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MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

We have a full newsletter this week with reports from various trips and events which include a French conference in Westminster, dance and theatre performances, cake sales, a visit to the Horniman Museum and some of the week's sporting activities.

Thank you to all the Year 8 parents and carers who attended Parents' Evening last night. It was very well attended. We hope it was useful to you in order to make the all-important option decisions. Please may we remind you that the deadline for forms to be returned is Monday 26th March. We look forward to welcoming the Year 10 parents and carers for the rescheduled Parents' Evening on Thursday 22nd.

This weekend we will be visited by the Compassion Experience Bus. This is a unique experience which will introduce you and your family to the daily realities of a child in extreme poverty. The experience is free and lasts around 15 minutes. If you would like to book a slot, please reserve your space at www.compassionuk.org/experience. The bus will remain on site on Monday morning when all Year 7 and 8 children will have the opportunity to visit.

Mr Alexander

SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Year 7	Ellis Moulton – for a great result in his Spanish assessment.
Year 8	Elodie Harmer for her fantastic efforts in all of her subjects.
Year 9	Hope Stevens for always working extremely hard in Science and being a fantastic example to the rest of the class.
Year 10	Alexander Sparshott whose hard work practising his kicking in training ensured the rugby team had a solid win.
Year 11	Lizzie Halsey for her excellent result in her Maths mock exam.

BEST ATTENDANCE

Year 7	7TSG, 7MHY, 7GJE, 7PCO, 7CHN	100%
Year 8	8LSW	98.9%
Year 9	9MKI	99%
Year 10	10LSA	100%
Year 11	11GFO	99%

Whole School Attendance 95.7%

COMMENDATION AWARDS

Year 7	7AME
Year 8	8PWR
Year 9	9EWL
Year 10	10MBR
Year 11	11CLY

UPCOMING DATES

Monday 19 th March	Performing Arts Easter Showcase
Tuesday 20 th March	Trampoline competition at Oakwood School
Wednesday 21 st March	GCSE climbing course
	Maths and Science Gifted and Talented trip to Reigate College
	Governors' Dinner prepared and served by Year 10s
Thursday 22 nd March	Year 10 Parents' Evening (rescheduled from 1 st March due to snow)

PIXL FRENCH FOUNDATION GCSE REVISION CONFERENCE IN LONDON



On Thursday 8th March, myself and Miss Salton took 12 children to the PiXL French revision conference in London. The aim of the conference was to improve their French and also get some handy exam tips. We caught the 12.21 train from Redhill to Victoria and then walked from Victoria station to the conference venue in Central Hall which is opposite the beautiful Westminster Abbey.

During the conference we attended sessions based on the speaking, reading and listening exams and completed some translation activities. The final speaker offered useful revision strategies. After the course had finished, we stopped at Westminster Abbey for a quick photo and then got the 16.55 train back to Redhill. The children found this course very useful and enjoyed their trip to London. The highlight of the day for me was when I was told by the PiXL staff that they thought our children were “a lovely bunch”.

Miss Chandler

CATRIN AT THE ELECTRIC THEATRE

I recently appeared in the British Theatre Academy's production of Cinderella at The Electric Theatre in Guildford.

I was lucky enough to play Joy, one of Cinderella's step-sisters. It was a really fun role to play and I thoroughly enjoyed taking part, although I did have to wear a ridiculous costume!

We all worked very hard in rehearsals and hopefully put on two great shows.

Reported by Catrin – Year 8



GCSE TEXTILES TRIO TO THE HORNIMAN MUSEUM

On Thursday 8th March the Year 11 GCSE Textiles class visited the Horniman Museum and Gardens. As we entered the natural history exhibition we were shocked to see a stuffed life sized tiger, positioned next to a preserved Dodo. This started a very interesting debate of morality. We came to the conclusion that although we see the shooting of wild animals as barbaric and wrong now, we appreciate that without this 'sport of the past' we, in the 21st century, would never get to see a Dodo.

The class produced pages of drawings from the natural history section and then afterwards we marvelled at the many beautiful living creatures in the Aquarium. After lunch we took a short stroll through the farm and then looked around the remaining exhibitions. Once back at school we are going to use our observational drawings as starting points to develop ideas for our GCSE textiles exam.



