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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This is the final newsletter of the year. Thank you to all parents, students and staff who have supported the school and worked so hard this year.

We say goodbye and good luck to the following members of staff: Ms Khouchane, Miss Theodosiou, Miss Barber, Mrs Rossetti, Mr Pointer, Ms Eversden, Mr Lyle, Mr Pratt, Mrs Ruth and Mrs Marshall.

We wish you all a safe and happy summer break.

Mrs Wardlow

NOTICES

Mufti day today raised £901.13 which will be split between SANDS and The Quicken Trust charities. Thank you!

SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Year 7	All those who went on camp.
Year 8	Kayleigh Burchett for all her help during the Year 9 Sports Day.
Year 9	Daisi Parker and Lucy Walker for their performance in the last assembly.
Year 10	The entire year group for how well they did on the Careers Day held by Barclays Bank. They were a credit to the school.

BEST ATTENDANCE

Year Group Annual Attendance

Year 7	96.34%
Year 8	95.98%
Year 9	94.31%
Year 10	94.24%
Year 11	94.94%

2016 – 2017 TERM DATES

START TIMES ARE AS FOLLOWS

Year 7 - Monday 5th September 11:45am (3pm finish as normal)
Years 8, 9 10 and 11 - Tuesday 6th September 08:45am (3pm finish as normal)

AUTUMN TERM 2016

Start of term	Half term	End of term
See above	24 th – 28 th October 2016	16 th December 2016

SPRING TERM 2017

Start of term	Half term	End of term
3 rd January 2017	13 th – 17 th February 2017	31 st March 2017

SUMMER TERM 2017

Start of term	Half term	End of term
18 th April 2017	29 th May – 2 nd June 2017	21 st July 2017

INSET DAYS FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2016 - 2017

29th September, 19th December, 20th December, 21st December and 30th June

END OF YEAR REVIEWS

YEAR 7

It has been an exciting, action packed year for Year 7. It only seems like yesterday that they nervously walked into the Hall proudly wearing their new uniforms. Throughout the year, Year 7 has participated in numerous events and activities from form trips to enrichment activities and fundraising events, such as the 'Bake Off' at Christmas. Particular highlights of the year have been the opportunity to celebrate the successes of some of the year group at the Key Stage Three Celebration in May, the 'Winter Wonderland' themed Christmas disco, Thorpe Park and Year 7 Camp.



Year 7 Camp provided an excellent opportunity for students to develop their friendships and work together as a team and they were wonderful to be with. I am very proud of the achievements, successes and friendships that have been formed over the year, which would not have been possible without the help and continued support of the parents and carers. I wish you all a very relaxing summer.

Mrs Palmer

YEAR 8

What a great end to an extraordinary year. I have once again had the pleasure of watching each and every student mature throughout the year and make those big decisions as to what GCSE option they were going to choose. I am so proud of the way in which they dealt with this and look forward to starting their new journey with them in September.



We have had a lot of fun this year with the return of Masterchef, student showcases such as Come Dine with Me and Bottle Rockets, where parents had the opportunity to interact with students within the school setting, and not forgetting our charity event Race to Kabbubu. We have had an abundance of achievement points, positive postcards home and Surrey University visits to prove how hard Year 8 have worked over the year.

Unfortunately, we have to say goodbye to Mr Pratt. I am sure that both students and parents are as disappointed as I am as he has been an asset to the year group and such a key member of staff in supporting me with anything that the year group has thrown my way. We wish you all the best of luck in your new school, home and your upcoming new role of being a father.

Whilst I am saddened by Mr Pratt's departure, I am pleased to have two new assistant heads of year starting in September. I would like to welcome Mrs Morris and Mr Brown to the team and I look forward to starting Year 9 with them. Thank you Year 8s and well done. I'm looking forward to another memorable and successful year in Year 9.

Mrs Corder

YEAR 9

It has been a busy time for Year 9 since September 2015. All the students have now selected their option subjects leading into Year 10 and now have some idea of the challenges which await them. In spite of this tumultuous time however, the year have illustrated both enthusiasm and effort in producing their own individual Form Assemblies which were performed in front of their peers. I was impressed with both the standard of the presentations, along with the mature and sometimes profound choice of themes. I was further impressed by the support the students gave to each other as they worked within a team. There have also been some memorable solo performances in both the school productions, end of Key Stage Three celebrations and our Main Hall Assemblies.



Many of the students have put their own time and energy into supporting our many charities; indeed some have set up their own charities. Many of the forms have also enjoyed their own individual trips and it is clear they are supported by a dedicated and caring group of form tutors second to none.

All of the above are just a snapshot of a busy year, of which one of the highlights was the magnificently staged end of Key Stage Three awards to which parents and carers were invited. The competitive and enjoyable sports afternoon crowned off a pleasant end to the year.

I hope to have left the group better prepared than they were at the beginning and wish them well for the study challenges of Year 10 and beyond.

Mr Milligan

END OF YEAR REVIEWS

YEAR 10

Our year group has had a very successful year with many achievements and highlights both academically and through extra-curricular activities. I have been most impressed by the mature approach that has been taken towards the new GCSE courses, the first term in particular was very positive and a huge improvement in attitude from Year 9.



