

# Reigate School

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## NEWSLETTER

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### MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY HEADTEACHER

With lots of Year 11s taking their final exams this week, the students are now facing the reality of not coming back to Reigate School until August 25<sup>th</sup> when they come to collect their results. At least they can now turn their attentions to prom dresses and smart suits ready for Leavers' Prom.

Year 10 will get their first taste of a formal examination period when their mocks begin on Monday. The rest of the students have had to cope with the unpredictable weather conditions where the heavens have seemed to open each day just when the students go outside for lunch or are leaving school at the end of the day. Having said that, there were lots of smiling faces leaving school yesterday after a great win by England at the European Championships.

Mr Alexander

### NOTICES

#### SAFEGUARDING



Earlier this week GMTV exposed a number of teenage dating sites where practices were far from appropriate, putting young people at a high level of risk. If you are interested, the programme is still available on catch up and the link below shows the headline. These sites are extremely dangerous to young people. Very often there is no validating of age and unfortunately there are adults who intentionally prey on young people. <http://www.mirror.co.uk/tv/tv-news/tinders-teen-dating-app-exposed-8158726>

### SPOTLIGHT

#### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Year 7	Jennifer Ross for her excellent effort and contribution in all of her lessons this week.
Year 8	Brianna Francis for her participation in the parade on the Mall last Sunday, playing in a steel band which had been invited to perform for the Queen.
Year 9	Lauren Cato, Becky Dunn, China Marie Kill and Sophie Sills for their help and promotion of school values.
Year 10	Shanaya Boghani for her excellent Business Studies presentation.

### BEST ATTENDANCE

Year 7	7DMA	98.9%
Year 8	8MBR	97.2%
Year 9	9NMO	98.8%
Year 10	10MTN	99.3%

**Whole School Attendance 95.5%**

### UPCOMING DATES

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Gifted and Talented Art students at East Surrey College Art Exhibition Water sports at Mercers Lake
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Year 9 Gifted and Talented activity morning at Reigate College Year 8 District Athletics at Caterham School
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	9MRO Form trip to Hollywood Bowl, Crawley
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	INSET Day Young Leaders to help with St Matthew's Sports Day Leavers' Ball

### NEWS AND EVENTS

#### DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Congratulations to the Year 10 students who completed their Duke of Edinburgh Expedition last weekend. Reigate School is proud of this achievement and the Expedition Leaders said all the students were very polite; it was a pleasure helping them. Though tired, wet and muddy all students seemed to have enjoyed the weekend.

## THE CHILDREN'S TRUST



On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June Imogen, one of our new deputy head girls, and Scarlett, a Year 7 charity representative, attended a recognition event for schools who have raised funds for the Children's Trust. It was a lovely afternoon and both girls were invited to participate with a music and movement activity with children from the blue class. Both girls joined in with great enthusiasm and confidently partnered these wonderful children and their helpers.

The Trust organise many events and if you would like to know more about this please look at their website. It's an amazing charity right on our doorstep! [www.thechildrenstrust.org.uk](http://www.thechildrenstrust.org.uk)

## ORCHESTRA DAY



On Friday 10<sup>th</sup> June, some of the musical students from Reigate School took part in an Orchestra Day at the local Baptist Church. It was a fun day to show our abilities in sight-reading, playing in an orchestra and helping younger students understand music. There were many schools participating in this event but Reigate School was the only secondary school. This meant that we had more experience in the art and therefore were able to act as mentors to the primary schools.

The day was split into four sections; practising pieces as an orchestra (Night On Bare Mountain and Habanera) for an hour; then the strings were taken to another room to rehearse a strings piece (the theme tune to The Muppets) and in the meantime the rest of the orchestra played a piece called Wings. At the end of the day, there was a performance for the parents when we played all of the pieces for a final time.

I really enjoyed this experience because it gave me an insight to different instruments and musical aspects that you wouldn't discover practising in your bedroom to your younger sibling. It was a fun way to meet new people who have the same interest as you and I will definitely be considering doing this again next year.

Reported by Isobel Loft 8VRA



## BATTLEFIELDS

On Tuesday 31st May at 5:45am a group of Year 8 and 9 students left Reigate and eventually England and arrived in France at midday GMT + 1. The first thing we did was visit one of the Canadian war memorials in which the Newfoundland regiments are commemorated by a caribou statue.

