

# Reigate School

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## NEWSLETTER

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### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This week the Year 11 students have been planting bulbs in their Inspiration Garden. I asked them all to think about what inspires them to be the best that they can be; perhaps somebody in their life, maybe a famous person, it could be a piece of artwork, or something in nature. The choice would be different for everyone. Mr Carr prepared the flower bed and ordered all of the bulbs and the Year 11 tutor groups came and planted their own bulb in honour of their inspirational person, place or object.

We're looking forward to seeing them flower in the next couple of months and being inspired again. In September the rest of the school will plant their own Inspiration Gardens in the hope that the environment will be improved by all of the flowers and the students will be regularly inspired to be the best that they can be.



Mrs Wardlow

### NOTICES

#### STUDENT SERVICES

Vaccinations for the Year 10s start on Monday with Year 11s starting on 14<sup>th</sup> March. Please could we remind Year 11 parents and carers to return vaccination forms to us as soon as possible. Many Thanks.

### SPOTLIGHT

#### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Year 7 -	Onnen Denman-Tanner for consistently being an outstanding and thoughtful member of the school community.
Year 8 -	Raife Eskisan for an amazing presentation to 8CLA. Year 8 netball team for coming 4th in the South Surrey Netball Shield tournament.
Year 9 -	Jack Gallant and Lewis Whatsley-Davison for organising an exceptional Form Assembly.
Year 10 -	Daniel Jowsey for being polite, courteous and funny consistently during form time and always asking how staff and students are doing.
Year 11 -	Aaron Martin for increasing confidence and performance in catering.

### BEST ATTENDANCE

Year 7	7LSI, 7MGE	99.3%
Year 8	8MBR, 8VEA	99.3%
Year 9	9JWI	98.5%
Year 10	10RJO	99.6%
Year 11	11JPA	99.7%

**Whole School Attendance 95.7%**

## UPCOMING DATES

Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	Art trip to Saatchi Gallery
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Starsteppers – Dance performance at the Harlequin Theatre
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	UK MT Maths Team Challenge at Holy Trinity C of E School Lunchtime Careers talk on Software Development Young Leaders at Dovers Green
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	Yr 7 & 8 trampolining competition at Oakwood School Young Leaders at Dovers Green
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	Students meet with Imperial College PHD students at Easthampstead Conference Centre Art and Textiles trip to Hove and Brighton Museums
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Rugby trip to see Harlequins at Twickenham Reigate Rampage Run Surrey School's Swimming Gala at Guildford Spectrum

## ACADEMIC YEAR 2016-2017 TERM DATES AND INSET DAYS

### Autumn Term 2016

Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	11.45	Start of Autumn Term for Year 7
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September	08.45	Start of Autumn Term for Years 8-11
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> September		INSET Day
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	10.00	Start time for whole school
w/c 24 <sup>th</sup> October		Half Term
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	12.05	End of Autumn term
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> December		INSET Day
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December		INSET Day
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> December		INSET Day

### Spring Term 2017

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	08.45	Start of Spring Term
w/c 13 <sup>th</sup> February		Half Term
Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	15.00	End of Spring Term

### Summer Term 2017

Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	08.45	Start of Summer Term
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> May		Bank Holiday
w/c 29 <sup>th</sup> May		Half Term
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June		INSET day
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> July	12.05	End of Summer Term

## NEWS AND EVENTS

### WOMAN IN BLACK

Fifty students recently paid a visit to The Fortune Theatre in London to watch The Woman in Black. Mr Kirby had suitably scared most of the students so we had quite a few with hands over faces, friends holding hands and a fair amount of screaming at appropriate moments.



The theatre itself is quite small with a sloping stage. The actors playing all the parts except for the Woman in Black were actually father and son. The play literally had us on the edge of our seats and there was a great deal to learn from the staging and lighting techniques used in the performance. Clearly midweek matinee performances are ideal for GCSE classes and we sat with some lovely students from The Ashcombe School.