I very much enjoyed watching the recent school production of the musical show Fame Jr. There were so many Year 10 students involved, with many of the lead roles and performances filled by our year group; so much talent on display! I was also present at the Governors' meal which was cooked entirely by Year 10 catering students. The food was of the highest standard and I particularly enjoyed the Eton Mess dessert. There have been numerous trips and excursions away. I was lucky enough to go to Iceland with many of the Geography students, glacier walking and visiting the Blue Lagoon are some of the amazing experiences I'm sure they will never forget.

Sporting highlights include the boys' football team who reached the quarter final of the County Cup, beating a very talented Oasis team which included numerous academy players. The girls' cross country team was once again District Champion beating off strong competition from Reigate Grammar School, Dunottar School and Woldingham School.

In March, following a thorough application process, we appointed six outstanding students to lead our year group. Many staff have commented on what a strong team we have. Joe and Jess have made an excellent start, with Imogen, Thea, Oscar and Adam ably assisting them with all tasks that have been thrown their way. The appointed senior prefects and prefects have shown great maturity, in particular their involvement with the Year 6 Induction Day and the confidence shown when interacting with both the new students and their parents.

I am extremely proud of my year group and I'm confident they will all be excellent role models to the rest of the school as they take on the challenges of Year 11.

Mr Strachan

YEAR 11

It has been a busy and very important year for the Year 11 cohort. In the Autumn term students had to make their decisions about Post-16 education with applications and interviews taking place at Reigate and East Surrey Colleges and then came the mock exams!



Preparations for the GCSEs began in earnest in January with additional sessions being put on for students before, during and after school – this was a theme that carried right on through and was well attended throughout.

There were many trips that involved the Year 11 students this year, including the inaugural Berlin visit for History, Iceland with the Geography department and the New York Performing Arts trip at Easter. Many students and parents also attended The Royal Alexandra & Albert School for their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award celebration evening.

The Exams period kicked off in May as did the beginning of the Year 11 celebration events. May 20th saw a very well attended Celebration Ceremony in the marquee where students got the chance to reflect on their time at Reigate School, enjoy some fantastic musical performances and collect a range of Subject and Head of Year awards.

Friday 24th June saw, for many, the conclusion of five years at Reigate School and what better way to mark this than the Year 11 Prom, held at Epsom Racecourse. Thankfully the weather held out and it was a pleasure to see so many students in their suits and prom dresses arriving in a wide range of vintage, modern and unusual vehicles! A thoroughly enjoyable evening ensued although I wasn't quite as keen as the students to strut my stuff on the dancefloor!

It has been an absolute pleasure to take the year group through their GCSEs and see so many develop into well-rounded young men and women. Their leaving also coincides with my departure from Reigate School after three years, but I feel it's a fitting way to go.

I wish everyone an enjoyable summer break and the very best wishes for a successful future – I hope to see lots of smiling faces on results day!

Mr Lyle

YEAR 7 CAMP (sneak preview – full report in September)



SPORTS NEWS

WATER SPORTS AT MERCERS LAKE



OTHER NEWS

UK MATHS CHALLENGE

Earlier this year 100 Year 7 and 8 students from Reigate School took part in the UK Maths Challenge. This paper is organised by the UK Mathematics Trust and thousands of mathematicians from across the country take part. It is a one-hour multiple choice paper requiring the use of logic as well as mathematical understanding.

The top 40% of students nationally receive a Gold, Silver or Bronze certificate (7% Gold, 13% Silver and 20% Bronze). Of the Year 7 and 8 students that took part from Reigate School 8% received Gold, 9%, Silver and 21% Bronze with the highest score being achieved by Joshua Young from Year 8 with 109 out of 135.

Following this, the top students from across the country are invited to take part in further rounds of the competition and two of our students were successful in reaching this high standard. Gregor Fowler and Joshua Young both received Gold certificates in the first round and then went on to obtain certificates in the second round with Joshua obtaining a particularly high score of 118 out of 135 and so receiving a Certificate of Merit.

If you want to have a go at some of the questions from the second round, please look at the UKMT website for the Kangaroo Maths Challenges.

Here are some typical questions:-

1) Easier question.

Joey calculated the sum of the largest and smallest two-digit numbers that are multiples of three. Zoë calculated the sum of the largest and smallest two-digit numbers that are not multiples of three. What is the difference between their answers? A 2 B 3 C 4 D 5 E 6

2) Difficult question.

The lengths of three adjacent sides of a quadrilateral are equal. The angle between the first and second of these sides is 60 degrees and the angle between the second and third of these sides is 100 degrees. What is the largest angle of the quadrilateral? A 130° B 140° C 145° D 150° E 160°. (Clue: you need to know about the properties of equilateral and isosceles triangles).

If your child is interested in attempting more of these types of challenges then please tell them to speak to Mrs Mayo in the Maths Department.

Answers B and A

OTHER NEWS

JOB VACANCY AT REIGATE SCHOOL

One to One Classroom Support and Small Groups
(27.5 hours per week, 5.5 per day, term time only)
S4 – Actual £10,684 – FTE £16,407

We wish to appoint someone to join our excellent Learning Support Department to assist students with a variety of needs in the classroom. There would be a mixture of one to one and small group work.

We are looking for someone who is patient and understanding of teenagers. Experience of ASD would be ideal, but full training could be given to the right candidate.

Reigate School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children.
An enhanced DBS check will be required.

Further details and application forms can be found on the website
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Please apply as soon as possible.

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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.



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