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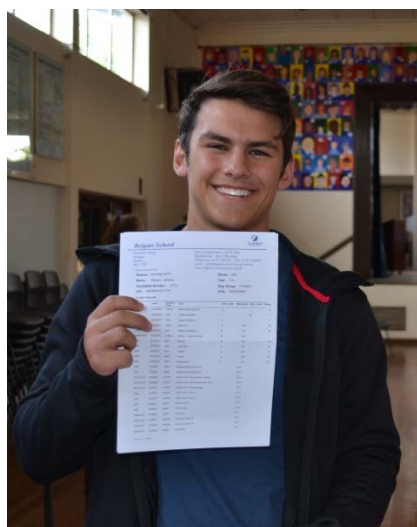
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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. The new Year 7s have settled in very well in their first week and I'm pleased to see the rest of the school has returned with a positive attitude ready to learn.



I am delighted to report that the hard work of all the children and staff has led to some really excellent GCSE results. All children should feel very proud of their successes.

It is impossible to compare overall school results with previous years as the Maths and English examination and grading system is new, but initial analysis suggests that Reigate School children have achieved good results in relation to their peers. We will be able to make a more accurate comparison when national results are released. 16 children achieved top grades in 10 or more subjects and 43 achieved top grades in five or more subjects.



Mr Alexander

SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Year 7	Coco Matthewson for a helpful and positive attitude towards friends.
Year 8	Harvey Merry for such a positive start to the year.
Year 9	Ben Curtis, Oliver Mooney, Linzi Wood and Mace Worcester for volunteering to look after and show around new children to the year group.
Year 10	Curtis Young for a great start to the year with 26 achievement points.
Year 11	Harvey Powell for his excellent ability and improvement in maths.

NOTICES

YEAR 7 INFORMATION EVENING

The information evening for Year 7 parents will take place on Thursday 14th September from 6.30pm until 7.30pm in the Main Hall. You will receive general guidance as to how to support your child with their homework, how to monitor your child's progress as well as the pastoral support and enrichment activities available to your child throughout Year 7.

YEAR 7 NETBALL TRIALS

The Year 7 netball trials will take place on the netball courts after school on Tuesday 12th September for anyone that would like to attend. Children may change in either of the changing rooms. Good Luck!



UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday 13 th September	Year 7, 9 and 11 individual photographs. Information Evening for Year 7 parents.
Thursday 14 th September	

NEWS AND EVENTS

SUCCESS AT THE SURREY YOUTH GAMES

The Specsavers Surrey Youth Games took place on the 17th and 18th June 2017 following the free community coaching and trials that took place from April. The event was such a success with over 500 children attending the free coaching. Congratulations to the children listed below who managed to get through to the games and well done to Reigate & Banstead for achieving 2nd place in the medals table.

Year 8:

Joshua Axon - Table Tennis,
Adam Gatland - Swimming,
Holly Howell - Swimming and Netball,
Tia Hunter-Haschka - Rugby,
Ella Sherlock - Squash,
Euan Waite - Touch Tennis,
Grace Woodhams - Rugby.

Year 9:

Oliver Cornelius - Swimming,
Toby Driskell - non-contact boxing,
Rebecca Frampton - Netball,
Connor Patterson - Squash,
Emily Robinson - Netball,
Harvey Wood - Squash,
Ella Woods - Lacrosse.

Year 11:

Daniel Axon - Table Tennis.



EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

Any Day	Activity	Time	Year Group(s)	Location	Contact For More Details
Any Day	Art Club	lunchtime – every day after-school - Mon-Thurs	All Years	N3	Any member of Art Dept
	Independent Study	before/after school (till 5pm)	All Years	LRC	Mrs Sullivan – Librarian
Monday	Carnegie Shadowing	3.15pm – 4.15pm	All Years	T8	Mrs Scotton – English Dept
	English – Critical Theory	lunchtime	11 - Invitation only	T10	Miss Marvin – English Dept
	La Clinique French Revision Session	3:15pm – 4:00pm	10 & 11	MFL	Any member of MFL Dept
	Music - GCSE Catch up	3:15pm – 4:15pm	10 & 11	MU1	Mr Mohan – Music Dept
	La Clínica Spanish Revision Session	3:15pm – 4:00pm	10 & 11	MFL	Any member of MFL Dept
Tuesday	Advanced Reading Group	3:05pm – 4:05pm	Invitation only	T10	Miss Marvin – English Dept
	Computer Club	3:00pm - 4:00pm	All Years	A4	Mr Moore - ICT Dept
	Dance Club	3.15pm – 4.15pm	11	D2	Miss Swift – Performing Arts Dept
	Drama GCSE Catch Up	3:00pm – 4:00pm	10 & 11	D1	Mr Kirby – Performing Arts Dept
	Mr Collins' Marvellous Club	Lunchtime	All Years	M1	Mr Collins – Maths Dept
	Music - GCSE Catch up	3:15pm – 4:15pm	9, 10 & 11	MU1	Mr Mohan, Miss Hillier – Music Dept
	Netball	3:15pm – 4:15pm	All Years	Courts	Any member of the PE Dept
	PE GCSE PEP	3:15pm – 4:15pm	11	P1	Any member of the PE Dept
	Philosophy	3:05pm – 3:50pm	All Years	6	Mr Marsh – RE Dept
	Table Tennis	3:15pm – 4:15pm	All Years	Gym 1	Any member of the PE Dept
Wednesday	Choir	3:15pm – 4:15pm	All Years	MU2	Miss Hillier – Performing Arts Dept
	Dance Club	Lunchtime	7 & 8	D2	Miss Swift – Performing Arts Dept
	Drama GCSE Catch Up	3:00pm – 4:00pm	10 & 11	D1	Mr Kirby – Performing Arts Dept
	Flamenco/ Spanish Dance	3:15pm – 4:00pm	All Years	D2	Mr Hamilton – MFL Dept
	Football	3.15pm – 4.15pm	All Years	Astro	Any member of the PE Dept
	French Culture Club	3.15pm – 4:15pm	All Years	2	Miss Lane, Miss Salton – MFL Dept
	French Independent Study	3:15pm – 4:00pm	All Years	MFL	Any member of MFL Dept
	Gymnastics	3:15pm – 4:15pm	All Years	Gym 2	Any member of the PE Dept
	Media Studies GCSE	3.00pm - 4.00pm	10	T7	Mr Ashfold – English Dept
	Music - GCSE Catch up	3:15pm – 4:15pm	9, 10 & 11	MU1	Mr Mohan – Music Dept
	Spanish DVD	Lunchtime	All Years	3	Miss Forrest – MFL Dept
	Young Engineers	3:00pm – 4:00pm	7,8 & 9 (Invitation Only)	P2	Mr Moore – D&T Dept
	Thursday	Badminton - GCSE	3:15pm – 4:15pm	9, 10 & 11	Gym 3
Band rehearsal		3:15pm – 4:15pm	All Years	MU1	Mr Mohan – Music Dept
Dance Club		Lunchtime	9 & 10	D2	Miss Swift – Performing Arts Dept
Debate Club		Lunchtime	All Years	T10	Miss Marvin – English Dept
On Parle – WEEK 2 ONLY French conversation class		3:15pm – 3:40pm	10 & 11	MFL	Any member of the MFL Dept
'Magic The Gathering' (Fantasy card game)		3:05pm – 4:30pm	All Years	M3	Mr Ford – Maths Dept
Handball		3:15pm – 4:15pm	All Years	Courts	Any member of the PE Dept
Hablamos – WEEK 2 ONLY Spanish conversation class		3:15pm – 3:40pm	10 & 11	MFL	Any member of MFL Dept
Humanities GCSE Club		3:15pm – 4:15pm	10 & 11	13	Miss Wesby – Humanities Dept
Rugby		3:15pm - 4:15pm	All Years	Field	Any member of the PE Dept
Shakespeare Group		3:00pm – 4:00pm	7, 8 & 9	D1	Mr Kirby – Performing Arts
Table Top Games		3:05pm – 4:00pm	All Years	9	Mr Kavanagh/ Mr Marsh/ Mr Bowdery
Tech Elec		3:00pm – 4:00pm	All Years	T4	Miss Ackerley – D&T Dept
Friday	Dance Club	3:15pm – 4:15pm	Boys Only All Years	D2	Miss Swift – Performing Arts Dept

