



# Reigate School



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## NEWSLETTER

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### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Staff and students have worked extremely hard right up until the end of term. In this final week there have been various Christmas events including chocolate log baking competitions, the Year 7 and 8 discos which are featured later in the newsletter and the Christmas Concert last Friday. All week staff and students have been performing in assembly. It has been lovely to celebrate Christmas together.

Yesterday a group of Year 7 students went to sing carols to the residents of Willow Glade retirement home. It was thoroughly enjoyed by both the residents and the students.

On behalf of everyone at Reigate School 'We Wish You a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year'.

Mrs Wardlow



### SPOTLIGHT

#### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Year 7	William Brewis for being the first student to achieve 250 points in the year group.
Year 8	Charlie Hills for being so kind, thoughtful and charitable in response to a Geography development lesson about Oxfam unwrapped.
Year 9	Chester O'Driscoll for his improved work in RE.
Year 10	Georgia Davies for an amazing speaking and listening presentation in English.
Year 11	Lauren Ball and Grace Herman for their enthusiasm and dedication performing a hip-hop festive dance at the Christmas Concert.

### THIS WEEK'S COMMENDATION AWARDS

Year 7	7PWR
Year 8	8JKA
Year 9	9EWL
Year 10	10GFO
Year 11	11RJO

### BEST ATTENDANCE

Year 7	7BSD, 7DSA, 7LJE, 7MHU, 7LJA	100%
Year 8	8JWH	95.7%
Year 9	9EWL	97.4%
Year 10	10NMO	96%
Year 11	11CHA	96.6%

**Whole School Attendance 92%**

### UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January	Start of Term
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	KS4 Playhouse Theatre trip to see An Inspector Calls – Group 3
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> January	Surrey Skills Fair

## NOTICES

### WHOLE SCHOOL PHOTO

The order deadline for the whole school photo is Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January. Forms can be picked up from Student Services.



## CHARITY NEWS

### 8R2 GEOGRAPHY CLASS FIX A WELL WITH OXFAM UNWRAPPED



This week all members of Miss Sutton's 8R2 Geography class brought in 50p to buy a gift from Oxfam's unwrapped project.

They chose 'Fix A Well'. A working well can improve life for a whole community. The gift covers the labour, tools and training to keep the water flowing. It means that people have enough water for drinking, washing and cooking without having to trek miles to fetch it.



## CHARITY NEWS

Next year Mrs Hill will be running the marathon for The Children's Trust in Tadworth. The school has supported the charity for some time and last year on a visit with students, Mrs Hill was set the challenge.



Students from Year 7 started the fundraising process with a Bake Off followed by The Carol Concert. This morning we raffled a Build-a-Bear Elf and Reindeer which were won by Liam Coomb and Mr Trkulja. Staff have also been generous. Thank you to all who have helped. The Christmas Mufti this morning was a great success with £1050 being raised for Centrepoint, the charity for homeless teenagers.

Thank you for hamper donations which we will make up next week to go out to families in the local community. If anyone is experiencing difficulty, we have tokens for Food Bank. The school will be open until Wednesday for anyone who may need this.

## NEWS AND EVENTS

### ART TRIP TO THE TATE BRITAIN

Last Friday the Year 10 art students visited The Tate Britain art gallery. We had been looking forward to the trip and we really enjoyed it.

We had both drawing and written analysis tasks to complete whilst we were there. The activities helped us fully appreciate the artworks. My favourite thing about the visit was being able to see paintings close up. I really liked seeing the artists' brushstrokes.

We were given the opportunity to see both traditional and more contemporary artworks and it was interesting to see how art has developed over time. It was great to see some of the artworks we had studied in art lessons in KS3 too.

The trip was really helpful and seeing such a wide range of art will help me with my own work in the future.

Reported by Jennifer Stokes and Daisy Wilson-Owen.

