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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This week the secondary school places were allocated by Surrey County Council. Reigate School was heavily oversubscribed and we look forward to a new year group joining us in September, seventy-five of whom are siblings.

Well done to 7DSA. Their sponsored silence raised an amazing £423.16 for Cancer Research UK. Well done also to Miss Sutton's Year 10 Geography Class who together raised enough money to buy Roger the goat for a family in Niger with Oxfam Unwrapped.

Mrs Wardlow



SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Year 7	Charlie 7DSA for his fantastic performances in the lead role of Oliver at the Dorking Halls.
Year 8	Elle Wastell for her visit to Parliament with WAVE (Wellbeing, Awareness and Voice for East Surrey).
Year 9	Chloe Cooper, Raife Eskisan, Phoebe Jenkins and Sophia Yermo for their visit to Parliament with WAVE.
Year 10	Lucy Walker for her consistent hard work and excellent progress in her music theory.
Year 11	Brandon Barber for completing his Resistant Materials coursework to a high standard.

THIS WEEK'S COMMENDATION AWARDS

Year 7	7PWR
Year 8	8DMA
Year 9	9SMO
Year 10	10GFO
Year 11	11RJO

BEST ATTENDANCE

Year 7	7AFO, 7LJE, 7ESA	100%
Year 8	8JKA	97.7%
Year 9	9VRA	96.3%
Year 10	10GFO, 10WMO	99.6%
Year 11	11RJO	99.6%

Whole School Attendance 94.6%

UPCOMING DATES

Monday 6 th March	GCSE Dance taster session. National Apprenticeship Show, Sandown Park. UK Maths Challenge at Holy Trinity CofE School, Crawley. Starsteppers Dance Festival rehearsal and show. GCSE Music taster session.
Tuesday 7 th March	
Wednesday 8 th March	Disney information evening for parents. Voice in A Million at SSE Stadium, London. Public Services Workshop at East Surrey College. GCSE Drama taster session.
Thursday 9 th March	Art & Design Workshop at East Surrey College. Girls' Rugby Festival at Chobham RFC. Year 8 Options Evening.
Friday 10 th March	Textiles Trip to Horniman Museum.
Saturday 11 th March	Move It Dance trip, Excel, London.

YEAR 8 UNIVERSITY OF SURREY TRIP – MAKING INFORMED CHOICES, GCSEs AND BEYOND

A group of Year 8 students visited the University of Surrey to find out more about studying at a university and how choosing their GCSE subjects now can impact on what they can do in the future.

The day consisted of several workshops including thinking about their strengths and skills and how they can improve on these. One activity was to construct something out of paper, straws, wooden sticks and sticky tape that was strong enough to hold a ball of string. They worked in small groups and learned that an activity like this needed teamwork, co-operation, imagination and patience; all useful and important skills to have and develop.



They also had the opportunity to talk to the student ambassadors about the paths they had taken and choices they made which lead them to study for a degree that they are passionate about and want to pursue as a career.

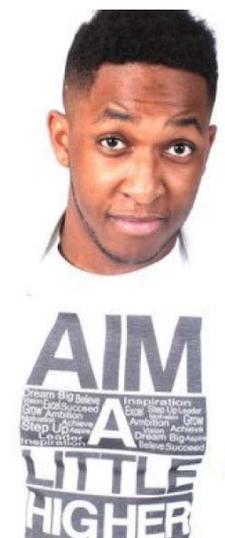
After lunch and a tour of the campus the final activity was to look through prospectuses from many different universities and pick three courses that they would like to study. They then had to look at what skills and qualifications were needed for this course. They realised that GCSEs were considered very important and that careful thought was needed when making their choices.



AIM A LITTLE HIGHER

Motivational speaker, Olympic torch bearer, Peter Jones Enterprise Academy winner and former Youth MP for Peterborough, Kamal Hyman came to our school to speak to our Year 11 students.

As a young man, Kamal was what he would describe as a coaster, doing just enough to get by and stay out of trouble. After receiving poor mock results, a conversation with his father changed his perspective and he began to take himself seriously. After making a few tweaks to his day to day behaviour he left school with 7 A's & 2 A*'s at GCSE.



Once in Sixth Form Kamal was elected as Youth MP for Peterborough, an opportunity which he took with both hands. He left Sixth Form and gave the voluntary role his full-time attention for a year. As a result of his impact he was nominated and selected as Olympic Torchbearer #001 on Day 47.

