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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

I hope everyone enjoyed the half term break. I know that some of our students and staff had a great time in Berlin, which you can read about in this newsletter.

I would like to remind all parents and carers that next week we are holding two information and feedback events as part of our consultation about converting to an academy. These are taking place on Wednesday 11th November at 7pm and Thursday 12th November at 4.30pm. If you have any unanswered questions please do come along. You can find a list of all the questions, with answers, that have already been submitted on our school website under 'News and Events'.

Mrs Wardlow

NOTICES

With a view to becoming a paperless school we would be grateful if you could ensure we have your up to date e-mail address. Please call the office or e-mail info@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk

SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

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| YEAR 7 - | Cameron Peck for his outstanding smarties and layers of coloured sponge cake that he made for his Art project. |
| YEAR 8 - | Natasha Maynard Reeves for an outstanding performance in Hamlet at the Leatherhead Theatre. |
| YEAR 9 - | Ella George for fantastic, sustained violin performances all week in assembly. |
| YEAR 10 - | Molly Puddy for always being kind and thoughtful of others, conscientious in lessons and a positive influence on others she works with. |
| YEAR 11 - | Miles Pearce who took on the role of organising the prefects to help out at the Schools Community Concert at Reigate Baptist Church and taking control of organising today's poppy sellers at short notice and without any fuss. |

BEST ATTENDANCE

Year 7	7HSK	99%
Year 8	8BWI	100%
Year 9	9ARU	98.5%
Year 10	10RJO	97.6%
Year 11	11CFT	99.3%

Whole School Attendance 95.9%

NEWS AND EVENTS

VISIT TO IMPERIAL COLLEGE

As part of the Gifted and Talented programme students attended a collaboration event organised by Dr Seldon from Imperial College at the Easthampstead Park Conference Centre. They had the opportunity to judge scientific ideas and present prizes.



BERLIN TRIP



From the 24th to the 26th October Miss Roberts, Mr Lyle, our tour guide Trevor Brooker and nineteen students from Reigate School went to Berlin in Germany to see places and memorials dedicated to the victims and soldiers that took part in WWII and the Cold War.

With an extremely early start of 5:45am we waited for our aeroplane to take us to Germany. When we got there we got on the coach and went to our hostel which was only a five minute walk from Ostkreuz train station which was a good thing since that was to be our means of travel for the next few days. After unpacking we went on a four hour walking tour of Berlin where our tour guide took us to the memorial dedicated to the victims of war and tyranny, Humboldt University, Checkpoint Charlie, remains of the Berlin Wall, Hitler's bunker, the memorial to the murdered Jews of Europe and lastly Brandenburg Gate. After four hours of walking we rested on the train back home and then relaxed in the bar where the boys played pool.

On Sunday we woke up bright and early to get on the train to the Stasi Prison where a tour guide showed us around. She showed us how small the rooms were where the Stasi kept inmates. They didn't know where they were since the drivers who kidnapped them drove around for hours so they would lose their orientation. Also the torture methods they had were simply astonishing and horrific.



Afterwards we went to the Sachsenhausen concentration camp where living conditions were horrifying. Jews were kept and forced to do labour work for companies. In the kitchen was an array of paintings drawn by Jews which had been drawn with the juices of vegetables. We also saw the execution grounds and gas chambers within the camp. We then went to the Reichstag building where we looked out of the dome to see the spectacular views of Berlin 47m above the ground. Lastly we went to a Soviet war memorial just around the corner from the Reichstag building.

On our last day we went to the Berlin Olympic Stadium where we saw the track and equestrian fields and all the names of the champions including Jesse Owens! We had lunch there and then we went to see where the Wannsee Conference was held where they decided what to do with the 11 million Jews. We went around by ourselves since Trevor wasn't allowed to give us a tour but inside it had the original documents with their decision on what to do with 11 million lives.



On the way to Charlottenburg we stopped off at Grunewald where there was a memorial which was an old train track where they picked up Jews and took them to concentration camps. There were hundreds of white roses and stones because people laid white roses if they had relatives who died during this period of time and the rocks don't wither and die like flowers. Finally we ended the three days with some shopping in Charlottenburg and then went back to the hostel to collect our luggage and fly home. Our mums and dads were extremely happy to see us back safe and sound.