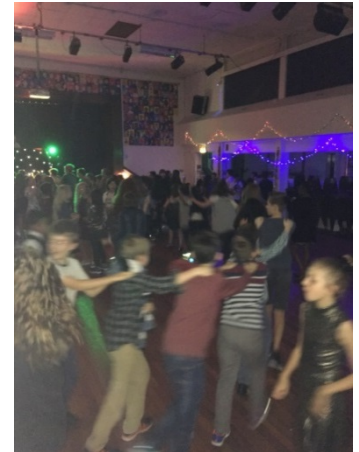


YEAR 7 CHRISTMAS DISCO



Last Wednesday the Year 7s had their Christmas disco.

There was lots of dancing, lots of fun and even a doughnut eating competition. Well done Emma McDowell in 7LJA for being the doughnut eating champion!



YEAR 8 CHRISTMAS DISCO

Last Thursday the school hosted an amazing disco for Year 8. When I first arrived the hall looked amazing with flashing lights on every wall and a giant tree. My friends and I decided that we should test out the piles of food first but once we began we couldn't stop! The DJ played many popular songs and the dance floor soon became full. Mr Thomasson captured the fun on the dance floor on camera; apparently they will be saved for our year book! Much to our embarrassment many of the form tutors took to the dance floor including Mr Marsh with his funky dance moves.

The festive photo booth provided great entertainment throughout the evening. It was such a fantastic evening to end the busy Autumn term.

Reported by India Rogers 8JWH



REIGATE SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CAROL CONCERT



Last Friday evening was our annual Christmas Concert at Reigate Baptist Church. Over 90 young people took part and I'm sure that all their families had a fantastic time.

The fundraising, which started with the Year 7 Bake off, continued through to the concert and a total of £1150 was raised for The Children's Trust in Tadworth.



CHRISTMAS EVENT AT THE UNIVERSITY OF SURREY



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Yesterday sixteen Year 7 students were fortunate enough to visit the University of Surrey to participate in their Christmas Event. There were five workshops, all with festive themes.



Firstly our students made artificial snow which was great fun! They could then make Christmas decorations using the snow and other craft items.

The second workshop was Santa and Rudolf's health clinic. They learnt about Santa's heart and how to keep it healthy and then what food is best for Rudolf to eat before his long journey. Each student made some reindeer food which they could take home.

The third workshop was based around maths. The students had to solve maths puzzles that they chose from a giant advent calendar. Next was lunch which was in one of the university's restaurants. Very tasty!



The next workshop was in a TV studio where the students had to prepare the "Rudolf Report". We had presenters, directors, writers and cameramen. Each student was able to take a turn both in front and behind the cameras.

The student ambassadors running this session were extremely impressed with our students and said they were the best group! The final session was based around law. Santa had been arrested for breaking and entering during a trial run before his epic journey on Christmas Eve. Our students had to read all the witness statements from the elves, some carol singers, a cat and some children. They had to defend Santa and try to persuade the judge and jury that Santa was innocent. Despite presenting a passionate defence, the jury found Santa guilty!

The whole day was very successful and thoroughly enjoyed by all the students and staff who attended.

Mrs Grew  
Exams/Careers Officer



## NEWS AND EVENTS

### SINGING AT WILLOW GLADE RETIREMENT HOME

I took a selection of students from the school choir along to Willow Glade which is a residential retirement facility very close to our school. The afternoon was a huge success with all of the students putting on an incredible performance of rehearsed songs, a couple of unplanned additional songs and even an impromptu rendition of 'Happy Birthday' for Joan (it was her 90th). The students were rewarded with hot chocolate, biscuits and each student received a selection box, all of which was provided by the residents.

The social committee from Willow Glade has asked me to pass on their gratitude from all of the residents. I was told that we had no idea how much our visit had meant to them and in light of their comments, I am hoping to plan further visits to continue to build upon the relationship in the future.

