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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

Thank you to all the parents who took the time to complete questionnaires when they attended the Year 7 and Year 10 parent consultation evenings. The responses indicate that the vast majority of parents are very happy with the provision at school and I was particularly pleased to note that 100% of Year 7 parents believed that their child had settled in well at Reigate School and felt safe.

I have read through all of the comments that people were kind enough to write and have some very useful feedback to help improve things that parents are not completely happy with. I hope to be able to feed back specific improvements made as a result of these comments later in the year.

Mrs Wardlow

SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Year 7	Angus Walton for his consistent effort and achievements in History.
Year 8	Maddison Drew for her fantastic mood board for Midsummer Night's Dream characters.
Year 9	Holly Goodbourn for being an excellent captain of the netball team this year.
Year 10	Head boy candidates George Barnsley, Benji Carter, Jacob Foulsham, Elliot Hearne, Ahmed Khan, Ben Lacey, Callum Rice and Max Wilson for their fantastic assemblies this week.
Year 11	All GCSE PE students who took part in a successful PE practical moderation on Thursday. The effort and application on the day was outstanding. They did the year group and PE department proud!

THIS WEEK'S COMMENDATION AWARDS

Year 7	7ALU
Year 8	8MTH
Year 9	9EWL
Year 10	10GFO
Year 11	11SHA

BEST ATTENDANCE

Year 7	7LWA, 7PWR	100%
Year 8	8JMR	98.3%
Year 9	9BWI	98.8%
Year 10	10DSM	98.3%
Year 11	11CHA	97.2%

Whole School Attendance 95.1%

UPCOMING DATES

Monday 20 th March	Comic Relief cookie and cake sale at break and lunch
Tuesday 21 st March	Boys' Rugby Festival at Winston Churchill School
Wednesday 22 nd March	Lunchtime music concerts in MU1 – all students welcome – in aid of Comic Relief History and Geography Gifted and Talented students at Reigate College Governors' Dinner prepared by Year 10 catering students
Thursday 23 rd March	Young Leaders umpiring Netball Tournament at Meath Green Year 8 Parents' Evening
Friday 24 th March	Comic Relief Mufti Day – wear something red Lunchtime dance concerts in the dance and drama studios – all students welcome – in aid of Comic Relief



NOTICES

SHOW MY HOMEWORK – LATE NOTIFICATIONS

In response to a few concerns with late night notifications popping up on phones late at night, Show my Homework have given us the following instructions to silence these between certain hours.

Both Android and iOS devices have a 'do not disturb' feature that controls the times during which push notifications are allowed. Each device is a little different, but here are some universal instructions:

iOS

If you don't want to be disturbed at a certain time, you can set a schedule. Tap **Settings > Do Not Disturb** and turn on **Scheduled**. Then set a time, e.g. 8pm - 7 am. Alternatively, you can manually turn Do not Disturb on by swiping up and pressing the moon icon.

Android

On Android Marshmallow you can reach the new Do Not Disturb mode by going to:

Settings > Sound & notification > Do not Disturb.

Next, set up custom Automatic rules, e.g. Weekdays 8pm - 7am.

The same options can be found in older versions of Android under Sound & notification > Interruptions.

RESULTS OF PARENT EVENING QUESTIONNAIRES

Year 7 Parents' Evening – 179 Questionnaires completed

100% of parents think that their child has settled well into Reigate School.

98% of parents found the Year 6 Induction Programme helpful.

89% of parents have been contacted by either Form Tutor or Head of Population.

100% of parents think that their child feels safe in school.

98% of parents think that Show My Homework has helped them support their child.

98% of parents think that their child thinks that Show My Homework is useful.

65% of parents read with or monitor their child's reading at home.

90% of children take part in extra-curricular activities.

94% of parents found the Tutor Evening helpful.



Year 10 Parents' Evening – 121 Questionnaires completed

88% of parents feel their child is managing the demands of GCSEs.

86% of parents feel they know how well their child is doing in each subject.

85% of parents think their child gets sufficient support in school.

89% of parents think their child receives sufficient homework.

