

# Reigate School

## NEWSLETTER

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### MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

I would like to pay tribute to Mr Gilmore, who retires today, for the 40 years of service he has given to Reigate School. According to my research, Mr Gilmore is the only teacher in the history of our school to have taught in the school for 40 years. I believe that shows quite astonishing levels of commitment, loyalty, resilience and stamina.

We all know Mr Gilmore as a dedicated and fun Science teacher, but what many of you won't know is that Mr Gilmore has been responsible for leading several other areas of school life.

- Mr Gilmore used to set up work experience for the students
- He led careers education in the school
- He was part of the team that introduced the Year 7 camp and I believe he has been on almost every camp since it started
- He has helped with the running of DofE
- A supporter and organiser of many school trips
- Mr Gilmore doesn't only support events for students, he is our go to man for sporting sweepstakes, staff socials and driving the minibus for the annual Christmas shopping trip to Bath

Mr Gilmore has clearly seen a great deal of change over the last 40 years. What didn't change, however, was the fantastic support, commitment and expertise that Mr Gilmore brought to the school every day. A huge thank you to Mr Gilmore, he will be missed.

Thank you for your support with the students this year. Have a wonderful Summer break.

Mrs Wardlow

### THIS WEEK'S COMMENDATION AWARDS

Year 7	7AJU
Year 8	8JMR
Year 9	9MBR
Year 10	10LSI

### NOTICES

#### MENINGOCOCCAL ACWY VACCINE FOR SCHOOL LEAVERS

Young people born between 01/09/1998 - 31/08/1999 (2017 school leavers) are now eligible for urgent catch-up with the MenACWY vaccination. The vaccine helps protect young people against meningococcal disease which can cause meningitis (inflammation of the brain) and septicaemia (blood poisoning). To find out more about the MenACWY vaccination, visit the [NHS Choices website](#).



#### REIGATE & BANSTEAD BOROUGH COUNCIL - SUMMER ACTIVITIES FOR 11 TO 15 YEAR OLDS

Visit [www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/schoolhols](http://www.reigate-banstead.gov.uk/schoolhols) to view the full programme. Places are limited. For more info please call 01737 276322 or email [leisure.services@reigate-banstead.gov.uk](mailto:leisure.services@reigate-banstead.gov.uk)

### UPCOMING DATES

Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	GCSE results day
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	11:45am start for Year 7s only
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September	8:45am start for whole school



# Year 7 Camp 2017





# ACTIVITIES WEEK 2017



CARNEGIE TRIP TO SEE THE MOUSETRAP



On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> July the Carnegie Shadowing Group had their annual theatre trip to celebrate the recent announcement of the 2017 Carnegie Book Medal winner.

We travelled to London to see 'The Mousetrap', a whodunnit play written by author Agatha Christie. This play has been running continuously in London for 65 years and we saw the 26,952nd performance. The cast of 8 excellent actors work together for an entire year from February to February, so this cast had been performing 8 shows a week together for nearly 5 months.

We all agreed they did a brilliant job. At the end of the play, one of the cast inducted us into the club of all those who have ever seen the play. We know who did it, but we must never tell!

As the trains were kind to us we got to London a little earlier than expected, so we were able to explore some of the halls at the National Gallery. We saw some Canalettos, Monets, Cezannes and Turners, among others. We even saw the painting where James Bond met the new Q in 'Skyfall'. It was a lovely bonus.



Here are some comments from the students who went on the trip.

