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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

We are feeling festive as we approach the last week of term. The tree is up and we have our Carol Concert at Reigate Baptist Church tonight at 7pm. Everyone is welcome. Tickets are £3 and are available to buy on arrival.

The GCSE Art Year 10s had a very successful trip to the Tate Britain. Year 7s had their disco and the choir went carol singing at the Woodhatch Day Centre.

Just a reminder that it's an early finish of 12:05pm on Friday 14th which is also a Christmas themed mufti day in exchange for £1 to support our chosen charities.

Mr Alexander

NOTICES

Please may I remind you to be considerate when dropping and picking up your children from school. We work very hard to maintain positive relationships with our residents and neighbours and any headway made is often ruined by the behaviour of some drivers.

SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Year 7 All who attended the disco and making it such a great night.

Year 8 Nina Mehmood for being an amazing team player and sports leader in the build-up and during the event of the Y8 interform football.

Year 9 Holly Howell for her consistently great work in drama practical and theory lessons along with a very detailed class book.

Year 10 Lucy-May Evans for her outstanding performance in her Drama mock exam.

Year 11 Oscar Picking for his exceptional organisational skills.

COMMENDATION AWARDS

Year 7	7NMO
Year 8	8VKE
Year 9	9LSW
Year 10	10MKI
Year 11	11LSA

BEST ATTENDANCE

Year 7	7PDE, 7SMI, 7AJU, 7RPA	100%
Year 8	8CWO	97.8%
Year 9	9JKE	99%
Year 10	10MKI	96.8%
Year 11	11NTR	98.8%

Whole School Attendance 94.8%

UPCOMING DATES

Monday 10 th December	Year 7 pantomime visit in school. 7SJO form trip ice skating at Hampton Court. 7AFO form trip to Cineworld, Crawley.
Tuesday 11 th December	Choir performance to the residents of Willow Glade retirement apartments. Year 9 trip to Hollywood Bowl.
Wednesday 12 th December	8CHN form trip – ice skating at Tulleys Farm. 9CHA form trip to Lazer world, Crawley.
Friday 14 th December	12:05pm END OF TERM.

ONLINE SAFETY - DETAILS OF APPS TO HELP KEEP CHILDREN SAFE

We endeavour to keep parents and carers updated with current online safety information. With this in mind, we have included details of a couple of useful guides which have been compiled by National Online Safety. These provide details of the features of three apps which are currently popular with teens and explain about the possible associated dangers. Whilst these particular apps are not supported on the school iPad, many of our young people may have them on their mobile phone or a personal device.

WhatsApp

WhatsApp have announced that they will ban under 16s from using their service in the EU. The current minimum age for users is 13 years old. Under the new Terms and Conditions of use, WhatsApp users will be asked to confirm their age in order to proceed with using the service. Users will be required to nominate a parent or carer to give permission for them to share data. If users do not obtain permission, they will experience a less personalised version.

Snapchat

Snapchat is a photo, video and message sharing app for mobile phones and tablets. The app allows users to share images for a limited number of seconds, chat with other users and share images.

Fortnite: Battle Royale

As with many online games, Fortnite: Battle Royale comes with risks to children and young people. The game is PEGI rated at 12+ however, there is no proof of age required, which can expose younger children to violent content as well as inappropriate comments from older users. Take a look at the following guide with more information about the game to help you to keep your children safe.

Please use the link below for more advice on snapchat and Fortnite.

<http://www.reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk/CEOP-Internet-SafetI>

NEWS AND EVENTS

Last weekend Abbie Grant, Kathleen Mills and India Whitton attended The Birmingham International Tattoo which is Britain's biggest indoor tattoo. They marched and played their brass instruments with the National Youth Marching Band and took part in the finale with The Combined Bands of the British Army Reserve, The Band of the Polish Border Guard, The Band of the Tirol Police from Austria, The Moscow Military Academy Cadets Band, The Massed Pipes and Drums and The National Marching Band of the RAF Air Cadets.

