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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

I think I can safely say that everyone at Reigate School deserves a well-earned rest. Staff and students have worked extremely hard right up until the end. In this final week Year 11 students have been taking their Languages speaking examinations, I have seen Year 7 students writing English assessments and Year 10 making revision mind maps in RE. On top of that many students and staff have made time to decorate their tutor room doors, perform in the Christmas Concert, bake cakes and donate to charity. I am particularly grateful to everyone who has joined in the singing in assemblies this week; it has been lovely to celebrate Christmas together.

I would like to particularly thank Tommy Clarke and Oskar Brzozowski who, in their own time, have written and designed a series of stories called 'The Adventure of Characters'. I was delighted to be given copies to read and to see students enjoying using their creative writing skills. On behalf of everyone at Reigate School 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year'.

Mrs Wardlow

NOTICES

Please take the opportunity over the Christmas holidays to name ALL uniform, shoes, coats, PE kit, etc, preferably in indelible ink or a sewn/stuck on label. That way we can reunite any lost property with its owner.

SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

- YEAR 7 - Ruby Thomas for being so helpful during the Bake Off and Cake Sale on Wednesday.
- YEAR 8 - All students who performed in the Christmas Concert as it has been described as the best concert the school has ever seen.
- YEAR 9 - Sophie Sills for receiving 120 achievement points in one term. A huge accomplishment.
- YEAR 10 - Liam Hunt for another good result in his GCSE PE test.
- YEAR 11 - The Prefect Team Choir for their merry performances throughout the Christmas sing-along assemblies this week. In particular Maisie Walsh who organised the performers.

BEST ATTENDANCE

Year 7	7JMR	98.3%
Year 8	8CLA	99.6%
Year 9	9MRO	98.1%
Year 10	10BPO	99.1%
Year 11	11SRA	97.9%

Whole School Attendance 95.4%

NEWS AND EVENTS



THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated money in exchange for wearing something 'Christmassy' this morning. You raised £1,100! All donations will go to Centrepont – the homeless centre for young people.

Another thank you to all the staff who donated money instead of sending Christmas cards. You have raised £105 for Great Ormond Street Hospital Charity.



Reigate School
CHRISTMAS CONCERT

11th December 2015



A huge thank you to all the performers who shared their talent at this year's Christmas Concert. You all made it so special.



SURREY SKILLS FAIR

On 3rd December 90 Year 9 students had the opportunity to go to the Surrey Skills Fair arranged by the University of Surrey's Widening Participation and Outreach programme. The variety of colleges and apprenticeship providers that were there was very impressive, from the Army to forensic science and music to hair and beauty. All the exhibitors were keen to talk to our students and inform them of their possible choices for when they leave school. It really opened their eyes to the many courses they could study and eventually pursue as a career.

A really useful and informative day.

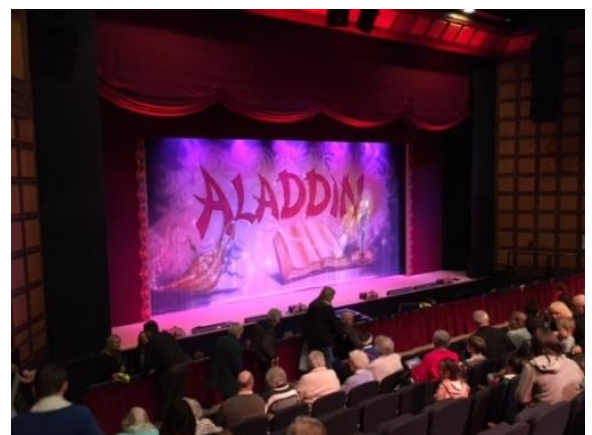
Mrs Grew
Careers Officer

OFF TO THE PANTO

On Monday afternoon almost all of Year 7, with their Form Tutors and Head of Year, went to see Aladdin at the Harlequin. We took the healthy option and walked to the theatre and everyone behaved extremely well.

The pantomime was very funny and Mrs Palmer was kissed by one of the actors who had dressed in a tutu! Reigate School was certainly the loudest and we sang and danced the afternoon away with Lee from Steps. This is the second time that we have attended the pantomime with Year 7 and it is a really lovely way to start the final week of term.

Mrs Farnfield



YEAR 7 WINTER WONDERLAND DISCO

We think the disco was great and the winter wonderland decorations were amazing. After we signed in we could get a photo in the 'igloo'. The food and drinks were delicious and we enjoyed them a lot. All the recent songs were played and there was lots of dancing. For a good two hours we were thoroughly entertained.

We would like to say thank you to all the prefects and all of the fantastic teachers for making it such a great event.

Reported by Abby Harries, Millie Jones and Rebecca Frampton



YEAR 8 DISCO

On Wednesday the 9th of December at 5pm, Year 8's disco took place at Reigate School. The hall was filled with tinsel and lights, it looked very Christmassy. The tables were filled with sweets, crisps and fizzy drinks as well as over 100 Year 8s. There were also a number of Year 11 prefects who came along to help serve food and get everyone on the dance floor.

At the front of the hall was the DJ who was playing all the music and controlling the lights. Everyone was dancing and cheering and they looked like they had a great time. Harrison Whitwell said 'My favourite part was singing 'Let It Go' with the rest of the year group at the end.' It was a fantastic night and a brilliant way to end a successful term for Year 8.

