

# Reigate School

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## NEWSLETTER

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### MESSAGE FROM THE HEAD OF SCHOOL

In this week's newsletter we have a report on the GCSE Kayaking course that took place in September. It sounds like it was a great experience for the children taking GCSE PE and enjoyed by all.

We also have some news on the school library and the fantastic ways Mrs Knights is keeping the children engaged with reading across the school zones.

Performing Arts are offering a brand new after school club for Year 7 and 8. Songwriting club starts on the 5<sup>th</sup> October for Year 8 and the 12<sup>th</sup> October for Year 7.

Stay safe and well.

Mr Alexander

### SPOTLIGHT

#### STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Year 7	Amelia Nottage for her curiosity and hard work in lessons this week.
Year 8	Mia Luckins for her positive attitude and being helpful during a variety of lessons.
Year 9	Oscar Leary for his keenness in Food and for always being very polite.
Year 10	James Rowland for supporting a peer during a lesson.
Year 11	Jannow Kilcoyne for showing great resilience.

### UPCOMING DATES

Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 9 Behaviour and Attendance Movie and Pizza night in school
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 8 HPV Immunisations

### GCSE KAYAKING COURSE

On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> September it was the GCSE Kayaking course at the Thames Young Mariners Club in Richmond. It was a long journey and an early start for both the children and their parents/carers giving lifts. They all arrived raring to go. From the off the instructor praised us all for our naturally high standard. This, along with the impeccable behaviour and attitude, meant that getting through the skills was quick work. This allowed us to repeat the basics and begin with some trickier tasks. Alfie managed to launch his boat without himself in it! Freddie was chosen as the perfect 'volunteer' to show how to get boats out and carrying them safely using the correct technique. He did a grand job!

As the day moved on we welcomed an hour's lunch in the shade relaxing. The afternoon brought out some fun and games. Tia, Alfie and Harvey finished the day bravely jumping in off of the pontoon.



Day two began with a few warm ups and gentle games. The temperature

was rising quickly so we made the decision to get the long paddle out of the way an hour earlier. The children set off alternately in different directions at 30 second intervals to complete six laps of the far lake. Although gruelling at the time we all managed to complete it in a decent time with some children exclaiming that they could keep going!



## GCSE KAYAKING COURSE (Cont)



his skills whilst we laughed at each other trying to copy them. We finished our time there having a go at the kayak slide, where they all displayed incredible team work.

We lasted two entire days without anyone falling out of their kayak. The closest was Harvey and I have no idea how he managed to stop himself. Great effort!

It is always a pleasure to take our children on trips and seeing them flourish in other activities. From the beginning these seven children set themselves up to be one of our best groups, in ability and attitude. Well done and thank you to Jake, Thomas, Freddie, Tia, Harvey, Ethan and Alfie. It was an absolute pleasure. And a big thank you to all of the parents and carers who dropped off and collected your children. We couldn't have done it without you.

Reported by Mrs Jones



## LIBRARY NEWS

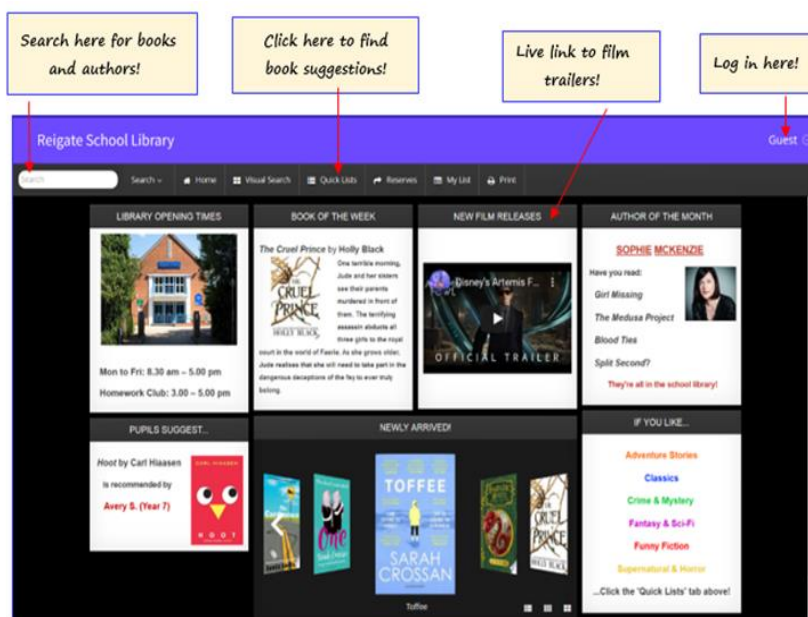
Although the library is in the new Year 10 Zone and only children from this group can visit in person, we are pleased to say that library services are continuing as usual and no child need be without a book.