Following this we visited many smaller cemeteries. We looked around the woods where some British soldiers were killed, including Ffion's great, great grandfather. Then we got back on the coach and went to the Youth Hostel where we were staying.



(Theipval)

The following day we left the hostel and went to some small graveyards before visiting Theipval War Memorial where Ffion's great, great grandfather is commemorated. After Theipval we went to Mametz Wood where there is a Welsh memorial. We visited Lochnager Crater – a massive hole in the ground caused by a series of detonated mines. We went to a Canadian memorial where all the Canadian soldiers who fought and died in WWI are remembered. Several small cemeteries later we arrived at the second hotel in Ypres.



(Gas masks at the site of the first gas attacks near Ypres)



In the trenches near Vimy Ridge

BATTLEFIELDS (continued)

After dinner in a local restaurant we attended the Last Post ceremony at the Menin Gate at 8pm sharp. Both Ffion and Paul were chosen to lay a wreath during the ceremony. After the Last Post we went to the chocolate shop.



(Last Post Ceremony at Menin Gate)



(Contemplating the missing at Ploegsteert Memorial)

On the third and final day we visited Tyne Cot – the biggest Commonwealth War Grave in the world. Over 70,000 graves and over 100,000 names listed of all those who fought – New Zealanders, Australians, Scottish, Welsh along with two German graves. In the centre of the cemetery was the Cross of Sacrifice. Late that evening we travelled back from France to Reigate School after a very memorable trip.



(Tyne Cot Cemetery)

NEWQUAY WATER SPORTS TRIP



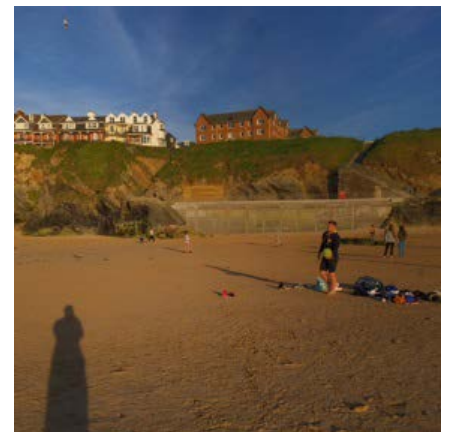
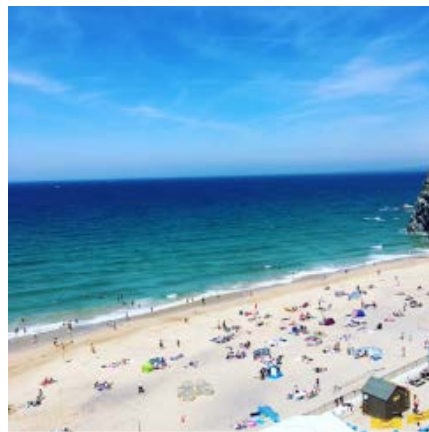
During half term 70 Year 8 and 9 students went to Newquay for the annual water sports trip. The group was blessed with great weather as they participated in activities such as surfing, bodyboarding, sailing, coastering (jumping off rocks into water), canoeing, archery, zorbing and team building activities.



NEWQUAY WATER SPORTS (continued)



The highlight was definitely coasteering with students and staff conquering their fears and jumping into the cold water. A special mention has to go to Mr Lumley and Miss McGuire whose screams, I'm sure, could be heard in Reigate!



We had a great fun packed week and it was an absolute pleasure to take all the students away. A big thank you needs to go to all the staff who came on the trip and made it one to remember.



## SPORTS NEWS

### YEAR 7 DISTRICT ATHLETICS

Year 7 took part in a District Athletics competition last Wednesday and we achieved the following results. Congratulations!

Boys 100m	Joseph England	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Boys 200m	Joseph England	1 <sup>st</sup> (District Champion)
Boys 1500m	Oliver Mooney	1 <sup>st</sup> (District Champion)
Girls 100m	Willow Mathewson	4 <sup>th</sup>
Girls 800m	Frankie Evered	1 <sup>st</sup> (District Champion)
Girls 800m	Amanda Stapley	4 <sup>th</sup>

## 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)



[www.apprenticeships.org.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk)



[www.allaboutschooleavers.co.uk](http://www.allaboutschooleavers.co.uk)



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