


# Reigate School

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## NEWSLETTER

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### MESSAGE FROM THE DEPUTY HEADTEACHER

As I approach the end of my first term at Reigate School, I would like to thank staff and students for being so welcoming. I have been struck by the community spirit within the school, the impressive qualities of the students and the dedication and hard work from all the staff. From the vast array of after school activities, to the quality of learning in the classroom, students and staff work together every day to create a great place to work and a fantastic place to learn.

As we approach the Christmas break these qualities can be seen in abundance. From the dedication from staff and students preparing for the Christmas show, to the generosity and kindness of the students preparing Christmas food parcels for local residents and shoe boxes full of toys for children in less fortunate circumstances.

Mr C Baston

### NOTICES

Year 10 and 11 students are currently collecting non-perishable food items to make up hampers for families in need in our local community. Donations can be handed in during tutor time or dropped in collection boxes at the front of the hall.

### SPOTLIGHT

#### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

- YEAR 7 - Ryan Smythe for amazing his Science teacher by answering a number of complex GCSE Science questions correctly.
- YEAR 8 - Daisy Kemp for continued excellence in lessons and for donating her own shoe box of gifts to charity.
- YEAR 9 - Bethany Aldridge for sustained academic excellence and charity work.
- YEAR 10 - Poppy Wardley for a fantastic achievement in winning the district cross-country - also for being brave!
- YEAR 11 - Phoebe Alderman, Bethany Jeffery and Molly Meese for their fantastic performances in assembly this week.

### BEST ATTENDANCE

Year 7	7LSI	99.33%
Year 8	8VEA, 8CLA	97.86%
Year 9	9NMO	100%
Year 10	10BPO	100%
Year 11	11AMC	96.92%

**Whole School Attendance 95.92%**

### NEWS AND EVENTS

#### CLOTHES FOR CHARITY

The staff at Reigate School and members of Reigate Baptist Church have donated a selection of clothing.

These bags will be sorted and sent off to Greece to help refugees during the winter months.

Pictured right is Mrs Nilsson with Head Boy Adam Harrington-Smith and Head Girl Jodie Morris with the donations.



## NEWS AND EVENTS

### DUKE OF EDINBURGH

For many years Reigate School has always offered many great extra-curricular activities, the Duke of Edinburgh award being one of them. Throughout this term, students have been hard at work earning their award, which consists of Volunteering, Physical, Skill and a final expedition in the springtime. Activities can be anything students want ranging from hockey, swimming or cooking. The final expedition in March is also a new and exciting experience for students - trekking through Surrey's outstanding paths and forests, in order to reach a final destination, picking up many great skills along the way.



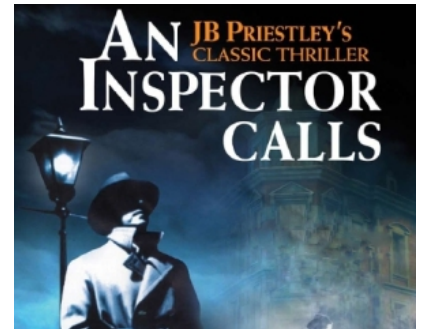
Volunteering is also a huge part of the Duke of Edinburgh award and includes students volunteering in a place or organisation of their choice. Harine Thevarajah is helping out in a local library and told us, "I am having a very enjoyable and fun experience and it's great to help out in something I love".

All students are very excited to continue and go onto their Silver or Gold awards and we look forward to hearing from all of them. For me, the Duke of Edinburgh is a great experience to get us ready for what follows. I have had so much fun already with my Physical, Skill and Volunteering and am very excited for the expedition later this year!

Reported by Adam Lehodey – 10SEV.

### AN INSPECTOR CALLS

On Thursday 26th November seven teachers and 72 students from Years 10 and 11 visited the New Wimbledon Theatre to see 'An Inspector Calls'. The trip was very exciting and inspirational and will help us in our lessons as we have been studying the play in class. It was amazing to see how the play was presented. Because of the way they used so many things that were added from the original script it was better than I had anticipated. Everyone was pleased that we had been given the chance to see the play and many were talking happily about what they had seen. It was inspiring for everyone. We were delighted when the set 'collapsed' at the end - I don't think anyone was expecting it! I believe we were extremely lucky to have the opportunity and I would watch it again if I could. I recommend this play to all.



Reported by Rebekah Salmon 10CHA



The production of this play was really fascinating because it gave us a new perspective on what we had read. In class you read a section at a time but plays are designed to happen in one session so it was really helpful to give us an idea of how it all linked together. It was a lot more melodramatic than we thought it would be. The characters were well developed and the actor who played the Inspector was particularly good. We all liked how Eric was portrayed. We saw facets of his character that were difficult to appreciate from the script and we feel we understand him better now, so we hope a question about him comes up in our GCSE next summer! We were enthralled by the way the set moved at different points in the play and by its design. The way they used proportion and perspective really emphasised some of the social concepts Priestley

was trying to explore. The house was on stilts like it was perched above and away from reality and the characters had to come down into the gutter to be interrogated by the Inspector. Then after their faults had been exposed their house collapsed. Overall it was a brilliant and illuminating trip and we would like to thank all of the staff from the English Department who made it possible for us to see it.

Reported by Sophie Borgia, Morgan Howland and Maisie Scotton

## SPORTS NEWS

### NETBALL

Year 11 netball team lost 8-5 to St. Bede's School on Wednesday. A good performance considering they played two quarters with only six players!

## UPCOMING DATES

Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Gifted and Talented activity afternoon at Reigate College.
	Year 8 Christmas Disco.
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 7 Christmas Disco.
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 11 Mock exam results.
	Christmas Concert at Reigate Baptist Church.

## CAREERS

### LUNCHTIME CAREERS TALKS

Claire Ross, who owns Willows flower shop in Reigate, gave a very interesting talk to students which opened their eyes to the different aspects of being a florist. She spoke about how important it was to be able to talk to people and understand that the occasion for which they are ordering flowers may be happy or sad. She told them how the hours can be long and the work hard but also fun and rewarding. The students asked for her advice and she recommended getting a weekend job in order to gain experience in dealing with customers. The students enjoyed listening to Claire who made the talk fun and informative.

Mrs Grew - Exams/Careers Officer



### 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.

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