

Reigate School

HELPING STUDENTS ACHIEVE THEIR ACADEMIC, SOCIAL & PERSONAL POTENTIAL



Year 7 Transition



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Overview

Due to the unfortunate situation surrounding the Coronavirus and subsequent school closures, we recognise that Year 6 children, parents and carers will understandably be feeling a range of emotions around starting at Reigate School.

We have produced this brochure and various online activities to help ease the transition process so that Year 6 children can start to get to know their new school, the staff and children. This brochure is aimed at parents, carers and children to look through together. This brochure will go live on the school website from Wednesday 1st July

If you have any questions, please email us at: transition@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk

This brochure, along with the links to activities, can all be found from Wednesday 1st July on the school website at <https://reigateschool.fluencycms.co.uk/Y6Transition>



Transition Activities

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A welcome from the Head of School – Mr Alexander

Dates: Available on Wednesday 1st July – School Website

Mr Alexander, Head of School, has recorded a message to all new children, parents and carers and would like to take the opportunity to welcome you all to Reigate School.



A welcome from the Year 7 Heads of Population

Dates: Available on Wednesday 1st July – School Website

In Year 7, children will be in one of three 'populations', with a Head of Population overseeing their pastoral care and transition into school. The Head of Population will be one of the main figures of support within the school for all new Reigate children. Mr Lapsley, Ms McGuire and Mr Hamilton have taken the opportunity to offer a welcome to you all.



Preparing for Secondary School - Transition Presentations

Dates: Available on Wednesday 1st July – School Website

These presentations will be delivered by Mr Harvey – Assistant Headteacher - Pastoral

The purpose of these presentations is to give parents, carers and children an understanding of the differences between primary school and secondary school and provide some tips about what parents and carers can do to help their child prepare to make the move.



School Virtual Tour

Dates: Available on Wednesday 1st July – School Website

Getting lost is part of what being new to a school is all about. You don't need to worry as our teachers understand that the school is new to the children and that sometimes they may not be able to find where they are going for the first few weeks.

One advantage of getting lost means that children start to make new friends as everyone is getting lost and finding their classrooms!

We have put together a pre-recorded virtual tour of some classrooms and places the children will see. Please note this was filmed during lockdown and therefore the school was empty.



Meet the Departments

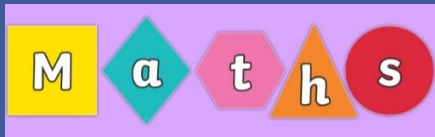
One of the main differences between primary and secondary school is the number of teachers that children meet during the school day. Children will move from lesson to lesson and be taught by up to five different teachers every day.

‘Meet the departments’ introduces you to the Head of Department, and helps you understand what you will be taught during Year 7.



Hello future Year 7 students and welcome to the English department at Reigate School! Over the next year, you will be studying a whole range of fantastic texts in your lessons, from novels, plays and poetry, to letters, newspapers and blogs - and of course you'll be dipping into Shakespeare as well! There will be many chances to discuss, debate and present in your lessons as well as perform key scenes from the novels you are studying. You will also get a reading lesson every two weeks in our wonderfully stocked library and be using the computer programme Accelerated Reader to track all the books you are reading. Throughout the year there will be chances to meet real authors, visits to the theatre and enter writing competitions to become published writers yourself! All the English teachers are looking forward to reading the interesting things you have to say in September...

Ms Williams - Head of Department



Hello future Year 7 students.

Mathematics is a creative and inter-connected discipline. Our department is passionate about Maths and we always try to pass this on through teaching and the activities that we arrange for you. We use discussions, show me boards and visualisers to support your learning.

We will start the year by looking at sequences and our algebraic thinking skills. We look forward to seeing you all soon.

Mrs Wells - Head of Department



I am Mr Kavanagh the Head of Science at Reigate School and I along with the other Science teachers welcome you to Science at Reigate School.

We can't wait to get started and have some fascinating topics to begin the year with. In the autumn term we will be looking at cells and organs. You will be hands on using a microscope and seeing organs like the heart, lungs and kidneys up close. The chemistry topic introduces particles and we will be using a Bunsen burner to help understand some physical changes. In Physics we will be looking at energy, specifically burning foods to see how much energy they contain. What more could you want from the start of the year - flame, animal body parts and chemicals!

I'm sure you'll have a great start to the year but if you have any problems speak to your Science teacher - we are here to help you learn and want to hear from you.

