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NEWSLETTER

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Thank you to all the Year 8 parents and carers who attended Options Evening last night. I hope it has given you a greater understanding of the options process and will enable you to assist your child with their decision.

On Friday 15th there will be a mufti day in aid of Comic Relief. The children may wear Comic Relief merchandise or anything red in exchange for a £1 donation to the charity. As always, clothing should be appropriate with no short shorts / skirts or crop tops.

Well done to the Year 10 football team who made it to the Cup Semi Finals. Unfortunately they conceded two early goals and were unable to score even though they dominated the rest of the game.

Mr Alexander

SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Year 7	Sam Rolaston for amazing work and effort in Science.
Year 8	Sophie Jackson for her enthusiasm and positivity. She is an asset to her form.
Year 9	Rose England, Otilie Fox and Jamiee Leigh for their beautiful singing in assemblies this week.
Year 10	Hope Stevens for an incredible 100% in her Geography Assessment. This is a fantastic result, one previously unheard of.
Year 11	Emily Harkin who achieved an A* in her iMedia course.

COMMENDATION AWARDS

Year 7	7MHY
Year 8	8CWO
Year 9	9LSW
Year 10	10JWH

BEST ATTENDANCE

Year 7	7TMA, 7RPA	100%
Year 8	8AWE	98%
Year 9	9PWR, 9MWE, 9KE	97.2%
Year 10	10MGE	97.2%
Year 11	11MA, 11EN	98.7%

Whole School Attendance 93.9%

UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday 12 th March	Year 11 Performing Arts – exam performances.
Thursday 14 th March	University Connect in school. Year 8 Parents' Evening.
Saturday 16 th March	D of E training day in school.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

Year 8	Thursday 14 th March
Year 9	Thursday 28 th March

NOTICES

HISTORY

Please could all Year 9 Historians ensure they have paid and sent in a reply slip for the visit to the London Docklands Museum on Friday 14th June. The children will be learning about the historic environment of Whitechapel in the 19th century focussing on policing. Their trip will include experiencing the recreated streets of London at this time as well as a session with a policeman who will tell them about the Jack the Ripper investigation. If in doubt speak to your teacher.



NEWS AND EVENTS



MUFTI DAY
FRIDAY 15th MARCH

in exchange for
a £1 donation
to
Comic Relief



NEWS AND EVENTS

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP SHOW

The National Apprenticeship show took place on Wednesday 6th March at Sandown Racecourse. Fourteen Year 10 children had the opportunity to attend. There were many companies and apprenticeship providers there who were keen to talk to our children about what their companies can offer. Our children were particularly interested in Virgin, British Airways, The Army, The Navy, Toni and Guy and companies offering apprenticeships in childcare, construction and engineering.



It was a really useful morning and an opportunity for our children to learn more about apprenticeships and how it is another route into work and further education.

Mrs Grew
Exams/Careers Officer

BRITISH SCIENCE WEEK POSTER COMPETITION OPEN TO YEARS 7-9



Science poster competition journeys

A stylized illustration of a white rocket ship with a red nose cone and orange flames, flying upwards and to the right.

Get creative and enter the British Science Association's annual poster competition, on the theme of **journeys**. You can make your poster about anything involving journeys.

The five best posters from our school can be entered into the UK-wide competition with the **chance for students to win an array of prizes including a special Guinness World Records prize.**

Judging and rules:

- Posters will be judged on creativity, how well they fit the theme and how well the poster has been made or drawn.
- You can use pop up pictures, pull out tabs, paint, watercolours, pens or pencils.
- You can use pom poms, pipe cleaners, beads, foil...anything creative. (No plastic)
- No 3D models -**2D only**.
- A4 or A3 size entries only please.
- They must be hand created and not use templates. **It must be your own design.**
- Name, age and form to be written on the back.

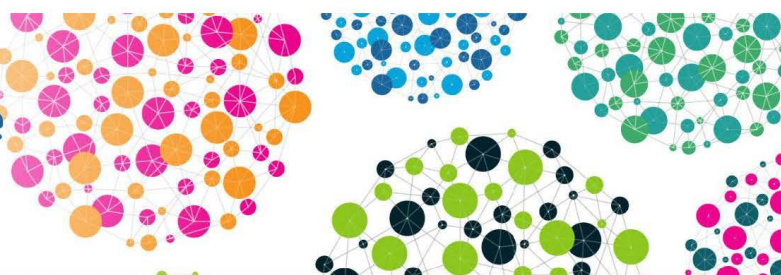
Successful Posters will not be returned to their creators. If you wish to retain your poster you may take a picture or copy for yourself and submit the original.

Submitting your design:

Please hand in your poster to **Mrs Hudson by Wednesday 20th March, 2019.**

The five winners of the school competition will be announced shortly after that date.

