

# Reigate School

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## NEWSLETTER

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### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Welcome to the first newsletter of the summer term. I hope everyone had a great Easter break. The skiing trip and New York trip were both fabulous successes; students and staff came back exhausted but having had a brilliant time.

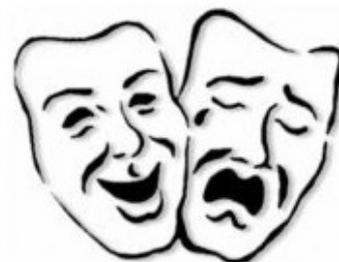
Many members of staff continued to work, both at home and in school. It was encouraging to see so many Year 11 students attending revision sessions and I know that the teaching staff were very pleased with their efforts.

Mrs Wardlow

### NOTICES

#### ARTS FESTIVAL AT THE HARLEQUIN

Reigate and Banstead Arts Council (BRBAC) are running an Arts Festival at the Harlequin Theatre in Redhill from April 14th to April 16th. There is a photography exhibition and three evenings of performance in the theatre itself involving lots of local performing arts groups. On the Friday and Saturday evenings many of the performers are from Reigate School so do go along and support them if you can. Tickets are available from the Harlequin Theatre box office (01737 276500) [www.harlequintheatre.co.uk](http://www.harlequintheatre.co.uk).



On the Saturday there are also performing arts workshops in drama, street dance and singing organised by professionally trained and West End experienced leaders. The cost is very low but places are limited. If you are interested go to [www.harlequintheatre.co.uk](http://www.harlequintheatre.co.uk) or email [brbacfestival@gmail.com](mailto:brbacfestival@gmail.com) as soon as possible to secure your place.

#### FREE TO A GOOD HOME

We no longer have use for our Danemann grand piano and would like to offer it to anyone who could use it. If you are interested please contact our Finance office. You would be responsible for removal from the hall and transportation.



### SPOTLIGHT

#### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Year 7	Emily Robinson for being polite and helpful.
Year 8	Hannah Thwaites for volunteering her services to the photographer.
Year 9	Noah Chant for his support with a new student.
Year 10	Joseph Parrot for leading his team so successfully at Parents' Evening.
Year 11	Callum Mills and Daniel Robinson for their help in the community.

#### BEST ATTENDANCE

Year 7	7JMR	98%
Year 8	8SMO	99.7%
Year 9	9ARU	99.2%
Year 10	10IAS	97.4%
Year 11	11DSA, 11JKE	98.2%

**Whole School Attendance 96%**

SKI TRIP 2016



During the first week of the Easter holiday 27 students along with Mr Alexander, Mrs Carr and Miss McGuire went to Paso de Tonale in Italy for a week's skiing. We had four hours of tuition a day from the local ski school in three groups: beginners, intermediates and advanced.

One evening we went into town to get a pizza at the local restaurant. Need I say it was an amazing pizza given we were in Italy! On another night we went out for an evening of karaoke where both students and staff took part!

I would highly recommend this trip to anyone who enjoys a fast-paced, physically challenging week of adventure as well as someone who enjoys all the après-ski.

Reported by Ben Lacey





Despite the fantastic skiing experience, what amazed me both times that I have gone on the trip is that I have found it to be a wonderful opportunity to mingle and form bonds with students as well as staff whom I wouldn't have necessarily met otherwise.

I would strongly recommend going to anyone who is interested, even if you've never skied before because you'll surprise yourself with how quickly you'll pick it up. There's no need to worry about strict instructors because they're all very patient as well as friendly and a good laugh.

Reported by Sam Peyton



## NEWS AND EVENTS

### NEW YORK 2016

This was our third performing arts trip to New York. Thirty-one students and five members of staff set their alarm clocks early on Monday 4th April to be in school by five o' clock in the morning. After a great flight we were straight into a bus tour of New York with stops at the Ground Zero memorial and Grand Central Station. Back to the hotel and a quick freshen up and we had our first glance of Times Square and an evening meal at The Hard Rock Café which was truly awesome!