Overall I think it was a fantastic trip and I want to thank Miss Roberts for organising such an amazing trip as it must have taken a long time to prepare. If I had the opportunity to go back, I would as I learnt so much and we had a great tour guide as well.



Erin Morris from Year 11 said "Berlin was a really fun and educational trip; I loved learning about the concentration camps in more detail than in textbooks and also about the Stasi prisons. The Olympic stadium was also amazing to see in real life and learn about Jesse Owens in the Olympic Games held in Germany. The teachers on the trip were incredible and made it really enjoyable for everyone and Trevor the guide was really good at telling us whatever important information he could. To me the trip was a great opportunity to see things first hand and it's an experience I will never forget."

LUNCHTIME CAREER TALKS

Our Lunchtime Career Talks continued on 23rd October when two nurses from St Catherine's Hospice came into school to talk to interested students about their experiences. The nurses were very informative - not just about how to get into nursing but also what the realities of the job are, including hours, pay, how hard the job can be but also how challenging and rewarding. Our students asked many questions and found the session helpful and useful.



The latest lunchtime careers talk was a huge success. Russell Carless, an area manager for "Sky" came and gave a truly inspirational talk to our students. In addition to talking about his job, how he got to where he has and about the company, he was particularly enthusiastic about encouraging the students to work hard, aim high and believe in themselves. The students asked many insightful questions and left feeling energised and excited for their future. Russell has offered to come into school again and I'm hoping to arrange this for next term.

QUESTION TIME

On Thursday the 22nd October, ten students from Reigate School participated in the Reigate & Banstead Question Time event, chaired by Nicholas Owen. Three other schools were also represented at the event and there were 80 students in total! Students were given the opportunity to pose tough questions to members of the local council. These questions were based on issues of homelessness, substance misuse and obesity. After the event students were given the opportunity to vote for the panel member they felt had given the best responses to the questions.



Paul Simpson from East Surrey Hospital was the overall winner. Students were also given information on the Youth Council and how to get involved. All of the students represented the school in a mature way and were engaged in the debate. Well done George Barnsley, Hayley Turner, Elliot Hearne, Caitlin Edge, Elizabeth James, George Bisset, Daniel Pitcher, Joe Parrot, Taylor Edgar and Ethan Kew!

BACK TO THE FUTURE DAY – 21st OCTOBER 2015

In the film "Back to the Future Part II," Micheal J Fox's character Marty McFly travels to October 21, 2015, to save his children, yet to be born in "Back to the Future's" 1985. KS3 students in Science watched a presentation on this special date and were invited to predict what inventions would be discovered by the year 2030. A wide range of suggestions was made, with the majority of these linked to either transport or health.



Many students were hopeful that cures would have been found for all types of cancer, whilst others chose to focus on space travel or space holidays. Labour saving devices also proved a popular choice: Machines to prepare, cook and serve meals to order or others that could apply make-up automatically. A few even suggested machines that could do their homework or independent study!! There is now a display on view near Science Lab 1.



SPORTS NEWS

Megan Drew 9MWE has successfully gained a place in the Brighton Academy U15 football squad for girls.
Eloise Streeter 11PWR has been selected to perform at the U16 National Trampolining Championships.
Poppy Wardley 10NTR competed in the U16 National Cross Country Championships with her team finishing 8th.
Thea Wardley 10IVA and Pippa Wonders 10RJO also both competed in the same event.
Frankie Evered participated in the U13 National Cross Country Championships.

Congratulations and a huge well done to all of our Reigate School competitors.

UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday 10 th November	Girls' District Cross Country at The Royal Albert and Alexandra School
	'Pianoman' Masterclass visit to school
Thursday 12 th November	Year 10 Art and Textiles trip to The Booth Museum and Art Gallery in Brighton
Friday 13 th November	Dance trip to see The Snow Queen at The Harlequin
	Young Driver and Passenger Safety performance, "Braking Point" for Year 11