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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Year 7 and Year 8 had their Christmas Discos this week. Both went extremely well and all the children and staff seemed to really enjoy themselves. A group of children visited Willow Glade Retirement Home and the Woodhatch Centre to sing Christmas Carols this week. There will be full write ups on all these events in next week's newsletter.

We have received some really exciting news this week. Mrs Hill, our Business Manager and Mr Graham one of our Governors, submitted a bid for some funding to refurbish three of our science labs. We have been awarded £40K towards this and so it is likely that three of the labs will have a makeover this summer. We are very grateful to The Wolfson Foundation for their support with this venture. The school will also be using Formula Capital money to supplement the project costs.

The builders have started on their compound at the bottom of the school this week in preparation for the construction of an extension to the Textiles room. The subject has increased in popularity in recent years, so much so, that we have struggled to fit all our children in. The addition to room N3 will help significantly with this issue and I know that the teachers are really pleased they will have more space.

Next week we will be putting together food hampers from donations received from children and staff. We have been promised some fresh chickens which will be perfect for Christmas dinner. If anyone would benefit from a food hamper please contact Mrs Hill in confidence bursar@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk.

The timetable for the last day of term will be slightly different to normal due to the early finish at 12:05pm.

Registration and Year 10 Assembly	8.45am - 9.05am
Period 1	9.05am - 9.55am
Period 2	9.55am - 10.45am
Break	10.45am - 11.05am
Tutor Time and Year Assembly	11.05am - 12.05pm

The children will be permitted to wear a Christmas jumper for the last day of term in exchange for a £1 charity donation.

Mr Alexander



SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Year 7	Jack Skinner for being a last minute super substitute for the inter tutor football tournament
Year 8	The Year 8 disco committee for all their help in organising such a successful event.
Year 9	Amy Brown, Victoria Grandison and Ellie Robertson for managing to get all the Year 8s dancing at the Year 8 Christmas disco.
Year 10	Asa Stevenson for being the first Year 10 student to complete all three sections for his Duke of Edinburgh Award.
Year 11	Shala Monderin for her continued effort to her work and her wonderful attitude.

UPCOMING DATES

Monday 18 th December	Pantomime for Year 7 in hall. 11SJO form trip to Laser World, Crawley. 11AFO form trip to Pizza Express.
Tuesday 19 th December	Year 11 Mock Biology Exam
Wednesday 20 th December	Year 11 Mock Chemistry and Physics Exams
Thursday 21 st December	END OF TERM at 12:05pm

BEST ATTENDANCE

Year 7	7PBO	100%
Year 8	8JKE	98.9%
Year 9	9JWH	94.8%
Year 10	10SMO	95.5%
Year 11	11GFO	99.3%

Whole School Attendance 93.3%

NOTICES

MEASLES OUTBREAK IN SURREY

Surrey County Council has informed us of a measles outbreak in Surrey which is affecting unimmunised children and adults. Measles is highly infectious and can cause serious illness. The MMR vaccination is the only way to protect children and young people. There are also outbreaks occurring in Europe so if you are planning to travel overseas, please ensure that your child is up to date with their routine immunisations, including MMR.



Teenagers, young adults and anyone who has missed their MMR vaccination (a series of two vaccinations usually given at the age of 13months and 3-4yrs) can get measles. The first signs are fever, cough, runny nose and red sore eyes. After a few days a spotty rash will appear. If you think your child has measles ring your GP. For more information please go to: www.nhs.uk/conditions/measles

NEWS AND EVENTS

INTRODUCING THE HEAD GIRL AND BOY



Hi I'm Etienne and I'm very excited to have the opportunity of being Head Girl. I would consider myself a very ambitious and determined individual so I would really like to inspire others with this and to get involved with School Council.



Hi my name is Oscar and I have the privilege of being Reigate School's new Head Boy. After Christmas I am looking forward to offering new ideas and schemes to the school and working with the deputies and prefect team.

Performing in school shows has helped me represent the school and I'm excited to be given different opportunities to do so. I love helping people and overcoming new challenges so I hope to use this to further improve this great school.

