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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER AND CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

Last week we met with the group of local Headteachers and Governors that we are hoping to create a Multi Academy Trust with. It was a very productive meeting where we discussed the vision, ethos and values of the proposed MAT. All of the schools involved are very positive about the proposal but governing bodies have not formally decided whether they are going to join yet. Most will be meeting to make the decision this term so we should be in a position to inform parents by the end of the school year. We previously stated that we were proposing to convert from September 2016, clearly that won't now be the case. Once we have clarification on which schools commit to converting with us we will announce a revised target date.

HEAD AND DEPUTY HEAD BOYS AND GIRLS

Here are our Head Girl and Boy Jessica and Joseph with their Deputies Adam, Imogen, Oscar and Thea.



SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Year 7	Jonathan Grey for his fantastic, confident and humorous performance in 7MMA's assembly.
Year 8	Year 8 boys football team for winning the District Cup!
Year 9	Dimple Malhi for performing in assembly and choreographing her own dance.
Year 10	All the prefects who helped out at the Year 11 Sports Dinner on Thursday.
Year 11	Ryan O'Donovan and Anousha Wardley for being awarded Year 11 Sports Personalities.

BEST ATTENDANCE

Year 7	7DMA	99.3%
Year 8	8IBN	99.2%
Year 9	9JWI	98.5%
Year 10	10NTR	98%
Year 11	11AMC	99.2%

Whole School Attendance 95.7%

UPCOMING DATES

Monday 2 nd May	BANK HOLIDAY Year 8 HPV inoculation
Tuesday 3 rd May	
Wednesday 4 th May	Reigate and Redhill Music Festival performances Year 11 GCSE Music trip to Harvester Parents' Information Evening for Watersports

NOTICES**STUDENT SERVICES**

Lost property: this week we have had two sets of keys, an earring and a very lovely (and possibly valuable) ring handed in. Week three into a new term and there are already four un-named coats and five PE bags in the lost property room.

NEWS AND EVENTS**SCHOOL TERM DATES FOR NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR**

We have had a few queries regarding the start dates for the next academic year.

Please note there is a different start date for Year 7's to the rest of the school as follows

Year 7 only Start date of **Monday 5th September 2016 11:45am** (3pm finish as normal)
Years 8, 9, 10 + 11 Start date of **Tuesday 6th September 2016 8:45am** (3pm finish as normal)

Autumn term 2016

Start of term	Half term	End of term
See above note	24 th – 28 th October 2016	16 th December 2016 (inset days 19 th , 20 th , 21 st Dec)

Spring term 2017

Start of term	Half term	End of term
3 rd January 2017	13 th – 17 th February 2017	31 st March 2017

Summer term 2017

Start of term	Half term	End of term
18 th April 2017	29 th May – 2 nd June 2017	21 st July 2017

INSET DAYS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2016-2017

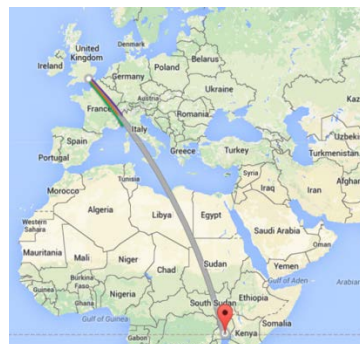
29th September 2016, 19th December 2016, 20th December 2016, 21st December 2016, 30 June 2017

NEWS AND EVENTS

RACE TO KABBUBU DISTANCE UPDATE

Attenborough are still in the lead but there is still a fair way to go!

1st – Attenborough 824.8 miles covered
2nd – Pankhurst 633.4 miles covered
3rd – Owens 576.2 miles covered



NEWS AND EVENTS

FENCING FOR ENGLAND

On 17th March, Jacob (9JWI) and Ethan (9DSM) met up with the England Fencing team at Stansted Airport, to board their plane to Wroclaw in Poland, excited for the competition ahead.

Challenge Wroclaw is a famous fencing event in Europe that attracts competitors from all over the world. To be selected for the England squad, you had to be in the top 12 fencers in the country or come in the top 4 in the England Youth Championships. The competition takes place annually in the Orbita sports arena. It is a dramatic venue with over 25 pistes set up for fighting. The category Jacob and Ethan were in had 160 fencers.

Before the competition everyone warmed up and practised. The competition began with all fencers being allocated into *poules*. There were up to seven participants in each of the *poules*, who fought each other. At this stage, the competitor who was the first to score five points during their fight won. It was from these fights that we gained our rankings and entry to the Direct Elimination (DE) stage of the competition (31% of competitors are eliminated at this stage). Even if you didn't win the fight, the number of points you gained were still important in calculating both your ranking and promotion opportunity. After every fight one of the England coaches gave us a debriefing. We were given feedback on both where we fought well and areas on which to focus. All England fencers did very well, Ethan winning four fights comfortably and losing two and Jacob winning five and losing one. As a result of such successful *poules*, Jacob was seeded 23rd and Ethan 45th going into the knockout stages.

