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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

Apologies for the belated newsletter. I hope you all enjoyed the extended weekend and the weather didn't cause too much disruption.

A reminder for Year 8 parents and carers that we have the Options Evening on Thursday with Parents' Evening to follow on 15th. As stated via text and e-mail last week, the Year 10 Parents' Evening has been postponed to 22nd March. There is a DofE meeting for the Year 9s who have recently joined the scheme tomorrow at 6pm in room D3 and D4.

We have quite a few trips out this week. There is a Gifted and Talented workshop event at East Surrey College, a National Apprenticeship show at Sandown Park, a Star Steppers dance performance at the Harlequin Theatre, a Textiles trip to the Horniman Museum, A French conference at Westminster, form trips to Nando's and a trampoline competition at Oakwood School. Full reports will follow in upcoming newsletters.

Mr Alexander

SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Year 7 Lucy Mascall for receiving over 460 achievement points so far this year.

Year 8 Harry Newell for continued hard work in Science.

Year 9 Ryan Smythe for stopping to offer his help to a local resident when walking home from school.

Year 10 Navid Ashrafi for his hard work in French.

Year 11 Gabriel Chalmers for his excellent achievement in his maths mock exam.

BEST ATTENDANCE

Year 7	7GJE	100%
Year 8	8SMI	99.1%
Year 9	9EWL	98.2%
Year 10	10LSA	98%
Year 11	11GFO	95.9%

Whole School Attendance 92.7%

COMMENDATION AWARDS

Year 7	7PBO
Year 8	8SCA
Year 9	9MKI
Year 10	10LRD
Year 11	11GFO

UPCOMING DATES

Monday 5 th March	Gifted and Talented workshops at East Surrey College Careers trip to National Apprenticeship Show Starsteppers Dance show at The Harlequin Theatre DofE information evening
Tuesday 6 th March	
Wednesday 7 th March	GCSE climbing course at K2, Crawley Textiles trip to the Horniman Museum French High Five Conference, Westminster Trampolining competition at Oakwood School 10LRD, 10NTR, 10LSA form trip to Nandos Year 8 Options Evening
Thursday 8 th March	

HISTORY TRIP TO THE LONDON DOCKLANDS MUSEUM

Over a hundred Year 10 historians took part in a visit to the Museum of Docklands on 22nd and 23rd February. We were investigating what the area of Whitechapel was like in the 1880s. As part of our GCSE we needed to learn how the conditions in Whitechapel and the policing had an impact on crime and punishment during the time of the notorious serial killer, Jack the Ripper. We attended workshops looking at artefacts and learnt the story of the murders from a 'real' policeman from the time. We also had time to look around the galleries in this fascinating museum. The children were a pleasure to take to the museum and a real credit to the school.

Mrs Singleton

I enjoyed the trip to the London Docklands Museum because it was an enjoyable and interactive trip that taught us about the London Docklands and the East End of London and their role in British history. We saw exhibits from the Victorian times such as the London sugar and slavery exhibition which taught us how the British enslaved people from Africa and used them on the sugar plantations. We also saw an exhibit about how the Docklands were the main trading hub for the British Empire during the Victorian times. There was an interesting exhibit that showed the range of spices that were traded in the Docklands. Another exhibit was about the Docklands in the 20th century. It included details about life in the Docklands during World War One and Two and how the Docklands were redeveloped in the 1990s and 2000s, this included the building of London City Airport and Canary Wharf.

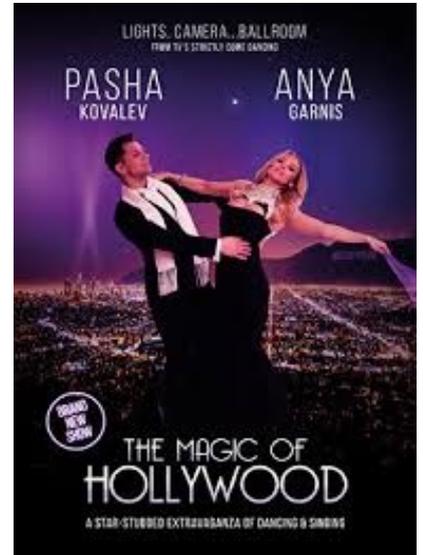
One thing I enjoyed the most was the talk from PC Long, who was a policeman who worked in H Division in Whitechapel in 1888. He talked about the brutal killings of Jack the Ripper. He was very informative about the murders that made Jack famous. It was an enjoyable trip to see how the East End of London has changed throughout history and it made it more real than normal lessons.