A brand new trolley and book boxes have been purchased for Mrs Knights, the library manager, so that she can operate a mobile library around the school. She may now be seen speeding through the corridors and across the playground taking supplies of books to the Year 7 and 8 reading classes and also making periodic visits to Year 9 English lessons.

Children also have the opportunity to return their books during these times, and book return boxes are additionally located in each zone. Many children were unable to return library books before 'lockdown', or borrowed extra items to tide them over, and we'd be very grateful if parents and carers could help children find these at home and bring them in as soon as possible.

We should like to reassure families that the library is operating Covid-secure procedures in accordance with government guidelines. Book selections for lessons are only circulated within year group 'bubbles' and all returned books are quarantined for a minimum of three days before being returned to the shelves.

While there is no adequate substitute for the pleasure of browsing in a physical library, we are taking steps to recreate the experience virtually with the launch of the new Reigate School Library web app. Children and staff will be able find information about books and reading on the library homepage, search the library catalogue, access reading lists and even reserve books by logging in to their personal accounts. Watch this space for more details in the next few weeks!





# Year 7

## Songwriting Club!

**When:** Monday week 1 from 3:00-3:45

**Where:** MU1

**Who:** Anyone who would like to learn how to write songs!

**Spaces are limited, so see Mrs Waddell ASAP to sign up!**



# Year 8

## Songwriting Club!

**When:** Monday week 2 from 3:00-3:45

**Where:** MU1

**Who:** Anyone who would like to learn how to write songs!

**Spaces are limited, so see Mrs Waddell ASAP to sign up!**





## ARTIST OF THE WEEK

### NINA MEHMOOD

Well done Nina! This fantastic piece was produced at home in lockdown. This large scale painting is a portrait painted from a family photograph. Nina has cleverly put her own mythical twist on this piece. Well done Nina, we are looking forward to seeing your coursework develop as you start Year 10.

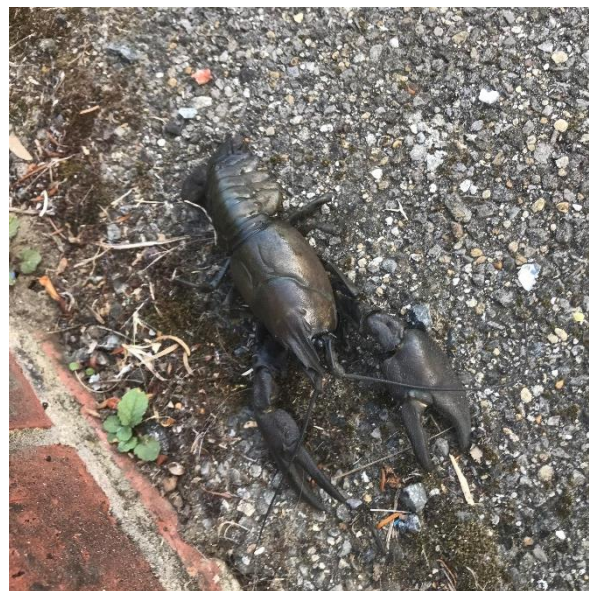


## OTHER NEWS

On Tuesday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of September on our way to school, my friends and I stumbled across a peculiar animal and realised it didn't belong where it was. This animal was a crayfish and may have strayed from a pond or stream nearby. We poured our water over it as it was a very hot day.

When we got to school we reported our strange sighting to Reception as we didn't know what to do. They gave me a phone number for an animal conservation charity. I called them and asked what to do about a crayfish that we had found on the side of the road, and they said that they didn't know what to do as they are a dog charity...awkward!!!! So they gave me a new number and this charity said that they didn't know what to do except to give it water if it was still there on our way back.

