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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

A very warm welcome to the first newsletter of the school year, I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer.

It has been lovely seeing all of the students this week; our new Year 7s seem to be settling in well and the rest of the school has returned in a positive fashion, ready to learn.

In August the vast majority of last year's Year 11 students were celebrating their GCSE results. They worked extremely hard and the staff are very proud of them for their achievements. I am particularly pleased with how well the whole cohort performed in their maths examinations. 70% achieved A*-C grade in both English and maths with 53 students, (21%), achieving 5 or more A* and A grades. This is extremely impressive and a great indication of high quality teaching and hard-working students. Well done to the whole cohort, they are an inspiration to our current students and I wish them continued success for the future.

Mrs Wardlow



SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Year 7	Harvey Merry for being very resilient and having a great end to the week.
Year 8	Jack Graham for making excellent and thoughtful contributions in lessons.
Year 9	Daniel Blundell for doing a great job of looking after a new student.
Year 10	Daniella Wilkinson for a positive start to form and English.
Year 11	Katie Lapsley who worked tirelessly at the Year 7 Summer School over the holidays helping with the transition of the new students. She was great representative of her year group and school.

Year 7	7LWA, 7PWR, 7DSA, 7SMI, 7JMA, 7MDA, 7LJE, 7AJU, 7ESA, 7ALU, 7ESA, 7ALU, 7LJA	100%
Year 8	8JWH	100%
Year 9	9VRA	100%
Year 10	10GFO, 10DSM	100%
Year 11	11SHA	100%

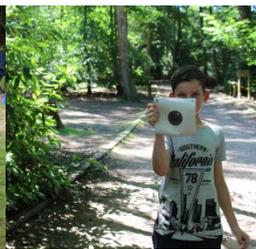
Whole School Attendance 97.2%

YEAR 7 CAMP



During the scorching last few days of term, Year 7 descended upon Bentley Copse Campsite in Shere for an action packed, team building experience. It was wonderful to see the students working together in their forms to attempt to build their tents, even if some looked rather precarious by the time that they had finished!

Each day was filled with an array of different activities including go-carting, climbing, confidence courses, camp building and even a zip wire. Each activity encouraged the students to work together as a team and really helped to boost their confidence and encouraged the important life skills of perseverance and determination. It was brilliant to see the students in a different environment and also an excellent chance for the students to expand their friendship groups too.



The staff were amazed at the number of chefs that we have within the year group and in a few of the camps the students took complete charge of the cooking and prepared and cooked some delicious dishes. Students made the most of the intense heat with numerous water fights and opportunities to be soaked by water during the different activities.

The students were an absolute pleasure to be with, very polite and great fun and I know that the staff and prefects on camp, who worked incredibly hard to make the experience as enjoyable as possible for the students, were very impressed with the behaviour and enthusiasm of the students. It was a wonderful way for Year 7 to end their first year at Reigate School and I'm sure that they will have fond memories of camp in years to come.

"Kids were great! They were well behaved and certainly looked as though they were enjoying themselves." - Mrs Carr.

Mrs Palmer



NEWS AND EVENTS

HARRY POTTER STUDIO TOUR



During activities week 35 students attended the Harry Potter Studios Tour trip. This trip has been running for over five years and the tour within the studios is getting better and better. With the sets continuously changing, students saw the Hogwarts Express, went inside number 4 Privet Drive and my personal favourite Hogwarts Castle. The students were absolutely brilliant on this trip and a credit to their parents and the school.

Mr Mohan
Performing Arts Department

"It was a fun day out" - Jessica Lown
"It was really overwhelming" - Ffion Jones
"An amazing experience never gets old" - Benji Carter
"There's something new every year, it's brilliant" Kiri Stewart-Whyte



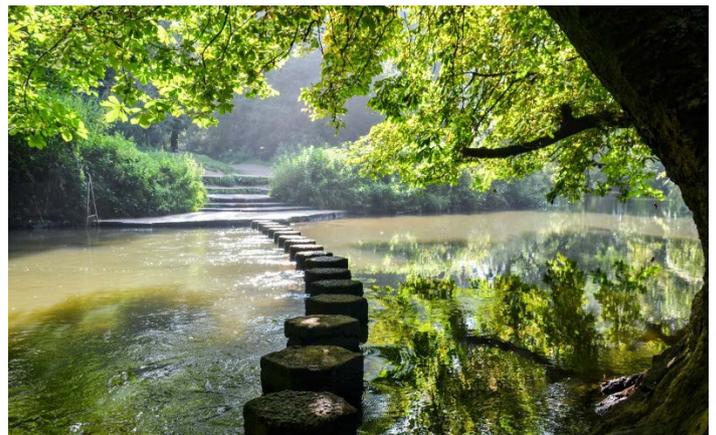
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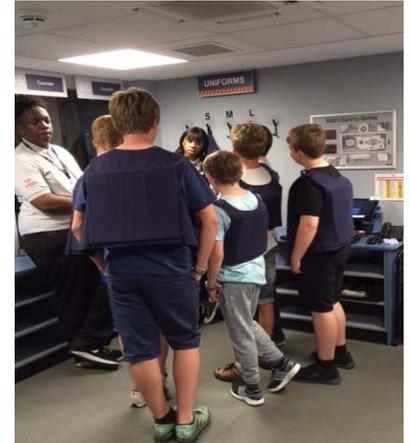
BOX HILL