8-17 March
British
Science
Week
2019



NOTICES

READY, STEADY, PITCH EVENT

On the 26th February our Year 10 Business class were able to visit the University of Surrey. We took part in a 'Ready, Steady, Pitch' workshop. During our visit we were given a tour of the university by the student ambassadors and given lots of information about what it is like to be a student at the university and what courses we could study.

In the workshop we were shown a presentation about pitching your idea to a panel of experts and the key aspects of what makes a good pitch. Working in groups, there were two tasks for us to complete. The first was to identify popular apps and their unique selling point (USP). The second was to come up with a completely brand new product and then pitch and present our idea to the other groups. Like with Dragons' Den, the other groups had £100,000 to invest in the other ideas. The winning idea was a running shoe with an inbuilt app called 'Air Strachans'.

Overall I thought the whole event was a really good experience as it gave me an insight into what life would be like if I went to university and also gave me a number of ideas of how to do a professional presentation.

Reported by Sophie Day



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 1st March – 8th March

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Mercedes Mullins Ben Packham Patrycja Skiba Maya Moberg Maddy Friday Daniel Fegan Scarlett MacKenzie Callie Blanchard Alexa Day Mia Lambert	Milly Eade Alex Cheung Harrison Ayres Troy Jacobs Maysie Liddle Jennifer Smith Reece Langley Faye Curtis Riley Skehan Jessica Leary	Karim Elnamouli Chloe Lacey Lulu Salgado Zuzanna Skiba Andrew Ball Robbie Davies Charlotte Aldred Ellie Beckett Wyatt Blakeley Kayleigh Gough	Kirstie Milne Abudi Bala Chloe Hedges Ella Rodd Amy Brown Amelia Saunders Emily Hetherington Gemma Alstrom Jessica Munro Seera Ismaeel	Efan Fisher Oscar Picking Arminas Brasas Henry Clarke Hollie-Mae Boittiaux Zak Hammond Fahmina Khan Holly Goodbourn George Seymour Oliver Marsden

SPORTS NEWS

NETBALL

Good luck to the Year 7 & 8 girls teams who have matches away at Oakwood School next week.

FOOTBALL

This week Year 10 played against the Royal Alexandra and Albert School. Oliver Mooney scored the equaliser in the very last kick of the game bringing the score to a 1-1 draw.

Good luck Year 7A team who have a match against de Stafford School, 7B team against Oakwood School and Years 8 and 9 who will play against the Royal Alexandra and Albert School.



UPDATE ON SCHOOL FUNDING ISSUES

Please see below the letter that has been mentioned on BBC News which is being sent out by Headteachers across the country to continue to raise concerns about the funding of schools.

Dear Parent / Carer

Update – School Funding Issues

I wanted to contact you to provide an update on current issues relating to school funding.

Sadly, I have to confirm that despite intense lobbying of the Government and Department for Education, matters remain extremely challenging. In short, schools are still not being provided with adequate funding and resource to deliver the level of provision and support that is expected and that our families and children deserve.

Current Concerns

- Since 2010 school budgets have been reduced in real terms by 8% and by 20% at post-16
- Class sizes are rising and the curricular offer is being restricted
- Increasingly, schools are being asked to support with children's emotional health and wellbeing. Frequently, we do not have adequate resource to meet a growing need.
- Often, the most vulnerable students in our schools – those from disadvantaged backgrounds or those with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) – are bearing the brunt of cuts and schools are struggling to provide the levels of support that they are entitled to.

These issues are not simply affecting a few schools. They are common features across our education system up and down the country. Levels of concern are so widespread amongst headteachers that we are all working together with a united voice.

As such, we have written to the Secretary of State for Education on three separate occasions since September 2018. We are dismayed that he has chosen to ignore our communications and repeated requests to meet. On 13 December 2018, we were informed by a junior civil servant that ***"I am afraid that, on this occasion, the Secretary of State and the Minister of State must decline your offer to meet. I hope you will understand that their time is heavily pressurised and their diaries need to be prioritised according to ministerial, Parliamentary and constituency business."***

Given the seriousness of the current school funding crisis and the impact upon schools, children and families, head teacher colleagues and I, believe that this approach is entirely ill-judged. On 14 January 2019, we wrote again to the Secretary of State for Education asking that he reconsider meeting with representative head teachers. Six weeks later, this request was declined once more: ***"As I'm sure you will appreciate, both their diaries are very full and they are unable to accept your kind offer at this time."*** Thousands of head teachers simply do not understand what issues could be seen as more important than the ones we are raising on behalf of schools, children and families.

In September 2018, over 2000 headteachers campaigned at Westminster in order to underline the seriousness of the current situation. This action was unprecedented.