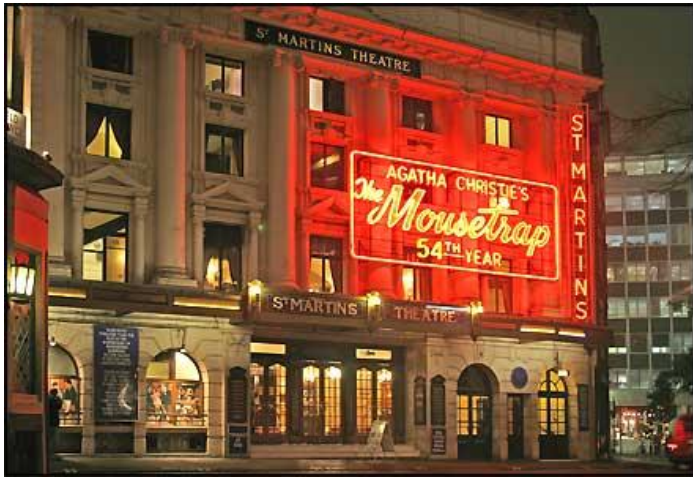
It was a spectacular event. The girls practise weekly with the Redhill Corps of Drums Marching Band and it was such a wonderful opportunity to perform in such a big arena.



THE MOUSETRAP AT ST MARTIN'S LANE THEATRE

On Tuesday 27th November Mr Kirby, Miss Hillier and Mr Jones took 40 Year 10 and 11 children to St Martin's Lane Theatre to see the longest running show in the world, Agatha Christie's whodunnit 'The Mousetrap'. It was a good opportunity for the children to see a play that they can analyse for their GCSE written exam. The children were superbly behaved and all really enjoyed the performance. Their behaviour was commented on very positively by members of the public. It was a fantastic show which I would recommend to anyone that hasn't seen it - but don't tell anyone who did it!

Reported by Mr Kirby



BOOKBUZZ

This week every child in Year 7 has had the pleasure of receiving a brand new book as part of the annual Bookbuzz programme. Bookbuzz is a collaboration between the School Library and the national charity, Book Trust. Every year Book Trust make a selection from recently published children's titles and offer them at heavily discounted prices so that schools can make them available free of charge to the new Year 7 intake. This autumn there were fifteen books to choose from including ones by well-known authors Neil Gaiman, Gill Lewis, Rick Riordan and Robin Stevens. The children's top choice was 'Amazing Animals' from the publishers of 'Guinness World Records'.

Reported by Mrs Knights
Library Manager



YEAR 8 DISCO

The Year 8 disco took place last Thursday and many of the children came together to enjoy a treat before Christmas. They enjoyed the dancing and the very loud music.

It was lovely to see the children relaxing and celebrating the hard work they have done this long term. We were proud of their mature attitude and behaviour.



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QUESTION TIME

On Tuesday 27th November 10 Year 9 children went to the Town Hall in Reigate to take part in Question Time 2018: this formed part of Local Democracy Week. Once again this event was ably hosted by newsreader, and local resident, Nicholas Owen. Children from four local secondary schools in the borough sat in the council chamber and asked probing questions of a panel of local community figures. Afterwards the children were invited into the Mayor's Parlour for refreshments and discussion of the issues with individual panel members.

Reported by Mrs Scotton

Below are quotes from some of the children:

I loved delving deeply into the amazing minds of the panel. It gave me an insight into the challenges society faces today. I enjoyed it tremendously. - Matilda S

I really enjoyed learning about all the things councillors discuss and how their meetings can impact Reigate and Banstead. - Lilia D

I liked hearing professional opinions from our council. - Rhys M

I think it was a very eye-opening and interesting experience as we got to raise issues that don't normally get talked about in so much detail. - Madeline H

It was interesting to hear [the panel's] opinions on all the different topics. - Tilleigh B

I really learnt a lot and it was very interesting. - Ella P

I learnt a lot from today and found out about interesting people and their views. - Joel S



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VOLUNTEERING EVENT AT THE YMCA

Last week a group of Year 10s went to the YMCA to find out a bit more about the skills you need to be a volunteer. We learnt about the benefits of volunteering and all of the amazing things the YMCA offers. Not only did we learn that it can enhance your CV or applications, but it gives you the opportunity to give back to your community.

The ladies talked us through the perfect volunteer and then showed us how to adapt games so that everyone can take part in it fairly. I feel like it was very important to know about what it takes to be a volunteer and all of the Year 10s had a fantastic time learning about it. Thank you to the Teachers and to the YMCA.

