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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

As we approach the half-term break I would like to thank all of the students and staff for their hard work and making Reigate School such a great community. Over the last few weeks members of the Senior Leadership Team have been showing prospective students and parents around the school to help them make their secondary school choice. Our visitors frequently comment upon the calm, purposeful atmosphere and how engaged the students are in their lessons. I am always very proud to lead the tours.

This week Mr Oram from our network centre retires after working at the school for eight years. He will be greatly missed and we all wish him a happy and healthy retirement.

I hope you all have a lovely half term break.

Mrs Wardlow

NOTICES

The front office seems to be overrun with forgotten PE kits, lunches and food technology ingredients of late. Please remind students to check they have everything they need for the day. We are happy to accept items on the odd occasion but it should not be a regular occurrence.

As per our earlier correspondence, you are all welcome to attend the meetings to explain what becoming an Academy means for the school. These will take place in the school hall on Wednesday 11th November at 7pm and Thursday 12th November at 4:30pm.

SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

YEAR 7 - Rebecca Frampton for being extremely courteous and helpful around the school.

YEAR 8 - Kara Wickens for shaving her head to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Care and The Little Princess Trust.

YEAR 9 - Ben Lacey for excellent IT knowledge and support.

YEAR 10 - Mia Coombes for an excellent spoken and written English assessment.

YEAR 11 - Charles Ridey for helping his group learn their lines and generally being brilliant in drama.

BEST ATTENDANCE

Year 7	7LSI, 7DMA	100%
Year 8	8SMO	98.28%
Year 9	9DSM	99.17%
Year 10	10IVA	98.15%
Year 11	11PWR	98.15%

Whole School Attendance 96.06%

NEWS AND EVENTS

SURREY OPPORTUNITIES FAIR

Animal care, hair and beauty, motor vehicle, photography, the Army, apprenticeships, aviation, construction... this is just a small selection of stands that were at the Surrey Opportunities Fair at Epsom Downs Racecourse on 13th October. A group of Year 10 students was able to talk to experts in these fields to see if this is what they would like to study when they leave Reigate School. Our students were able to get some practical hands-on experience and had a go at floristry, making mocktails and carpentry to name but a few. A very enjoyable and informative morning.



YEAR 8 MASTERCHEF FINALS

On Wednesday 14th October Reigate School held the Year 8 Master Chef finals. There were five forms competing to win. The forms were JPR, IBN, BWI, MBR and JDA. Judges on the night were Tony Tobin owner of the famous Dining Room restaurant in Reigate town centre, Mrs Bluett-Duncan owner of 'The Art of Living' cookware shop in Reigate and Mrs Wardlow.



JPR's team Edward and Oliver, who scored the highest with 38 in the semi final, cooked a red Thai chicken curry. IBN's team was Grace and Lanelle who scored 33 in the semis; Lanelle was standing in for Abbie who was unfortunately unable to come. The girls cooked some delicious chocolate brownies. Also taking part were BWI's Joshua and Oliver, with a previous score of 35, who produced sausage lasagne, chocolate mousse and finished it off with chocolate macaroons. Next up was MBR's team Etienne and Emma, who scored 37 in the semi-finals. They made a chicken and chorizo paella with star shaped parmesan crisps. The last team competing was JDA, hoping to beat their previous score of 34. On the team were Isabelle and Natasha, who cooked chicken tikka masala with raita served with flatbread, plain and saffron rice.



The teams were under extreme pressure in this exciting final with their challenging dishes and little time. The competition went off without any major disasters but the contestants seemed very anxious that their dishes wouldn't be up to the judges' standards. Everyone participated with a keen spirit and tried their hardest to cook their perfect dish without mistakes.

At the end of the competition all the dishes from the various teams were finished and they smelt amazing and tasted divine. Each team took their dish or dishes to the judges table where they were assessed on presentation, taste, team work and

efficiency. After a while of tense waiting (and cleaning!) the judges came out and revealed the winner. Winning with their spectacular chicken tikka massala, raita and flatbread accompanied by plain rice and saffron rice was JDA's Isabelle Zandi and Natasha Mandak. Congratulations!

Reported by Katie Branson-Chant

BLOOD BROTHERS AT THE HAWTH THEATRE, CRAWLEY

On 14th October 51 drama students went to see a musical production of Blood Brothers by Willy Russell at the Hawth Theatre in Crawley. For those of us in Year 11 it was fascinating seeing the play come alive on stage having studied the script in class in Year 10.

Although we acted out sections of the script and devised and explored our own interpretations, it was interesting seeing it performed in one polished piece. This brought home to me how important it is, when studying a play, to see the whole thing in one sitting as intended by the playwright when he wrote it. I was really impressed with the way the actors accurately depicted their characters from child to adult so believably.

Even though it is a dark, gritty and sometimes even violent piece of drama, this production used comedy effectively to create lighter moments, making the whole play much more enjoyable and allowing plenty of laughs. However the final rendition of 'Tell me it's not time', true to form, left many in tears; a sure sign of a successful production.