INTRODUCING THE DEPUTY HEAD BOYS AND GIRLS



Hi I'm Efan and I am honoured to have been chosen as one of Reigate School's Deputy Head Boys for this year. I am really proud to attend Reigate School and want to use my passion to help give something back to the place that has given me so much. I love music and enjoy playing both the guitar and piano in my spare time as well as in the school band. Other passions of mine are politics and science. I am always keeping up with current affairs and I am a very inquisitive person who enjoys finding out how things work. As Deputy Head Boy I want to give the message to all students that they have the ability to be amazing and succeed in the future. I can't wait to start working with the incredible team that we have this year and to begin to take on board the students' ideas as to how we can improve our school. So please, if you have any ideas or queries come and speak to us.



Hi my name is Zak and I am honoured to say that I am one of the new Deputy Head Boys alongside Efan. I have loved representing the school so far and am excited to be more involved with the school and its decisions. My main passion is the performing arts and I have taken part in the school shows since I joined Reigate School. I have been given so many opportunities to perform at showcases, assemblies and competitions and doing this has really boosted my confidence. In the future, I would love to pursue a career in the performing arts or in events managing or advertising as I am quite creative and organised. I am a very approachable person and can talk to new people easily which will be useful in this role. I am really looking forward to working with the staff and a great team of students to improve the school for the greater good.



Hi I'm Holly and I am honoured to be one of the newly-appointed Deputy Head Girls. I have loved being involved in many different school activities such as performing in school concerts and productions and participating in many netball matches for my year group. I feel as though I am an approachable person and I always try my best at everything. Alongside this, I believe that I am ambitious, hardworking and very passionate about helping others. During my time as Deputy I would like to try and encourage people to try their best and to bring our community together. I am excited to start the role and really look forward to working with such an amazing team over the next few terms.



Hi, I'm Fahmina, and I'm delighted and honoured to be appointed Deputy Head Girl. I would describe myself as approachable, ambitious and light-hearted. In the future I would love to pursue a career in medicine whilst also keeping dance and art as hobbies. I'm very grateful and proud to be part of a school that offers so many opportunities to nurture and showcase everyone's talents. I have whole-heartedly loved representing Reigate throughout the years and am delighted to be working with such a fantabulous team! Well done to everyone!

TATE BRITAIN VISIT



On Thursday 7th December the Year 10 GCSE art students went on a trip to the Tate Britain in Milbank, London. We studied artwork from Britain throughout history. We enjoyed seeing works by Henry Moore and Francis Bacon. The most captivating attraction was a piece called Echos by Marguerite Humeau, a hypnotic and eerie piece. The materials that this artist used included snake venom! A little odd!

The work from the 1540's was, in my opinion, a very interesting part. In the gallery the pieces were displayed in chronological order so walking through the gallery was like going through time. It was intriguing to see how art has developed and changed over time. We saw huge detailed paintings with big, gold, expensive frames all the way through to minimalist pieces made from resin. My favourite piece was Carnation, Lily, Lily, Rose by John Singer Sargent. This piece displays two children lighting lanterns amidst flowers and plants.

Reported by Daisy Kemp and Sophia Drage

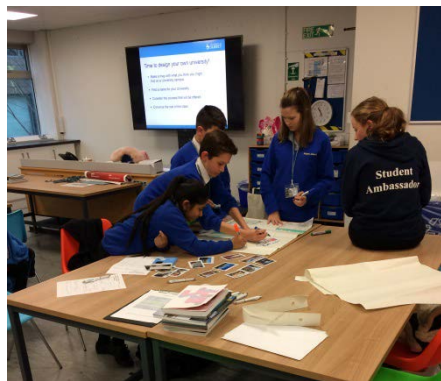


Echos
by Marguerite Humeau



Carnation, Lily, Lily, Rose
by John Singer Sargent

YEAR 7 UNIVERSITY TRIP



Last week we took a group of Year 7 children to the University of Surrey for an Introduction to University day. When we arrived we were met by three lovely student ambassadors who escorted us to the first activity of the day. This was a game where the children learnt about what a university was and the differences between studying at a university and school. They then had to design their own university and present it to the rest of the group.

Lunch was at the Hillside Restaurant followed by a tour of the campus which included a quiz. The children were particularly impressed with the 5G development, the racing car engineering workshop, the simulated hospital ward and the fact that the university had its own nightclub on the campus.

The day finished with a question and answer session with the student ambassadors. Our children were very interested in what they had to say, what they were studying, what they wanted to do when they graduated and somewhat randomly what their favourite colour was! It was a great day and our children behaved and participated brilliantly.