SURREY ARTS EASTER MUSIC COURSE



Surrey Arts are running an Easter Music Course – Singing Workshop on 4th April. The cost is £15 and there is some excellent tuition available. The workshops are being led by tutors from The Surrey County Youth Choir and repertoire will include Jazz and Musical Theatre. There will be an informal concert at the end of the workshop.

For application forms please see Mrs Hill or email bursar@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk

VOICE IN A MILLION



On Wednesday 15th March 26 Reigate School students and 10 students from Salfords Primary School went to Voice in a Million at Wembley. The event brings thousands of young people together to sing and move to well-known songs. Voice In A Million supports Adoption UK and was started by Jo Garofalo who has adopted two children herself.

Well done to Kayleigh and Otilie who carried our Reigate School banner onto the Wembley stage and having the experience of what it must feel like for the performers when they are being cheered on by thousands of people.

All the students enjoyed taking part and also getting their tickets and T shirts signed by new You Tube group Roadtrip. The evening concluded with lots of energy as Reggie and Bolly from The X Factor finished off the evening. It was a long day and despite our coach not arriving home until midnight, everyone was still in on time the next morning!



DEBATE FOR YOUTH MATTERS ON THE EFFECTS OF BODY IMAGE ANXIETY

On 28th February some Year 8 and Year 9 girls went on a trip to The Houses of Parliament. Our discussion was on body image and how it is taken too far to be 'perfect'. Two of us read out our speeches and another made her comments heard. After the discussion it was agreed that there would be more positive images on social media and more groups to discuss it. Overall the day was amazing.

Reported by Phoebe Jenkins



1st PLACE FOR LOTTIE

On Sunday 5th March I took part in the South East region qualifying championships for the under 12 girls' epee. I was in a competition of six. It was a tough competition and I was really pleased to have won four out of five fights in the first round, which meant I went into the knock out stage seeded 1st.

In both the semi-final and the final I had to fight against two of my friends who I train with. The final fight was close, ending with a score of 10-8 in my favour. I was really proud of my win as I had to work hard and hold my concentration right to the end of the fight.

This means I am now the South East region champion for the under 12 girls and have qualified for the British Youth Championships which will be held at the National Institute for Sport in Sheffield later this year. The British Youth Championships will be really tough as I will have to fight girls who have won against everyone in their own regions throughout Britain, but I am really looking forward to it.

Reported by Lottie 7ESA



YEAR 7 NETBALL TEAM NAME MISPRINT

In last week's letter we mentioned the Year 7's Green team's match against the Royal Albert and Alexandra School for which 'Suzanne' was named for 'displaying fantastic movement to get free'. This was an error and should have read Susannah. Apologies for any disappointment this has caused.

CAREERS

ART AND DESIGN WORKSHOP



On Thursday 9th March a group of Year 10 GCSE Art students visited East Surrey College for a printmaking workshop. On arrival we were taken to the art studio and greeted by one of the art teachers who taught us a printing method called silk screen printing. Silk screen printing is a technique where a mesh is used to transfer ink and paint onto a surface. Once taught the technique, it was our turn. First we chose a screen with a certain design and spread a line of acrylic paint mixed with a medium at the top of the design. Then with someone holding the screen down on the paper, we used a rubber bladed squeegee to spread the paint across the whole design. The method was quite easy once we got the hang of it and we repeated it with different colours and designs until they looked finished. After all our prints had been made, it was time to transform them into cards. We cut them up into different shapes and stuck them in a design onto card.

Overall I think the workshop gave us all a great overview of art at a higher level and definitely broadened our knowledge of skills and techniques.

Reported by Madeline Mckee

THE NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP SHOW



Last week we took 65 students from Years 9, 10 and 11 to visit The National Apprenticeship Show at Sandown Park. There was a wide range of apprenticeship providers and employers eager to talk to our students about opportunities for apprenticeships within their businesses.

Many of the exhibits were interactive which encouraged the students to find out more about areas of work that they may not have considered before. There were approximately 90 organisations present including Thames Water, Arcadia Group, Aldi, Lloyds Banking Group, Royal Navy, Volvo, Go Construct, Hilton and Parkdean Resorts.

I hope the event gave the students an insight into an alternative pathway available to them.



Mrs Grew
Exams/Careers Officer

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