



# Reigate School



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## NEWSLETTER

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### MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL AND BUSINESS DIRECTOR

The children and staff have been working extremely hard right up until the end of term with all the various Christmas events. Today was Christmas mufti day and the children and staff all looked amazing. Our final count up has revealed over £2K has been raised for Centrepont and The Children's Trust. Hampers have been collected by local families and over 70 shoeboxes have reached Romania. The choir have entertained residents at Willow Glade and the Woodhatch Centre. Year 11 have performed their variety show and the Pantomime came to school for Year 7s. We've had Christmas assemblies with the staff choir joining in with the super talented Year 9 band.

All in all an extremely busy charity and community month. Thank you to everyone who has taken part or contributed and a very Merry Christmas to all our young people and their families and a Happy New Year.



Mr Alexander and Mrs Hill

### SPOTLIGHT

#### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

- Year 7 Lucy Mascall for being the first in her year group to hit 300 achievement points.
- Year 8 Joshua Clark for volunteering to help wrap and pack Christmas presents for the Loveworks charity.
- Year 9 Nayana Brathwaite and the Year 9 band for performing in the Christmas assemblies this week.
- Year 10 Curtis Young for obtaining the most achievement points in his year.
- Year 11 Chloe Rice for an amazing improvement this term.

### BEST ATTENDANCE

Year 7	7GJE, 7ESA, 7MHI, 7CHN	100%
Year 8	8ALU	99.1%
Year 9	9JWH	95.7%
Year 10	10IDA	99%
Year 11	11AFO	98.7%

**Whole School Attendance 93.3%**

## THIS WEEK'S COMMENDATION AWARDS

Year 7	7MDA
Year 8	8JKE
Year 9	9HSK
Year 10	10IDA
Year 11	11GFO

## NEWS AND EVENTS

### FOOD HAMPERS

Year 9 have accepted their challenge for charity with a huge amount of enthusiasm and generosity. Over the past few weeks they have collected food for 16 hampers which will be distributed to local families.

We have also had donations of chicken dinners. The staff room has looked like a supermarket and we have been really pleased with the children's example of cheerful giving. We would like to thank the Head of Year team for their encouragement and all the children who have helped to collect and pack the items.



### YEAR 7 DISCO



Children and staff alike got their festive glad rags on for the Year 7 disco. Seen as the start of the Reigate Festive Celebrations the children were able to let their hair down and get into the Christmas spirit with the help of DJ Ralph's tunes pumping out of the speakers.

Whilst some teachers couldn't help but show off their dance moves to the children, Mr Mee and Mr Hamilton, there was also some reluctance from Miss Jefferies despite being taught how to do the Macarena by the Year 7 girls.

An enjoyable evening was had by all and we are looking forward to a similar turnout next year.





YEAR 8 CHRISTMAS DISCO

The Year 8 Christmas disco was especially fun this year. With the help of the disco committee we created our own playlist and photo booth which were welcome additions to the event. The music this year was great and most of us danced all night.



During the evening the following funny awards were given out which made us all laugh:-

Most likely to .....

- be top of the nice list - Lottie Wardley.
- release a Christmas single - Catrin Frost.
- have a paddy whilst playing board games - Morgan Pettley.
- watch the Queen's Speech - Samuel Garvey.
- wake the whole house on Christmas morning - Sienna Chase and Charlotte Ward.
- win the disco dance off - Tapi Muchenje.



The disco was a lovely way to celebrate the end of term. Thank you to everyone who helped at the event.

Reported by Cicely Dennis and Holly Nixon 8AJU



CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT



This year's carol service was by far the biggest we have ever had. Approximately 180 children took part in various aspects including performing in the band, singing, reading and dancing and the quality was absolutely superb. This was the first concert for Miss Hillier and Miss Swift and I think they were really impressed.

The charities benefitting from the event are Centrepont and the Children's Trust. We would like to thank everyone who was involved and also Reigate Baptist Church. We really appreciate having this wonderful venue to perform in and enjoy the Christmas cheer!



CAROLS AT WILLOW GLADE



On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December we visited the Willow Glade Retirement Apartments in Reigate with members of the school choir to sing carols to the residents. The visit and performance really was appreciated by everyone with one resident's comment of, "They have no idea how much this has put a smile on our faces", summing up the afternoon perfectly.

The children were absolutely amazing, singing as a choir as well as performing in small groups and all songs were beautifully sung. There was an impromptu performance of Happy Birthday for Joan's 91st birthday and after the performance many of the children chatted to Joan and the other residents.

We were all surprised when Mr Lapsley read a poem which he had written himself about Santa and the Willow Glades. The children's general conduct and friendliness were commented on by the residents and we are extremely proud of them. They are a credit to our school. Well done to all who took part and also a big thank you to Miss Hillier and Mrs Hill for coming to help with the choir and performances.

YEAR 7 INTER-TUTOR FOOTBALL



On Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December the Year 7 inter-tutor football tournament took place. There was a large turnout with 17 out of 18 forms participating. Despite the cold weather, every form tried extremely hard and portrayed excellent sportsmanship. Non-participating members of forms even turned up to show support for their peers. Congratulations to the winning team 7LWA, who narrowly beat 7MHI in an enthralling final.

Thank you to those who helped officiate:

Zachary Chant, Ben Clements, Jay Cornelius, Ben Curtis, Onnen Denman-Tanner, Joel Manrow, Ethan Monk, Oliver Mooney, Ben Ruth and Noah Young.

As well as to the scorers:

Hannah Corlett, Rebecca Frampton, Abby Harries, Alexandra Measure, Emily Robinson and Amanda Stapley.

Thank you to Mr Hughes and Mr Simmonds-Dance for such a memorable event.



## VACANCIES

### CLEANER REQUIRED

£8.00 per hour

Term Time plus 3 weeks

Shift of 2 hours per day, Monday to Friday.

The school has excellent facilities and our premises team is important in maintaining high standards within the school. Candidates must be physically fit, hardworking and be able to work effectively on their own or as part of a team. We are happy to accept applications from children over the age of 16 who may want a part time job.

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 school website [www.reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk](http://www.reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk), or by contacting the school on 01737 243166 or email: [s.carr@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:s.carr@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk).

Closing date: Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2018 at 9am.

## 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](http://www.barclayslifeskills.com)



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



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



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



[www.icould.com](http://www.icould.com)

# 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.