On Tuesday we had a drama workshop, a long walk down Fifth Avenue, back up Seventh and then we experienced The Ride, a bus you sat sideways on. Our hosts were both actors and they had quite a lot of inside information on our group as they were able to wish Sophie a "Happy Birthday". They were very funny and kept us all singing and moving. At various stops people who seemed like normal members of the public would start singing or dancing as we passed them.

According to Mr Mohan's step calculator we walked 10 miles and although we were all very tired we managed to re-energise for a meal at Bubba Gumps and a trip to the top of the Empire State Building at night. This was great as it was so clear and quite breath-taking.

Wednesday's workshop was with a member of the cast from the School of Rock which has not hit the West End yet but when it does please go and see it! Everyone joined in with a great deal of enthusiasm to learn a song and dance routine to 'Stick it to the man'.



After lunch it was down to the Rockefeller Building and again the chance to see the extent of New York, only this time in lovely sunshine. After lots of photographs (a great one on the next page), we had a quick stop off at the hotel before going to dinner and our Broadway show. 'School of Rock' was just great and we had a fabulous time.

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Thursday it was time to get our purses out and do some serious shopping. Some students went to Times Square and a group headed to Macy's. I think Lauren especially enjoyed this and perhaps the most unusual purchase was a guitar! I think we certainly made an excellent contribution to the American economy! Mr Mohan's group lunched at 'Five Guys' and Mrs Farnfield's went to 'Señor Frogs'. We managed to get all our shopping into our bags and everyone was inside the weight limit which was quite a relief.

All round it was a brilliant trip enjoyed by all of us. The students were excellent in all ways and there were many memorable moments. If anyone would like to see more of what we did please visit: [nycreigate2016.wordpress.com](http://nycreigate2016.wordpress.com).



Charlotte – This has probably been the best school trip ever and I can't wait to go back to NYC (hopefully!). My highlight has got to be seeing 'School Of Rock' and going on The Ride as they were both really fun and awesome. Thanks for the amazing trip everyone!

Eilidh – This trip has been amazing and it felt like a dream, everywhere you look it's unbelievable. My highlights were going to see 'School Of Rock' and going up the Rockefeller Centre as the views were breathtaking!

Lily – I have never laughed as much as I did on this trip! It has been a once in a lifetime experience! Special thanks to the teachers for being awesome company on the long trips! The beautiful Empire State Building view blew my mind with all the lights! Thank you everyone!!

Kristina – I feel so lucky to have been given the opportunity to go on this trip. It was so amazing to meet some of the cast of 'School of Rock', do workshops with them and to then see them in the show. The views we saw of New York were amazing and I am so grateful. Thank you to anyone who helped make this trip possible.

Charlie – I've loved being in New York. The city just seems to have this energy to it and everywhere you go or look it's like you're in a movie. We've been so busy the whole time that picking a highlight is difficult. Seeing the show 'School Of Rock' was amazing but the views from the top of the Empire State Building at night, with the lights of New York City below, will stay with me for a very long time.

The trip will hopefully run again at Easter 2018. Prices are likely to be approximately £1200 - £1300. It will be open to any students in Year 10 & Year 11 taking a Performing Arts subject or who are involved in Performing Arts outside of school.



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### CATERING FOR THE BOARD OF GOVERNORS

On Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 11 of the Year 10 Catering GCSE students prepared a three course meal for the Board of Governors and the Senior Management Team.

The evening was a great success and the students worked very hard preparing, cooking, and serving the dinner. The menu was:

Spiced Lentil Soup  
Chicken Supreme with rice and vegetables  
Eton Mess or Vanilla Cheesecake

Well done to everyone involved!



## CAREERS

### LAUNCH OF SURREY'S NEW 'YOUR NEXT MOVE' PORTAL

Surrey County Council is launching a new portal which provides young people, parents and professionals with a wealth of information about the options available to young people upon leaving school. The portal outlines the different forms of participation that enable young people who are 16+ to meet their duty to participate in line with the Raising the Participation Age legislation.



You can find information about studying, apprenticeships, traineeships, supported internships, employment, volunteering and much, much more.

Some of the features of the portal include:

- An FAQ section for parents and young people
- Interactive post 16 provider maps
- A news and events section
- Participation information for those with SEND.

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 Your Next Move portal can help!

### 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](http://www.barclayslifeskills.com)



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