"I felt that the trip was amazing because you felt that you were involved with everything. The best part was the play and the museum." - Jess Finn

"I had lots of fun yesterday when I went to see 'The Mousetrap'. It was a very good play and was very interesting." - Lily Dunkin

"The trip was very exciting and educational." - Matthew Luckins

"I really enjoyed the trip yesterday because I really enjoy mystery plays and books." - Georgina Hunter-Haschka

"Excellent plot twist with an arty experience to top it off. What could be better!" - Georgia Davies

"It was a really enjoyable trip." - Thomas Goodbourn

"All in all I thought that the trip was really good with the great performance of The Mousetrap and the fantastic paintings at the National Gallery." - Joe Critchlow

"It was really fun watching the play. The plot was very good and it was enjoyable to view it." - Sam Garvey

"The Mousetrap was an enjoyable and suspenseful performance that balanced mystery and comedy perfectly." - Jonny Grey



YOUNG VOLUNTEER AWARDS

We were delighted this week that two of our students, Ben and Paul became recipients of the Reigate and Banstead Mayor's Award for volunteering. Mrs Hill put their names forward for their exceptional commitment to school events. Paul and Ben have been the school's technical support for a number of years now and we just couldn't do without them for the many events that we run. Whilst we are amazed by their knowledge of lighting and sound, it is their attitude which impresses us the most. Very often, for school productions, they are the first to arrive and the last to leave. This year they have shown great maturity in training younger students so that we will have good replacements when they leave next year. It is often performers who get the applause at the end of a performance, but these students put in an amazing amount of work so that people get to see everyone at their best. Mrs Carr accompanied them to the Town Hall where they were presented with their awards and received a tour of the building.



ROCK SCHOOL

The students have all done exceptionally well with 7 Distinctions, 5 Merits and 3 Passes. Madeline Mckee achieved a distinction at Grade 6 and Kelsey Austin scored 92 out of 100 at Grade 5. We are very proud of all the students and are very grateful to their wonderful teachers.

### SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

During this Summer Term I challenged the Year 7 and 8 students to read **six** books before the summer break. I am delighted to announce the winners of a goodie bag and their choice of a free book. The winners are:

Georgina Hunter-Haschka (8MTH)  
Finlay Garrett (7LWA)  
Matthew Mugford (8JMR)  
Daisy Hobbs (8MGE)  
Holly Cresswell (7BSD)  
Ethan Seeraj (7MHU)  
Maggie Brunyee (7ALU)  
Lilia Dobson (7MHU)

As part of our Accelerated Reader programme, these students have read and completed quizzes on six books at or above their reading level; an impressive feat in the six weeks we've had since half term, so our congratulations go to them!

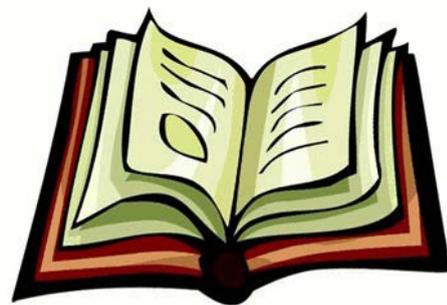
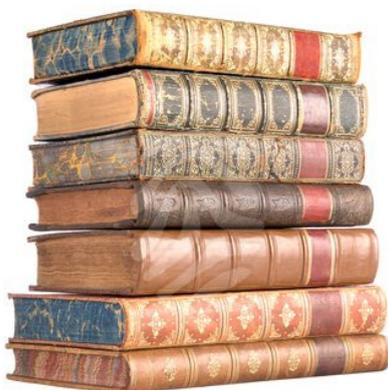
### Most Popular Books This Year

Each term I update the students on the most popular books borrowed from the library during the term, but I thought you may be interested to see the most popular books borrowed over this school year in total:

1. The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins
2. One by Sarah Crossan
3. The Fault in Our Stars by John Green
4. Wonder by R J Palacio
5. Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets by J K Rowling
6. I'd Tell You I Love You But Then I'd Have to Kill You (Gallagher Academy series) by Ally Carter
7. Noughts and Crosses by Malorie Blackman
8. Middle School – Get Me Out of Here! By James Patterson
9. Class A (CHERUB series) by Robert Muchamore
10. Russian Roulette (Alex Rider series) by Anthony Horowitz

I have been really impressed with the quality of the books which have proved popular this year – several of these titles were shortlisted for the Carnegie medal for teenage fiction either this year or in previous years. Keep up the reading over the summer!