We would like to thank Mr Kirby, Mr Jones, Mrs Farnfield and Miss Meller for making it possible for us to see this brilliant show.

Reported by Maisie Scotton



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LIVE SCREENING OF HAMLET AT THE HARLEQUIN

On Thursday 15th October 19 students from across all year groups went with Mrs Scotton and Mr Smith from the English Department to the Harlequin Theatre in Redhill to see a live streaming of the National Theatre Production of Hamlet starring Benedict Cumberbatch. We joined millions of people across the world who watched on screen as he performed live at the Barbican alongside a superb cast in this classic Shakespearean Tragedy. For those of you who don't know, the play is set in Denmark and is basically the story told in 'The Lion King' but without the happy ending. Cumberbatch plays the unhappy prince who has just lost his father and seen his evil uncle take the throne. These are some comments from students who came along.



"Benedict Cumberbatch made me laugh and cry, I was scared at times. It was an emotional roller-coaster." Jonathan Grey 7MMA

"I thought the actress playing Ophelia (Hamlet's girlfriend) played 'going mad' so well. [Hamlet's friend] Horatio with all his tattoos was so cool." Holly Landon 9DSM

"All the actors kept up everything throughout the play, the speed and the intensity of the play was constant." Harriet Grey 9DSM

"There wasn't a tangible date or time period for the setting of the play. It all blended together and strangely worked incredibly well." Daniel Pitcher 9WMO

"The staging and symbology were really clever so that you were always engaged, always understood what was happening and noticed things both consciously and subconsciously." Maisie Scotton 11CFT

"You could relate to the theme and characters and you could never work out the time period which created a sense of mystery. The set and the lighting were amazing." Sophie Sills 9ARU

SPORTS NEWS

Football

Year 10 vs Southborough High School 1-0 in the county cup!

On Wednesday 23rd September the Year 7 football team played their first game of the season against The Warwick School. In the first half Reigate found it hard to get together and find out how they were going to play and went 1-0 down. After an inspiring half time talk from coach Mr Strachan, Reigate got their act together and scored six goals to gain the win. The scorers were Zachary Chant, Miles Greenfield, Connor Patterson, Oliver Mooney, Adam Adam and an own goal that came off Onnen Denman-Tanner. The defence was rock solid and Reigate played an amazing first game. Man of the match was Oliver Mooney.

For the second game of the season we travelled away to play at St Bede's School. It was Monday 12th October and not only a league game but also a cup game. If Reigate won this, they would advance to the semi-finals. The game started slowly but later Zachary Chant broke through and put Reigate 1-0 ahead. Immediately afterwards a St Bede's player ran past the defenders and came one on one with the keeper Noah Young. With a sudden burst of talent Noah saved the oncoming shot. This gave a bit of hope to the Reigate players who pressured St Bede's for the whole of the next half, managing to score three more goals from Abudi Bala and Miles Greenfield (who scored two). Reigate won 4-0 and moved onto the semi-finals. Man of the match: Zachary Chant.

Only one day after their last match, Reigate went away again but this time to play at Oakwood School, who were rumoured to be a very good team. The team arrived fired up and from the first minute they pressured Oakwood. Shortly into the game, Reigate were given a penalty which Onnen Denman-Tanner took. The Oakwood goalkeeper saved the shot but Onnen scored the rebound. After this we had settled into the game well and moments later another penalty was awarded to Reigate. Miles Greenfield scored calmly and precisely. Later on we had the perfect counter attack. Miles Greenfield collected the ball, chipped it over the defenders for Zachary Chant to skilfully volley in the goal. Half time came and Reigate seemed to become a bit less confident. We dropped a bit to let Oakwood score three goals to level the game. After a bit of encouragement from the captain and vice-captain, Reigate came back into the game and Miles Greenfield scored another two. Everyone played well in their selected positions. They succeeded their first three matches unbeaten. Man of the Match – Miles Greenfield.

SPORTS NEWS

Netball

Year 7 vs St Bede's lost 9-3. Player of the match Eva McLeod.
Year 8 vs St Bede's lost 11-6. Player of the match Courtney Danbury.

Basketball

This week a group of Year 11 boys began their Basketball Activator's Course which will enable them to lead basketball sessions and also help them in their GCSE practical marks.



Rugby

We would like to introduce the newly formed girls Year 7-9 rugby team. They are Megan Bauldry, Lauren Cato, Alicia Coutet-Arthur, Rachel Edwards, China-Marie Kill, Emily Robinson, Paige Sephton, Sophie Sills, Kara Wickens, Elizabeth Williamson, Lucy Wilson, Isobel Witty, Jessica Witty and Sofia Yermo. Good luck girls!



UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday 3 rd November	Year 11 Catering tour at Crawley College (1 st Group)
Wednesday 4 th November	Hamlet Performance at Leatherhead Theatre
	GCSE PE Swimming Course at Donyngs
Thursday 5 th November	Year 11 Catering tour at Crawley College (2 nd Group)
Friday 6 th November	Reigate Schools Together rehearsal and performance at Reigate Baptist Church