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MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE PRINCIPAL

GREENSAND MULTI-ACADEMY TRUST

Enriching children's lives

The Headteachers and Governors of Dovers Green School, Holmesdale Community Infant School, Reigate School, St John's Primary School and Wray Common Primary School have been working together for two years to develop a trust that will build upon the strong relationships that the schools already have and further enrich the lives of the children in their schools.

On the 1st November 2017 Dovers Green School, Holmesdale Community Infant School, Reigate School and Wray Common Primary School converted as academies and formed Greensand Multi-Academy Trust. Current developmental work on the St John's Primary School buildings has delayed their academy conversion, but they will continue to work in close partnership and officially join the trust in the near future.

By joining together a small group of great local schools the trust aims to:

- Improve the educational outcomes of the children in our schools
- Ensure financial security in a time of significant economic challenges in the public sector
- Collaborate in recruiting, developing and retaining the very best teachers and school workforce

and

- Provide further opportunities for the children and their families in our community of schools to participate in the arts, sport and charity work.

The Greensand schools have excellent relationships and partnerships with many other schools in the local area, in Surrey and across the South East. We hope collaboration with other Schools and Multi-Academy Trusts will continue to thrive.

Mrs Wardlow

MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Welcome back. Over half term several children went to France and Spain for the Battlefields and Barcelona trips. Both trips were very successful and you can read more about them later in the newsletter.

There will be no Year 11 timetabled lessons from Monday 6th November until and including Tuesday 14th November, as all Year 11 students will be having their mock exams and study leave. A full timetable can be found on our website under Academic \ Examinations.

Remembrance Day is on 11th November. We will have prefects on the door each morning with poppies and collection tins should you wish to make a donation.

I would also like to share a comment from a local dog walker who took the trouble to e-mail in after passing a couple of our students. "Just walking my dogs at 8.30 this am on Earlswood Lakes. I came across two lads, smartly dressed and very polite. These lads are a real testimony to your school....well done".

Mr Alexander

SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Year 7 Riley Clark and Lewis Dungate-Vetch for being so helpful in Mr Jones' lessons.

Year 8 Jamie Boxall for being the first student in Year 8 to earn his 1 star badge for 150 achievement points.

Year 9 Elizabeth Salisbury for achieving 97% in her end of topic PE test.

Year 10 James Rutland for his excellent work in ICT this week.

Year 11 Lena Fuller for showing resilience and achieving a good level of work in numerous subjects.

THIS WEEK'S COMMENDATION AWARDS

Year 7	7ESA
Year 8	8PWR
Year 9	9MGE
Year 10	10NTR
Year 11	11WMO

BEST ATTENDANCE

Year 7	7TSG, 7DKI, 7ELA, 7CWO, 7PBO, 7CWH	100%
Year 8	8ALU	100%
Year 9	9JMR	99.1%
Year 10	10IDA	98.6%
Year 11	11JWI	98.6%

Whole School Attendance 95.7%

UPCOMING DATES

All Week	Year 11 Mock Exams
Tuesday 7 th November	Year 7 Girls' District Cross County at Royal Alexandra and Albert School
Wednesday 8 th November	Year 9 University of Surrey Careers Fair
Thursday 9 th November	7CWO and 7CHN movie night in school
Friday 10 th November	Reigate Schools Together concert at Reigate Baptist Church

NOTICES

Lost property: Over half term seven PE bags, five and a half pairs of shoes and two bin bags full of various other lost property was collected from classrooms and changing rooms. We have notified the owners of anything named, all other items will be kept in the lost property room until the end of term, when they will be recycled. If your child has lost something, please ask them to check lost property. Thank you.



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WED 8TH NOVEMBER 4:30-6:30PM
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BARCELONA

On Friday 20th October, 25 excited students accompanied by Miss Forrest, Miss Chandler and Mr Hamilton departed at 11:20am on flight BA 2708, destination Barcelona.

After checking in at the hotel, we were all hungry so went for *chocolate con churros* at a traditional Spanish café; they were delicious. Afterwards, we set off for the beach. At the seafront we stopped to listen to a drum playing busker and then later played on the tall, elastic climbing frame next to the sail-shaped W hotel.