Mrs Grew
Exams/Careers Officer



ENSURING A SMOOTH AND SUCCESSFUL ACADEMIC TRANSITION FROM Y6 TO Y7

Mrs Williams and I visited Reigate Priory Junior School in November. We spent an interesting morning in some Year 6 Literacy lessons and spoke to Mrs Munn and Mrs Keefe about making the move from Year 6 into Year 7 as academically effective as possible from an English point of view. We were able to highlight the skills that Year 6 children gain at primary school that can be used to facilitate and advance their secondary school progress as well as looking at skills that need more focus in Year 7.

Last week Mrs Munn joined us as a follow-up to our visit and spent some time with the Year 7 children who had previously attended Reigate Priory Junior School to see how they have progressed. Mrs Keefe also visited recently and both were delighted to see how well the children have settled into Year 7 and they in return were so pleased to see their teachers. They spoke so positively about the link between the two schools. One Year 7 said, "It was nice to be able to relate back to the Priory and look at the progress I have made" and another said how nice it was to catch up with Mrs Keefe. It was also reassuring to hear one Year 7 say, "Tell Year 6 not to worry about the transition; you won't notice it that much", suggesting that between us we are supporting students effectively and can now work on improved progression.

I look forward to more opportunities in the future to work with primary school colleagues as we work to advance academic transition from Year 6 to Year 7.

Reported by Mr Junkison



REIGATE PRIORY
JUNIOR SCHOOL

NEWS AND EVENTS

GIFTED AND TALENTED AFTERNOON AT REIGATE COLLEGE

On Wednesday 6th December a few children went to Reigate College to take part in some PE and Performing Arts activities.

I was extremely impressed with the equipment. The staff were really friendly and I enjoyed the tasks that we got involved in - Hannah (PE)

I thought today was extremely fun and enjoyable. Everyone was very kind and lovely. I really enjoyed the activities - Frankie (PE)

The musical theatre was fun and it was great to get to know people who I had never met before. I enjoyed it - Rose (Performing Arts)

It was really good, I really enjoyed the afternoon - Liam (Performing Arts)



STUDENT SERVICES

Please would you ensure the forms for Year 9 vaccinations are returned to us. These need to be returned even if you do not wish your child to be vaccinated.

We've had a phone in Student Services for a couple of days now, along with a key, a ring and a pair of earrings. Some money has also been handed in.

THIS WEEK'S COMMENDATION AWARDS

Year 7	7BPO
Year 8	8JMA
Year 9	9JWH
Year 10	10MBR
Year 11	11DSM



Playworkers Wanted

YMCA EAST SURREY



YMCA East Surrey is recruiting. If you enjoy working with children, join our fun team as one of our playworkers. Working days are flexible and as and when required.

Disability Playworker

Yippee and Yip4Youth are short break services for children and young people with a wide range of complex needs and disabilities. Based in Reigate, Leatherhead, Crawley and Horsham.

Candidates should be

- ▶ Caring
- ▶ Patient
- ▶ Enthusiastic

Working Hours

Varying hours on:

- ▶ Saturdays and Sundays term time
- ▶ Term time after school clubs
- ▶ Monday-Friday school holidays

Y-Kids Playworker

Y-Kids After School Club & Holiday Playschemes provide creative, fun and stimulating activities for children. Based in Redhill and Banstead.

Candidates should be

- ▶ Fun
- ▶ Creative
- ▶ Imaginative

Working Hours

Varying hours on:

- ▶ Monday-Friday school holidays
- ▶ Monday-Friday after school

Party Playworker

The YMCA runs themed children's parties giving the birthday girl/boy and their friends a party to remember. Based in Reigate and Redhill.

Candidates should be

- ▶ Fun
- ▶ Attentive
- ▶ Enthusiastic

Working Hours

Varying hours on:

- ▶ Saturdays and Sundays

Rate of pay

Under 18 – £5.940 p/h
 18 – 25 years old – £8.170 p/h
 Over 25 years old – £8.405 p/h

Contact us

For an application pack or more information, please visit: www.ymcaeast Surrey.org.uk/latest-jobs

YMCA Sports & Community Centre | T 01737 779979
 YMCA Sovereign Centre | T 01737 222859

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.



www.barclayslifeskills.com



www.apprenticeships.org.uk



www.allaboutschooleavers.co.uk



www.notgoingtouni.co.uk



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/slq/>

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.