Reported by Willow Matthewson



HEGARTYMATHS

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



Top 10 Correct Answers 23rd November – 7th December

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Ella Critchlow Sophia Bryant Emily Campbell Samuel Stapley Lily Woodhams Ivo Angelov Bodi Butler Sophia Crabtree Noa White Momen Bala	Tia-Louise Savage Farhad Ashrafi Caitlin Holloway Sam Potten Eva Smallman Evie Stockton Emily Gobin Katy Bailey Sophia Walsh Finley Dixon	Sadie Jenkins Grace Woodhams Chloe Lacey Alice Perrett Veronika Ramm Nikita Izbrodin Max Dewar-Smith Adam Gatland Naomi Moid Ella Bryant	Kirstie Milne Chloe Hedges Harley O'Connor Joseph Critchlow Jessica Munro Lucy Stevenson Lucas Dodimead Hope Twiby-Thomas Ayshah Saleem Scarlett Pearce	Fahmina Khan Efan Fisher Aaron Walsh Jessica Salmon Nartiya Uthuba-Hatari Toby Nott Orla McAuliffe Isobel Loft Alyssa Gobin Oscar Picking

OTHER NEWS

STAR FOR A NIGHT

We are pleased to announce that registrations for Star for a Night 2019 are now open!

Visit www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/sfan to view the casting, rehearsal and show dates and register online. It's a great year to be involved as it will be the 20th anniversary show!

We look forward to seeing you at the casting on Sunday 27th January.



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CHARITY NEWS

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Friday 14th is Christmas jumper day. The children are allowed to wear Christmas themed mufti in exchange for £1 which will go to our chosen charities Tearfund and Centre Point. 'Christmas colours' are also fine to wear if you don't have a Christmas jumper.



tearfund

CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

As in previous years, Reigate School will be donating Christmas Food Hampers to local families this year.

If you would like to make a donation, please drop any non-perishable items to Reception. Thank you.



SPORTS NEWS

YEAR 10 FOOTBALL REVIEW

Results

Vs Oxted School – 2-3 Loss – Goals: A Adam and Z Chant. Assists: O Hunt and B Ruth.

Vs The Warwick School – 2-2 Draw – Goals: A Adam x 2. Assists: Z Chant x 2.

Vs The Beacon School – 0-3 Loss

Vs St.Bedes School – 1-3 Loss – Goals: Z Chant. Assists: A Adam.

When looking at the results so far it is easy to feel disappointed with three losses from four fixtures however those results were against the best three teams in our league! In every single match we have been in the game until the final minutes, with strong disciplined performances in defence. The Year 10 team does not have any stand out elite players but we don't have any weaknesses with every player able to hold their own and support the strong team ethic.

This season has seen many changes to the team. With on average 20 boys attending training on a weekly basis, we have seen a number of new players step up and claim a place in the team. Ethan Monk has claimed the goalkeeping spot with some excellent reflex saves made in a variety of 1 on 1 situations. Joel Manrow and Owen Hunt have formed an outstanding centre back partnership with Toby Marcroft stepping into the breach at left back. Cruz Sidir and Harvey Wood have been the consistent stand out players forming a strong, aggressive and combatant pairing in the centre of midfield. Zach Chant and Adam Adam have formed our new leadership team sharing the captaincy and the attacking positions. Both players have made important contributions in front of goal, keeping us in all of the close encounters we have experienced so far.

The results may not have gone our way, but the performances have been organised and strong with team spirit much advanced from what we saw last year. I am confident we will see some positive results in our remaining fixtures against Oakwood School, de Stafford School, Warlingham School and Royal Alexandra and Albert School all teams that we have beaten in the past!

VACANCIES



Holmesdale Community Infant School Headteacher Pre-advert

Holmesdale Community Infant School is a popular and successful primary and nursery school with 412 pupils located in Reigate, Surrey.

As a founder member of the Greensand Multi Academy Trust, a group of local schools in Reigate, we are committed to challenging, supporting and collaborating with each other to enrich the lives of our children. We are also part of SESTA (South East Teaching Schools Alliance). This means that we work with 5 other local Outstanding schools and colleges to provide support and professional development for schools in the local area.

Our school is looking to appoint an inspiring new headteacher from September 2019 due to our current headteacher retiring.

