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MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY HEADTEACHER

This week Reigate School held its first Information Evening for Year 7 parents. It was very well attended and we hope that parents who came found it a useful event. There are two further evenings planned for the remainder of the school; Years 8 and 9 on Thursday 6th October and Years 10 and 11 on Thursday 13th October.

Staff and students have been busy this week preparing for the school's Open Evening next Thursday 29th September; it is amazing how quickly this event comes around each year. If you are aware of any friends or family who would be interested in visiting with a view to their child joining Reigate School it is a good opportunity to look around the school and meet staff and current students. The evening will run from 5:30pm to 8pm with Mrs Wardlow addressing parents at 6pm, 6:45pm and 7:30pm.

Mr Alexander

SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Year 7	Luis Alves for having a helpful attitude towards staff, other students and the school environment.
Year 8	Zara Jenkins and Elizabeth Williamson who have been selected to play rugby for the Surrey County Team.
Year 9	Danielle Gosling for going above and beyond in ensuring homework is completed even after lots of hiccups!
Year 10	Megan Drew for a superb start to the year especially in English.
Year 11	Brooke James for working hard in every Dance lesson without fail.

THIS WEEK'S COMMENDATION AWARDS

We have introduced a commendation award competition. Each week the form that collectively earns the most commendations within their year group will be published in the newsletter and receive a contribution towards a form activity. As there was no newsletter last week we have published both last week and this week's results below:

	Last week's winners	This week's winners
Year 7	7SMI	7BSD
Year 8	8VWI	8MTH
Year 9	9BWI	9EWL
Year 10	10GFO	10MRO
Year 11	11RJO	11SHA

BEST ATTENDANCE

Year 7	7BSD, 7PWR, 7DSA, 7SMI, 7JMA, 7MDA, 7AFO, 7JSO, 7LJE, 7AJU, 7ESA, 7LJA, 7SCA	100%
Year 8	8MGE	98.9%
Year 9	9BWI	98.8%
Year 10	10JWI	100%
Year 11	11CHA	97.2%

Whole School Attendance 96.2%

NOTICES

SKI TRIP 2018



We are now taking bookings for the 2018 Ski Trip. It takes place from Saturday 31st March to Saturday 7th April 2018 in Passo Tonale, Italy. A deposit will be required by the end of the month and payment can be made monthly.

The real beauty of this area in the Val di Sole is the reliability of the snow. Passo Tonale is a high-altitude ski resort with a great snow record, extensive snowmaking facilities and a glacier, making it an excellent choice for an early or late ski tour. Suitable for all grades of skier, with long and varied pistes, Passo Tonale has been a popular choice for schools for many years.

If you are interested, please pick up a letter from Student Services.

INDIA'S TRAVELS WITH THE NATIONAL YOUTH HARP ORCHESTRA

During the summer break I had the amazing opportunity to go to Budapest on a harp tour with the National Youth Harp Orchestra of Great Britain. I was very excited as this was my first time travelling abroad without my parents. When we arrived at Budapest airport it was super hot and I couldn't wait to get through security so that I could see what was beyond the cement walls. Eventually we took a coach to our hotel and unpacked before going to the hotel café for tea.

The next day we had a four hour tour by coach but luckily we had a break in between and saw the two cities of Buda and Pest from the best viewpoint in Budapest. We had three tours over all, two by coach and one by boat. We also went to the local zoo, Heroes' Square, many towns and villages and the most awesome water park ever. It was called Aquaworld. It had over 15 water slides which used rubber rings and foam mats. It had inside and outside pools and blow up balls that you go inside.



We played in three concerts and performed to over 4,500 people. On the first night I was nervous but very excited; by the third concert I was used to it and really enjoyed being on stage. The orchestra has always had an encore but at the third concert we did an encore for the encore. Then once we'd left the stage the audience was clapping in time which meant they wanted more. So we ended up doing an encore for the encore of the encore!

When we arrived back at London airport it was very late but I wasn't tired. Even though I'd had fun in Budapest I had missed my family a lot and was excited to see them and the familiar sights again.

It was an extraordinary experience. I enjoyed every second of it and am looking forward to whenever we next go abroad. Hopefully in the future I will go to Hong Kong with the orchestra for the World Harp Congress.



NEWS AND EVENTS

REIGATE SCHOOL STUDENTS PERFORM ON THE WEST END STAGE

Two of our talented Year 9 young performers, Toby and Oscar were selected to perform in *The Secret Garden* at the Ambassadors Theatre during the summer break. The show was an abridged version of the Broadway musical, designed especially for young people.

Both went through several rounds of auditions before finally being selected as part of the cast. They had a great time being involved and having this fantastic opportunity.

Oscar has taken lead parts in two of our school musicals and is currently rehearsing for *The Shakespeare Schools Festival* and Toby has been selected as one of the lead children's parts for *Peter Pan* which will be at The Hawth, Crawley later in the year. We are all extremely proud of them.



PETER PAN



Congratulations to Lucy Thomas who has also been selected for a part in *Peter Pan* and Aliyah Snape who has secured a role in *Cinderella* at The Harlequin Theatre.

OTHER NEWS

ADDITIONAL VACCINE FOR STUDENTS IN YEAR 9 AND ABOVE

Over the past few years cases of meningitis and septicaemia (blood poisoning) caused by Meningococcal group W (Men W) are rising, due to a particularly aggressive strain of the disease. Men W infections are particularly severe and usually need to be treated in intensive care, so a new vaccination, Men ACWY, is being delivered to teenagers and first-time students over the next three years.

All teenagers from year 9 onwards will be vaccinated before they complete year 13 as part of a schools-based programme, which will be delivered at the same time as they get their teenage booster for tetanus, diphtheria and polio. Young people who are currently in year 13 and students up to the age of 25 will need to contact their GP to have the vaccination; uptake nationally and locally is very low in this age group. Older teenagers and university students are at high risk of infection because many of them mix closely with lots of new people, some of whom may unknowingly carry the meningococcal bacteria

Symptoms of meningitis develop suddenly and can include:

- A high temperature (fever) over 37.5C
- A stiff neck
- A headache
- A dislike of bright lights
- Nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea
- Drowsiness

Meningitis can occur with septicaemia. Symptoms of septicaemia include:

- Sleepiness, being less responsive or confused
- Severe muscle pains
- Cold hands and feet
- Rapid breathing

Another symptom to look for is red or purple spots that don't fade when under pressure. Find out how to do the glass test to check for this on the Meningitis Now website.

If you or someone you know gets one or more of the symptoms above, get help from a GP or emergency department urgently. To find out more about the Men ACWY vaccination, visit the NHS Choices website. Schools can obtain more information by contacting: nicola.mundy@surreycc.gov.uk in Public Health.

SPORTS NEWS

SWIMMING

On 13th September students took part in an Inter Swimming Gala (friendly) at Warlingham School. After a slight worry that we were going to be the only school in attendance, we were joined by swimmers from Warlingham School, Dunottar School and Notre Dame School. Our team manager, Abigail Durham, swam the front crawl and breaststroke and Joshua Lumsden swam the backstroke and front crawl. As we only had two swimmers on the day, we teamed up with the other schools to so we could complete in the relays. Well done to Abigail and Joshua. ANY STUDENTS THAT WOULD LIKE TO JOIN THE INTER (YEAR 10 AND 11) SWIM TEAM, PLEASE SEE MRS JONES FOR MORE INFORMATION.



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.



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