See you in September.

Mr Kavanagh - Head of Department

Geography

Hello Year 7 and welcome to the wonderful 'world' of Geography! All the Geography teachers are looking forward to exploring our world with you, how it works and how we interact with it. We are the key to what the world will look like in the future. During the year we will be exploring the rainforest and deserts, investigating why the world's population is growing and the challenges of both youthful and ageing populations. We will also be looking at settlements and how they have grown up, and delving into the geography of food – where it comes from, and its impact on us and the environment. Enjoy the summer, and we will see you in September!

Miss Sutton - Head of Department



Hello Year 7 and welcome to the study of History at Reigate School! During year 7 you will be completing a fascinating tour of History in the Medieval period. You will find out why 1066 was such an important year - why medieval monarchs had so many difficulties, how the church made everyone good, why the Black Death was so terrifying and why a King was found in a car park. You will also begin to look at the colourful Tudor period and understand why a divorce fundamentally changed our country. Studying the past is key to understanding the present so we are looking forward to exploring our History with you. Have a great summer and see you soon!

Mrs Thomas - Head of Department



The Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) Department is a really friendly, vibrant and fun place where you will learn both French and Spanish.

The MFL team will work hard to make your lessons enjoyable and memorable and we aim to boost your enthusiasm for reading, writing, listening and speaking in a foreign language.

Outside of the classroom, we offer a variety of French and Spanish clubs with lots of activities such as watching films, cooking, arts and crafts related to special occasions and we have exceptionally popular and exciting trips abroad. We are really looking forward to welcoming you all in September. Have a wonderful summer holiday.

Ms Forrest - Head of Department



Welcome to Reigate School. In PE you will get the opportunity to try a variety of sporting activities throughout the year, taught by a team of experienced and enthusiastic staff. Some activities will have an 'individual performance' focus such as table tennis and gymnastics, whilst others will have a 'team-based' focus such as netball and football. Whether you have had previous experience or not in any of the activities really doesn't matter. At Reigate School we want you to have a go, try your best, but above all - enjoy!

PE activities in Year 7 may include: gym, hockey, OAC, badminton, basketball, table tennis, tag rugby, handball, dodgeball, football, netball, rounders, athletics, kwik cricket.

We look forward to meeting you in September.

Mr Simmonds-Dance - Head of Department



We really look forward to welcoming you to RE. Everyone at Reigate School studies RE, and in Year 7 we look at some of the biggest questions about God, life and the Universe – such as ‘why are we here?’, ‘how did we get here?’ and ‘is there anything after this life?’. We study three of the six main world religions, Hinduism, Buddhism and Sikhism, and also have a chance to learn some philosophy and ethics as well. RE provides you with a great opportunity to discuss your ideas and to listen to people who think differently to you. All of us in the department look forward to meeting you in September.

Mr Bowdery – Head of Department



Welcome to the Food Technology Department where delicious smells of food are created!

In Year 7 you will learn how to make healthy snacks, how to work hygienically and safely with food. You will also learn about and use different pieces of equipment and we will even teach you how to wash up!

Some of the things that you will be able to make during Year 7 and take home to enjoy with your family include fruity muffins, flapjacks and scones. The treats await – see you soon!

Ms Barker-Field – Head of Department



Welcome to Reigate School Computing Department. We are looking forward to your arrival in September and have been busy planning and preparing for what will be an exciting year. At Reigate School you will have Computing lessons once a week and you will get to learn about Computers, Media and Business. We will edit together videos to promote concerts, mixing together pre-recorded video and music, as well as adding voice-overs and exciting visual effects. We will learn about the basics of programming and develop your very own games using the scratch programming language and we will also be investigating ways of creating a public event and making it popular with people in the local area.

Mr Moore – Head of Department



Design & Technology involves exploring how and why the everyday things around us are designed and made. Students will learn how to design and make products using a range of materials, as well as learning how to design using pencil and paper. They will also use computer aided design. In Year 7 students will be taught how to safely make products with wood and plastic as well as exploring where the materials we use come from, how they are made and how they affect the environment.

Mr Kent – Head of Department



Welcome to Drama! In Year 7 you will be having one lesson per fortnight in which you will be introduced to the wonderful world of the theatre and performance! You will learn techniques such as role-play, hot seating and freeze frames. You will also learn performance skills and some technical lighting and sound. Schemes of work include The Lion King and Physical Theatre, as we want you to have fun whilst mastering your skills. You will learn to become good at team-work and develop the confidence to perform in front of and entertain others. We hope Drama will help you develop a better understanding of yourselves, of others and the world around you!