### RACE TO KABBUBU DISTANCE UPDATE

Attenborough are still way ahead; this week's totals are in:-

1 <sup>st</sup> – Attenborough	598.6 miles covered
2 <sup>nd</sup> – Pankhurst	422.8 miles covered
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Owens	382.4 miles covered



## ICELAND

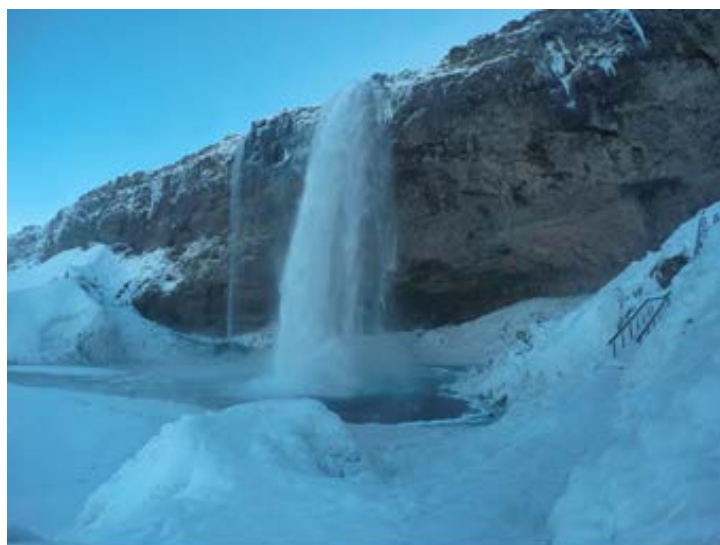


Travelling to Iceland was an unforgettable experience. It was exciting right from the beginning as we headed to the Blue Lagoon straight from the airport, via the 'all you can eat pizza' where the owner made 66 pizzas for us to try and finish! The Blue Lagoon is one of the main tourist attractions in Iceland. The geothermally heated pool lived up to our expectations, with even a hail and snow storm during our swim! That was it for the first day and we watched the amazing landscapes pass us from the coach en route to the guest house.

The next day was packed with sights to see starting with a walk around Þingvellir National Park before going to see the geysers. These are natural eruptions which were amazing to see.

We then saw the wonderful view from the spectacular Gullfoss waterfall before moving onto the Kerið Crater where we were able to walk around the perimeter of the dormant volcano.

During dinner we were wonderfully interrupted by the Northern Lights that appeared outside the window. They were a spectacle we all wanted to see so we were delighted when they were outside and we spent the whole evening looking at them.



The next day started early and we were off to Seljalandsfoss Waterfall, one of the best known waterfalls in Iceland. After taking many photos our next stop was the Eyjafjallajökull Visitors Centre. Eyjafjallajökull is one of the smaller ice caps of Iceland. The ice cap covers the crater of a volcano which last erupted in 2010. We watched a short documentary about it before going to Skógafoss Waterfall. We climbed around 412 steps to get to the top but when we got there we were rewarded with an amazing view.



We then went on a four hour glacier walk on the Black Glacier where we saw how global warming is affecting the Icelandic landscape.



To finish off an eventful day we went to Reynishverfi Beach to learn about the columnar basalt and black basalt sand. Our trip ended when we left Keflavik airport very early the next morning.



It was an unforgettable experience and we would love to go again another time.

Reported by Poppy Warley and Shanaya Boghani.

## SPORTS NEWS

### FOOTBALL

Year 8 v The Beacon School

On Tuesday 1st March a one sided football match saw the Year 8 Reigate School team beat the The Beacon School 9-0. A result that the boys have now achieved for the second time this season!

Performances from all the boys contributed to the outcome so well done all. Two league games remain against Oxted School and Warlingham School respectively, victory in both guarantees winning the league.

Good luck boys.

### FOOTBALL

Year 8 v Oxted School

This match took place at Reigate School on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March with the victor taking three points for the league and a place in the final of the district cup. The implications were huge and would make or break the losing school's season!