NEWS AND EVENTS

SUMMER SCHOOL

Our fifth annual summer transition school was held between 21st and 24th August. It was a very busy week for both children and staff with lots of activities including literacy, a murder mystery team game, trampolining, cupcake making, archery, quad biking, an assault course challenge, a Guildford Shakespeare Company workshop, singing, dancing, drama, design and information technology.

Everyone had a fabulous time and I think the highlight was the day we visited Back to the Trenches and we all got extremely muddy, including some of the staff.

We rounded off the week with a fabulous performance of dance and singing in the hall whilst parents were treated to cakes and tea.



WEEKEND ACTIVITIES AT REIGATE SCHOOL

Italia Conti had a wonderful summer school at Reigate. One of the highlights was a trip to see School of Rock. Pictured right is, one of our children, Aliyah enjoying the show.

'ITALIA CONTI REIGATE' is a Performing Arts School that trains young people at the weekends in all areas of Dance, Singing and Drama. They offer free trial classes for everyone and a Boy's Scholarship on audition. If you think your child may be interested you can join them on the 9th or 10th of September. For more information please e-mail hello@italiacontireigate.co.uk.



STAGECOACH SUMMER COURSE

During the summer, Stagecoach held a week's course at the school. The older children performed a short version of Little Shop of Horrors and a number of children from Reigate School took part. Zak – 10LRD was the main lead as Seymour while Catrin – 8AJU was the main female lead, Audrey. Bertie – 8JKE also took part. There were excellent performances from the entire cast and some scary moments with the man eating plant "Audrey2". For more information about Stagecoach please e-mail reigate@stagecoach.co.uk.



BARCLAYS LIFE SKILLS CAREERS DAY

During the last week of term an amazing team of 30 staff from all areas within Barclays descended on Reigate School to conduct a whole day of Careers and Life Skill Workshops. There were five workshops that each child in Year 10 had the opportunity to attend which consisted of team building, debt education, mock interviews, fraud awareness and CV writing.

The children found the mock interview particularly helpful. They had to attend school in clothing which they thought appropriate for an interview and were asked five questions from an extensive list that they were given beforehand to enable them to prepare and think about their answers in advance. After the interview they were given feedback from their interviewer which gave them praise and pointers on their answers, body language, eye contact and appearance. The CV writing workshop taught them how to put a professional CV together, what it should include and what employers are looking for.

The team building exercise was great fun. In small groups they had to design a fragrance, decide how they were going to market it and present their ideas to the rest of the groups and Barclays staff.

The children were very interested in the fraud awareness workshop and were surprised by the many ways in which fraudsters try to get information in order to take their money. They were given advice and information on how to prevent this from happening.

Debt education was a useful workshop for children to learn about different types of loans and how to avoid getting into debt that will cause them difficulties in the future. To get the children thinking about debt and how it could affect them, they played the 'Million Pound Drop' with sweets in teams of five. Any sweets that they had left at the end could be shared amongst the teams.

Although this event took place on a hot and humid day, the children were fully engaged and participated enthusiastically. Most looked extremely smart and impressed the Barclays staff with their maturity and effort. It was a really worthwhile day and I would like to thank all the Barclays staff who came along and shared their expertise with our children.