I am so proud of the Year 8's who all managed to walk up and down Boxhill on a very hot day and with little moaning or twisted ankles! They were a pleasure to take out for the day.

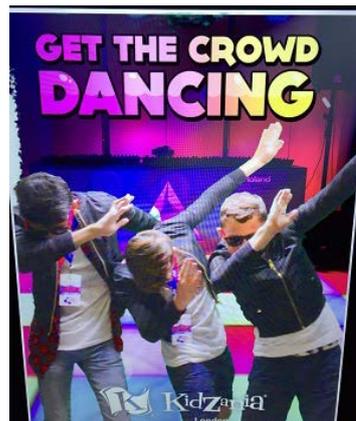
Thank you so much to all the parents who lift shared, we couldn't have made the trip a free day out without your help and it is greatly appreciated!

Mrs Powell
Humanities





During activities week 240 Year 8 students were taken to Westfield Shopping Centre to visit Kidzania. Kidzania is a huge “city” full of different businesses and places where they can “work” and earn Kidzos (money which they can then spend in the Kidzania department store). The students had the opportunity to work in a hospital, dentist, estate agent, hotel, TV studios, plus many many more. British Airways sponsored an area where they could have a go on a flight simulator or try their hand at being cabin crew. They could make Innocent smoothies, design their own cereal bar or have a try at the Cadbury chocolate factory. The emergency services were popular as there was an explosion in the hotel and it caught fire. The fire services were called and the students operated the water hoses while the police cordoned off the area and the ambulance crews and paramedics tended to the injured. This happened once every half hour or so!



Kidzania has its own University where the students could study for a degree in Engineering or Medicine. Once they had their degree and went to work, in either the hospital or with the Formula 1 racing team, their pay increased. Our students really appreciated the freedom of being able to try so many different jobs. I hope it has made them think of what they enjoyed the most and what they may want to pursue as a career in the future.



SUMMER SCHOOL



During the week commencing 15th August, 25 incoming Year 7 students attended Summer School. This is the fourth summer school that has taken place and it was a brilliant week. The aim is to further familiarise students with the school and also to get to know other students before they start. In addition to this we focus on important literacy and numeracy skills and there is an emphasis on teamwork. Activities range from writing a letter, making cupcakes, visiting the University of Surrey, climbing, trampolining, drama, dance, singing, archery, quad biking and many more.



At the end of the week we all sat down with parents to a wonderful cream tea. A number of visiting companies said that this was such a lovey group of students, so those of you who were there, our expectations of you are high! I would like to say a big thank you to all the staff who worked during the week and to all the "backstage staff" Mrs Carr, Mrs Grew and Mrs Smith who made sure everyone was fed and looked after during the break times. Also a thank you to Mrs Gill for all the administration beforehand. This year we were able to offer some subsidised places by the award of a grant from Councillor Barbara Thompson. I am sure those who benefitted are extremely grateful for the opportunity to attend.



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CAMOUFLAGE PAINTING

During Activities week the students tried camouflage painting. They began the work by making a large scale painting on paper. They then used face paints to camouflage their hands and arms into the work and presented it photographically.

It was a really relaxing and fun thing to work on and the results were brilliant as you can see!

Mrs Wilson
Art Department



OTHER NEWS

NEW YORK! NEW YORK! NEW YORK!

Advance notice of Performing Arts trip 2018

This will be our fourth time to The Big Apple and I would like to give parents and students plenty of time to think about this fabulous trip.

The trip will be available to students who will be in Year 10 and Year 11 in 2018. They should be taking a performing arts subject in school, but we are also happy to consider students who have a keen interest in performing arts outside of school.

It is an action packed few days with sightseeing, drama, musical theatre, workshops and a Broadway show. We will be giving out letters over the next few weeks in order to gauge interest.

Mrs Hill



(Photo taken outside Macys on 2016's New York Trip)



NEWS AND EVENTS

DANCE SUCCESS

The Performing Arts department are pleased to announce that an ex-student has successfully gained entry into Stella Mann Performing Arts - a specialist training institution for those who want to perform as a career. Megan Howell studied Dance, Drama and Music at Reigate School in the form of BTEC Performing Arts. Since then she has gone on to study various subjects including Dance at Reigate College and she is now on her final step of gaining her dream career after successfully auditioning for the professional training college. Megan told us when she entered year ten that she wanted to be a dancer and that she would work as hard as she possibly could to make it happen. We are very proud of all she has achieved and hope this proves as evidence to all students that if they put their minds to something they too can achieve their goals with hard work.

