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MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY HEADTEACHER

This week in assembly the students have been reminded about the change to the school uniform policy regarding school shoes. Examples of inappropriate and appropriate footwear have been shown and they have been directed to where information can be found on the school website.

The students have also been given information regarding activities week highlighting the activity and timings for each day. Please see table below. Students will each be given a slip next week confirming their chosen activity with timings, where to meet and what to bring / wear on the day.

Mr Alexander

NOTICES

ACTIVITIES WEEK

Please see below an outline of what will be happening during activities week for each year group.

As Year 7 will be spending the week at camp, they will have their Thorpe Park trip on Thursday 14th July and their Sports Day on the afternoon of Friday 15th July.

	Monday 18 th July		Tuesday 19 th July		Wednesday 20 th July		Thursday 21 st July	Friday 22 nd July
	AM	PM	AM	PM	AM	PM		
Year 7	← Camp →							HALF DAY
Year 8	Thorpe Park		In School Activities	Sports Day	Trip to Box Hill		KIDZANIA	ALL STUDENTS FINISH AT 12:05PM
Year 9	In School Activities		Thorpe Park		In School Activities	Sports Day	ACTIVITIES	
Year 10	Careers	Sports Day	Careers	Careers	Thorpe Park			

SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Year 7	Ryan Glossop for his outstanding English poetry performance.
Year 8	Danielle Gosling for her outstandingly neat soldering in Technology.
Year 9	Paul Riley and Ben Lacey for their hard work on the Fame Jr production.
Year 10	All Year 10 prefects who helped with the Year 6 induction day and evening. They were absolutely outstanding. I have received numerous messages of praise about how helpful, friendly and polite they were to both students and parents.

BEST ATTENDANCE

Year 7	7JWH	97.1%
Year 8	8MBR	100%
Year 9	9WMO	97.9%
Year 10	10DHU	96%
Whole School Attendance 93.6%		

CARNEGIE SHADOWING GROUP TRIP TO LES MISERABLES

How many amazing experiences can 21 students and three teachers cram into one day? On Wednesday 29th June the Carnegie Shadowing group went for the record!

After braving the stormy waters of picking a train to London that actually runs (if not on time at least it went straight there) and the tube and sauntering along Oxford Street we found ourselves outside the Queen's Theatre 15 minutes early for our backstage tour. The tour began with some fascinating information about the show's costumes. We found out that they have kept all of the costumes made in 32 years of the show and when new cast members take over roles they go to a big warehouse to try on every costume worn by their predecessors – if it fits they wear it. How's that for legacy? Then they gave us the opportunity to try some on.



The latest recruits to play
Jean Valjean and Thenardier



Casting for Cossette +
Madame Thenardier



Perhaps one of these might
be the next Bishop?

They also told us that in the first act the cast have to wear all six costumes on top of each other because the changes are so quick. And if you see someone come on with a baby, it's because they didn't have time to put their costume down before going back on stage. Also every costume and wig is washed after every performance.

Then we were taken into the auditorium to find out about the history of the Queen's Theatre and what happened when it was bombed during the war, among other adventures, before being taken onto the stage.

We were shown all the little secrets about the props and scenery. The wings are tiny and the changes are so quick that everything has to be really well organised - but we can't show you any of that because pictures are not allowed. At the end they let us have our picture taken on stage so long as we had the auditorium behind us not the set!



That was just the first hour. Next we were whisked off to another theatre down the road for a Workshop. This was amazing because it really brought to life the emotions and lives of the people portrayed in the show and how focused the actors have to be all the time so that we believe that they actually are the character they are playing. The actors can't use too many props because of the pace of the show, so lots of their acting is mimed meaning you really have to think about what you are pretending to be holding to make it look real. How heavy is it? How hard will you throw something? What sort of recoil will a gun have when you fire it and how will you reload it?

CARNEGIE SHADOWING GROUP TRIP (continued)

In one hour we tried out the same bonding exercises a new cast uses to get to know each other quickly, how to show our character by just standing up, how to create interesting shapes and levels to portray a barricade, how to fight and die in slow motion (just like they do in the show) and we performed our own version of the barricade scene with music, costumes and props.



Finally, after lunch we were in the audience to see an outstanding matinee performance that required lots of tissues to mop up the tears and earned the cast a standing ovation. Is that enough or should we go for more next year?

“To be able to stand on the stage was sensational.” - Daniel Pitcher

“There was an Australian tyrant who was amazing.” - Sophie Sills

“The suicide scene was incredibly well done and I hope to do such an amazing scene myself.” - Georgia Davies

“The workshop was fabulous, it was so amazing, I feel so happy.” - Benji Carter

“Trying on costumes from the show was amazing and the woman who showed us around was very friendly. The workshop was emotionally harrowing, but extremely interesting. It changed the way I saw the story forever. The show was everything I had hoped for and more, I just want to watch it again and again (and hopefully I will).” - Harriet Grey

FAME

Over 70 students took part in Fame Jr at the Harlequin Theatre on Thursday 30th June and Friday 1st July. The three performances were shown to approximately 1,000 people and, as always, the students were a credit to the school. The acting, singing and dancing were of a superb standard and the audience members were incredibly positive about the show with some excellent reviews. Well done all and I look forward to next year!