Mr Kirby – Head of Drama



Welcome to art! My name is Mrs Wilson and I am head of Creative Arts at Reigate School: Art, Music, Drama and Dance! In Art you will be taught by Mrs. Hartnett, Mrs. Skinner or me! In Year 7 we will spend time going over some basic drawing and painting skills and learning to do some of those things that can be challenging, drawing and shading, mixing colours and painting skilfully! We will also be looking at how art has changed through time, by learning to analyse different pieces of art! You will discover that a lot of what we do in Art is about experimenting and trying new ways of seeing, thinking and working, so expect to make lots of mistakes on your art journey, all part of the fun! We hope that you enjoy Art lessons and hope also to see some of you in art club!

Mrs Wilson – Head of Department



Hello and welcome to Dance here at Reigate School. I am Miss Swift and I will be your Dance teacher during your time here. You will receive one lesson of Dance a fortnight and every lesson is an opportunity to have fun, be creative and a chance to use up all of that energy you have. By the end of Year 7 you will have learnt key dance terms, how to choreograph, dance pop quiz theory work and there will be many performance opportunities. Alongside the dance lessons on your timetable there are also many dance clubs for you to try and the school musical and dance show performances to take part in. I can't wait to see you in the dance studio, I promise you will have the best time. See you soon.

Miss Swift – Head of Dance



Welcome to Music at Reigate School! My name is Mrs Waddell, and I am very excited to welcome you to the Music department in September. In Year 7 we will learn how to read and write music notation, and will learn to play what you are reading and writing using a variety of instruments and technologies. Making music is the core of what we do at Reigate School, and there will be many opportunities for you to showcase your talents if you wish through extra-curricular activities, as well as our classroom tasks. I can't wait to start making music with you soon!

Mrs Waddell – Head of Music



PSHE

Hello Year 6s! Did you know that things like circle-time and talking about growing up doesn't stop when you get to Secondary school? Here at Reigate you can look forward to lessons where we discuss topics that are relevant to your lives outside of school. In a safe, fun and relaxed environment you will have the opportunity to explore your thoughts on things like: how to settle in at secondary school, friendships and relationships, social media and how to work towards your dream job. Don't worry if you're shy or a little bit nervous about speaking in class, these lessons are a great chance to speak with new people and hear their ideas whilst sharing your own in a supportive space. We are really looking forward to meeting you and hearing your opinions!

Ms Woodcock & Ms Wescott

Virtual Induction Evening

Dates: Available on the school website on Wednesday 1st July (pre-recorded).

One of the main purposes of the induction evening is to start to get to know the school and the teachers that will be working with you and your child.

During the induction evening parents, carers and children will be given information about the pastoral support system in school. You will also be given practical information such as school policies and expectations as well as information about ongoing communication with the school.

Q & A Section

We would like to give you an opportunity to ask any questions you may have. Please email any questions to transition@reigate-school.surrey.sch.uk



Remote Primary School Liaison

Dates: Throughout the Summer Term

As well as talking to children, parents and carers we will be arranging contact via video meetings with the primary schools that your child has come from, to help us get to know your child's needs. By talking to their teachers at primary school we can ensure that we are finding out how we can support your child as well as gathering information about their strengths and areas for development.



Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND)

If you have any specific SEND questions relating to your child's needs, please do not hesitate to contact the school. Parents and carers of children with SEND will be contacted in the first three weeks of the Autumn Term. The SEND Information Report provides an overview of SEND at Reigate School.



School Canteen

Dates: Link available on the school website on Wednesday 1st July
(also below)

At Reigate School we aim to fuse healthy & balanced nutrition with high street style dining offering our children a variety of tasty choices throughout the day. We also provide safe access to quality food, cashless payment, easy top-up and irresistible choices for any needs. We are open from breakfast to lunch. We appreciate that a balanced and nutritious diet is key to a successful and healthy future.

Take a look at the link to see what options are available through the week.

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Letters Home

Our current children know that making the jump to secondary school can be a bit scary as well as exciting. Our children have all been through it and are happy and successful at Reigate School.

Children in Year 7 and 8 have taken the opportunity to write your child a letter, welcoming them to Reigate School. These will be posted to you.

Our Head Boy, Head Girl and Prefects also wish to welcome you all to Reigate School.

