someone living in space. The objects included flares, oxygen, a compass and water. They were given two minutes to discuss their choice whilst the judges monitored their progress. The team worked well and gave good reasoning for their choices.

The final task of the day for the Reigate School Young Engineers was their third robot game. Unfortunately for the team, the performance in this round did not reflect their hard efforts of the previous months and the robot failed to score any points. The day was done, the team exhausted, but proud of all they had achieved in their first ever visit to the First Lego League National finals.



NEWS AND EVENTS

YEAR 9 GEOGRAPHY TRIP TO THE OLYMPIC PARK

Just before half term, the Year 9 children studying GCSE Geography went on a trip to the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in order to see for themselves if the regeneration of the area has had a positive impact on the local people. This trip was an essential part of their course as their third exam paper requires them to discuss two fieldtrips they have been on by the end of their course.

We were very lucky to have lovely weather on both days and the children enjoyed seeing the hugely different parts of the area, from the immaculate East Village with its art work and shopping area to the graffiti art of Hackney Wick. On the second day the groups were even fortunate enough to meet and have photos taken with youtuber Ryan Taylor. All in all, a very successful trip.



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 15th February – 1st March

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Matilda Graham-Williams Sophia Crabtree Dheyona Rajendra Harry Judge Zara Islam Joel Bayode Isabella Hicks Leanie Scrivener India Perfitt Emma Waylett	Troy Jacobs Oscar Nott Emily Gobin Ethan Simmons Thomas Foot Maysie Liddle Isabelle Cochrane Lyla Smith Jessica Sturgeon Greta Delany	Chloe Lacey Harry Newell Zoe Medhurst Sadie Jenkins Karim Elnamouli Wyatt Blakeley Teoni Symonds Amna Perveez Joanne Lewer Jessica Cooper	Sophie Mandak Daisy Hobbs Samantha Harding Ellie Fahey Chloe Kenward Madeleine Parkes Binal Chudasama Emils Judzis Kiera Dulieu Bailey Durrant	Arminas Brasas Monty Shave Isobel Loft Oscar Picking Abbie Loader Thomas Aveling Lukas Fisher Emily Ansell Zak Hammond Fahmina Khan

OTHER NEWS

DETERMINATION OF SURREY'S SCHOOL ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED SCHOOLS FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

The admission arrangements for Surrey's community and voluntary controlled schools for 2020 admission and Surrey's primary and secondary coordinated schemes for 2020 have now been determined. Full details are available on the school admissions pages of Surrey County Council website under 'Admission arrangements and outcomes' – www.surreycc.gov.uk/admissions.

As part of the determination the following changes have been applied:

- Furzefield Primary, Reigate & Banstead:** reduction of Reception PAN from 60 to 58.
- Wallace Fields Junior, Epsom & Ewell:** change to the measuring points used to assess nearest school and home to school distance.
- Children previously in state care outside England who left that care as a result of being adopted:** inclusion within criterion 2 for children with an exceptional social/ medical need.

Any person or body who considers that any aspect of these admission arrangements are unlawful or not in compliance with the School Admissions Code or relevant law relating to admissions, can make an objection to the Office of the Schools Adjudicator. Objections must be referred by 15th May 2019 and further information on how to make an objection can be obtained from the Office of the Schools Adjudicator website.

DISTRICT GYMNASTICS

On Tuesday 26th February 11 children from Years 7-9 competed in the District Gymnastics Competition. This competition was fiercely attended by five other schools (Oakwood School, Caterham School, Royal Alexandra and Albert School, Oxted School and The Warwick School) all hoping to take the victory. Our gymnasts worked tirelessly to prepare and polish their routines, hoping to impress the judges with their talents and hard work. They only had one opportunity to demonstrate their abilities on the floor before competing in the vault section where they had two chances to perfectly execute their vaults. The children were split into 'School' and 'Elite' sections which meant we had the potential to take home the medals in both categories. The 'Elite' section is for gymnasts who compete in competitions outside of school, allowing them to display their excellent tumbling passes and advanced vaulting skills.

Focusing on the Year 7 competitors, we put on an excellent show of talent with six entrants in this age group, evenly split between the 'School' and 'Elite' categories. Bodi got gold in the elite section, consistently performing throughout each piece of apparatus. Eric also got gold competing in the school section. He had a slightly rocky start with a tumble on the vault but managed to salvage this with an excellent second vault and strong floor routine. Lily-Rae and Scarlett both competed in the elite section demonstrating excellent control and composure throughout, placing 8th and 11th respectively. Similarly Anna and Isabelle performed strongly in the school section, taking 6th and 9th place with Anna missing out on 3rd place by only 0.6 of a point.



Both Anise and Gabriella competed in the Year 8 girls' school section with poise and elegance when on the floor. Their vaults were executed well with a stable landing, both earning high scores in this section. Anise secured 3rd with Gabriella just behind in 4th place.