Miss Vasey
Dance

OTHER NEWS

MUSIC AWARDS

At the end of last year 22 students took part in examinations for Musical Theatre and Rockschool which covers contemporary and popular music.



There were some fantastic results with many distinctions and merits. Anna Clink scored an impressive 92 out of 100 for her Grade 6 Musical Theatre while Zac Hammond gained an impressive 94 out of 100 for Grade 5 Rockschool.

For this term we have two amazing singing teachers to take over from Ms AmyBeth Smith. Ms Melanie Crouch will be teaching on a Monday. Melanie has tremendous experience in the industry having taught at Italia Conti and other well-known theatre schools. Luke Osborne will teach on a Friday. Luke has performed professionally and teaches at Laine Theatre Arts School in Epsom four days a week. If you would like your child to have lessons please let us know. The cost is £15 per half hour lesson. All enquiries to c.gill@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk. If you would like your child to have lessons but funding is an issue, please let Mrs Gill know as we can share lessons or subsidise families with low incomes.

JOB VACANCIES

TEACHING ASSISTANT VACANCY AT DOVERS GREEN

Due to unforeseen circumstances, we have an opportunity for the right person to join our friendly, hardworking and committed staff working as Teaching Assistants.

You should be a strong team player, have excellent interpersonal skills and a great sense of fun and warmth when working with children. Dovers Green is a popular, expanding infant school that was judged outstanding by Ofsted in April 2009. It is a designated Teaching School and is part of the South East Surrey Teaching School Alliance. The other five members are Holmesdale Infant School, Reigate Priory Junior School, Reigate School, Reigate Valley College and Reigate College.

The successful candidates will be required to work 29.17 hours each week, including lunchtime, term time only. This is a fixed term contract ending July 2017. The actual salary range is between £10,465 - £12,050 (dependent on experience) based on 38.6 weeks per year.

The closing date for applications is: noon on Thursday 22 September 2016.
Shortlisted candidates will be invited for interview on Tuesday 27 September 2016.

More information on how to apply, including the application form and full job description, is available on our website www.dovers-green.surrey.sch.uk

To arrange for an appointment to visit, please telephone the school office on 01737 245 515.

All applications should be addressed to the Headteacher, Dovers Green School, Rushetts Road, Reigate, Surrey RH2 7RF and accompanied by a covering letter stating your reasons why you feel you are a suitable candidate. Alternatively, your letter and application form can be emailed in a single file to head@dovers-green.surrey.sch.uk

Please quote the job title and reference number **Eteach/080916** .

BARCLAYS LIFE SKILLS CAREERS DAY

During the last week of term an amazing team of 30 staff from all areas within Barclays descended on Reigate School to conduct a whole day of Careers and Lifeskills workshops. There were five workshops that each student in Year 10 had the opportunity to attend which consisted of Team Building, Debt Education, Mock Interview, Fraud Awareness and CV Writing.

In particular the students found the mock interview very helpful. They had to attend school in clothing they thought appropriate for an interview and were each asked five questions from an extensive list that they were given beforehand which enabled them to prepare and think about their answers in advance. Students were given written feedback from their interviewer which gave them praise and pointers on their answers, body language, eye contact and appearance.



The CV writing workshop taught them how to put a professional looking CV together, what it should include and what employers are looking for. The team building exercise was great fun. In small groups they had to design a fragrance, decide how they were going to market it and present their ideas to the rest of the groups and Barclays staff.

The students were very interested in the fraud awareness workshop. They were surprised by the many ways that fraudsters will try and get information in order to take their money and were given advice on how to prevent this from happening to them. Debt Education was a very useful workshop for students to understand the different types of loans and how to avoid getting into debt that could cause them difficulties in the future.

Although this event took place on the hottest day of the year so far, the students were fully engaged and participated enthusiastically. The Barclays staff were extremely impressed and commented that they would have offered several of our students a job on the spot had that been possible. It was a really worthwhile day and I would like to thank all the Barclays staff who came along and shared their expertise with our students.

Mrs Grew
Exams/Careers Officer



CHOICES, COURSES, CAREERS

We were fortunate to have the Higher Education Outreach Network Coordinator and a Student Ambassador from the University of Surrey come in to deliver a talk to our Year 10 students last term on the benefits of going to University. They talked to our students about different pathways, what a university can offer and the careers that having a degree could enable them to access. Our students were given top tips and good sources of information on choosing subjects, careers and the importance of getting work experience.

