

# Reigate School

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## NEWSLETTER

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### MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIR OF GOVERNORS

#### ACADEMY UPDATE

We have started to complete our application for conversion to an Academy. This is likely to take several weeks to complete before we can submit it. We also continue to meet regularly with the Heads and Governor representatives of a number of local schools that have expressed an interest in considering whether Academy conversion is right for them. We will issue further updates as our application progresses.

Nigel Gout  
Chair of Governors

### NOTICES

#### INSET DAY

Just a reminder of our upcoming INSET day on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February. Our remaining INSET day for the academic year will be on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June.

#### FORGOTTEN ITEMS

Please ensure your child has everything they need for their day. Forgotten items should only be brought in on a rare occasion. If you do have to bring items in please ensure your child knows to come and get them the same day. The school day is very busy and staff cannot be expected to deliver items to students.

#### STUDENT SERVICES

Amongst our lost property, we have a HUGE Umbro sports bag stuffed full of PE kit that we've had for some weeks. If the owner would like to show themselves at Student Services, we would be delighted to reunite them. We also have a new collection of books, hair brushes, pencil cases, water bottles, a calculator and a cycling helmet along with the usual items of clothing – all unnamed sadly.

### SPOTLIGHT

#### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

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| Year 7 -  | Emily Taylor has represented the school on a number of occasions including the carol service, Holocaust evening and this week's assembly. She is a very positive student who always gives 100%. |
| Year 8 -  | Joshua Young for his fantastic contribution and effort during the Aim High trip to Surrey University.   |
| Year 9 -  | Luke Ayres for excellent participation and reporting in the gifted and talented event at Reigate College.   |
| Year 10 - | Adam Bower, Bradley Dennis Roda, Liam Hunt, Katie Lapsley and Thea Wardley for representing Reigate School fantastically well at the Active Surrey Primary School Games.                        |
| Year 11 - | Nina Parsons for her excellent solo performance in her music controlled assessment.   |

### BEST ATTENDANCE

|         |       |       |
|---------|-------|-------|
| Year 7  | 7DMA  | 100%  |
| Year 8  | 8IBN  | 100%  |
| Year 9  | 9MRO  | 98.5% |
| Year 10 | 10DHU | 98.3% |
| Year 11 | 11CFT | 98.6% |

**Whole School Attendance 95.5%**

## UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> February  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> February  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> February

Dance Showcase at Reigate School.  
Young Leaders help out at Dovers Green School after school clubs.  
Careers Information and Guidance Day at University of Surrey.  
Badminton Officials county finals at Guildford Spectrum  
Young Leaders help out at Dovers Green School after school clubs.  
Year 8 Options Evening.  
INSET DAY  
Geography Iceland trip.

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February  
Half Term

## NEWS AND EVENTS

### DANCE AT REIGATE SCHOOL



Reigate School's annual February Dance Showcase will be held on Tuesday 9th February in the hall. This is a performance platform for all of the dance clubs and for a selection of class work. We have every year group involved and a range of styles from Capoeira and Street Dance through to Contemporary and Flamenco. If your child is taking part, please remind them of the dress rehearsal at 3:30pm - 5pm prior to the show. Students should leave school at 5pm and return at 6:30pm for a show start at 7pm. The event is free of charge and you don't need to book so please just come along if you'd like to watch.

We wish all of our February Dance Showcase performers the best of luck and hope that they enjoy this opportunity to build in confidence and have a taste of the limelight!

If your child would like to be involved in future dance shows then they should attend one (or more) of the following clubs:

- Vivacious Dance Club (years 7-9) - Thursday lunch times with Miss Vasey.
- Flamenco (all years) - Wednesdays 3:15pm - 4pm with Miss Lopez.
- Youth Theatre (years 7-10) - Thursdays 3:00pm - 4:30pm with the Performing Arts Team.

Alongside our well attended clubs, Dance remains a popular choice at GCSE level with both boys and girls. We have already had a taster day for Year 8 and will be hosting one for Year 9 on Monday 22nd February 3:15pm - 4:15pm in the Dance Studio for any students interested in finding out more about the subject. We currently have a high number of students signed up to the taster days but if your child is interested and hasn't signed up, please ask them to come and see me directly.

Miss Vasey  
Teacher of Dance

### RACE TO KABBUBU DISTANCE UPDATE

The race goes on and Attenborough are still in the lead.  
This week's totals are in:-

1<sup>st</sup> – Attenborough 133.6 miles covered  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Owens 102.2 miles covered  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Pankhurst 99.6 miles covered



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### LORD OF THE FLIES

On Wednesday 27th January 21 Gifted and Talented English students from Years 9 & 10 headed to GLive in Guildford to see the touring production of Nigel Williams' adaptation of "Lord of the Flies" – the book by William Golding about a group of schoolboys who crash on a remote island. Alone, with no adults, the boys attempt to survive and deal with the struggles of responsibility.

All in all the play was very good and the performances were really intense. The set (pictured right) was beautiful and was used really cleverly to represent different locations on the island just by using the different levels and debris.

I really enjoyed it and wish I could see it again.

A huge thank you to Mrs Scotton, Mr Jones and Miss Theodosiou for taking us.