After falling in love with impacting the lives of young people and falling out of love with politics, Kamal began inspiring young people across the country. His efforts in growing his business later led him to be named as Peter Jones' National Entrepreneur of The Year.

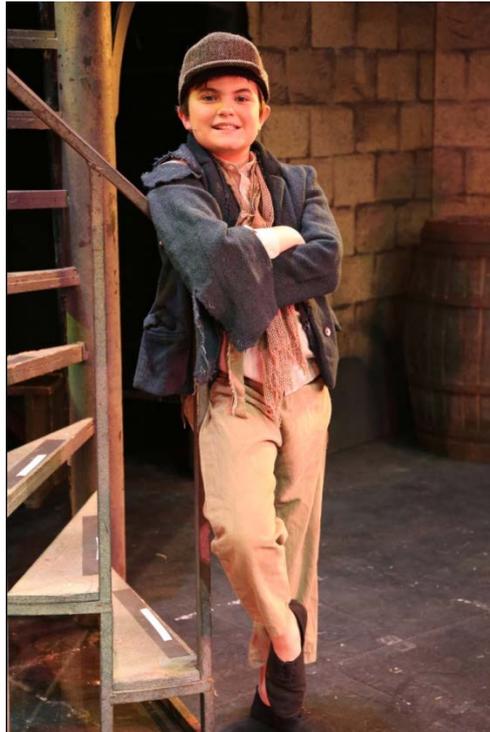
Kamal's motto is "Aim a little higher" and his interactive presentation was entertaining and thought provoking. He encouraged our students to know themselves, have a vision and build their dreams rather than chase them.

He guided students through setting goals and how to achieve them; just having potential is not good enough. He told them to take control, raise standards, and to make their own success. He believes in a positive attitude and pursuing something you are passionate about and enjoy.

Our students thoroughly enjoyed Kamal's session and were left with useful tips for the future; including helping them to consider the differences between an eagle and a chicken (ask a year 11 student!). The queue of students wanting to speak to him after the session was a clear indication of how successful his presentation had been.



CHARLIE PLAYS OLIVER AT DORKING HALLS



I've really enjoyed taking part in the Dorking Dramatic & Operatic Society's production of Oliver during half term. I was really lucky to get the part of Oliver and have learnt so much about what it takes to put a show together, such as all the technical equipment (it was amazing having my own head mic), costumes, choreographers, music director and musicians. I met some fantastic people, adults and children and the experience has really inspired me to do as much performing as I can.

Charlie – 7DSA



FEBRUARY DANCE SHOWCASE

As I walked in, the hall was packed and everyone was buzzing to see their friends or family perform. As the lights went down, the first dance began with a crowd of girls who leapt on stage full of enthusiasm. As the show went on there was a clear display of skills and styles from hip-hop to flamenco.

Every performer, solo or in a group, was energetic and eager to dance. Following the group dances a range of solo dancers took to the stage. There was a display of leaps and turns strung together to create breathtaking routines. Cheering followed every performance with the crowd eager to find out what was next in store.

The show went on, each routine completely different to the one before, keeping you engaged. Musical theatre, pop, jazz, and ballet; there was a whole variety of songs and styles showing off everyone's individual talent. For the final performance the whole company ran from the back of the hall encouraging everyone to join in clapping – and everyone did. The older students encouraged the younger ones. It was all a team effort which added to the joyful atmosphere. Everything from the dancing to the lighting was perfect.

Reported by Abigail Butler 9SCH

SPORTS NEWS

CROSS COUNTRY SUCCESS FOR POPPY

Congratulations to Poppy Wardley who has been selected to run in the English Schools' Cross Country Championships on 18th March. This is one of the biggest National Championship races of 2017 with only eight athletes per age group selected from across the whole of Surrey. Good luck Poppy!

CAREERS

SURREY'S NEW 'YOUR NEXT MOVE' PORTAL

Surrey County Council has launched 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 which contains useful information regarding college open events, up and coming careers events at Reigate School, details regarding apprenticeships and how to search and apply for them along with links to useful websites. There is also a link to quiz which is fun to take and will give students an idea of what kind of careers will suit their personalities. Go to Academic-Careers or Academic-Option at post 16 for details of local college open events.

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

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