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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Thank you to the Year 7 parents and carers who joined us at last night's Tutor evening. We hope it was useful to put a face to a name and hear how your child has settled in.

Mr Mohan, Mrs Singleton and Mrs Larsen left with 30 children on the Geography Iceland trip this morning. They will be stopping for a swim in the geothermal Blue Lagoon, visiting spectacular waterfalls, hiking on a glacier and witnessing probably the only place in the world where the effects of two major tectonic plates drifting apart can be easily viewed above sea level. A full report will be in our next newsletter.

I hope you all have a lovely half term and that the Year 11s manage to strike a good balance between revising for their mocks and having some down time so they can come back feeling refreshed.

Mr Alexander

SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

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| Year 7 | Gwendolyn Sheehan, Emily Dansie-Smith and Sophia Walsh for picking up a large amount of litter around the local community on their way into school without being asked. |
| Year 8 | Morgan Pettley for always showing kindness to others. |
| Year 9 | Jonathan Mugford for creating the Year 9 quiz this week. |
| Year 10 | Zak Hammond for his exceptional effort and hard work in Maths. |
| Year 11 | Oliver Ross for an outstanding approach and effort in English. |

BEST ATTENDANCE

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|---------|-------|-------|
| Year 7 | 7CHN | 97.9% |
| Year 8 | 8SCA | 98.9% |
| Year 9 | 9JMR | 97.6% |
| Year 10 | 10JHU | 98.3% |
| Year 11 | 11EN | 98% |

Whole School Attendance 94.5%

COMMENDATION AWARDS

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|---------|-------|
| Year 7 | 7TSG |
| Year 8 | 8SMI |
| Year 9 | 9MKI |
| Year 10 | 10SMO |
| Year 11 | 11DSM |

UPCOMING DATES

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| Monday 19 th February | Year 11 Mock Exams all week |
| Tuesday 20 th February | GCSE climbing course at High Ashurst Year 9 final school boosters |
| Wednesday 21 st February | GCSE climbing course at High Ashurst Year 9 final school boosters |
| Thursday 22 nd February | GCSE climbing course at K2 Year 10 History trip to London Docklands Museum – Group 1 |
| Friday 23 rd February | Year 10 History trip to London Docklands Museum – Group 2 |

NOTICES

SCHOOL PICK UP AND DROP OFF

We have had a report from a concerned parent of an incident in Yeats Close which occurred due to cars parked on double yellow lines. Please adhere to the road safety laws when picking up or dropping off your children.

YEAR 9 COME DINE WITH ME

On the evening of Wednesday 31st January the second Come Dine with Me event of the year took place in the Food Technology Department. Six Year 9 children were chosen to take part as a result of their positive attitude and efforts within lessons: Mary, Isiah, Reece, Poppy-Lee, Jason and Chardonnai.

The first part of the challenge was to design a two-course menu (starter, main or dessert) on the limited budget of only £10. A few days before the event the children were taken to a local supermarket and were asked to find all their chosen ingredients and pay at the till. I was particularly proud to see them behave in such an efficient and mature manner to get the task done.

On the evening of the event these six Year 9 children were joined by one of their parents or siblings who assisted in cooking the final meal. I could not have been more impressed with the motivation and teamwork shown by every single one of these duos; it was a pleasure to see! Once completed, each pair was seated to enjoy eating the meal together.

There were lots of different highlights, the chicken ballotine and the medium rare steak were particularly classy whilst the burger was undoubtedly the largest I have ever seen. The blueberry muffins, pavlova and the fruit salad were impressively good desserts.

I would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Whitehead and the Food Technology Department, without whom this event would not be possible. I am very much looking forward to the Year 7 event which will be held in May.

Mr Strachan
Head of Year 9



HEGARTY MATHS

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Congratulations to the following children who have clocked up the most learning hours on Hegarty Maths this week



Top 10 Total Learning Hours from 2nd February to 9th February 2018

| Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 | Year 10 | Year 11 |
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| Lola Cook Freya Pearce Lily Garbett Emily Dansie-Smith Luci Steer Georgia Earl Abigail Hayden Farhad Ashrafi Jasmine Coomber Greta Hall | Thomas Maidment Zain Masood Eleanor Sherlock Naomi Moid Paige McNulty Holly Howell Matilda Skyrme Catrin Frost Jacob Dewar Ashleigh Norman | Chloe Hedges Ava Lenihan Joseph Critchlow Annie Banks Jessica Munro Daisy Hobbs Hannah Corlett Thomas Dale Holly Francis Mya Lloyd | Joshua Stopher Niamh Eatenton Jessica Crame Nartiya Uthuba-Hatari Callum Thomas Emma Ricketts Tobiah Nott Lily Collman Isobel Loft Lauren Hird | Eleanor Stannard Natasha Smith Samina Ahmed Udhava Ramkissoon Holly Durban Sophie Dorrington Elin Griffiths Caitlin Edge Ben Watson Afsar Khan |

NEWS AND EVENTS

On Monday 5th February years 7, 8 and 9 visited Reigate Baptist Church to see a production of Saltmine Theatre Company's 'Stand for It'. The play explores the process and effects of radicalisation and extremism, both far right wing extremism and al Qaida narrative inspired extremism. The performance and workshop that followed tackled this controversial issue in an engaging, respectful and thought provoking way. The children asked some very meaningful questions. Hannah Paisley, Prevent Officer from Counter Terrorism Policing - South East Surrey also attended one of the sessions.



