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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

I have been so impressed with the way in which the students have behaved today in view of the recent weather. Our premises team along with members of the senior leadership team were out shovelling the paths early this morning in order to make it safe for the students' arrival.

Just a reminder that we will always put details of a school closure on our website and will text parents as soon as practicable in adverse weather conditions. If there is nothing on our website the school will be open as usual.

Thank you to the parents who braved the weather last night to attend the Year 11 Parents' Evening. Unfortunately due to the worsening conditions we did have to finish earlier than planned. For any of you that missed appointments we are currently discussing the most convenient way in which to reschedule these with you and will be in touch in due course.

Mrs Wardlow

SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Year 7	Frederick Fowler and Jacob Mizon for scoring their first goals in football for Reigate School.
Year 8	Opal Owen for her original piece of creative writing which has been selected for publication in a Young Writers' Anthology.
Year 9	Tracy Muchenje for being so helpful settling a new student.
Year 10	Beth Aldridge, George Barnsley, Molly Borgia, Teagwen Cameron, Lauren Cato, Alicia Coutet-Arthur, Joe Cox, Harriet Davidson, Caitlin Edge, Rachael Edwards, Salomi John, China Kill, Ben Lacey, Ollie Ross, Sophie Sills, Jenifer Stokes and Lucy Walker for being so incredibly helpful at the Year 11 Parents' Evening last night.
Year 11	Paige Cawtheray for her outstanding musical performances in assemblies this week.

THIS WEEK'S COMMENDATION AWARDS

Year 7	7JKE
Year 8	8MKI
Year 9	9BWI
Year 10	10GFO
Year 11	11CHA

BEST ATTENDANCE

Year 7	7PWR, 7DSA, 7LJE, 7AJU, 7MHU, 7SCA	100%
Year 8	8JWH	98.6%
Year 9	9KAJ	98.4%
Year 10	10GFO	99.3%
Year 11	11CHA	97.2%

Whole School Attendance 93.3%

UPCOMING DATES

Saturday 14 th January	Surrey Schools' Individual Championships Swimming Gala at Guildford Spectrum. Magic The Gathering event at Burgess Hill.
Thursday 19 th January	Year 7 Information and Guidance Day at the University of Surrey. Boys' Rugby Festival at Dorking RFC.

STUDENT SERVICES

Lost property: We've had some jewellery handed in this week, including two rings, two earrings and a bracelet. Also a very special pack of hankies. We have managed to collect seven coats already this term and still have 7.5 pairs of shoes.

Year 9 and 10 parents: Please remember to return the inoculation form if you haven't already done so. Thank you.

SURREY SKILLS FAIR

Last Thursday 80 Year 9 students went to Surrey University for the Surrey Skills Fair. The event gave them the opportunity to speak to a vast selection of colleges, universities and employers to explore potential career paths.



Not only were students able to ask staff about the courses, they were also able to try their hand at some activities such as music technology, first aid and using a life size dummy to experience how to deliver a baby!

The students then attended a presentation by a careers coach who gave them some very interesting information about how to plan a career path.



NATIONAL CITIZEN SERVICE (YEAR 11)

National Citizen Service (NCS) is a once-in-a lifetime opportunity for students in Year 11. It is a government-funded programme which helps young people build skills for work and life and it is also an opportunity for them to meet new people and connect with their local community. Young people can take part in NCS during the summer holidays.



There are three parts to NCS. In part 1 NCS participants take part in outdoor activities such as rock climbing, abseiling and canoeing. In part 2 they develop a new skill guided by an industry professional whilst staying at the University of Surrey and in part 3 they lead a social action project in their local community.



The NCS programme is a great opportunity for students to make the most of their summer holidays and increase their experiences and skills to add onto their CV and personal statements. The programme is recognised by UCAS and nine out of ten participants believe NCS has given them the chance to develop skills that will be useful in the future.

Each NCS place is valued at over £1000 per person but, due to government support, the cost to students is no more than £50 with financial support available if needed. Since 2009, 300,000 young people have taken part in NCS nationwide. Last year, 14 Reigate School students took part in the summer programme. In 2017, there are over 1600 places being delivered in Surrey alone.

NCS came to Reigate School this morning to speak to the Year 11 students about the programme and how to sign up. Applications for summer 2017 open in January. For more information about the programme and to sign up, visit NCSTHECHALLENGE.ORG. Alternatively, contact Najaah Oozeer at najaah.oozeer@the-challenge.org



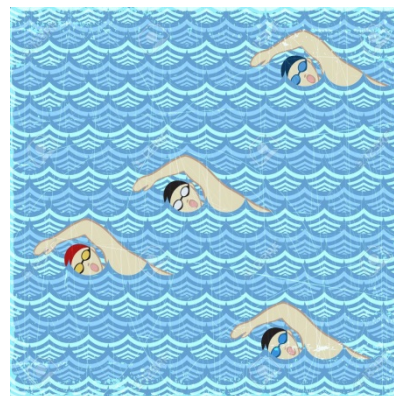
SPORTS NEWS

SWIMMING GALA

We would like to wish our swimmers good luck in the Surrey Schools' Individual Swimming Championships this Saturday at Guildford Spectrum. Spectators are welcome.

Our swimmers are: Jay Cornelius, Oliver Cornelius, Lily Dunkin, Abigail Durham, Adam Gatland, William Gatland, Daisy Hobbs, Lauren Hetherington, Daniel Lowther, Katie Lowther, Toby Marcroft and Joshua Lumsden.

Thank you to Mrs Cornelius who will be our team manager on the day. Results will be published in next week's newsletter.



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 which contains useful information regarding college open events, up and coming careers events at Reigate School, details regarding apprenticeships and how to search and apply for them along with links to useful websites. There is also a link to quiz which is fun to take and will give students an idea of what kind of careers will suit their personalities. Go to Academic-Careers or Academic-Option at post 16 for details of local college open events.

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