The 'Worth Less?' campaign group now comprises 64 Local Authorities and Boroughs, covering thousands of schools and millions of families. This gives a clear indication of the levels of concern felt by reasonable and moderate head teachers in England.

We continue to recognise that there is not a 'bottomless pit' of money and also acknowledge that many local MPs from across the political spectrum are taking a supportive approach. We must make clear, however, that the current response from the Department for Education is inadequate.

Why we need to meet

- Head teachers want to contribute constructively to overcome current funding issues.
- Head teachers want to reflect the serious concerns expressed by families regarding inadequate levels of resource and provision especially for our most vulnerable students.
- Head teachers want to ensure that schools receive a much better deal when future Government spending plans – the Comprehensive Spending Review - are drawn up over the next few months.
- Head teachers want to indicate serious and rising concerns relating to the wider pastoral and social care that schools are expected, by default, to provide against a background of severe cuts to Local Authority provision.

Head teacher colleagues and I, feel fortunate that we have been so strongly supported by parents and carers as we campaign for a much improved level of funding for our schools and pupils. We urge you to continue to make representations to your local MP and to the Department for Education and wider Government to ensure that matters improve.

We will continue to inform you of the facts and to campaign vigorously over coming weeks and months. A positive starting point should come from the Secretary of State for Education in the form of an urgent meeting.



Specsavers Surrey Youth Games

Free Sports Coaching April - June 2019



Choose from a wide range of sports including badminton, hockey, judo and more!

All sport training takes place at various locations across the borough.

Learn to play a brand new sport with eight weeks of free coaching.

Train to compete in the Surrey wide competition which takes place on 15-16 June 2019.

Complete beginners welcome.



Registration opens 18 February 2019 - details at www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/randbeactive

Contact us at leisure.services@reigate-banstead.gov.uk • 01737 276693



Training Programme

Sport	Age	Training Location	Training Time	Training Days
Badminton Mixed	9-11 years	St Bedes School, Redhill	9am-10.15am	Saturdays 27 April to 8 June
Boccia Mixed	7-15 years	YMCA Sports and Community Centre, Redhill	10.30am-12pm	Saturdays 18 May - 8 June
Boccia Mixed	16-18 years	YMCA Sports and Community Centre, Redhill	12pm-1.30pm	Saturdays 18 May - 8 June
Boxing Mixed (Contact & Non Contact)	11-16 years	Tadworth Leisure Centre, Tadworth	4.30pm-5.30pm	Mondays 29 April, 6, 13 & 20 May, 3 & 10 June
Couch to 2k Mixed	12-16 years	Reigate Priory Park, Reigate	9am	Saturdays 27 April - 15 June
Football Girls Only	6-8 years	Reigate Priory Park, Reigate	10.30am-11.30am	Saturdays 27 April - 8 June
Football Girls Only	6-8 years	Beecholme Recreation Ground, Banstead	6pm-7pm	Fridays 26 April - 14 June
Football Girls Only	6-8 years	Beecholme Recreation Ground, Banstead	10am-11am	Saturdays 27 April - 8 June
Football Girls Only	6-8 years	Walcountians Sports Club, Banstead	6.30pm-7.30pm	Fridays 26 April - 14 June
Hockey Mixed	7-9 & 9-11 years	St Bedes School, Redhill	6pm-7pm	Thursdays 25 April - 13 June
Judo Mixed	8-12 years	St Paul's Church Hall, Nork	10am-11am	Saturdays 27 April - 15 June
Netball Girls Only	8-10 & 10-12 years	St Bedes School, Redhill	6.15pm-7.45pm	Tuesdays 23 April - 11 June
Squash Mixed	7-10 years	Donyngs Leisure Centre, Redhill	4pm-5pm	Fridays 26 April - 14 June
Squash Mixed	10-13 years	Donyngs Leisure Centre, Redhill	5pm-6pm	Fridays 26 April - 14 June
Table Tennis Mixed	9-12 & 12-15 years	Reigate School, Reigate	6pm-7.30pm	Mondays* 8 April - 10 June
Tennis Mixed	7-8 years	Horley Lawn Tennis Club, Horley	1pm-2pm	Saturdays 27 April - 15 June
Tennis Mixed	7-8 years	Redhill Tennis Club, Redhill	2pm-3pm	Saturdays 27 April - 15 June

*except Bank Holidays

Participants must live or go to school within Reigate & Banstead. Contact leisure.services@reigate-banstead.gov.uk • 01737 276693

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

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.

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.

LifeSkills
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www.barclayslifeskills.com

Apprenticeships

www.apprenticeships.org.uk

allabout
school leavers

www.allaboutschoollleavers.co.uk

notgoingtouni.co.uk

www.notgoingtouni.co.uk

icould

www.icould.com