SPORTS NEWS



YEAR 9 NETBALL

It was a cold afternoon on the Beacon School's netball courts. All the girls were excited to play despite the freezing temperatures. The score after the first half was 5-11 to the Beacon. We all fought hard to try and win but unfortunately we lost with a final score of 11-15. Abbey Harries was player of the match. On the way back it took Miss Wall about 50 attempts to get out the car park, we all agreed she needed more lessons but at least she's a careful driver.

Reported by Scarlett Potter

YEAR 8 BOYS' CRICKET INDOOR TOURNAMENT

On Monday 29th January a strong Year 8 cricket team attended the South East Surrey District Tournament. Unfortunately there were only two other schools in attendance, de Stafford School and Dunottar School, so we didn't get as much game time as we had hoped. Our first game was a dominant victory over de Stafford; having scored 95 runs off 6 overs we were in a strong position with all batsmen contributing runs. We then showed a classy bowling display limiting de Stafford to only 20 runs; the lightning pace of Nangyalay Syed and Will Brewis made it difficult for the batsman to pick up runs.

Dunottar also beat de Stafford, although not quite so convincingly, meaning we had a playoff against Dunottar to decide the tournament winners. We batted first and on this occasion struggled due to a combination of tight bowling from Dunottar and a number of our players giving the wicket away. We were struggling on 11-5 when Will came in and scored a faultless 59 runs not out off just 4.3 overs. Will is an excellent all-rounder who is playing at county representative level - we really needed his experience at this vital point in the game. Having a challenging total of 76, it was left to our bowlers to put on a disciplined performance to limit their runs. A number of good catches meant it came down to the last over with just one of their batsmen left and they needed 19 runs. Thankfully they fell 10 runs short so we won the tournament again! Congratulations to the boys: Will Brewis, Jonny Long, Matt King, Dilan Tunstill, Nangyalay Syed, Zohaib Khan, Oliver Shepherd and Harvey Merry.

This means we now go on to represent the South East Surrey District in the County Finals at The Ashcombe School on Tuesday 27th March. Two years ago another talented team of ours went on to win this event and be crowned County Champions. The bar is now set and I feel confident we have a group of players who can step up to the challenge.

LOWER JUNIOR/JUNIOR DISTRICT SWIMMING GALA

On Wednesday 31st January our lower junior and junior boys and girls were keen to begin the District Competition held at Caterham School. It was a quiet and perhaps anxious journey on the minibus. No singing from the boys or gossip from the girls. In fact a very lonely journey for the driver!

We welcomed Lily back into the fold following a period of injury; despite not swimming in this race her experience and knowledge were put to good use in the assistant manager's role.

We started strong with Jack being pipped into 3rd at the last moment. A great first swim in a district event for young Jack. Oliver then swam back stroke brilliantly and could only be beaten by a more experienced national swimmer who was also a year older than him. Lauren swam a strong race. Despite her very amusing tongue, she raced into the finishing line with a solid 4th. With both a strong start and finish Toby managed an excellent 3rd place. He wasn't beaten by the older swimmers which was a great achievement for him. The Royal Alexandra and Albert School surprisingly walked into the gala at this point to cause a minor halt to proceedings but this didn't faze Katie who went on to race against people twice her height to secure a 4th position. Jay then stepped up to contest a strong line up. He rose to the challenge and raced to the finishing line well before the others earning a 1st place and also a PB. Well done Jay. Finally Emily was up. She was worried about her front crawl race but unnecessarily so as she beat many older swimmers to sprint into 2nd.

It was a very successful gala for our team after several postponed galas over the last few months. We all enjoyed sporting the new Reigate School swimming hats too! A final special mention to Eleanor who travelled all the way to Caterham with us only to be too ill to compete. She struggled on to begin with before being picked up and taken home to her sick bed. Well done for trying.

Written by Mrs Jones and Lily with special input by Jay Cornelius.



CAREERS

STEPS TO SUCCESS

Performance in Education visited our Year 9 children last week and delivered an entertaining and thought provoking play. It involved three children thinking about their next steps in education and how their choices will impact future plans when leaving school. It was fast paced and funny and even included a surprise guest appearance from 'Ant and Dec'!

A workshop followed which involved a lively debate on the advantages and disadvantages of going to university along with quizzes and games all designed to inform the children about the different routes open to them.

Our children seemed to really enjoy the performance and workshop and we would like to thank Performance in Education for coming to our school.

Mrs Grew
Careers Officer

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.allaboutschoollavers.co.uk



www.notgoingtouni.co.uk



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.

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.