We walked back to the city centre via the old harbour, Port Vell, and the Maremagnum shopping centre. Our evening meal was at La Moka restaurant on La Rambla. We had 'Cuban style rice, fried egg and banana to start, stuffed aubergine for main and flan and cream for dessert.



On Saturday 21st October, after having breakfast in the basement of the hotel, we wandered through the world famous Boquería food market to Montjuic.

We walked to the fort at the top of the mountain where we came across a mini festival and enjoyed some music and a hippy market.



On the way to Plaza España, we saw the Olympic Stadium where a children's pop concert was about to start and then we passed by the National Art Gallery.



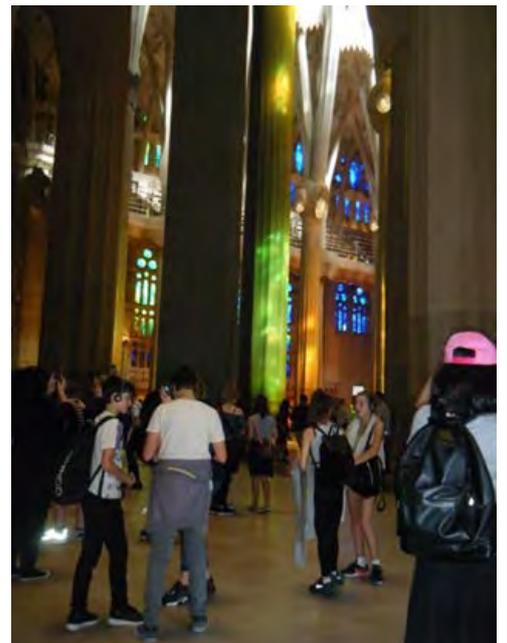
At the bottom of Montjuic, we visited the Las Arenas shopping centre (a converted bullring) where the students had some shopping time. Afterwards, we hopped on the metro to La Sagrada Familia where we had an informative, guided tour of Gaudi's emblematic 'basilica'.



We walked back to our hotel close by Passeig De Gracia Avenue and saw coach loads of Catalans gathering to protest for the release of the separatist politicians. It was a peaceful protest.

Before dinner, we had a look around the shops in the centre then ate at Frescos, a buffet style restaurant.

On the way back to the hotel, we came across a group of street musicians; we stopped to have a dance and a 'sing song'. It was so much fun.



On Sunday 22nd October we met our Sagalés coach and visited the surreal Salvador Dali art museum in Figueres where we saw some bizarre works of art.



After lunch, we headed to the historic city of Girona. Mr Hamilton led the tour along the city walls, stopping at several parapets for panoramic views of the area. On the way back to Barcelona we stopped at La Roca Village shopping outlet for a spot of retail therapy.



Our last dinner together was at La Fonda restaurant where we shared a selection of tasty *tapas* and enjoyed each other's company.



On Monday 23rd October, our last day, we walked up Passeig De Gracia Avenue, stopping to admire Gaudi's spectacular Casa Batlló and La Pedrera buildings. We then hopped on the metro for our guided tour of Camp Nou, the home of Barcelona Football Club. It is definitely more than a club!



We took the metro back to the centre and went to look at Plaza Sant Jaume and the Catalan government buildings. After collecting our cases from the hotel, we wandered through the back streets to catch our airport transfer coach. We had an amazing time together and the weather was fabulous and sunny.

Throughout the visit, the students were great company and their behaviour was impeccable. The British Airways Cabin Manager even congratulated me on how well behaved the students were on the flight home. *Hasta la próxima* beloved Barcelona!

Miss Forrest

BATTLEFIELDS

During half term a group of children and teachers went over to the sites of the Battle of the Somme and the Battle of Passchendaele. We left school really, really early on the Tuesday but were soon speeding through the Eurotunnel. Very soon we were in France. Our first stop was at Delville Wood, where the South Africans fought a tough battle against the Germans. We visited the cemetery and learnt how to use the books to locate graves and a little bit about the Commonwealth War Graves Commission, who maintain the graves. Then we went to Newfoundland Park to learn about the Newfoundlanders' contribution to the war from our Canadian guide.