Mr Lapsley  
Head of Year 7

## SPORTS NEWS

### YEAR 9 FOOTBALL

After a long break, the Year 9 football team returned to action with a 2-0 win over The Beacon School in their home fortress. In truth the boys never found their top gear but secured a comfortable win in what could best be described as a workman like performance. A special mention must be made to Joshua Young who deputised in goal at the last minute and delivered a flawless display in keeping a clean sheet. Year 9 go into the year looking to make strides in the league and defend their district cup. Stay hungry!

### RUGBY

It was an iconic day for Reigate School this week with the first rugby match being played on the school grounds for many, many years. Thanks to the funding we received from the RFU for posts we have finally been able to make some home fixtures, the first of which was Tuesday 13th December – Reigate School versus St Bede's School.

It was always going to be a tough game for the Year 9 boys due to many of the opposition normally being team mates in the Reigate Pilgrims' team. However we finally had a fully fit team so felt positive from the start, although nervous.

The game started well with Reigate taking some hard tackles. After the first ten minutes we conceded a try, but the conversion was missed. The score stayed the same for the half. After an inspirational team talk from coach Dave and captain William King, the boys went into the second half with their heads up as if it was still 0-0.

Within five minutes we scored and got the conversion. We were ahead and on a roll. Another try and conversion later and the atmosphere was buzzing with the home crowd getting behind the boys. St Bede's managed to sneak another try in but not before we finished the game on a high with another 7 points.

Final score 17-12 to Reigate. Our first game at home resulted in a win. Try scorers were James Rutland, Alexander Sparshott and William King.

Well done to the squad who have not only played in this game but also the warm up matches and attended training sessions. They worked extremely well as a team with William (captain) and George (vice-captain) leading by example and proving why they have these important roles.

Also special thanks to Dave Moxham who gives up his own time to coach and train the boys every single week.



## OTHER NEWS

### MUSIC AND SINGING LESSONS

You should receive notification from Surrey Arts for timings of music lessons. The start dates for the Spring Term are below:

Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> January	Brass Woodwind Choir	Mr Beagley Ms Chovil Mrs Bailey
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Piano/ Keyboard Strings Guitar Singing	Mr Fisher Ms Anderson Mr Davey Mr Chapman
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Piano/ Keyboard Singing Drums	Mr Shrimpton Mrs Crouch Mr Millington (Ginger)

### SINGING LESSONS

Congratulations to Mrs Crouch, our Monday singing teacher. One of her students is this year's X factor winner!

We now have some spaces for next term for lessons and we would also very much like to get a boys group together on a Friday after school. Please contact Mrs Hill for further details [bursar@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk).



## UPCOMING EVENTS

### THINKING OF TRYING SOMETHING NEW NEXT YEAR?

All of these clubs take place here at Reigate School.

#### MONDAY

5:00pm – 9:30pm Roystons Table Tennis  
5:30pm – 8:00pm Reigate Priory Football Club



#### TUESDAY

6:00pm - 9:00pm South Park Football Club  
7:15pm – 8:15pm Fitsteps (age 13+)



#### WEDNESDAY

4:30pm - 7:30pm Stage Coach  
5:30pm-7:00pm Pro Direct Soccer  
6:00pm – 8:30pm South Park Football Club



#### THURSDAY

5:30pm - 7:00pm Salfords Cricket Club  
6:00pm – 9:00pm South Park Football Club



#### FRIDAY

4:30pm – 7:30pm Stage Coach  
5:30pm - 6:30pm Horley Cricket Club  
5:30pm – 8:30pm Reigate Priory Football Club

#### SATURDAY

9:00am – 12:00pm Horley Town Football Club  
10:00am – 11:00am Battlebridge Football Club  
10:00am – 2:00pm Italia Conti (dance / drama)



#### SUNDAY

9:00am – 6:00pm Italia Conti (dance / drama)  
10:00am – 12:00pm Reigate Priory Football Club





*Merry  
Christmas*