"I really enjoyed careers day, especially the interview part because I learnt how to present my skills professionally to a potential employer. The interviewer gave me some critical feedback, which will influence my future interviews, such as to research the ethos of the workplace. I was also thrilled to learn that my interviewer believed I had the best interview of the day! Thank you Barclays for providing us with skills that will give us a head start in the future." - Laila Nubi.

"Careers Day was very informative with plenty of skills such as debt awareness, fraud awareness and CV writing being taught by the staff from Barclays. The debt awareness part of the day was certainly entertaining, consisting of five questions asked in the format of "Million Pound Drop" but instead of money, we gambled with chocolates! It was most definitely interesting to learn that due to debt, a family has their home repossessed every 90 minutes." - Paul Riley.

SURREY COUNTY COUNCIL FOSTERING SERVICE

The number of children in care in Surrey continues to hover around 900 children. We continue to have to place 40% of those in foster care outside of Surrey because we haven't got enough foster carers.

We need foster carers for children of all ages, from birth to 18, for supported lodgings carers for young people aged 16-21, and Short Breaks carers for children with disabilities.

Whether you are married or single, male or female, straight or gay, whatever your cultural heritage, do or don't have your own children, rent or own your home, work or don't work, we would love to hear from you. You do need to have a spare room, or if you want to become a Short Breaks carer, be able to make a room available when the child stays with you.

To find out more information about fostering with us, including payments, please visit www.surreycc.gov.uk/fostering

Events coming up to find out about fostering:

Tesco, Oxshott Rd, Leatherhead KT22 0EF 14 September 9am-6pm

Foster carers and members of the fostering team will be in the front of the store to chat with you about fostering.

Surrey Hills Wood Fair, Birtley House Estate, Guildford GU5 0LE Saturday 30 September and Sunday 1 October 10am-5pm

We have a stall at the very popular and family-oriented wood fair. There is a charge for entry to the fair, please see the website for more details www.surreyhills.org/events/the-surrey-hills-wood-fair/

Saturday 7 October and 4 November, 9.30-4pm

We will be in the foyer at Denbie's Wine Estate London Road, Dorking RH5 6AA ready to chat with you about fostering

Open evening Bridge House Hotel, Wednesday 11 October 6.30pm

You are invited to an open evening at the Bridge House Hotel, Reigate Hill, Reigate, Surrey RH2 9RP. Come and hear foster carers talk about what it's like to foster and hear a foster child talk about what it's like to be fostered. There will also be the opportunity to chat on a 1:1 basis with foster carers and members of the fostering team

Denbie's Wine Estate Christmas Fair 27 November and 11 December 5-8pm

We have a recruitment stall at the Denbie's Fair, so why not come along, browse amongst the Christmassy goodies and chat with us too?

Ripley Village Fair, High Street Ripley 3 December 12-4pm

We have a stall at this really busy and enjoyable event, lots of Christmas stalls and don't miss the Santas driving through on motorbikes!

Meet our foster carers at cafes around Surrey

You might enjoy having an informal chat with foster carers about what it's like to foster with us. We have found so many people like this way of meeting foster carers that we have extended the number of locations. To find out the dates and times, please visit <http://bit.ly/2d9zjpc>. You can simply drop in to the cafes at any point during the advertised times to chat with the foster carers.

Book a home visit to chat to us about fostering

Why not give our friendly recruitment team a call on 0800 0969 626 or email fostering.recruitment@surreycc.gov.uk to book a home visit? We can book a time that suits you on Monday to Friday, between 9am and 9pm. There's no obligation to take your enquiry further if you decide after talking to us that fostering isn't for you at this time.

Follow us on social media

We regularly update our Facebook and Twitter accounts, so this is a good way to keep up to date with us. 'Like' us on Facebook at facebook.com/surreyfostering and follow us on Twitter @surreyfostering. We appreciate Facebook shares and retweets, as it helps to spread the fostering message.