Mrs Skinner



EAST SURREY COLLEGE WORKSHOPS FOR THE GIFTED AND TALENTED

On 5th March the Year 10 Gifted and Talented Science children went on a trip to East Surrey College. We had a selection of workshops to take part in which included engineering, media, accounting, applied science, art and design and many more. We took part in an accounting workshop where we learnt about the industry and learnt about the different qualifications needed.



"It was fun, very hands-on and it gave us an insight into our potential future." – Gregor Fowler (engineering)

"It gave me an opportunity to see what the world of media is like." – Efan Fisher (creative studies)

"It was interesting understanding vocational courses in science. It's very hands on and a great alternative to more academic studies." – Sharon Pepple (applied science)

"During applied science, I learnt how science is not all theory and what goes on inside a lab. A real eye opener to what is available." – Will Gatland (applied science)

Reported by Holly Goodbourn and Fahmina Khan

STAR STEPPERS AT THE HARLEQUIN THEATRE

Dancers from Years 7,8,9 and 10 represented Reigate School at this year's Star Steppers dance show which was held at the Harlequin Theatre, Redhill last Tuesday evening. The show saw many schools showcase dance pieces and we performed a dance piece called 'Words Can Hurt' which focused on bullying.

The dancers performed with excellence and behaved with true professionalism during their time at the theatre. Audience members were moved to tears by the children's performance who were a credit to the school.

For more opportunities to watch our talented dancers shine please come and support the GCSE dance show which will be held in the main hall on Tuesday 24th April at 6:30pm. For dance news and show information please follow our twitter account: reigatesdance.

Miss Swift



CHARITY CAKE SALES

Jamie (Year 7) held a fundraising event last week and sold muffins, cakes and flapjacks. He was inspired by the Stand Up To Cancer Bake Off show he watched earlier in the week.

Jamie has been personally affected by cancer, as have many people, as his Dad was diagnosed five years ago. To date he has raised over £250 and gained multiple 'likes' on Twitter for his Mum's tweet about his cake sale - including a 'like' from Prue Leith!



On Monday, I hosted a cake sale to raise money for my flights, accommodation, food, visa, insurance and group uniform for when I go to Cambodia this summer. We are going to do a service project where we will be helping at a day centre for children. We will be representing the Girlguiding region of London and South East England, and I am going with 13 other girls and 4 leaders.

I am pleased to say that I managed to raise £96.60. Thank you all for your support that you provided in buying my cakes. I really appreciate it. The money will help me cover the cost of the trip as I have to raise £3,000 in total. I would like to say a special thank you to Natasha Smith, Eoghan Morris, Molly Borgia, Erin Bryant, Jess Lown, Charlotte Whyte, Benji Carter and Chelsea Ford for their support as they helped sell the cakes and made some items to sell. I really appreciate the help they gave me. I would also like to thank Mrs Hill and several of the teachers who helped organise it and supported me. Without them, none of this would have been possible. Thank you!

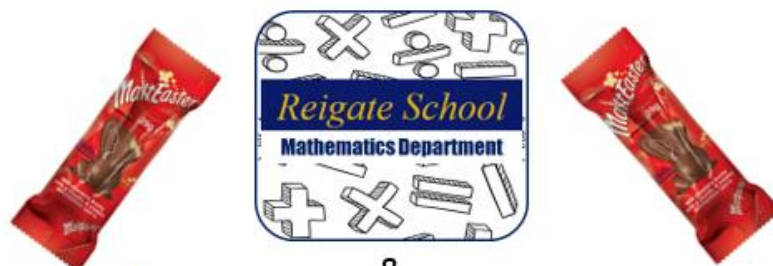
Reported by Beth – Year 11

Congratulations to the following children who have clocked up the most learning hours on Hegarty Maths this week