Reported by Harriet Grey 9DSM



### MATHS AND SCIENCE DAY OUT

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January four Year 8 and four Year 9 students went by minibus to Reigate College to participate in some activities in Maths and Science. I was lucky to be chosen to participate.

When we arrived we went to a hall with some students from other schools. First the college staff gave us some maths and science questions for us to work out and then mark.

After that we were split into the groups of students either doing maths or science. I was in the maths half. The students doing maths walked to the Maths Department of Reigate College. I worked in a group with four other students from different schools.

We were given a challenge which was to work out the greatest volume of a 5-sided box made from a piece of A4 paper. We had to cooperate to make two boxes each, all with different heights and then work out which had the greatest volume. My group worked out the box that had the greatest volume was the one which was 4cm in height.

When all the groups had finished, the teacher went through some calculations to work out the precise height. The teacher used a quadratic formula to solve this problem. Finally, she concluded the actual height was 4.1cm. This meant our answer which we had solved in a practical way was almost correct.

I found my visit to Reigate College fun and interesting. It was good to meet students from different schools and work with them. I found using a practical method to solve complex problems enjoyable.

Reported by Luke Ayres – 9DSM



### REIGATE COLLEGE VISIT



We visited Reigate College to take part in a taster session of Science at A-Level. There were 16 of us from four different schools. We took part in Chemistry and Physics activities including extracting DNA from a pea.

The session was lots of fun and gave us a great insight into what science is like at Reigate College.

Reported by Efan Fisher – 8JPR

HOLOCAUST MEMORIAL EVENING



27th January is the day for everyone to remember the millions of people murdered in the Holocaust, under Nazi persecution and in the subsequent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Dafur.

On Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) we honour the survivors of these regimes and challenge ourselves to use the lessons of their experience to inform our lives today.

On 26th January the school hosted a Holocaust Memorial event in conjunction with Reigate & Banstead Council. A number of local schools and groups took part including Salfords Junior School, Dunottar Chamber Choir, Reigate Grammar School String Quartet, the Asian Social Group Choir and Orbit Shed. It was a very moving event with candles being lit by students in memory of victims of the Holocaust.



The highlight of the evening was a talk by Eve Gill, a 92 year old survivor of the Holocaust, who gave a vivid account of life in Austria at the time of the German occupation and her journey to the UK on the Kindertransport. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor were in attendance and it was a truly wonderful event.

We have received lovely feedback from people who attended and would like to thank all the students who performed and produced artwork or written work. Also a big thank you to our Head Boy, Head Girl and the prefects who give up their time to make these events go as smoothly as possible.

Pictured below is artwork produced by some of our students.



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## SPORTS NEWS

### YEAR 7 FOOTBALL LEAGUE FIXTURES

Year 7 vs The Beacon School – Won 3-1 – Top of the table clash, with both teams unbeaten this year. Goals from Zachary Chant, Oliver Mooney and Adam Adam secured the victory after an outstanding all-round team performance.

Year 7 vs Royal Albert and Alexandra School – Drew 3-3 – Having dominated the game with some outstanding passing, the boys were left frustrated after a poor finish to the game. We led 3-1 with just two minutes to go but unfortunately a penalty and a goal with the last kick of the game allowed RAAS to equalise. We are still top of the league but unfortunately these were our first points dropped this season.

### YEAR 8 FOOTBALL

Year 8 at Royal Albert and Alexandra School - Won 4-0. Dru Tunstall got a hat-trick with captain Finley Lenihan adding the fourth. Great all round team performance by the boys who are demonstrating maturity as a team all the time.

### NETBALL

On Monday the Year 7 Reigate School girl's netball squad A and B teams went to Warlingham School. The A team unfortunately lost the game 4-2 but played really well with some excellent defending and attacking. This makes us want to improve to become better and learn more skills. The members of this team were Abbie, Lara, Emily, Ava, Lilly, Eva and Rebecca. The man of the match was Rebecca for some excellent defending and stopping them from getting the chance to shoot.

The B team then played. They had an unfortunate 6-3 defeat but still gave it their all and this gives them the chance to improve. The members of this team were Scarlett, Zara, Maya, Alexandra, Lilly and Willow. Well played to all of them.

Reported by Emily Robinson 7JMR

### RUGBY AT TWICKENHAM

On Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January a mixture of students from Years 7-9 attended Twickenham Stadium to watch the new England Rugby team train. We arrived quite early so managed to sit at the front which gave us a great view of the players working hard right in front of us. Our trip began with a talk from the new manager, Eddie Jones, who told us how excited he was about being in charge as well as the upcoming Six Nations tournament. We then heard from the new England Captain, Dylan Hartley, who introduced his team to the crowd.

The players were then split into sections around the pitch and got to work with rucking, passing, tackling, tag games, line outs and much, much more. During this time there was a lot of excitement from our students who recognised many famous players within the squad. This teamed with the prospect of buying even more hot chocolate was almost too much!!

Once the training had finished it was time for the players to work their way to the front of the pitch where they came to sign balls, shirts, phone covers; you name it, it was signed!! Once again, a memorable experience for the Reigate School rugby teams. Who knows maybe one day they might be the ones signing shirts!



### 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.

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