The game was hard fought with neither team conceding in the first half. Oxted, however, were showing signs of taking control. Reigate looked to disrupt Oxted's fancy football and contained them through to half time. Words of wisdom were needed at half time to keep the tie alive as it did appear the Reigate boys were starting to concede possession more than was acceptable.

After an accurate assessment of the state of play by Mr Simmonds-Dance and inspirational words, the boys stepped out for the second half. Containment, disruption and work rate was the philosophy and key to success. The moment would come to catch them on the break – and it did after 10 minutes with Lucas Evans breaking through and finishing superbly with his right foot.

The lead was short lived as Oxted, within 5 minutes, equalised with a very average finish down to a poor collective Reigate defence, an aspect of the game that had been exceptional throughout so far! Minutes before the end a blatant foul by the Oxted goal keeper, pulling back Dru Tunstall, should have seen the winner and a 10 man Oxted but fate had a different agenda for this match!

So at 1-1 it was straight to penalties as there had to be an outcome on the night. What drama!! Lead by the captain the penalty takers were as follows: Finn, Dru, James, Ryan and Kai. Both sides scored and missed but the outcome of the night came down to the final penalty to be taken by our pocket goal keeper – Kai. Miss and we lose, score and glory awaits...

...needless to say Reigate are now top of the league and in the final of the District Cup! On a night of incredible results – Arsenal lose, Tottenham lose, Liverpool win, Man Utd win and REIGATE SCHOOL win!

Congratulations boys and good luck in the final. Thank you to Joe Parrott for refereeing and both Liam Hunt and Harry Ross for running the line.

### NETBALL

The Year 8 netball team put in a great performance in the South Surrey Netball Shield on Tuesday 1st March. The team made a fantastic start beating The Royal Albert and Alexandra School 4-1 in their first match. Reigate School then played three home teams from Reigate Grammar School drawing the first 3-3, coming from behind to win the second 4-3 and narrowly losing the third game against the hosts, 3-2. In their final game, for the first time, Reigate lost their composure. This resulted in a 5-1 loss to The Warwick School which flattered the opposition. Eventually Reigate took 4th place in the competition with arguably their best performances of the season!



## NEWS AND EVENTS

### WORLD BOOK DAY

On Thursday 3rd March we celebrated World Book Day. All students received a £1 book voucher during an English class in week which they can use to buy one of the specially commissioned £1 World Book Day books in bookshops, or use it to set against the cost of any other book. Your local bookshops will take WBD tokens until 27th March and include WH Smith and Waterstones.

In the library the Librarian student helpers held a cake sale in aid of Book Aid International which funds new books for schools and libraries in Africa.

More fun quizzes and links can be found on [www.worldbookday.com](http://www.worldbookday.com)

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## CAREERS

### CAREERS INFORMATION AND GUIDANCE DAY



On Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> February two pupils from each Year 7 form (twenty students in total) had the opportunity to visit the University of Surrey. When we arrived we were taken into a room and seated in groups of four. There were some lovely student ambassadors on each table to help with the activities. First we learnt the differences between school and university. There are some obvious differences but some are quite surprising. Next, we played a fun board game in our group of four called 'Career Detectives' where you had to get to the middle of the board by answering questions and doing tasks. Then we had a tour around campus. While doing the quiz about the university we had help from our ambassador.

Then the most important event, lunch. We visited a little restaurant called 'Hillside' and were each given a £5 ticket to get whatever we desired. It was so delicious! After we had our lunch we came back to the room where we made posters about university. I really enjoyed this trip because it was all about teamwork and helping one another to be successful and that was the Year 7 trip to the University of Surrey!

Reported by Gemma Alstrom

### CAREERS GUIDANCE

We have a careers section on the school website with lots of information regarding college open days, apprenticeship information, up and coming events and much more. You can find it under: Academic / Options at post 16 / Careers.

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.



[www.barclayslifeskills.com](http://www.barclayslifeskills.com)



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