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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This week we welcomed prospective parents and children to attend our open door tours. They were very popular and we are offering a further three weeks of tours in October after our open evening on 29th September.

The final GCSE took place yesterday. Results day is on Thursday 25th August. I hope the students enjoy their well-earned time off and I'm so looking forward to celebrating with everyone in all their finery at tonight's Leavers' Prom.

Mrs Wardlow

ASSEMBLIES

This week's assemblies featured National WISE Day (Women in Science and Engineering). Sarah Farnfield from Atkins spoke to the Year 8 and 9 girls in a view to encouraging more females to pursue a career in Engineering. Year 10 had their assembly on the upcoming Reigate College and East Surrey College taster days.

NOTICES

Just a reminder that as from September 2016 there will be a change to the school's uniform policy regarding shoes. The only shoes that will be acceptable for all students are sensible black leather shoes. There are examples of acceptable shoes on the school website and retail outlets that sell these examples at affordable prices.

Please contact the school to speak to the Head of Year if you have any concerns regarding this change to the uniform policy.

SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

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| Year 7 | Isabelle Dance for excellent effort and commitment in her lessons |
| Year 8 | Jay Reynolds for winning the District Sports at high jump. |
| Year 9 | Becky Dunn and Megan Drew for their motivation and behaviour in English. They are contributing more and more to GCSE poetry and have made a fantastic start. |
| Year 10 | Alex Salgado for his excellent attitude in catching up on all his work |

BEST ATTENDANCE

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| Year 7 | 7DMA | 99.1% |
| Year 8 | 8EWL | 98.6% |
| Year 9 | 9MRO | 97.1% |
| Year 10 | 10NTR | 99.5% |

Whole School Attendance 94.9%

UPCOMING DATES

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| Monday 27 th June | Water sports at Mercers Lake |
| Tuesday 28 th June | 7MMA form trip to Pizza Hut, Crawley |
| Wednesday 29 th June | Young Leaders multi skills festival at Surrey Sports Park, Guildford Carnegie trip to 'Les Miserables' at the Queen's Theatre, London Year 9 assisting with Dovers Green Sports Day |
| Thursday 30 th June | 7JMR form trip to Hollywood Bowl and Nandos, Crawley 8EWA form trip to Lazerquest, Horsham. Fame evening performance at The Harlequin – 7pm |
| Friday 1 st July | Rugby Touch Festival at Reigate RFC Fame Matinee performance at The Harlequin – 1pm Fame evening performance at The Harlequin – 7:30pm |

DANCE TRIP TO SEE LAINE AFLAME



On Friday 17th June 2016 a small group of students went on a trip to see Laine's Theatre Arts' showcase 'Laine Aflame'. The trip started with some unexpected excitement as I parked the minibus a short walk away from Epsom Playhouse (the show's venue) and the heavens opened. The five minute walk to the theatre turned into a three minute sprint and we were all absolutely drenched from head to toe by the time we arrived at the theatre (see photo!). Nonetheless, the students remained in good spirits and we enjoyed getting programmes and settling into our plush seats ready for the show to start.

Laine's is an amazing Performing Arts training facility with a strong emphasis on Dance. Ex-graduates are now performing lead roles in the West End and internationally. Examples include *Cats*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *Mama Mia* and *Wicked*. Celebrities such as Sarah Hadland (from *Miranda*) and Victoria Beckham studied there too.

The show started with an all-male number showcasing incredible jumps, contact work and energy. They had a wall of smoke along the middle of the stage and the dancers kept leaping through it creating a scary and exciting performance. As the show moved on, Laine's showcased scenes from musicals (*Lion King*, *Dumbo*, *Mack and Mabel*), ballets with men lifting the women up, tap performances, scary contemporary pieces and exciting jazz numbers. Another highlight included a medley of Janet Jackson songs with high energy music-video-style dance. The show ended with Laine's famous 'Razzle Dazzle' with sparkly leotards and bowler hats.

It was an amazing show from start to finish and the level of professionalism and technique were outstanding. Our students also loved knowing that there were talent scouts in the audience, ready to give these performers their big break as they move into their own professional careers. We saw them in a private room during the interval and were impressed to see at least 30 scouts discussing the various performers. It was a great experience for Reigate School students to see what their next steps could be in their Dance careers and they were perfect ambassadors for the school; polite and well-behaved as always.

