# Reigate School NEWSLETTER

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# MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Welcome to the first newsletter for this academic year. It has been a fantastic start to the year with our Year 7 students and new staff members settling in to the life of Reigate School extremely well and everyone else returning from the summer break in a positive manner. I am very proud with the way in which all year groups are working and contributing to our happy and vibrant school. We have already had lots of exciting activities take place to enrich the students' experiences; clubs, trips, sports fixtures and competitions. Through this weekly newsletter you will be able to keep up to date with everything that's been happening and have advanced warning of all the events that lay ahead.

Mrs Wardlow

# MESSAGE FROM THE STUDENT LEADERSHIP TEAM

Hello we are thoroughly enjoying the roles of Head Boy and Head Girl. We have had a range of responsibilities that we have really liked doing such as our open evening speech and talking to the entire school in an assembly on the astro turf. We have a great team of deputies, who we really like working with, who are Bea, Maisie, Miles and Edward. All of the student leadership team will have the responsibility of running the student council and being ambassadors for the rest of the school. We hope that by performing in our roles to the best of our ability we will inspire fellow students to apply for the Head Boy and Head Girl role when they come into Year 11.

Adam and Jodie

### **NOTICES**

### WOULD YOU LIKE TO KNOW WHAT YOUR CHILD IS EATING AT SCHOOL?



When payments for school lunches are paid online through Tucasi, parents are able to see exactly what their children are eating throughout the day. All parents have been issued with a log on, but should you require a reminder of this, please e-mail finance@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk.

# GCSE SCIENCE HOMEWORK

This week in GCSE Science we will be launching a new online homework system. Each Friday pupils will be set two brief online assessments on <a href="www.alfiecloud.com">www.alfiecloud.com</a> to be completed by the following Tuesday. These are compulsory and any pupils who do not complete these will be expected to do so after school on Thursday in the A Block. We would greatly appreciate your support with this and please do not hesitate to contact us with any issues.

### **E-SAFETY**

The O2 website has published some guidelines for parents on internet safety. There are many resources online to help you make the internet a safe and rewarding place for your children. Here are a few:

- <u>ChildLine</u> is a private and confidential counselling service for children and young people up to the age of nineteen. CALL: 0800 1111
- <u>Childnet International</u> works in partnership with others around the world to help make the internet a safe place for children. The Childnet website hosts a range of information and resources for young people, parents, carers and teachers on e-safety.
- <u>Digizen</u> provides resources and information on responsible digital citizenship including guidance on cyberbullying and social networking.
- <u>Kidsmart</u> hosts fun games and activities for children as well as internet safety advice for teachers, parents and carers.
- <u>Thinkuknow</u> provides information and advice for children, parents, teachers and other education professionals.
- <u>Child Exploitation and Online Protection (CEOP)</u> tackles child abuse on the internet. This website allows
  parents and young people to make reports of abuse online.

http://www.o2.co.uk/help/everything-else/digital-family/more-info-on-child-safety-online for more information.

# **SPOTLIGHT**

# A WELCOME TO ALL THE NEW STAFF WHO HAVE JOINED THE TEAM THIS TERM

Mr Baston
Miss Wall
Miss Chandler
Miss Theodosiou
Mr Ajithan
Mrs Moule
Mrs Baston
Deputy Headteacher
Teacher of PE
Teacher of MFL
Teacher of English
Teacher of Science
Assistant SENCO
Cover Supervisor

Mr Page D&T Tech/Premises Team
Miss Lopez Guerra MFL Teaching Assistant

Mrs Rae Receptionist

### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

YEAR 7 – Libby Williamson for her enthusiastic start to the year by participating in Philosophy, Rugby and Football.

YEAR 8 - Lanelle Crabb for helping a friend out in the Masterchef Finals despite her friend being in a different form.

YEAR 9 - Nicole Chase for raising money for the Macmillan Cancer Fund by selling cakes.

YEAR 10 - Charlotte Jenkins for already accruing 47 achievement points since the start of term.

YEAR 11 – Charlotte Salvage for all round extra effort and helping out with the Year7 parents' meetings.

### **KICKBOXING SUCCESS**

Miles Greenfield from 7HSK attended the World Kick Boxing Championships in Bristol last weekend and came 3rd in his weight category – well done Miles!



