MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This week I had the pleasure of interviewing Year 10 students for the positions of Head Girl and Deputy Head Girls. Six fantastic students had made the shortlist from a much longer list of wonderful girls. Mr Thompson, Mr Jones and I had a really difficult time selecting between a number of well deserving candidates but eventually chose three. At the same time Mr Strachan, Mr Alexander and Mr Rai went through the same process with an equally impressive group of boys.

The successful candidates are:

Head Boy - Joseph Parratt
Head Girl - Jessica Parker
Deputy Boys - Oscar Baldwin and Adam Lehodey
Deputy Girls - Imogen Maynard-Reeves and Thea Wardley

They will be working with our current team of Year 11 students for a transitional period of time, ready to take full control in the summer term when the Year 11s are focussing on their examinations.

Mrs Wardlow

NOTICES

STUDENT SERVICES

Monday 21st is the last date for the outstanding year 10 and 11 inoculations. Please would you ensure that you have completed and returned the necessary forms. Most GP surgeries will charge to have any outstanding jabs. Thank you.

EXAMS

As the GCSE exams start to creep closer we would like to draw your attention to an exam section on the school website. Under ‘Academic’, ‘Examinations’ you will find the GCSE timetable along with other exam notices and useful information.

SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Year 7  Daisy Timson for her outstanding performances in assemblies.
Year 8  Sharon Pepple for continually showing great care for her peers and being extremely conscientious in all of her lessons.
Year 9  Emily Davey for her performing arts homework which is stunning; the amount of detail, description and drawings that have gone into it is outstanding.
Natasha Smith for an excellent published poem and her contribution to the UK Maths challenge at Holy Trinity School, Crawley.
Year 10  Isabelle Clarke for stepping in during the Year 11 dance showcase and going above and beyond her duties.
Year 11  Irsi Rota for her hard work in History and attending a variety of revision sessions after school every day.

BEST ATTENDANCE

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Whole School Attendance 95.2%
**UPCOMING DATES**

- **Saturday 17th March**
  - 'Move It' Dance trip at the Excel in London

- **Monday 21st March**
  - Young Leaders refereeing Quiksticks Hockey Tournament
  - Easter Showcase

- **Wednesday 23rd March**
  - Lunchtime Careers Talk: Hairdressing
  - Netball Team meal at Harvester

- **Thursday 24th March**
  - Year 11 exam showcase

**END OF TERM**

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**NEWS AND EVENTS**

**YEAR 11 TEXTILES TRIP**

On Friday 11th March the year 11 textile girls took a trip down to Brighton to collect inspiration for their upcoming GCSE exam. We visited two museums, the Hove Museum and the Brighton Pavilion Museum. Both supplied us with a vast range of ideas and enabled us to produce two pages of second observation sketches. From these sketches we are now able to further our plans for our final piece and also practice our forever developing drawing skills! Both museums also supplied us with patterns, prints and textures to incorporate into our textile designs and plans.

The Hove Museum resembled an elegant Victorian house and stood boldly on a suburban street, surrounded by large, elaborate cast iron gates. The museum was filled with dainty printed pottery, abstract clay work, old cameras, paintings and hundreds of eerie old toys. It was a lovely museum, the hour of drawing flew by and I was flooded with many ideas; my page was filled with drawings of the exhibits that had caught my eye.

We then arrived at the Brighton Pavilion and had our packed lunches before setting off around the considerably larger museum. The museum housed a collection of furniture, pottery, clothing, paintings and costumes; I particularly liked the clothing from all the decades as it gave me a lot of inspiration such as prints, different ways to use fabric and styles of every generation. Also it was interesting to see how pottery has developed over the decades; the change in colours, shapes and details.

Both of the museums provided me with a lot of inspiration. Overall I thoroughly enjoyed the day out with my friends, the weather was great and it was a lovely trip.

Reported by Imogen Hassard

**HARLEQUIN PERFORMANCE FOR VIVACIOUS DANCE**

Vivacious Dance (Reigate School's KS3 dance club) performed at The Harlequin on 8th March 2016 as part of Star Steppers' East Surrey Dance Festival. They wowed the audience with a dance to Calvin Harris' Ready for the Weekend and brought huge quantities of energy to the stage.

Miss Vasey: "As always, the members of Vivacious Dance were excellent ambassadors for Reigate School. They were polite, disciplined and lovely students to work with. This is our third year performing at the East Surrey Dance Festival and it's a pleasure to work with the students for this and see them do so brilliantly on stage. I hope they all feel very proud of themselves for their efforts and confidence".