At the end of the school day we all grouped together and filled up our water bottles, hoping that either someone had rescued it or it would still be alive when we found it. When we arrived to where we left it in the morning we found it and unfortunately it had died during the day. This made us all feel quite sad, but at least we knew that we had tried our hardest to try and keep it alive.



Reported by

Joseph Emberson

## VOCAB EXPRESS

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



25<sup>th</sup> September– 2<sup>nd</sup> October Challenge – Congratulations to the following children:

Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Anna Mitchell – 605 Raven Cheung – 605	Anya Sedgwick – 29,300 Christian Larbi-Yeboah – 10,175 Cailen Harrap – 8,590 Sayem Ahmed – 6,745 Kayla O'Neill – 4,845	Eliza Siddiqui – 990 Angelina Else – 475 Kimberley Hughes – 430 Harry Fripp – 360

## EDUCAKE

Congratulations to the following children who have clocked up the most learning hours on Educake this week.



Top Correct Answers 25<sup>th</sup> September – 2<sup>nd</sup> October

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Elissia Reynolds Sydney Ford Harvey Russell Rafan Rhoad Dylan Humphry Henry Jacques Georgina Baldwin Rooshan Jaffery Brandon Glasson Summer Cusden	Claudia D'Angelo David Alexandre Ramos Izzy Davies Annabelle Childs Nila Nasekhian Lily Hall-Brennan Poppy Johnson Alfie Lodge Amy Bloomfield	Nandini Joshi Jake Holmes-Williams Mia Lambert Ava Clements Aydan Wright Charlie Barham Scarlett MacKenzie Grace Weids Saraya Nyame Emily MacKenzie	Emily Gobin Megan Thomas Maysie Liddle Francesca Manrow Zara Noor Finn McGovern Chloe Fegan Sophia Walsh Brodie Caffyn Maisie Casse	Erin Cato Thomas Goodbourn Shane Garbutt Annie Thompson Shannon Lavery Nemeiga Ponnuthurai Matilda Skyrme Harvey Merry Madeline Howland Hayley Driskell

## HEGARTYMATHS

Congratulations to the following children who have clocked up the most learning hours on HegartyMaths since the start of term.



September's Top Correct Answers

Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11
Jacoby Elliott Rebecca Bird Charlize Price Kieran Clarke Carrie Eade Hermione Berrett-Carter Leonardo Canino-Hayes Syed Ahmad Bacha Rafan Rhoad Lucas Correia	Izzy Davies Alice Horn Milly Drury Paige Hyett Elisha O'Reilly Samuel Isted Charlie Brownlee Isabella Cserenyecz Mia Luckins Daisy Wells	Isabelle Walker Alba Lawrence-Virgillito Oscar Yermo Seb Hooper Finley Taylor Sophia Bryant Jacob Mills Maya Moberg Tom Lucas Ivo Angelov	Kayla O'Neill Samuel Kitchen Eva Grist Kelcie Powell Mia Beckmann Adams Holly Holman Daisy Bamford Zain Leach Jack Howland Maysie Liddle	Angelina Else Madeline Howland Tia Hunter-Haschka Sadie Jenkins Andrew Ball Thomas Maidment Mimi Tinn Williams Alice Perrett Annie Thompson Ava Daneshmand



## PARTNER SCHOOL ADMISSIONS 2021/22

East Surrey College and Reigate College are pleased to announce that for September 2021 applicants there will be one online application process for their Partner Schools – De Stafford School, Oakwood School, Reigate School and The Warwick School. This is for all full-time courses and apprenticeships.

Your son or daughter will receive information through their school in September 2020 which will enable them to apply to both Colleges online, whilst only filling in one application form which will be submitted to the relevant College(s). The Colleges will then request one reference from the school and arrange interview dates at one or both Colleges so that the pupils will be in a position to make a decision on which College to attend by January 2021.

The rationale for the one online application process is to make it easier for your son or daughter to apply to one or both Colleges on one online form without having to replicate information. It also allows the Colleges and schools to fulfil their legal obligations of tracking students to ensure all students are engaged in either education or work with training up to the age of 18.

The Colleges are looking forward to working with you and hope that the transition from school to College will be a smooth one. If you or your son or daughter have any queries about transition to College at 16+, please contact your Head of Year or Careers Advisor at school.