You can also follow us on Instagram @surreyfostering



PARENTAL PORTAL - SLG

What is the Parental Portal (SIMS Learning Gateway)?

SIMS Learning Gateway (SLG) is a system that allows parents/carers to have access to information that we keep about their children.

What information can I access?

Currently SLG allows you to see information about your child's attendance, assessments, conduct log, which includes achievement and behaviour management, as well as their timetable. SLG uses real-time data, so the information is always current. Reigate School takes electronic registers in morning registration and in all five lessons.

Can I see whether my child has arrived in school?

Our tutors finish their morning registers by 9:05am. You will be able to log in to SLG at 9:05am to see whether your child has been marked as present. However, there are several reasons why the register may be late going into the SIMS system (for example, a tutor may not be in school so the register may initially be done on paper by a cover supervisor). If you notice that your child is not registered, please wait and check after 9.30am before contacting the school.

What if I spot inaccuracies in the information?

Data integrity is important to us. While we endeavour to make sure that all of our data is accurate, we realise that mistakes are possible.

Who gets access to this information?

We launched SLG for all children, parents and carers in 2016. We sent out usernames and passwords to all parents and carers who we have registered as the primary point of contact for each child. If you are not the primary contact, or have not received your username, please email slghelpdesk@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk.

What to do if you forget your username or password

In the first instance email slghelpdesk@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk if further assistance is required contact our SLG Helpdesk on 01737 229568.

Parental Portal (SIMS Learning Gateway) - Quick Start Guide

The SLG is accessed using a web browser and by entering the details that have been provided to you by the school. The account will give you access to information relating to any children that you have at Reigate School.

The address for the Reigate School SLG is <https://portal.reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk/slq/>

Finding Information on the SLG

Once logged in you should click on the **Parents/Carers** tab at the top of the page. You will then see the home page of the SLG Parent Site containing current SLG notices. On the left hand side of the screen are several sections that will be of interest:

My Account Page – it is advised that you visit this page the first time you log in and change your password to something more memorable. If you forget your password you will need to contact slghelpdesk@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk to request it to be reset.

My Children Dashboard – here you will find the main information about your child or children. In the main part of the page you will see headline information including attendance.

At the bottom of the page under **My Children Links** you will find three sections:

Student Dashboard – here you will find information regarding behaviour, achievements and timetable.

View Reports – this is where progress reports can be found. Click on the arrow next to the current academic year and a list of available reports will be displayed. Please note you will be unable to view reports when using a smartphone or iPhone as the mobile view doesn't support this.

Data Collection Sheet – Use this section of the SLG to check and update the information that we hold, including home address and home/mobile/work telephone numbers and email addresses. Changes are then submitted electronically and there is no need to telephone the school to advise us of those changes.

VACANCIES

Receptionist - Salary £6,278

We wish to appoint a new Receptionist for 16 hours, 2 days per week (Monday and Tuesday) term time only (8am to 4:30pm). Start date to be confirmed.

The successful applicant will be someone who is reliable, confident and good with people. You will be required to demonstrate good verbal and written communication skills as well as good organisational skills. Experience of Customer Service would be ideal but full training on all aspects of the role will be given.

The School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. An enhanced DBS check will be required. Further details and application forms can be found on the website www.reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk or by contacting the school by telephone on 01737 243166 or email at s.carr@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk.

Closing date: noon on Friday 15th September 2017.

CAREERS

CAREERS ADVICE IN SURREY – WHAT'S YOUR NEXT MOVE PORTAL

For full time study, work, apprenticeships or training options, Surrey's Participation Team offer advice and guidance around any aspect of post 16 options.

Some of the features of this portal include:

- A FAQ section for parents/carers and young people
- A news and events section
- Participation information for those with SEND
- Volunteering information



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 "What's 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 a quiz which is fun to take and will give children 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.



www.barclayslifeskills.com



www.apprenticeships.org.uk



www.allaboutschooleavers.co.uk



www.notgoingtouni.co.uk



www.icould.com