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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADTEACHER

This week's newsletter is all about collaboration. You will read about students and staff who have been involved in collaborative performances, inter-school competitions and visiting other colleges to learn from their peers. In addition, The Governing Body has held two information evenings about the consultation regarding conversion to an academy and forming a Multi Academy Trust with other schools. I would like to thank those parents who attended the events or have sent in questions. All of the questions and answers will be put on the website.

Mrs Wardlow

NOTICES

Next week sees the start of the Year 11 Mock Exams. They begin on 16th and finish on 20th. Students are only expected to be in school for their exams but there will be an allocated study room should they wish to remain in school. Students should bring with them two black pens, a pencil, ruler, rubber and calculator.

SPOTLIGHT

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

- YEAR 7 - Elizabeth Salisbury for producing an outstanding piece of improvisation drama alongside Mr Jones in front of the class.
- YEAR 8 - Etienne Baker, Sharon Pepple and Oscar Picking for representing the school at a memorial service for Armistice Day.
- YEAR 9 - Caitlin Edge for excellent work in the Shakespeare Schools' Festival and for her reading in the Remembrance Assembly.
- YEAR 10 - George Morgan for making a positive start to the year. Keep up the good work.
- YEAR 11 - Adam Harrington-Smith and Jodie Morris for their hard work this week with various Head Boy and Head Girl duties.

BEST ATTENDANCE

Year 7	7JWH	100%
Year 8	8MBR	100%
Year 9	9JWI, 9ARU	98.46%
Year 10	10NTR	98.40%
Year 11	11JPA	99.67%

Whole School Attendance 96.42%

CAREER GUIDANCE

Below are some very useful websites which have plenty of information regarding further education, apprenticeships and career 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

REIGATE SCHOOLS TOGETHER



On Friday 6th November the Reigate School choir, Vocal Harmoniez, participated in a community event involving five local primary schools. The concert was raising money for a selection of charities with a theme of Broadway musicals. Performing a medley from Hairspray the girls from Reigate School dazzled the audience with their epic singing and fun jazz dance moves. All schools combined together to perform four magnificent numbers. The primary schools also sang individual pieces, involving songs from Mary Poppins, Annie and Joseph And His Amazing Technicolor Dream Coat. It was a great opportunity to be part of this event and we can't wait until the next concert!

Reported by Hayley Turner 9WMO and Rosie Ellis 9MRO

GCSE CATERING TRIP



On November 3rd and 5th a total of 59 Year 11 Catering students went to Central Sussex College in Crawley. The catering school run a restaurant called Le Cordon Vert which is open to the public for lunch on Tuesdays to Thursdays. Our students were able to enjoy a two course meal of either a starter and a main course or a main course and dessert. The meal was cooked and served by the catering students on the Tuesday and the cabin crew students on the Thursday. The college then took the students on a tour of the catering, hair and beauty and cabin crew training departments.

HAMLET AT LEATHERHEAD THEATRE

On Wednesday 4th November Reigate Drama Club put on a production of Hamlet at the Shakespeare Schools' Festival. There were three other schools performing, they chose Midsummer Night's Dream, Julius Caesar and The Tempest. The performance went really well with little to no mistakes. It was great fun and everyone who took part enjoyed it. The cast ranged from Year 8 to Year 9 students with two Year 9 technicians. The Shakespeare School's Festival Co-ordinator said, "Well done for your production of Hamlet. I really enjoyed the contrast in the play between the humour of the play within the play and the sadness of the rest of the story. This distinct contrast focused the audience's attention and gave great clarity to the story's narrative arc. This was also strengthened by the minimal props/costumes and tech as the simplicity of that gave space for the story and character to be amplified. Your cast's vocal projection was excellent and meant that I could hear every line despite sitting in the back row. It was a real pleasure to see the joy on the faces of your students and their parents after they had performed."

Shakespeare
SCHOOLS FESTIVAL

Reported by Harriet Grey – Year 9

ARMISTICE DAY MEMORIAL SERVICE

Etienne, Oscar and Sharon represented Reigate School at a memorial service for Armistice Day at The South Park Memorial opposite St Luke's Church. The two girls read their own war poems, which they had written as part of their English assessment and Oscar read the names of the soldiers that died whilst in service.



A Modern Dulce et Decorum est
by Sharon Pepple

Complaints were scattered through the thick air about our bodies being in agony and soaking up the mud.