We would very much welcome any interested candidates to visit in advance of the advert being published in Spring 2019. Further details can be found on www.eteach.com / job ref. 1020034

SAFEGUARDING

THINKUKNOW



Thinkuknow is an education programme from the National Crime Agency's CEOP Command. Since 2006, Thinkuknow has been keeping children and young people safe by providing education about sexual abuse and sexual exploitation. Thinkuknow is unique. It is underpinned by the latest intelligence about child sex offending from CEOP Command. Thinkuknow aims to ensure that everyone has access to this practical information – children, young people, their parents and carers and the professionals who work with them. Alongside the Thinkuknow website the programme provides educational resources, including films, cartoons and lesson plans, to help parent/carers and professionals raise young people's awareness.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

ATTENDANCE

We would like to remind all parents and children about the importance of regular school attendance. Children are expected to attend 100% of the time, be punctual every day and show good behaviour in lessons. Parents are expected to phone the absence line on every day of absence to notify the school of the reason for your child's absence.

Telephone number: **01737 245241 (Available 24 hours)**.

Your message should include your child's name, tutor group, reason for absence and your name.

This year, good attendance, punctuality and behaviour are being rewarded with a trip to Thorpe Park in the summer term for Years 7-10. To qualify your child must have 95 points, which is made up from 95% attendance and points awarded because of good behaviour on their reports each term. Children can also lose points for poor behaviour on their reports and for persistent lateness.

What are acceptable reasons for absence?

Some examples are vomiting, diarrhoea, high temperature, hospital appointments, and funerals.

Unacceptable reasons include:

Headache, tiredness, stomach-ache, colds, coughs, birthdays, haircuts, shopping days, duvet days! Children who have broken bones can normally be accommodated in school after discussion with Heads of Year.

Leave of absence during term time

It is highly unlikely that the Head of School will grant permission for a leave of absence during term time. These can only be considered in the most exceptional circumstances and must be applied for in advance using the absence request form available from the office. Please refer to the Attendance Policy on the school website for more information.

Will I be made aware if my child's attendance is low?

Yes, if their attendance falls below an acceptable level, a letter of concern will be sent to you and you may be asked to provide medical evidence. If there is no improvement a meeting will be arranged to discuss the situation and you may be referred to the Education Welfare Service. The Government guidelines state that if your child falls below 90% attendance they are classed as persistently absent.

YEAR 11 GCSE EXAM NOTICE

Please be aware that the Joint Council for Qualifications (JCQ) requires all Year 11 children to be available until the 27th June 2019. This is because an awarding body (exam board) may need to invoke its contingency plan which would require children to go into their school up until the 27th June 2019.

In light of this, please do not book holidays that begin before the 27th June 2019 or other events that would mean your child would be unable to come into school.

CAREERS

EAST SURREY COLLEGE OPENING DAYS

East Surrey College is opening its doors for an opportunity to look around the facilities and discuss courses with lecturers.

Wednesday 27th February 2019 17:30 - 19:30

Saturday 15th June 2019 10:00 - 13:00

VISIT US AT OUR OPEN EVENT

- ★ Welcome talk from Jayne Dickinson, Principal and Chief Executive and Kevin Standish, Deputy Principal, Curriculum and Standards
- ★ Apprenticeship information talk
- ★ Higher Education information talk
- ★ Discuss the best course for your chosen career
- ★ Access advice and guidance on English & Maths qualifications
- ★ Tour our top quality facilities and discover our range of support services
- ★ Take part in interactive activities around the college
- ★ Chat to existing students and industry specialists
- ★ Find out how work experience and employability skills are embedded into all our courses
- ★ Apply for your place!

"The quality of teaching, learning and assessment is good"

Ofsted Report, January 2015

"Teachers focus strongly on supporting students to develop employability skills through work experience or work-related projects"

Ofsted Report, January 2015

OFSTED RATED OUTSTANDING AREAS:

- ★ Early Years & Playwork
- ★ Health & Social Care
- ★ Media & Communication
- ★ Visual Arts

PRE-REGISTER ONLINE

www.esc.ac.uk

East Surrey College, Gatton Point, London Road, Redhill, Surrey RH1 2JX

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.

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Apprenticeships

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