Reported by James Railton



DANCING WITH PASHA

Nine of our girls are some of the fortunate few who have been chosen to dance alongside Strictly Come Dancing's Pasha Kovalev at the Harlequin Theatre, Redhill on Thursday 15th March. The girls, who train at the Reigate School of Ballet and Commercial Dance, have been busy rehearsing every Saturday in preparation for the Magic of Hollywood showcase with the BBC star and for many of them, this will be the 3rd year they have participated. Well done Amelia, Beth, Eva, Gwen, Isabella, Jessica, Megan, Scarlett and Sophie. It is a fantastic opportunity for them all and we wish them well for the big night!



STAR FOR A NIGHT

Congratulations to the following children who will be performing in Star for a Night 2018! Good luck! Everyone is welcome. Please contact the Harlequin if you would like to purchase tickets.



Year 7

Amelie
Caitlin
Daisy
Francesca
Jennifer

Year 8

Emily
Lana
Milan
Otilie
Rose

Year 9

Aliyah
Annie
Ava
Daisy
Elsa
Emily
Gemma
Hope
Martha
Nayana
Sophie
Zara

GIFTED AND TALENTED SCIENCE AT REIGATE COLLEGE

The trip started off with all four of us getting in a taxi and taking the short journey to Reigate College. At first I was a bit unsure but I soon got to know the other Year 8s in the group. When we arrived at Reigate College almost everyone was surprised at how big the premises were (and I was a bit intimidated by the number of buildings) however we soon found our destination and were registered by one of the college's own science teachers.

Soon after we arrived we received a small activity booklet to do as we waited for the other schools to arrive, as well as some snacks and drinks, which lifted our mood quite a bit. Then, about 10 minutes later, some other science teachers collected us and took us through a series of buildings, crossing multiple staircases and hallways all of them full of posters of different careers and courses. We arrived at a big classroom full of different displays of skeletons, models of genes, posters of different animal species and at least four large whiteboards. Our group sat down next to each other as the video started depicting the lesson's subject: DNA. After that we learned about the different parts of DNA, where it is found and why it is important through a slideshow and a small worksheet to help us understand the diagrams on the board and to answer a few questions. Everyone was stunned by how complicated science could become; no one expected to be learning about nucleotides, chromosome pairs and phosphate groups so suddenly. After we finished the worksheets and the presentation ended, we moved onto practical work, extracting DNA from peas. It was quite a complex process but in the end everyone managed to complete the process and everything went well except for the huge mess we made. I was a bit worried about clearing everything up but in the end it turned out that we didn't have to thankfully! We were so absorbed by the practical work we didn't really notice the time until we had to go home. After a short quiz about what we learned, we walked back to the building we originally arrived at and were picked up by our parents, somewhat exhausted, with our brains full of new knowledge.

Reported by Blanka Marton

GIFTED AND TALENTED MATHS TRIP

On Wednesday 7th February a group of Year 9 Reigate children went on a trip to Reigate College for the subject of maths as part of a gifted and talented group. When we got there we did a general knowledge quiz and then they took us to certain classrooms. We were put into groups with people we didn't know so made new friends and found out new things. In the maths class we made boxes out of an A4 piece of paper; the challenge was to find out the biggest volume a box could have. After that we were asked to plot the points onto a graph. Overall it was an interesting and new experience and we were all really grateful for this opportunity that Reigate College gave us.

Reported by Ellie Potten

NOAH'S NATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY RACE

Last Saturday I took part in the National Cross Country Championships U15 boys' race which was held this year at Parliament Hill in London. There were over 500 runners in my race, however in the men's race there were over 2000!! It was a 4.5k lap in thick mud and large hills and it is probably the toughest race I've ever done. It was hard to get a personal best due to the amount of people and the tough course, but it was a great experience nonetheless.

Reported by Noah – Year 9



CAREERS

STEPS TO SUCCESS

Performance in Education visited our Year 9 children last week and delivered an entertaining and thought provoking play. It involved three children thinking about their next steps in education and how their choices will impact on future plans when leaving school. It was fast paced and funny and even included a surprise guest appearance from 'Ant and Dec'!

A workshop followed which involved a lively debate on the advantages and disadvantages of going to university along with quizzes and games all designed to inform the children about the different routes open to them.

Our children seemed to really enjoy the performance and workshop and we would like to thank Performance in Education for coming to our school.

Mrs Grew
Careers Officer

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.allaboutschoollavers.co.uk



www.notgoingtouni.co.uk



www.icould.com

VACANCIES

VACANCIES AT WRAY COMMON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Wray Common Primary School are currently advertising for a School Assistant (deadline for application is 7th March) and a Senior Play Leader (deadline is 19th March). For more information please click on the below link:

[Job Vacancies at Wray Common](#) .

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.