Top 10 Total Learning Hours from 9th to 16th March

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Mia Beckmann Adams Lucie Hather Eleanor March Fardeen Boodhun Emily Dansie-Smith Georgia Earl Nyah Fisher Kenzie Mackinnon Oliver Scotland-Brown Abigail Kennedy	Olivia Stoyle Dane Horn Jaspar Beesley Haarris Mirza Joshua Lloyd Milan Newsam Joshua Phillip Retuya Katie Green Niamh Parker Harry Newell	Ella Johnson Mathieu Lehodey Annie Banks Mya Lloyd Ellie Fahey Chloe Hedges Adam Adam Lara Cawkwell Eva McLeod Liam Barry	Angelique Sidir Nartiya Uthuba-Hatari Isobel Loft Morgan Musgrove Danielle Pearse Felix Teasdale Lily Collman Maddison Cresswell Joshua Stopher Oliver Smith	William Blackmore Ahmed Khan Melissa O'Donnell David Monk Sophie Dorrington Afsar Khan Holly Durban Jacob Robinson Isabel Ford Oliver Frampton

As the children are preparing for Lighthouse Assessments and GCSE examinations after Easter, the work done on hegartymaths during the Easter Holidays will be to support these revision tasks.



“eggartymaths”

Complete as many questions (correctly) on www.hegartymaths.com over the Easter Holidays (30/03 – 16/04) to be in with a chance at winning a chocolatey prize!

The top student in each year group will win an Easter Egg

The top 10 students in each year group will win a chocolate MaltEaster bunny!



FOOTBALL: YEAR 7 vs THE ROYAL ALEXANDRA AND ALBERT SCHOOL

On arriving at the changing room to greet the Year 7 team, I was disappointed to find we only had eight players from a squad of twelve, with four players unfortunately letting us down last minute. Thankfully Louis Jackson saved the day and joined up with the squad last minute meaning we had a full starting line-up.

In cold and wet conditions on the RAAS astroturf we met a bigger and stronger side with imposing players both in defence and up front. However, Reigate School were well organised in their formation and played a technical passing game to outwit their opponents. Farhad Ashrafi was a particularly influential presence in the first half pulling the strings and creating numerous opportunities for the attacking trio of Will Loft, Diogo Tome and Louis Jackson. The very impressive goalkeeper Sam Roberts and a solid back three of Harvey Watling, Callan Wood and Sam Potten were strong throughout allowing very few opportunities, ensuring we kept a clean sheet. The captain Oscar Hough played the holding role in midfield creating the first goal, when his long range effort in the first half was parried by the keeper only for Farhad to follow in the rebound with a first time strike in the bottom corner. Will Loft ensured the victory with an opportunistic free kick in the second half slotting the ball just inside the right post. An outstanding performance from the Year 7 squad with a particular mention to Sam P, Farhad and Louis, all of which do not normally start, but were our strongest players on the day.

FOOTBALL: YEAR 9 vs WARLINGHAM SCHOOL ON MONDAY 12TH MARCH

After a disappointing season where our only success has been a victory in the District 7 a-side tournament (which Miss Wall managed), pressure has been coming from not just the fans but the board as well to start producing results! The boys were fully aware of the situation and thankfully produced a performance to be proud of against an organised Warlingham side. We changed our tactics slightly, playing two defensive midfielders in Harvey Wood and Ben Clements, allowing our attacking players in midfield and up front a little more freedom to push on. The back four were particularly solid with Owen Hunt once again performing at centre back. Abudi Bala and Adam Adam were the creative force going forward with lots of our attacking play going through this skilful pair. In fact Adam was the scorer of the winning goal, a long range free kick which sneaked in with a little help from their keeper. This was a slice of luck which for the first time this season went our way. On too many occasions this year the critical moments have gone against us in close games.

The last 15 minutes saw us defending as a unit; every single player doing their job from 1 to 11. They should all be very proud of such a complete team display with not one single player underperforming and a real sign of the character within the squad. Hopefully this game will prove to be the turning point in our season and pushing on into next year. This group of players is too talented to be having such an unsuccessful season and for the moment the manager holds on to his job by his fingernails!