Mrs Sullivan  
Librarian



# PARENTAL PORTAL - SLG

## What is the Parental Portal (SIMS Learning Gateway)?

SIMS Learning Gateway (SLG) is a system that allows parents/carers to have access to information that we keep about their children.

## What information can I access?

Currently SLG allows you to see information about your child's attendance, assessments, conduct log, which includes achievement and behaviour management, as well as their timetable. SLG uses real-time data, so the information is always current. Reigate School takes electronic registers in morning registration and in all five lessons.

## Can I see whether my child has arrived in school?

Our tutors finish their morning registers by 9:05am. You will be able to log in to SLG at 9:05am to see whether your child has been marked as present. However, there are several reasons why the register may be late going into the SIMS system (for example, a tutor may not be in school so the register may initially be done on paper by a cover supervisor). If you notice that your child is not registered, please wait and check after 9.30am before contacting the school.

## What if I spot inaccuracies in the information?

Data integrity is important to us. While we endeavour to make sure that all of our data is accurate, we realise that mistakes are possible.

## Who gets access to this information?

We launched SLG for all students, parents and carers in 2016. We sent out usernames and passwords to all parents/carers that we have registered as the primary point of contact for each child. If you are not the primary contact, or have not received your username, please visit [https://reigateschool.fluencycms.co.uk/Parental-Portal-\(SLG\)-Support](https://reigateschool.fluencycms.co.uk/Parental-Portal-(SLG)-Support) where you can submit your username and password request using our online form.

## What to do if you forget your username or password

Visit [https://reigateschool.fluencycms.co.uk/Parental-Portal-\(SLG\)-Support](https://reigateschool.fluencycms.co.uk/Parental-Portal-(SLG)-Support) where you can submit your query using our online form.

## Parental Portal (SIMS Learning Gateway) - Quick Start Guide

The SLG is accessed using a web browser and by entering the details that have been provided to you by the school. The account will give you access to information relating to any children that you have at Reigate School.

The address for the Reigate School SLG is <https://portal.reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk/slg/>

## Finding Information on the SLG

Once logged in you should click on the Parents/Carers tab at the top of the page. You will then see the home page of the SLG Parent Site containing current SLG notices. On the left hand side of the screen are several sections that will be of interest:

**My Account Page** – it is advised that you visit this page the first time you log in and change your password to something more memorable. If you forget your password go to [https://reigateschool.fluencycms.co.uk/Parental-Portal-\(SLG\)-Support](https://reigateschool.fluencycms.co.uk/Parental-Portal-(SLG)-Support) where you can submit your password reset request using our online form.

**My Children Dashboard** – here you will find the main information about your child/children. In the main part of the page you will see headline information including attendance.

At the bottom of the page under My Children Links you will find three sections:

**Student Dashboard** – here you will find information regarding behaviour/achievements and timetable.

**View Reports** – this is where progress reports can be found. Click on the arrow next to the current academic year and a list of available reports will be displayed. Please note you will be unable to view reports when using a smartphone/iPhone as the mobile view doesn't support this.

**Data Collection Sheet** – Use this section of the SLG to check and update the information that we hold, including home address and home/mobile/work telephone numbers and email addresses. Changes are then submitted electronically and there is no need to telephone the school to advise us of those changes.

## VACANCIES

We are currently recruiting for a Cover Supervisors/Learning Mentor (teaching experience preferred), Personal Achievement Coaches to support individual students, Receptionist and Cleaners. For further details please contact [bursar@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:bursar@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk)

## 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.

**LifeSkills**  
Created with BARCLAYS

[www.barclayslifeskills.com](http://www.barclayslifeskills.com)

**Apprenticeships**

[www.apprenticeships.org.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk)

**allabout**  
school leavers

[www.allaboutschooleavers.co.uk](http://www.allaboutschooleavers.co.uk)

**notgoingtouni.co.uk**

[www.notgoingtouni.co.uk](http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk)

**icould**

[www.icould.com](http://www.icould.com)