Mrs Grew
Exams/Careers Officer

CAREERS

SURREY'S NEW 'YOUR NEXT MOVE' PORTAL

Surrey County Council has launched 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.



www.barclayslifeskills.com



www.apprenticeships.org.uk



www.allaboutschooleavers.co.uk



www.notgoingtouni.co.uk



www.icould.com

2016 – 2017 TERM DATES

AUTUMN TERM 2016

Start of term	Half term	End of term
5 th /6 th September	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

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS THIS TERM

	Activity	Time	Year Group(s)	Location	Contact For More Details
Any Day	Independent Study	before/after school (till 5pm)	All Years	LRC	Mrs Sullivan – Librarian
	Art Club	lunchtime – every day after-school - Mon-Thurs	All Years	N3	Any member of Art Dept
	PE GCSE Support	3:15pm – 4:15pm	11 - To be agreed with PE mentor	P1	Any member of the PE Dept
	French Independent study	3:15pm – 4:15pm	All Years	4	Miss Chandler – MFL Dept
Monday	Media Studies - GCSE	3.00pm – 4.00pm	10	T7	Mr Ashfold – English Dept
	Model United Nations	3:10pm – 4:10pm	All Years	T8	Mr Smith, Mrs Woodcock
	Spanish Independent study	3:15pm – 4:15pm	All Years	3	Miss Forrest – MFL Dept
	Advanced Reading Group	3:05pm – 4:05pm	Invitation only	T11	Miss Williamson – English Dept
Tuesday	Basketball	3:15pm – 4:15pm	All Years	G3	Any member of the PE Dept
	Computer Club	3:00pm – 4:00pm	All Years	A4	Mr Hollands – ICT Dept
	Creative Writing	lunchtime	7	T10	Ms Marvin – English Dept
	Dance – Catch Up	3.15pm – 4.15pm	9, 10 & 11	D2	Miss Vasey – Performing Arts Dept
	Drama Coursework (when required)	3:00pm – 4:00pm	10 & 11	LRC –TBC	Mr Kirby – Performing Arts Dept
	MFL Independent study	3:15pm – 4:15pm	All Years	5	Miss Lopez Guerra – MFL Dept
	Netball	3:15pm – 4:15pm	All Years	Courts	Any member of the PE Dept
	Philosophy	3:05pm – 3:50pm	All Years	9	Mr Marsh – RE Dept
	Table Tennis	3:15pm – 4:15pm	All Years	G1	Any member of the PE Dept
	Carnegie Shadowing	3.15pm – 4.15pm	All Years	T8	Mrs S Scotton – English Dept
	Reigate School Choir	3:15pm – 4:15pm	All Years	MU2	Mrs Ranft– Performing Arts Dept
	Flamenco/ Spanish Dance	3:15pm – 4:00pm	All Years	D2	Miss Lopez – MFL Dept
	Football (Boys & Girls)	3:15pm - 4:15pm	All Years	Astro	Any member of the PE Dept
	<i>French Cookery (TBC)</i>	<i>3.15pm – 4:14pm</i>	<i>All Years</i>	<i>Food Tech</i>	<i>Miss Lane, Miss Salton – MFL Dept</i>
	Handball	3:15pm - 4:15pm	All Years	Courts	Any member of the PE Dept
	Media Studies GCSE	3.00pm - 4.00pm	9	T7	Mr Ashfold – English Dept
	Trampolining	3:15pm – 4:15pm	All Years	G3	Any member of the PE Dept
	Ukulele Club	lunchtime	7, 8 & 9	MU2	Mrs Ranft – Music Dept
	Young Engineers	3:00pm – 4:00pm	7,8 & 9 (Invitation Only)	P2	Mr. Sanders – D&T Dept
	Thursday	Badminton	3:15pm – 4:15pm	All Years	G1
French Independent study		3:15pm – 4:15pm	All Years	4	Mr Hollands – MFL Dept
Gymnastics		3:15pm - 4:15pm	All Years	G2	Any member of the PE Dept
Hockey		3:15pm - 4:15pm	All Years	Astro	Any member of the PE Dept
Rugby		3:15pm - 4:15pm	7, 8 & 9	Field	Any member of the PE Dept
Spanish Independent study		3:15pm – 4:15pm	All Years	3	Miss Forrest – MFL Dept
Table Top Games		3:05pm – 4:00pm	All Years	9	Mr Kavanagh/ Mr Marsh
Tech Elec		3:00pm – 4:00pm	All Years	T4	Miss Ackerley – D&T Dept
Vivacious Dance		Lunchtime	7, 8 & 9	D2	Miss Vasey – Performing Arts Dept
Shakespeare Othello -until nov		3:00pm – 4:30pm	8 & 9	D1, D2, MU2 and Hall	Mr Kirby, Mr Jones, Mrs Ranft– Performing Arts
NO CLUBS ON FRIDAYS					