YEAR 10 REIGATE SCHOOL VS THE WARWICK SCHOOL DISTRICT CUP SEMI-FINAL

At the start of this season's campaign Reigate School played The Warwick School in the league. The result was a 4-1 loss, outplayed in most positions on the park and out classed by a young Irish international super hero! Fast forward six months and we face Warwick once again in the semi-final of the district cup. Was the story to repeat itself or did the Reigate boys want to re-tell the story only this time with a different ending? Wise words with youthful exuberance were shared in the pre-match team talk; now the boys had to go and deliver. The first 15 minutes saw an excellent team display of work rate, tempo, pressure and disruption on the Warwick ball, strengths that we knew to play to and thus take a 1-0 lead through Lucas Evans. Irritatingly the performance dipped slightly for the remainder of the half but saw Reigate protect the lead into half time.

More of the same was the message into the second half but not to get complacent with the Irish superhero and keep pressing his space. No sooner said than an equaliser scored within five minutes of the second half starting. Game on! With some positive football being played through all the 11 players, Reigate once again got a foothold in the game and restored the lead 2-1 through a brave goal mouth finish by Kai Coutet-Arthur. The story being told was a very nerve racking one but appeared to be going in our favour however the influence of superman once again became evident with a penalty to Warwick making it 2-2. An unfortunate foot injury to Felix Teasdale in goal saw some changes forced upon the team. Kai took over the goal keeping duties and Gregor 'the thinker' Fowler stepped into the midfield alongside Captain Lenihan to maintain some continuity and sure up the middle of the pitch. It was looking like the possibility of extra time which wasn't ideal. Was there to be a twist in this unpredictable story? Would superman create something magical, or would Reigate conjure up a magic trick of their own? With approximately five minutes remaining a sublime pass from super sub Ryan Darragh put Finn Lenihan through and an exquisite chip over the keeper restored the lead. The team closed the game out in the remaining minutes and saw the result through to the final whistle. 3-2 to Reigate.

The story had been told. An action thriller and a best seller! As for the ending, it was the one we all hoped for and was also the one we actually got. Cup Final here we come! Squad: Felix Teasdale, Luke Fisher, Jim Rutland, Will King, Harrison Chart, Dru Tunstall, Finn Lenihan, Kai Coutett-Arthur, Lucas Evans, Ben Burrows, Chris Gray, Gregor Fowler, Ryan Darragh, Dan Blundell.

YEAR 10 RUGBY



On Monday 12th March the Year 10 rugby team played St Bede's School at home. This has been a long awaited game with team rivalry at its best. Captain George Sills huddled the boys together and had his inspirational team talk at the beginning of the game.

After 20 minutes the score was still 0-0. The conditions were wet and slippery and the tackles were flying in left, right and centre. But after some hard work and great team work we finally got the ball over the line with a great try from Luke Bailey. After that the tries kept on coming with Callum Thomas bulldozing through pretty much the entire St Bede's team.

Then James 'Speedy Gonzales' Rutland flew in running the whole length of the pitch to score Reigate's 3rd try. St Bede's got a couple back but with no conversions and our final push came from the Captain himself George Sills. With most of our conversions being successful thanks to Alex Sparshott not to mention him gaining the 4th try, the final score was 33-10 to Reigate.



A great result for the boys who worked the best I've ever seen as a team, not so great for whoever has to wash the kit though!!!

Mrs Corder

CAREERS

NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK

Monday 5th March - Friday 9th March was National Apprenticeship Week and because of this there were several activities arranged. The first was on Tuesday, when a group of Year 9 and 10 children were taken to the National Apprenticeship Show at Sandown Racecourse. This gave the children the opportunity to find out how apprenticeships work and how there are now many jobs that offer this route. Some of the exhibitors included Amazon, Cilex Law School, Lloyds, Unilever, Greggs, Vodafone, Colas Rail and plenty more. The show was hands on with numerous things that the children could try and they were able to talk to possible employers and current apprentices.



On Thursday and Friday Richard Brooks from East Surrey College came to present assemblies to our Year 10 and 11 children on how to apply for an apprenticeship and how they can choose when to do so. Either at 16 after their GCSEs or when they have completed their vocational college course or A levels.

There has also been a very informative PowerPoint presentation which has been shown to the children during tutor time.



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.allaboutschoollleavers.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.