Lastly, we had three competitors in the Year 9 girls' category with Susannah competing in the school section and Rebecca and Annabel competing in the elite section. Susannah put on an excellent performance, perfectly executing her vaults and remaining composed throughout her floor routine. She secured 2nd place, after coming joint 1st – this result only being split by their floor execution score! An amazing, well fought performance from Susannah. The Year 9 girls' elite section was nail-bitingly intense! All girls in this category were fighting hard for the title, consistently performing well and unwilling to drop the intensity. Rebecca and Annabel's vaults were both worthy of 1st place, scoring 8.9s leaving it all down to their floor routine. The other competitor performed on the floor first, setting the bar high. Rebecca matched this easily, showing her outstanding acrobatic training to create her tumbling passes. Annabel closed the competition with an equally strong, winning routine – deservedly earning her the gold medal. Rebecca placed 3rd by 0.3 of a point.

A very proud day for Reigate School, with all competitors showing determination and wonderful manners throughout.

VACANCIES



TEAM AROUND THE CHILD CHAMPION

Salary will be grade S7 - Actual salary £18,481 - £21,442, 32 hours per week, term time only

This newly created role recognises that there are times when children - and their families - need an extra bit of quality support, guidance, care, direction or challenge. One of our "guarantees" is that every child will "feel valued and cared for" and our overall mission is to "provide an education of such quality that every child will leave Wray Common with better life chances than when they first entered"; this role puts our money where our mouth is - and reflects our relentless drive to make our mission and guarantees a reality for every child.

The roles requires a high level of passion for the well-being and progress of children. While its origin, intention and direction is unique, its holistic nature includes aspects of being an Emotional Literacy Support Assistant, Learning Mentor, HLTA and Home-School Link Worker. It will form part of our expert Inclusion Team, which consists of our Inclusion Leader (SENCO and DSL), Speech and Language Assistants, EAL Support Assistant, SEN Support Assistants and Achievement for All teacher.

We take pride in placing children at the heart of everything we do and celebrate the fact that our children are all different, special, valued and safe, while learning and succeeding. We believe that all children should experience outstanding learning opportunities that will encourage them to grow socially and personally. Our most vulnerable children are looking for a Champion who will provide care and challenge of such quality that any barriers they may have to their learning are shattered and their current enjoyment and achievement at Wray Common is enhanced.

If you are interested please contact Mrs J Newton, School Business Manager at Wray Common Primary School at jnewton@wray-common.surrey.sch.uk or by telephone 01737 761254

Application packs are available on the website www.wray-common.surrey.sch.uk or on the eteach website. Closing date is Monday 4th March 2019.

NOTICES



Thinking of teaching?



Join us on **Saturday 9th March 2019** at **Weydon School** for our **Get intoTeaching Event**

9.00am to 11.30am in the Medici Theatre

Meet representatives from Primary, Secondary and Specialist Programmes
One-to-one advice on training options, the application process, funding and teaching as a career

Sign up via Eventbrite: <http://bit.ly/i2iteach>
or text Teach to 80011 for more information

www.i2ipartnership.co.uk

Contact: ktaylor@weydonschool.surrey.sch.uk

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.

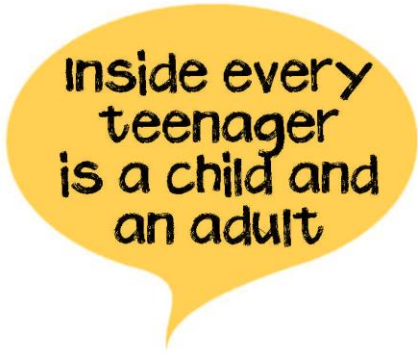
What is Talking Teens?

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

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>

NOTICES

INSIGHT FOR YEARS 7 TO 10.

We have recently launched INSIGHT, a new electronic tool for our current Years 7 to 10. INSIGHT is designed to provide you with a greater level of access to the data we hold on your child and will enable you to see live updates on how your child is getting on at school. The system will also be used for downloading end of term reports and next year will be used for booking Parents' Evening appointments.



You should have received an email providing you with login details for INSIGHT. We can only send your login details if you have returned your contact forms with an e-mail address. If you have returned your forms but not received an email please check your junk mail folder in your email account. If you are still unable to find the email then please contact us via email at info@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk or telephone 01737 243166. If you have your login details, but are experiencing technical difficulties then email our IT team using itservices@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk.

CAREERS

CAREERS HOT- DESKING

Reigate School would like to invite people from the world of work to take part in our careers event on Wednesday 17th July 2019 from 9am to 3pm. Small groups of children from Years 8 and 9 will ask you questions about your profession and what you do, how you got to where you are and what educational route you took. If you can help, please contact the school for further details. Thank you.

Mrs Grew
Careers Officer

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.



www.barclayslifeskills.com



www.apprenticeships.org.uk



www.allaboutschoollleavers.co.uk



www.notgoingtouni.co.uk



www.icould.com