Miss Vasey
Teacher of Dance

NEWS AND EVENTS

APPLYING TO OXBRIDGE

On Monday 13th June, myself and 13 others had the opportunity to go to Oakwood School to attend an event concerning the Oxbridge universities (Cambridge and Oxford). At the event, we were informed as to how students are taught at these world-class universities and also what facilities are available to those who study at these universities. Moreover, the next steps we could take if we wanted the highest possibility of being chosen to study there.

At the end of the session, we were able to pose our questions about these universities which gave us a deeper insight into life at Cambridge or Oxford. Overall, it was a very interesting talk and I now know that some of my friends are certainly considering Cambridge!

Reported by Oscar – Year 10



MEDIA STUDIES

Every year, around 25 students are selected to participate in a GCSE Media Studies class. The class offers students an extra GCSE in the subject allowing students to dive deeper into the world of the media, magazines, TV, the music industry and so much more!

Just recently our Year 10 class finished their GCSE after two years of coursework, assignments, deadlines, but a lot of fun as well! I was one of these students and to be very honest, although some parts may have been hard at times, the course was exceptional and I'm very glad I had the opportunity to take part.

Students have to analyse and create links between different parts of the media. The coursework involves analysing and creating your own magazine cover, looking at music and music videos and how they represent the singer or band inside them, looking at different audiences and how they are affected by different media techniques and the most fun part of all, creating your own piece of work for a movie.

This year, students had to cover the 'Horror' genre and were asked to create their own horror trailer for a movie. It was really good fun and allowed everybody to work with their friends and compete with other groups to see who could create the best trailer.

I am very pleased that I had the opportunity to take part in this and would like to thank Mr Ashfold for running this course and allowing it all to happen. I would definitely recommend anyone who gets the opportunity to give it a go!

Reported by Adam – Year 10



SPORTS NEWS

DISTRICT ATHLETICS HIGHJUMP CHAMPION



Congratulations to Jay in Year 8 who came 1st in high jump at the District Sports event.

WATERSPORTS AT MERCERS LAKE



The water sports course gives us an opportunity to take part in weekly activities where we can either sail and kayak or windsurf. These lessons give us a chance to learn something new.

On a Monday after school we all meet in the hall and travel to Mercers Lake by minibus. We are given a wetsuit on arrival that we have to try to get in and put suncream on. However, the sun has been absent for a majority of our lessons so far.

The dinghy sailors get out onto the water and rig up their boats. On the first lesson we had to learn all the parts of a dinghy and be able to rig it correctly. They are then set a course and have to try to sail around it.

The kayakers warm up and, when they get into the kayak, need to check that the footrests are in the correct position. Once they get in the water, they take a few tips from the instructor and get kayaking!

The windsurfers take time to get out on the water and gain their balance. They then pick up the sail and attempt to use the wind to accelerate themselves forward.

I find doing this course fun because it gives us a new ability and provides us with something to do on a Monday evening.

Reported by Isobel Loft

OTHER NEWS



Stagecoach is a theatre arts company that will be running holiday workshops in Dorking and Reigate. Their workshops are for ages 4-6yrs and 7-16yrs and will run in Reigate from 25th – 29th July and in Dorking on 1st – 5th August. Visit their website for more details and booking forms. www.stagecoach.co.uk/reigate / www.stagecoach.co.uk/dorking or call 0800 007 5482. Leaflets available on request at bursar@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk

OTHER NEWS



ITALIA CONTI
academy of theatre arts

Italia Conti is a theatre arts company that will be running a summer school during the summer holiday. It is available for children aged between 3 and 18 from 1st – 5th August and will take place at Reigate School. After the five days those involved will put on a performance for friends and family to enjoy. If you would like more details please e-mail janineeaton@msn.com or call 07841 144071. Leaflets available on request at bursar@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk

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.

LifeSkills
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 **Apprenticeships**

www.apprenticeships.org.uk

 **allabout**
school leavers

www.allaboutschooleavers.co.uk

 **notgoingtouni.co.uk**

www.notgoingtouni.co.uk

 **icould**

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