BEST ATTENDANCE				
Year 7	7JWH	100%		
Year 8	8SMO	98.62%		
Year 9	9JWI	97.69%		
Year 10	10BPO	98.93%		
Year 11	11AMC	100%		
Whole School Attendance 96.6%				

### **NEWS AND EVENTS**



### WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPH

On the first day back this term, there was an assembly on the astro turf with all the students from each year group. This was quite a landmark as since the school has grown to its present size we have not been able to do this. Our Head Boy and Head Girl introduced themselves and Mrs Wardlow spoke about the successes of some of the current students. Fortunately the weather was good and it is something we hope to repeat next year.

# **LUNCHTIME CAREERS TALKS**

The first lunchtime careers talk took place last week. We were lucky enough to have Police Constable Colette Stoner and ex Police Sergeant Simon Watson come into school to chat informally to any students interested in this type of career. The students heard about the huge variety of jobs available within the Police Force and asked many questions about what was expected and the reality of this kind of work.

The next lunchtime careers talk will be by three nurses from the St Catherine's Hospice on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October. I'm sure students will find it interesting and informative.

### OPEN EVENING AT REIGATE SCHOOL

On 1<sup>st</sup> October the school held its annual open evening. Visitors were welcomed by 400 students acting as guides or representing individual departments. Mrs Wardlow made four speeches throughout the evening, supported by Mr Alexander and the new Head Boy & Head Girl, Adam Harrington Smith and Jodie Morris. Adam and Jodie gave fantastic accounts of how they came to Reigate School, what they have been involved in and what their future aspirations are. Prospective parents and students were also treated to some outstanding vocal performances from Beatrice Ballard, Maisie Walsh and Ruby Hunter Murphy with Paul Riley and Ben Lacey providing technical assistance.



About 800 people toured around the school during the evening and many were complementary about the activities they were able to see in the departments. Food Technology cooked hundreds of their delicious chocolate chip cookies which didn't last very long at all! It was a great evening and we were very proud of all the students and all the staff who took part.

During this time of year the school also has open door tours where prospective parents and their children can observe the school during a typical school day.



### MUSIC OF BOND AT THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL

On 5<sup>th</sup> October students attended the Music of Bond. This was a concert full of James Bond theme tunes and titled songs. The concert kicked off with the famous James bond theme from Dr No composed by Monty Norman. We then followed the order of Bonds starting with the era of Sean Connery, listening to From Russia With Love, Thunderball and Goldfinger. This was then followed by the Roger Moore era, with pieces from films such as The Spy Who Loved Me, Live and Let Die and The Man With The Golden Gun. We then moved swiftly through to the era of Pierce Brosnan and Daniel Craig with music from Goldeneye, Die Another Day, The World Is Not Enough, Casino Royale, Quantum of Solace and the Golden Globe and Brit Awards song Skyfall.

At the end of the concert we were treated to a very special performance of The Writing on the Wall featured in the new movie Spectre. Students had a great time... 'Best concert I've been to so far' from Ella.... 'I love Skyfall's performance' from Abi.... 'I love the performance of Goldfinger; the two singers together were brilliant' from Eva.



### **NEW ADDITIONS IN SCIENCE**

Please say hello to the newest editions of the Science Department. We now have a pair of bearded dragons named Draco and Ignis (Latin for 'dragon' and 'fire'). Congratulations to Paige Sephton (8JPR) for winning the competition to name them. They are settling in well to life at Reigate School and specifically are enjoying pupils feeding them live crickets.

# **SPORTS NEWS**

# Football

Yr 7 vs Warwick – Won 6-1 – Goals from: Zach Chant, Oli Mooney, Miles Greenfield, Connor Patterson, Adam Adam.

Yr 7 vs St.Bedes – Won 4-0 – Goals from: Zach Chant, Abudi Bala, Miles Greenfield, Adam Adam.

Yr 7 vs Oakwood – Won 5-3 – Goals from: Miles Greenfield (3), Zach Chant, Onnen Denman-Tanner.

Yr 8 v Oakwood Won 2-0

Yr 10 v Oxted Lost 7-5

Yr 11 v Oakwood Lost 3-2

# Girls' Rugby

Yrs 7, 8 & 9 vs Dunnotar Won 8-5

UPCOMING DATES	
Wednesday 21st	9GFO Form trip to Nandos
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup>	'Question Time' at Reigate Town Hall
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Visit to Imperial College PhD students
Saturday 24th	Trip to Berlin