Fleeing from gunshots and dragging our fatigued legs. My mates couldn't move without their knees buckling and flopping.

Us zombified men staggered like drunks after ten beers. Rings of grey and black circled our blurry eyes. With every step, our bare and scarred feet sank deeper into the sea of the dead.

Noxious air singed the hairs of my nose. "Run! Gas! Run!!"

With the diminutive strength in our hands, on went the mask. Our scared and bruised bodies got an adrenaline rush, but one fell behind crawling and screeching "Help!" but I couldn't.

I felt as though I was being baked in an oven at its highest temperature, but the steam was a hideous green and unbreathable.

His desperate pleas of anguish, crying for support and aid. Powerless I stood, with the heart-wrenching thought of death.

You see a man at your feet, gagging out his lungs. Now imagine how pathetic, helpless and guilty you will feel. Think about lifting his body, his dying, squirming body onto a wagon. Seeing his crimson drenched face, and the lingering thought of inevitability.

Lungs spluttering out his mouth like a fountain. The sound of blood, cold blood, ringing through your ears, suddenly it became tranquil. The boys and I knew death had come.

Do you want out to the banging of guns and bombs? Leaving your family, friends and loved ones behind? To come back and find them six feet under? Is it glorious to die for your country? I don't think so.



A Modern Dulce et Decorum est
by Etienne Baker

Thick mud surrounds us and our voices wheeze. I ache with pain – will there be an end to the war?

My feet traipse slowly towards safety, as I try to push the suffering behind me.

We amble in our bedraggled brown uniform, and our ears are dead, so we no longer hear the blasts. Our heads throb with the burden of our sins, our wounds bleed with the memories of war.

A gas engulfs us I shout but the voice is hoarse. We muster our strength and fumble for our masks. A comrade is left defenceless – it strikes. He cries pleads as we watch in the lethal silence.

The now green mist of evil has thickened; its fogginess shrouds my view. I see hands desperately trying to grab onto life, but the evil has a deathbed waiting...

The death wagon clunks in front of me. Inside he writhes in agony, glassy, doll-like blue eyes staring. He is dying – do something, help him! You can't. You just sit and watch war take yet another victim.

You're listening to him die, you have no choice. His blood, his life, his memories pour from his mouth. Imagine you are simply listening to an innocent life being stolen.

'It is glorious to die for your country' but is it? Their life was stolen ruthlessly, brutally, and scars of death haunt us to eternity, yet still was no end to the war.



CROSS COUNTRY

Well done to all the girls who took part in the Girls' District Cross Country Competition. It was really wet and muddy but all the girls were brilliant – a great performance!

Results

Year 7

2nd place Frankie Evered
4th place Amanda Stapley
20th place Rebecca Frampton

Years 10 & 11

1st place Poppy Wardley
2nd place Pippa Wonders
7th place Thea Wardley
9th place Anousha Wardley

Lauren Cato, Chloe Cooper, Yandie Hanton, Daisy Kemp, Eve McLeod, Francesca Measure, Zhasmine Naumova, Danielle Pearse, Charlotte Peyton, Holly Simmons and Lucy Walker also ran.

FOOTBALL

Year 9 County Cup Football Fixture vs St. Cecilia's, Putney.

Won 5-1 (David Fisher, Leo Alleway, Jude O'Connor, Daniel Davies, Louis Marshall)

Year 9 Inter-Tutor football results

Boys

Final = MWE 3 vs. MRO 0
1st = MWE
2nd = MRO
3rd = GFO & DGI
5th = DSM
6th = NMO
7th = JWI

Girls

Final = ARU 1 vs MWE 1 = ARU won on penalties
1st = ARU
2nd = MWE
3rd = DGI & MRO
5th = NMO
6th = GFO
7th = JWI

SWIMMING GALA

Well done to Charlotte, Chloe, Ruth and Abigail who competed in an Inter Girls Swimming Gala this week and did very well. We are still awaiting results but we are definitely in the top 3 and hopefully first!

**UPCOMING DATES**

Monday 16 th November	Year 11 Mock Exams begin
Wednesday 18 th November	KS3 Boys Rugby Plate competition against de Stafford School
Thursday 19 th November	Boys District Cross Country at Royal Albert and Alexandra
	English trip - Live screening of 'Of Mice and Men' at the Harlequin