Our next visit was to Mametz Wood where the 38th Welsh Division fought its toughest battle to capture the wood. After a refreshment break at the Ulster Tower, we went on to visit the Lochnagar crater. This was the crater left after the explosives detonation that began the battle of the Somme on 1st July 1916. It was meant to be a signal for the beginning of the offensive and the explosion was so loud that it could be heard as far away as Reigate. Our students asked our guide Trevor some really interesting questions and were constantly keeping him on his toes. In return Trevor shared a great number of interesting stories with us.

That evening we stayed in Albert and after making our own beds we ate out in a local French restaurant. The food was lovely and gave us all a chance to relax and socialise.



BATTLEFIELDS

The next morning we set off for Theipval, which is the memorial site for the missing men who died during the Battle of the Somme.



Then we went to one of my favourite sites, Wellington Quarry. The tunnels dug out here by the New Zealanders helped the British and Canadians surprise the Germans in the areas around Arras and it was interesting to see where the soldiers had been waiting before their moment of attack came.



That evening we arrived in Ypres and stayed in a hotel overlooking the Menin Gate.

BATTLEFIELDS

Sophia, Jessica and Sophie had applied and been selected to lay the wreath in remembrance on behalf of Reigate School and I was very proud of the girls as they were very nervous.



After a visit to the Leonides Chocolate shop, we retired to the hotel.

Up early the next morning, we went to a special cemetery which contained the grave of one of only two women to die in the Battle of Passchendaele, Nellie Spindler. Trevor told her story and the stories of many interesting people who lay in the Lijssenthoek cemetery near Ypres.



In contrast we then went to Langemark, a German cemetery and learnt about how Hitler had visited the site in 1940.



After a visit to the Passchendaele Museum we finished the trip with a visit to the largest Commonwealth Cemetery – Tyne Cot. It gave us a good impression of the sheer losses from each side as we remember Passchendaele 100 years later.

The grave pictured below at Tyne Cot was the only one marked with a statement about the futility of war. 2nd Lieutenant A C Young - “Sacrificed to the fallacy that war can end war”.



We had an excellent trip and all the students were outstanding, showing respect and interest even when they were getting tired. Mrs Wardlow received a message from a Miss Holmes who was touring the sites with her family at the same time which said ‘It was a pleasure to come across some of your students at Vimy Ridge last week. My parents and I were so impressed with the behaviour of your students I felt the need to email you. They were attentive and interested in the history, as well as clearly having been well prepared for what they were immersed in. I hope your staff and students had an excellent trip!

A huge thank you goes out to the students and the staff for making it a really interesting half term.

Mrs Singleton

SPORTS NEWS

NETBALL

Year 7 vs Oakwood School 10-2 win. Player of the match Olivia Rawlinson

Year 8 vs Oakwood School 3-1 win. Player of the match Holly Howes.

Year 11 vs Oakwood School 19-0 win.

RUGBY

Year 8 vs de Stafford School 33-19 win.

CAREERS

CAREERS ADVICE IN SURREY – WHAT'S YOUR NEXT MOVE PORTAL

For full time study, work, apprenticeships or training options, Surrey's Participation Team offer advice and guidance around any aspect of post 16 options. Some of the features of this portal include:



- A FAQ section for parents/carers and young people
- A news and events section
- Participation information for those with SEND
- Volunteering information

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 "What's 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 a quiz which is fun to take and will give children 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
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www.barclayslifeskills.com

 **Apprenticeships**

www.apprenticeships.org.uk

 **allabout**
school leavers

www.allaboutschoollleavers.co.uk

 **notgoingtouni.co.uk**

www.notgoingtouni.co.uk

 **icould**

www.icould.com

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 children, parents and carers in 2016. We sent out usernames and passwords to all parents and carers who 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 email slghelpdesk@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk.

What to do if you forget your username or password

In the first instance email slghelpdesk@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk if further assistance is required contact our SLG Helpdesk on 01737 229568.

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/sl/>

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 you will need to contact slghelpdesk@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk to request it to be reset.

My Children Dashboard – here you will find the main information about your child or 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 or 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.