Apply online at [www.sescas.org.uk](http://www.sescas.org.uk)

September 2020	Yr 11 assemblies - Prospectuses for both Colleges and links provided to online application form
September/October 2020	<b>East Surrey College Open Events:</b> 23 September 2020 17:30 - 20:00 15 October 2020 17:30 - 20:00 14 November 2020 10:00 - 14:00 24 February 2021 17:30 - 19:30 12 June 2021 10:00 - 13:00 <b>Reigate College Open Evenings:</b> 1 October 2020 18:00 - 20:30 5 October 2020 18:00 - 20:30 6 October 2020 18:00 - 20:30
October 2020	Application form to be completed online and submitted before half term holiday
2 November 2020	Application deadline for all
November/December 2020	Partner school interviews at East Surrey College and Reigate College. References and predicted GCSE grades requested
November/December 2020	East Surrey College: Offer letter provided, and signed, at partner school interview stage (above) Reigate College: Offer letter sent with acceptance form
31 January 2021	Reigate College: Deadline for return of acceptance form
29 June 2021	Introductory day at Reigate College
26 August 2021 (tbc)	GCSE results published
August 2021	Results advice, guidance and interviews available at East Surrey College
1 September 2021	Choices day at Reigate College
September 2021	Enrolment at East Surrey College: 27 August 2021 – 3 September 2021 Enrolment interviews at Reigate College: 2 & 3 September 2021
September 2021	Term starts East Surrey College: 6 September 2021 (tbc) Reigate College: 10 September 2021



## GCSE HISTORY REVISION

A Reigate History GCSE Quizlet has been created for Years 9,10 and 11 so they can use this regularly to revise knowledge for GCSE topics. Please use the link below to access the Quizlet.

<https://quizlet.com/join/9nFTm9MwZ>



## MEDICINE IN SCHOOL

As the Student Services office is out of bounds for most children in the school due to the current zones, we understand that children who need to take medicine (e.g. pain relief for period pain etc.) will need to carry it on them. However, it is imperative that we know if and when they have taken anything just in case we need to refer them at any time to any other medical professionals. Please could we ask you to limit the amount of medicines that your child carries to just enough for that day, just in case the medicine should get into the wrong hands. The children should;

- Tell a teacher if they are going to take any medicine so they can tell Student Services
- Only carry enough medicine on them for that day

## LOST PROPERTY

Due to the current year group zones Student Services are generally not receiving lost property. If your child has lost something please ask them to check the lost property box in their zone. The locations of the boxes for each year group are as follows:

- Year 7 Entrance to hall
- Year 8 Food Tech corridor
- Year 9 Maths block (downstairs)
- Year 10 Entrance to glass corridor
- Year 11 Tech block foyer

## CHILDHOOD IMMUNISATIONS

Parents and carers of children in Year 7 and Year 8, please remember to reply to the Children and Family Health Services letter regarding the flu (Year 7 only on Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October) and HPV (Year 8 catch up only Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> October) vaccinations. The Reigate School code for the online e-portal is SR145217. All queries should be addressed to Children and Family Health Surrey.



## NOTICES

Metrobus have provided some guidelines for children travelling to school by bus.



- Exact fare only – when paying by cash for a ticket on board. We don't provide change, a change voucher will be given instead. We encourage children to consider alternative ways to pay such as the key smartcard or the app.
- Wear a face covering – For those aged 11 years and older, face coverings must be worn unless there is a genuine exemption.
- Social distancing – Children should sit in their school bubbles as defined by their school in conjunction with the Department for Education. On regular bus services, children should follow the guidelines for travelling on public transport.

## SCOPAY

We welcome all parents and carers to download the Scopay App. It is quick and very easy to navigate. The App logo can be downloaded to your phone and will look like the below:

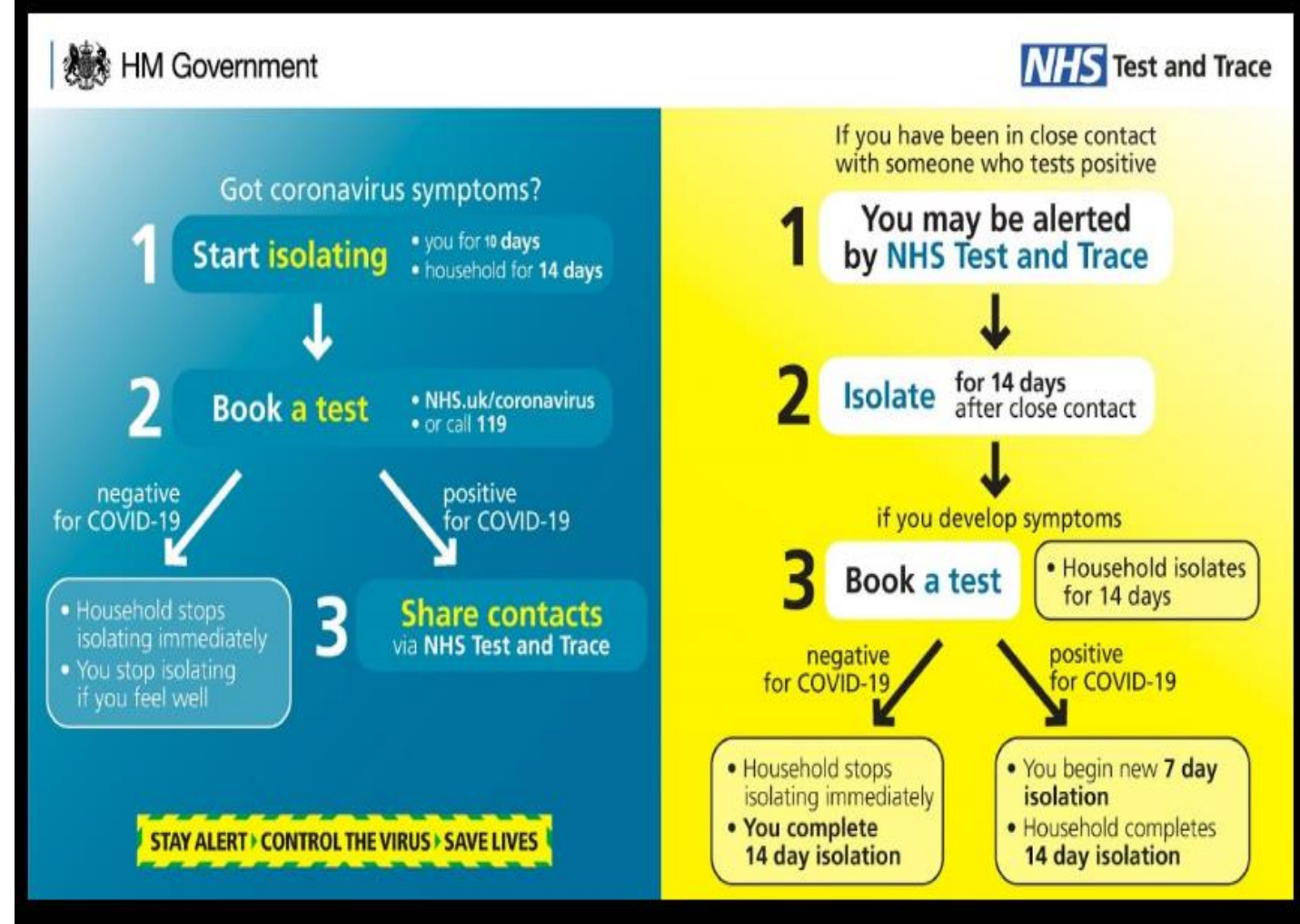


It will enable you to pay for school trips, school items and load money onto your child's lunch account on the go! If you have additional children at other schools you can manage them all on the one App and see balances at a glance.

Many parents/ carers have commented on how much easier the App system is and we recommend you to download the App as soon as possible.

SCOPAY

## CORONAVIRUS GOVERNMENT GUIDANCE



## NOTICES

East Surrey College will be holding Open Events over the next academic year, 2020/21.

- ❖ Thursday 15 October 2020, 17:30 – 20:00
- ❖ Saturday 14 November 2020, 10:00 – 14:00
- ❖ Wednesday 24 February 2021, 17:30 – 19:30
- ❖ Saturday 12 June 2021, 10:00 – 13:00

For more information on the Open Events please visit the East Surrey College website

<https://www.esc.ac.uk/home>





## No internet?

If you don't have internet access at home, why not visit your local library? Just call **03456 009 009** to book a computer and you can use the internet for free.

To request a paper application form or for all other enquiries, you can call us on **0300 200 1004**.

[surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](http://surreycc.gov.uk/admissions)



## Important dates

### 1 September 2020

You can apply online for a school place.

### 23 October 2020

We suggest you submit your secondary application by this date as this is the Friday before the half term holiday.

### 31 October 2020

Closing date for secondary applications but we welcome early applications.

### 1 March 2021

Secondary outcomes will be sent by post or email. If you applied online, you will receive an email in the evening with the outcome and you can also view your school offer online. If you registered for ParentComms, you will also receive a notification with the outcome.

### By 15 March 2021

You must confirm whether you wish to accept or decline the place you have been offered.

### By 29 March 2021

If you wish to appeal for a community school listed on your form, you should submit it by this date so that it can be heard by 16 June 2021. Other schools may have different appeal deadlines.

## Is your child in year 6?

If your child was born between 1 September 2009 and 31 August 2010 you will need to apply for a secondary school place by **31 October 2020**.

Apply online  
apply on time by  
31 October 2020



## How do I apply?

- The quickest and easiest way to apply for a school place is online. Visit [surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](http://surreycc.gov.uk/admissions) to access the application form and more information on the application process and admission arrangements for Surrey schools. It is important that you consider this information carefully when you make your application.
- You can start your online application any time from 1 September 2020 but you must have completed it by 31 October 2020. This is during the half term holiday so we would suggest you submit your application by Friday **23 October 2020**.
- You can download the app **ParentComms** to your mobile device to receive notifications about your application.
- Once you have submitted your application you will receive a confirmation email.
- On **1 March 2021** you will receive an email with the outcome of your application and, if you have registered for **ParentComms**, you will also receive a notification with the outcome.
- You will need to accept or decline your offer of a school place online by **15 March 2021**.

## What else do I need to know?

- School open days will usually be held in September or October. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, please check each school's website for the most up to date information about open days or evenings.
- You can name up to six schools on your application form, in the order that you prefer them. Where possible the local authority will allocate a place at one of these schools.
- Schools will not know where you have ranked them on the application form so the order of your preferences does not disadvantage you.
- The local authority has a duty to provide a place for your child but it does not have to be at one of your preferred schools.
- If you have an older child already at the school, you must still apply for a younger child.
- If you have more than one child applying for a school place, you must make a separate application for each of them.
- If you live in Surrey you must apply to Surrey, even if the schools you list are outside Surrey.
- Some schools may need you to submit a supplementary information form in addition to the application form. Find out more about supplementary information forms at [surreycc.gov.uk/admissions](http://surreycc.gov.uk/admissions).
- If you are registered for council tax you must supply the name of the borough or district and the council tax account number for the property where your child normally lives. Otherwise you will be asked to provide evidence of where your child lives.
- When applying online you must make sure that you press 'submit' at the end of your application and that you receive a confirmation email which sets out your preferences and confirms your application reference number.
- If you do not receive a confirmation email you should check your application to ensure its status has been changed to 'submitted'.
- If you write to us or submit information to support an application, remember to include your child's name, date of birth and application reference number (if you applied online).
- If your child has an education, health and care plan, there is a separate process and you will receive more information from your child's SEND Case Officer.

## NOTICES

For children aged between 11 and 19 there is a ChatHealth Service available provided by the Surrey School Nursing Service.

For more information please visit the website  
<https://childrenshealthsurrey.nhs.uk/ChatHealth>



## SAFEGUARDING



Thinkuknow is an education programme from the National Crime Agency's CEOP Command. Since 2006, Thinkuknow has been keeping children and young people safe by providing education about sexual abuse and sexual exploitation. Thinkuknow is unique. It is underpinned by the latest intelligence about child sex offending from CEOP Command. Thinkuknow aims to ensure that everyone has access to this practical information – children, young people, their parents and carers and the professionals who work with them. Alongside the Thinkuknow website the programme provides educational resources, including films, cartoons and lesson plans, to help parent/carers and professionals raise young people's awareness. <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

## CAREERS

### 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](http://www.barclayslifeskills.com)



[www.apprenticeships.org.uk](http://www.apprenticeships.org.uk)



[www.allaboutschoollleavers.co.uk](http://www.allaboutschoollleavers.co.uk)



[www.notgoingtouni.co.uk](http://www.notgoingtouni.co.uk)



[www.icould.com](http://www.icould.com)