If your child is interested in joining Vivacious Dance then remind them to pop along to the dance studio on Thursday lunch times.
SWIMMING REPORT

I first started learning to swim when I was four years old and two years later I started training with Redhill and Reigate Swimming Club. I have been with them now for over 10 years. I won my first medals when I was eight years old and since then have won numerous medals and trophies from the open meets that I regularly compete in.

I am school swimming captain and club captain at Redhill and Reigate Swimming Club. I train every night after school and on Tuesdays I coach the younger squads.

Since turning 16 I am able to complete and have passed my Level1 ASA swimming teaching course.

I recently swam in the Surrey County Championships; my favourite strokes are Fly and Free.

The best thing is I now have great friends for life and I know the importance of good fitness. Also it’s really good fun.

Reported by Charlotte Durham 11SRA

HARLEQUINS AT THE STOOP

On Friday 11th March a handful of girls and boys went to watch Harlequins and Bath at The Stoop (Harlequins’ Stadium). The scores were 36-28 to Harlequins. Also before the match we were lucky enough to have a training session from the team coach. We had a lot of fun and got very muddy! And when the players ran onto the pitch we got to do the guard of honour! The match was amazing and we had great seats. We all felt very privileged to have this opportunity to do all these amazing things.

Reported by Isobel Witty

YEAR 8 RUGBY

Last Monday we played against Winston Churchill Sports School. We knew that this would be a tough game but we were up for it.

We started off the game with Lucas speeding through their team to put us 5-0 up. Shortly after that, Callum Thomas scored after some hard offense and rucks, what a try boys! The other team ripped the ball from one of our players to make the score 10-5 to us.

It was half time and Dave, our coach, gave us some encouragement to keep up the good work, cheers Dave! It only took five minutes for Lucas to score again to make the score 15-10. With only about seven minutes left of the game, George Sills runs their team and jumps over two tackle attempts, nice try George ….. we made the conversion to put us up to 22-10. After a very physical game we won 22-10 and went home very pleased with ourselves.

Reported by Luke Bailey
We arrived on Saturday morning, cold but enthusiastic. The run began at 10:30am and we started running through the fields. To begin with there were obstacles such as horse jumps, swamps and thigh-deep puddles. Soon enough the pack spread out and we ran in little packs. The intensity escalated as we got weighed down by the mud, but it just got even more fun. By the end of the 5K we were exhausted, yet still smiling and with enough energy for photos.

All in all it was a great day, despite the mud taking ages to scrub off! Thank you to Mr Thompson for arranging a great day, you are our hero!

By Poppy and Thea Wardley
CAREERS

LUNCHTIME CAREERS TALK

Our speaker for the latest lunchtime careers talk was Mrs Emily Parsons who has a wealth of experience in the world of software development. She spoke about the many opportunities there were in this field and what route her career had taken since leaving school. The students were given handouts which helped them identify if they had the skills, interests and characteristics that would make them ideal candidates for a future in software development. Mrs Parsons talked them through all of these pointers and encouraged them to keep up to date with developments and try to get some work experience.

Our next lunchtime careers talk is on Wednesday 23rd March. Staff from Charlie Brown in Reigate have offered to come and talk to any students interested in a career in hairdressing.

Mrs Grew
Exams/Careers Officer

CAREERS GUIDANCE

We have a careers section on the school website with lots of information regarding college open days, apprenticeship information, up and coming events and much more. You can find it under: Academic / Options at post 16 / Careers.

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.notgoingtouni.co.uk
- www.allaboutschooleavers.co.uk
- www.icould.com

OTHER NEWS

EASTER ACTIVITIES

Reigate and Banstead Borough Council’s holiday activity programme is subsidised to provide affordable leisure activities during the school holidays for young people. For more information please visit: www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/youthactivities

THE MAYOR’S VOLUNTEER AWARDS 2016

Do you know anyone who gives their time and energy to helping others on a regular basis? Do you think they deserve to be nominated for a Reigate & Banstead Volunteer award?

To be eligible, nominees must either live and/or volunteer within the Borough of Reigate & Banstead and receive no remuneration for their time.

To make a nomination, visit: www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/mayorsawards You can also contact Voluntary Action Reigate & Banstead at info@varb.org.uk or 01737 763156 for further information. The closing date is Friday 29th April.