Reported by Rory Copperthwaite

YEAR 7 CHARITY CHRISTMAS BAKE OFF



Year 7 produced a wonderful, creative and festive array of cakes for their bake off and cake sale. It was incredibly difficult to decide on the winner, with such an amazing selection of sweet treats. The cakes ranged from sparkly Christmas trees, meringues, brightly decorated cupcakes to Christmas pudding malteser cakes. However, Mrs Wardlow and Mrs Farnfield made the very tricky final decision on the winning three cakes. The fabulous three tiered snowman by Ava Lenihan and Emily Acaster, the beautifully constructed gingerbread house by Hayley Ford and Georgina Hunter-Haschka and the thoughtfully decorated festive scene cake made by Maddison Drew and Emily Taylor; the girls kindly gave this cake to the Woodhatch Centre. Well done to everyone who entered the bake off, the cakes were all truly magnificent.

Mrs Palmer
Head of Year 7



BOOKBUZZ

Bookbuzz is an initiative, partly funded by the Book Trust charity, to encourage reading in secondary schools. All of our Year 7 students were able to choose a free book to keep from a selection provided by Bookbuzz. There was a fantastic selection of adventure, historical fiction, poetry and fantasy to choose from.

Mrs Sullivan

EX-REIGATE SCHOOL STUDENTS DANCE AT HOT FEET DANCE SHOW

Miss Vasey, Miss Meller and Mrs Marshall went along to Reigate College's Hot Feet Dance Show on Thursday 10th December 2015. Several of Reigate School's dancers successfully audition each year to receive a place on the BTEC Dance course at Reigate College. This year's show was as exciting as ever – hosting a wide range of styles, choreographic stimuli and techniques. The show was opened by ex-Reigate School students Joshua Bailey (singing) and Benjamin Clark (playing guitar). The rest of the show was pure dance ranging from Hip Hop solos through to Contemporary large group numbers. The costumes were exciting and the movements were incredibly well-rehearsed (and complicated!). Ex-Reigate School students include Hollie Thomas (who was in a variety of pieces including one en pointe), Naomi Crane (who performed with absolute confidence in a wide range of dance styles), Joshua Bailey (who single-handedly choreographed a dance for the entire Lower BTEC class), Megan Howell (who is currently auditioning to get into professional dance colleges to pursue a career in dance) and Rachael Horn (who is currently applying to study dance at university). We also spotted Charlotte Bailey in the audience who, after successfully completing a year of dance at Reigate College, has now moved on to do Musical Theatre at the Brit School. It was an incredible show and we were so proud to see ex-Reigate School students continuing to excel after moving on to college. We wish them the very best of luck in their futures - particularly in their auditions for dance school and dance courses at university.



If your child is interested in taking part in more dance activities at Reigate School please note the following:

- Vivacious Dance (Years 7 - 9) - Thursday lunch time in the Dance Studio with Miss Vasey.
- Flamenco and Spanish Dance (all years) – Wednesdays, 3:15pm - 4pm in the dance studio with Miss Lopez.
- Dance GCSE Catch up (Years 10 - 11 drop-in option) – Tuesdays, 3:15pm - 4:15pm in the dance studio with Miss Vasey.
- Youth Theatre (Dance/Drama/Music) (Years 7 - 10) – Thursdays, 3pm - 4:30pm in the Performing Arts area with the Performing Arts Team.
- Cheerleading (Years 9 - 11 limited spaces) – day to be confirmed 8am - 8:45am with Grace Meeking. Sign up on the sheet outside the dance studio if interested. £3 per session.
- Boys Only Street Dance (Years 7 - 9 limited spaces) – day to be confirmed 8am - 8:45am with Grace Meeking. Sign up on the sheet outside the dance studio if interested. £3 per session.
- Musical Theatre (all years limited spaces) – day to be confirmed 8am - 8:45am - with Grace Meeking. Sign up on the sheet outside the dance studio if interested. £3 per session.

Dates for your diary:

- February Dance Showcase technical rehearsal - 2nd February, 3 - 5pm or 5 - 7pm.
- February Dance Showcase - 9th February 2016 - show at 7pm with rehearsal beforehand.

Miss Vasey

ACTION IN PARLIAMENT

On Wednesday 2nd of December I went to watch the debate on bombing Syria in the Houses of Parliament. I was originally going to see Prime Minister's questions but it was cancelled due to the debate on Syria so we went to watch that instead. The debate started off with an hour's speech from the Prime Minister David Cameron, followed by a speech from the Leader of the Opposition Jeremy Corben of a similar length. Afterwards MPs who had asked to speak got to have their turn, but not all of them because there were just under 200 MPs wanting to speak. As many as possible had to speak before 10pm because that was when the vote was due.

The building itself is 900 years old and has held Parliament to the Tudors and the Victorians; it looked amazing. I was very lucky because this was probably the biggest debate of the year. The parliament ended up voting in favour of bombing ISIS in Syria.

It was an amazing day to see action in Parliament.

Reported by Edward Wallbank

SPORTS NEWS

NETBALL

The Year 7 and 8 Netball teams won 5-3 and 3-2 respectively again against de Stafford.

A Year 9 and 10 combined team travelled to De Stafford School to play in a crucial netball fixture. The team came away with a great victory of 24-10, a superb performance. The hard work put in on the training ground in previous weeks was all worth it. Although every player contributed, a special mention must be made to Amber Castles in Year 9 and Laura Elliott in Year 10.

UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday 5th January

TERM STARTS.

CAREERS

CAREER GUIDANCE

Below are some very useful websites which have plenty of information regarding further education, apprenticeships and career choices plus interview techniques and many other tips.

LifeSkills
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www.apprenticeships.org.uk



www.allaboutschooleavers.co.uk



www.notgoingtouni.co.uk



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