M Kirby - Head of Performing Arts



On the 30th June and the 1st July, months and months of preparation had finally come to an end. It was time for FAME Jr. We arrived at The Harlequin Theatre early on Thursday and had a frantic morning of set building and rehearsals. We met the technical crew from The Harlequin, Mark, Rodney and Fergus an ex-student from Reigate School. Then it was time for lunch at McDonald's or Sainsbury's which was a hit for all students whilst they prepared themselves for the evening performance. It was a brilliant performance from all involved with a few tweaks needed but nothing that couldn't be resolved the next day.



FAME (continued)



Friday morning came around after what felt like only five minutes of sleep! It's a good job we finished earlier this year than last year! It was obvious by looking at everyone that it was going to be a long day but after the get-in in the morning (and coffee!) everyone was back to normal again. Off to the park for lunch then a quick return to get everyone ready for the matinee performance in front of primary schools, a preparation for the big Friday evening show a couple of hours later.

After the final show, Mrs Wardlow came on to the stage to congratulate all the students and everyone involved; highly complimenting staff and theatre technicians for their commitment to the show.

So that was it - two days of full-on action and stage lighting genius, making new friendships and showcasing each person's individual talents.

A massive thanks to all main cast members, acting students, music students, dance students and the gospel choir. Thank you to all the stage crew who give up their time with hardly any recognition. Also to the tech team, working hours upon hours to compile every change of light you see and don't even notice on stage. Thank you to all staff who have put in hours of tireless work whether it's directing or even painting all of the set.

Most importantly thank you to everyone who came to watch and support the show. Without the audience there would be no point, apart from the sheer enjoyment!

Reported by Ben Lacey



NEWS AND EVENTS

BOTTLE ROCKETS



On Wednesday 29th June a group of Year 8 students and their parents came into school to tackle a Science challenge. Mr Pratt and Mrs Corder challenged them to design a bottle rocket that was capable of launching an egg as high into the sky as possible and returning it safely without breaking. The students and their parents had an hour to turn a 2 litre bottle into a rocket and design a method of getting the egg back to earth safely. There were a wide range of designs including fins, wings, nose cones and parachutes.



Once the hour was up the group went outside (in the rain!!) to launch their rockets using water and a bike pump. Many launches and broken eggs later Danielle Pearse and her mum emerged victorious with a completely un-scrambled egg. Congratulations also goes to Emily Harkin and mum, Joshua Peck and dad and Joshua Reed and mum for their excellent designs.

SPORTS NEWS

TOUCH RUGBY



A combination of Year 7 & 8 boys and girls took part in a summer touch rugby tournament against four other local teams at Reigate RFC last Friday. This is the last game that they will get to play this year ahead of the new season starting in September. With some debuts from a number of players (including Dru "I scored two touchdowns" Tunstall) it was going to be an interesting afternoon!!

The Year 8 boys' captain evenly split the boys into two teams ready for the games. All three teams played some great rugby with the girls being coached by two of our Year 9 squad, China and Lauren! Both boys' teams won games, however the 'B' team were overall champions winning every game except for their last one which was against Reigate 'A' team. What a battle this game was, it was personal and no mercy was taken by either team. The end result was a fair draw! It was a great afternoon which was enjoyed by all and a great way to end our year of rugby.

UPCOMING DATES

Monday 11 th July	Water sports at Mercers Lake Year 10 Prefects meal at Pizza Express, Reigate
Tuesday 12 th July	9WMO form trip to Smith & Western, Crawley
Wednesday 13 th July	9DGI BBQ at Reigate School
Thursday 14 th July	8JPR form trip to Prezzo, Reigate
Friday 15 th July	Year 7 Thorpe Park trip Year 7 Sports Day (pm)

CAREERS

LAUNCH OF SURREY'S NEW 'YOUR NEXT MOVE' PORTAL

Surrey County Council is launching a new portal which provides young people, parents and professionals with a wealth of information about the options available to young people upon leaving school. The portal outlines the different forms of participation that enable young people who are 16+ to meet their duty to participate in line with the Raising the Participation Age legislation.



You can find information about studying, apprenticeships, traineeships, supported internships, employment, volunteering and much, much more.

Some of the features of the portal include:

- An FAQ section for parents and young people
- Interactive post-16 provider maps
- A news and events section
- Participation information for those with SEND.

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 Your Next Move portal can help!

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.

LifeSkills
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www.barclayslifeskills.com

 **Apprenticeships**

www.apprenticeships.org.uk

 **allaboutTM**
school leavers

www.allaboutschoolleavers.co.uk

 **notgoingtouni.co.uk**

www.notgoingtouni.co.uk

 **icould**

www.icould.com