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MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY HEADTEACHER

This week we have had our annual Sports Dinner at Reigate and Redhill Golf Club which was a huge success (a full report will be in next week's newsletter). Congratulations to the Year 11 football team who are League and Cup Champions! We also had the Year 11 GCSE Drama piece performances which were well attended by students and family.

Our achievement award assemblies took place this week. Students get an entry for each 25 achievement awards gained and two winners are drawn from each year group. Congratulations to the following winners.

Year 7: Holly Burrows and Sam Froggatt
Year 8: Ava Lenihan and Mya Lloyd
Year 9: Aaron Walsh and Stephanie Pitt
Year 10: James Clark and Chelsea Ford
Year 11: Will be drawn next week

I'd also like to wish our Art and Textiles students good luck for their GCSE exams next week and Year 8s good luck with their mocks.

Mr Alexander

SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Year 7	Katie Goldsmith for being a very valued member of the year group.
Year 8	Emily Taylor for achieving a highly commended award for her short story 'Timmy' that she entered into the Reigate and Banstead Writes Competition.
Year 9	Paige Sephton for working so hard this week and getting an amazing amount of achievement points.
Year 10	China-Marie Kill who has been appointed Head Girl and her deputies Caitlin Edge and Lucy Walker.
Year 11	Poppy Wardley and Joe Parratt who were voted Sports Personalities of the Year by the students at the Year 11 Sports Dinner.

BEST ATTENDANCE

Year 7	7LWA, 7JSO, 7LJE, 7ALU, 7ESA	100%
Year 8	8DMA	98.6%
Year 9	9SMO	97.7%
Year 10	10MRO	96.8%
Year 11	11CHA	96.2%

Whole School Attendance 94.6%

THIS WEEK'S COMMENDATION AWARDS

Year 7	7JMA
Year 8	8DMA
Year 9	9EWL
Year 10	10WMO
Year 11	11IVA

UPCOMING DATES

Monday 1 st May	BANK HOLIDAY
Tuesday 2 nd May	Art and Textiles GCSE Year 8 Science Mock Exam
Wednesday 3 rd May	Art and Textiles GCSE Year 8 Maths Mock Exam
Thursday 4 th May	Art and Textiles GCSE Year 8 English Mock Exam
Friday 5 th May	Art and Textiles GCSE

PE TRIP TO MALTA

During the Easter Holidays three Reigate School sports teams, U14 boys' and U15 girls' football and Year 8 netball, travelled to compete in the Malta Rally. Each day the players trained with highly qualified coaches before competing against English or Maltese opposition to try out their new skills.



On the final day the rally concludes with a tournament between all home and visiting teams in the relevant division. A presentation to the winning teams takes place in one of the Island's most architecturally impressive buildings. However, this trip wasn't all about the sport with both students and teachers alike enjoying their involvement in the evening activities (karaoke, disco, foam party and go karting).

Not only were Reigate School arguably the most entertaining of the tour's school groups but they were also the most successful. The girls' netball team played incredibly well getting as a team to earn runners up in their tournament, disappointingly losing their final to a very experienced Maltese team.

NEWS AND EVENTS

The girls' football team were elated with a hard earned 1-0 win in the final versus another good Maltese side. They played excellently and kept a clean sheet for the entire tournament!



The boys' football team worked tirelessly to beat a team they had lost to previously and won 2-0 with goals from James Rutland and Dru Tunstall.



All students can now proudly say they are either European Runners up or European Champions! This trip was considered a success by all and the accompanying PE Staff, Mr Thompson, Mr Simmonds-Dance, Miss Corder and Miss Wall would like to congratulate and thank the exceptionally well behaved students who were a pleasure for the whole six days... Reigate, Reigate, Reigate!

Ms Wall

PERFORMING ARTS TRIP TO DISNEYLAND, PARIS



Mrs Morris: The Disney trip was my first residential school trip as an assistant head of year and I was really looking forward to getting to know my year group out of the school environment. I was also very excited to experience Disneyland Paris. The trip did not disappoint! I was extremely impressed with how smoothly everything ran and the detail in which every aspect of the trip was planned. The students were impeccably well behaved and a delight to spend my holiday with. Even the long coach journeys were kept lively with the sing along sessions to Lion King and other Disney classics.

I will definitely be recommending the trip to students and staff in the future and would love to go again. Well done to Mr Mohan for organising such a spectacular trip and I'm sure everyone who went will have taken home Disney memories that will last a lifetime!

Ms Lane: The Disney Trip felt like a holiday rather than a school trip. All of the students were so well behaved, polite, friendly and helpful that it made the whole experience a real pleasure. During the trip, I was impressed at how well students included everyone in their groups, even if they weren't friends before, and I am pleased that many of these friendships have continued through into the new term. I know some have a 'Disney Group' that meet at lunchtimes! This shows how mature everyone was in being able to put differences aside. Even with 5.45 wakeup calls and late nights everyone kept positive and jolly. As an MFL teacher, I was pleased that lots of students were also trying out their French skills. My highlight of the trip was watching the fireworks on the last night. The sky was a beautiful colour and the Disney castle lit up as if from a movie. All in all, an absolutely amazing trip! Thanks go to Mr Mohan for all his hard work in organising it, the staff for not forcing me to go on the Tower of Terror and the students for being so wonderful. Here's to next time. A bientot, Disneyland!