Next came the DE! To win a DE fight and advance to the next round you needed to be the first to reach 15 points. There was always support available, both from the England team and coaching staff. As the competition progressed we all got together to support our leading England teammates.

Jacob was knocked out in the first round with a score of 12-15, but Ethan won his first DE 15-12. Ethan then unfortunately came up against another GBR fencer and lost 11-15.

Overall Ethan and Jacob finished 47th and 65th respectively out of 160 competitors. Everyone had a great time. We met lots of new people and learnt so much in our first overseas competition. We look forward to entering the competition again next year and hopefully other international events in the future.

Reported by Ethan (9DSM) and Jacob (9JWI)



ARTS AWARD SUCCESS



Reigate School's Performing Arts department is pleased to announce a 100% pass rate after the Arts Award moderation!

Every student in year 7 and 8 does a project as part of their Performing Arts independent study. These projects focus on:

- Creating a project on their Arts' inspiration (Year 7)
- Evidencing their participation in a Performing Arts activity (either the Dance, Drama and Music they do in school or any Performing Arts they do outside of school) (Year 8)
- Reviewing a piece of Performing Arts that they have seen (during lessons or at a theatre/cinema/gallery in their own time - Year 8)
- Passing on a Performing Arts skill (Year 8)

If the quality of all of the above tasks is of an excellent standard and evidenced well then we can consider entering those individual projects for Arts Award. Equally, each year we have students whose projects aren't quite at the Arts Award standard but put in huge amounts of additional time and effort to improve them until they are - which is a real testimony to the work ethic of so many of the Reigate School students. The Performing Arts department mark all students' projects and all students are made aware of the likelihood of them passing Bronze Arts award – which they are entered for during Year 9.

Last year was our first year entering students for this award. Twenty six students were entered and all 26 passed. This year we had almost double the amount of students entered and are proud to have maintained our 100% pass rate.

Our feedback from the moderator was very positive and we hope that entry to Arts Award is something that will continue to grow with each year. The current Year 8s' independent study is due in the week after Summer half term and we look forward to seeing the wonderful work produced – hopefully entering many of these students next academic year.

Well done to all of our Year 9 students who passed Bronze Arts Award this year!

Samina Ahmed, Bethany Aldridge, Kelsey Austin, Maddie Bloomfield, Benjamin Carter, Aimee Carey, Lauren Cato, Georgia Chandiram, Anna Clink, Alicia Coutet-Arthur, Katie Crouch, Harriet Davidson, Ellen Dempster, Sophie Dorrington, Jacob Foulsham, Oliver Frampton, Ella George, Rebecca Grant, Harriet Grey, Elin Griffiths, Sophia Herrington, Beth James, Mukunth Kowsik, Poppy McAllister, Madeline McKee, Eoghan Morris, Katie Nicholson-Best, Laila Nubi, Raphaël Pacaud, Daisy Parker, Freya Peniston-Bird, Thalia Potter, Hollie Reynolds, Paul Riley, Molly Ruth, Ellen Salisbury, Sophie Sills, Niamh Silvester, Abigail Slade, Odette Slape, Rose Spencer, Eleanor Stannard, Alice Stevenson, Kiri Stewart-Whyte, Jennifer Stokes, Holly Symes, Hayley Turner, Lucy Walker, Joseph Warner and Max Wilson.

Miss I Vasey and Mrs V Ranft
Arts Award Advisers and Teachers of Performing Arts at Reigate School



HARLEQUINS RUGBY COACHING AND GAME



Last Wednesday we travelled to Sutton & Epsom RFC to take part in a training session alongside St. Philomena's School. Our coach (from the Harlequins RFC) took us through a warm up and some new skills using different drills. We played together and took time to evaluate each other's performances.

We then had the opportunity to play a game of tag rugby to try and incorporate our newly found skills. It was a closely fought battle with Reigate School dominating throughout. Despite our dedication and experience the game ended in a draw.

The finale of the day was a trip to the clubhouse for a well-deserved dinner of burger and chips! Thank you to Sutton & Epsom RFC for a fantastic afternoon developing our skills.

FOOTBALL



Congratulations to the Year 8 football team who became District Cup champions on Tuesday 26th April. A great performance from the whole team saw them beat Warwick 3-1.

CAREERS

LUNCHTIME CAREERS TALK

The last lunchtime careers talk for this academic year was on opportunities and careers in Public Relations. We welcomed ex-student Amy Skelding who is head of Public Relations at a travel and lifestyle specialist agency. She spoke enthusiastically about her love of her job and how exciting and varied it can be. She encouraged the students to continue studying English and English Literature and maybe a language as she had found this extremely useful and helpful when writing press releases, dealing with journalists and travelling all over the world.



She finished the session by telling us stories of some of the glamorous parties and events she has helped organise and celebrities she has dealt with. Amy may be able to offer students some work experience in the agency where she works which would be a fantastic opportunity for any student who is interested in this kind of career.

Mrs Grew
Careers Officer

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.barclayslifefskills.com



www.apprenticeships.org.uk



www.allaboutschooleavers.co.uk



www.notgoingtouni.co.uk



www.icould.com

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