Ms Vasey: Disneyland Paris 2017 - what an exciting trip! We crammed in such a lot in such a small amount of time. The students experienced some brilliant things from musical theatre/singing workshops with Disney staff through to going on scary rides. The students were practically perfect in every way and should be proud of themselves for the independence, maturity and sense of responsibility they maintained throughout. Well done all!

Mr Lapsley: Taking 85 students on a four day trip to a theme park in a foreign country might seem like a daunting prospect.....some might even call it madness! The reality was that the impeccable behaviour and level of maturity shown by each and every student made this trip an absolute pleasure. Despite having to endure a long day of travelling they all got into the spirit of the trip by watching Disney films all the way and their excitement was both tangible and very infectious by the time we arrived. On their first day in the park they were lucky enough to be there to celebrate the 25th Anniversary (yes 25 years!) of the park opening and they had a fantastic day enjoying the thrills of the rides and attractions. The second day began with an amazing and informative 'behind the scenes' look at Disney's very own Performing Arts department. All of the students rehearsed and performed singing and dancing routines, being choreographed and trained by the same people that teach Mickey.....and some of the students were even lucky enough to go into the changing room graced by Mickey himself! Their performances were outstanding with all of the students embracing the experience with great enthusiasm and professionalism and they should all be proud of their achievements. Rumour even has it that some of those well-loved Disney characters are looking over their shoulders because the students of Reigate School might well be coming for their jobs! The rest of the day was spent back in the parks and culminated with the simply incredible new Disney Illumination and firework display. I can honestly say that the moment when all of our students took over Main Street with their vocal rendition of 'Let It Go' will live with me for a very long time. I was so moved that I even joined in although I have to admit to a certain amount of 'ad-libbing' when it came to the words. All in all this was certainly a trip that will stay close to the hearts of everyone involved, including the amazing staff team that helped to make it such a success. Mickey definitely worked his magic on the young and old (well slightly less young) members of Reigate School alike.



Year 9

Thank you for this experience, the rides were fun and the fireworks were magical – Emma

This trip has given me so many opportunities I would have never had if I didn't go and it's been amazing, plus I got over my fear of rides (yay) - Abbie L

It was an awesome experience, there's something for everyone. Highlight of the trip was the Aerosmith Ride - Raife

I have loved this trip; it was so great to experience Disney with my friends! One of my favourite parts was going to the restaurants and watching the Disney fireworks, overall it was an experience I would never forget!! - Zak

Year 10

My favourite parts of the trip were the fireworks, the fun waiters in Planet Hollywood and the Tower of Terror ride, I enjoyed the musical theatre worksop, however I wish we could of stayed an extra day as I feel there was more things I wanted to do but couldn't fit it in with the amount of time we had - Kelsey

Disneyland has been one of the most amazing places I've ever visited! We've managed to see so much and even meet a princess, as well as going on incredible rides. The light display was overwhelmingly good (there were tears!) and I'm so thankful for this experience - I'll treasure these memories forever – Hayley

I honestly think this is the best trip I've been on so far! It's been so fun and I really have bonded so much with my peers and teachers. I think I've gained so much confidence in my French and really feel like a better more confident person overall. It's been so good doing something fun (though very tiring) and being able to fully embrace all the opportunities given, thank you so much for letting us be a part of this wonderful experience. - Holly-Anne

The trip was so nice. I had a break with my friends and we did so much together. I made new friends and I've got closer to people I didn't think I would've ever been able to without this trip. The workshop was one of the best parts because it was really fun and I learnt to go all out with my performance and have fun with my friends - Gemma

Year 11

This trip has been really enjoyable. You've thought of every aspect and made it one of the best weeks ever! Thanks for fulfilling all of the behind the scenes things that not all of us realise are even considered - I appreciate it all. Thank you again – Mariella.

Words cannot explain how thankful I am to be able to experience this incredible trip. All your hard work, along with other teachers, has really paid off as we were all able to go to the best place on earth!! Irreplaceable, memories have been made and that is all down to you! Thank you so much - Jess

Disney has been an absolute class trip, and I'm so happy I came. The experience has been unreal and amazing. It has really shown me what the reality of the performing arts industry is like and how much hard work needs to be put in. Thank you so much for all the staff for putting up with us for the week and Mr Mohan himself for organising it. Thank you to everyone for making many memories we can look back at in the future. Class trip cheers - Lauren



I think the staff and the students say it all to be honest with you. I'm so proud of all the students and it was a real pleasure to work with some phenomenal staff. Everyone is a Disney LEGEND!!! – Mr Mohan



YEAR 11 CHAMPIONS!



On Thursday afternoon the Year 11 football team played in the South Surrey District Cup Final. After a very hard fought game that ended after extra time in a 1-1 draw the team won on penalties. Having already won the league, this was the ideal way to finish the season. I am very proud of all of the players that have represented the school this year and they have conducted themselves in a mature manner with true competitive spirit.

M Alexander

OTHER NEWS

GOLD FOR RUN REIGATE



Congratulations to David Kelly from Run Reigate who won Gold for the best Half Marathon in the UK on Thursday at the National Running Awards at the O2 in London.

They were up against some of the largest races in the UK, the Great North Run and the Royal Parks in London. Here he is pictured with Mike Bushell from the BBC and Dame Kelly Holmes.

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.

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