REIGATE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

WEEKLY BULLETIN — 24 JUNE 2016

From the Headmaster

On Tuesday, in support of the work of the RGS Foundation, I was delighted to welcome 25 Reigatians back to RGS for a **Gold Reunion** to mark 50 years since leaving the school. Guests were entertained by junior musicians in the gardens of One Chart Lane, whilst enjoying a living history session which provided a great opportunity for current students to discuss all things RGS and life in this area 50 years ago. The pupils thoroughly enjoyed meeting these Reigatians and their recollections made a lasting impact on the pupils.

RGS Godfrey Searle Choristers, Jacob Garcia and Reuben Scaglione singing in a massed choir with choristers from Croydon Minster and The Court Royal (Hampton Court)

Last Saturday the **RGS Godfrey Searle Choristers** took part in a wonderful concert at The Minster in Croydon. In conjunction with others, Head of Choral Music, **Mrs Glynne-Jones**, came up with an idea for an annual ***Three Choirs' Concert*** where the combined choirs from The Minster, The Chapel Royal at Hampton Court and The RGS Godfrey Searle Choir would come together and provide an evening of outstanding choral singing. The massed choir was made up of over 100 trained male voices and trebles. The concert began with a rendition of ***Zadok, The Priest*** and the sound that the choirs made in the opening phrase took the audience's breath away—it was a very special moment. Each choir sang three pieces on their own and although the RGS Godfrey Searle Choristers were fewer in number, they received many compliments for their musically sensitive performance and beautiful tone. This concert will take place at St Mary's Church next year and we would encourage you to watch out for this rare musical treat when it comes to Reigate in the summer of 2017.

I am delighted to share with you that Third Former, **Kieran Twaites**, has been published in the **Initiative for Interstellar Studies** (i4is) quarterly online magazine ***Principium*** (free download via this link). Many international scientists contribute to this publication and in recognition of Kieran's achievements, he was given the honour of writing the *Guest Introduction* to the latest edition (#13). Kieran has spent a great deal of time researching this, his first internationally published scientific thesis, and all the science within it has been checked and approved by the i4is scientists. This is an astonishing piece of work and we are all incredibly proud of Kieran. Well done—Kieran! Keep up the good work.

Last weekend, the CCF spent a fantastic weekend in North Wales and even saw sunshine! The cadets spent time climbing some impressive grades in the Ogwen Valley and had an introduction to **Lead Climbing**.

Student News

- **Jemima Brooke** performed at the Harlequin Theatre, Redhill in the matinee and evening performance of ***Lets go to the Movies*** using her skills in Tap, Ballet, Acting and Musical Theatre.
- **Thomas Dénecé** who plays for **Reigate Priory Lawn Tennis Club** has won the **Surrey AEGON U12's Div 2 League** with his partner. They beat five other clubs across Surrey losing only one of 15 matches.
- For the fourth time (in five years) **Louisa Grinyer** was awarded honours and the medal in the Solo Drama Class in the Write and Speak a Poem class of the recent **Reigate & Redhill Music & Drama Festival**. Louisa has also been offered one of the principal roles (Yonah) in the musical ***Children of Eden***, this year's **Summer YESOS** production.
- At the **Stuttgart International Gala**, his first competition since breaking his collarbone and shoulder blade three months ago, **Owen Knowles** swam superbly to win bronze in the 50m breaststroke and 100m breaststroke. He then qualified for the overall 100m breaststroke Junior Final where he improved his time further to finish with another bronze. In the 4x100m freestyle relay Owen was joined by brother Tomos and together they swam to an impressive silver medal. **Tomos Knowles** narrowly missed out on an individual medal but swam extremely well across all events to secure a number of top eight finishes.
- **Katharina Norman** is the narrator in ***Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*** this weekend at Dorking Halls. Kat has worked exceptionally hard to keep on top of everything during exams, *Much Ado* rehearsals etc. Well done.
- **Dan Statham** competed in the **Youth Development League** achieving a PB in the long jump with a distance of 4m18cm finishing third. Dan also finished third in the high jump for **Reigate Priory Athletics**.
- **Leah and Grace Beglan** represented Reigate and Banstead in squash at the **Surrey Youth Games** last weekend, playing at strings 1 and 3 in a mixed team of 5. The team came top of its group, winning all its group matches, and then went on to win gold against Epsom and Ewell in the final.

The **Annual House Sports Day** is on **Friday 1 July** at Hartswood, from 11.00am and running through to the end of the school day. We would like all students to be fully involved in Sports Day and there will be lots of activities to keep them busy when they are not on the track or field and support from parents and families is really welcomed. On **Saturday 2 July** First, Second and Third Form students will take part in **House Cricket, Tennis and Rounders**. ***Please refer to the notice on page five of this bulletin with further details.*** It would be lovely to see as many of you on those two dates as possible.

Third Form student **Ollie Silverman** has produced a superb trailer for next week's production of ***Much Ado About Nothing*** which can be viewed on the RGS Drama Website at www.RGSDrama.net. I very much look forward to seeing many of you at the performances. It promises to be another fine show from students across the school and at the moment, there are still a few tickets available for the evening performances at 6.00pm on **Tuesday 28, Wednesday 29** and **Thursday 30 June**. Tickets are available from the RGS Box Office via this link.

Please continue to email me via headmaster@reigategrammar.org with any news items, questions or feedback.

With my Best Wishes, Shaun Fenton, Headmaster

CCF Survey

The CCF would really value your views and perspectives. It would be helpful if students, parents and staff who are not in the CCF to give their opinions too. We want to continue to develop what we do and improve the contingent even further. We hope this survey will help us to achieve this. There are only five questions and it doesn't take long to complete. Please complete the survey using the link below:

Link to the RGS CCF Survey

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ACTIVITES DAY—MONDAY 27 JUNE 2016

Message from Miss Robinson

for Second, Third and Fourth Form Students not involved in DofE, CCF or Drama

Second, Third and Fourth Form students *not* involved in DofE, CCF or Drama on Activities Day—Monday 27 June—will spend the day at Hartswood taking part in a range of teambuilding and sports activities with a student-led cake sale to raise money for Great Ormond Street Hospital. Activities will enable students to develop further their qualities of communication, teamwork, leadership and respect.

Students should arrive at school at the normal time to be registered in the PMH. They will need to wear **School PE Kit**, and should bring **mouth guards, shin pads, snacks, a packed lunch, water, hats, sunscreen** and **cash** to buy charity cakes. We will be at Hartswood all day, returning to school at 3.50pm.

Ms Robinson

Click here for link to The Great Gatsby Ball ticket application form

Plans are well under way for the PFA Ball 2016 and it looks as if it is going to be yet another fabulous evening. It is the largest social and fundraising event of the year for the PFA and with that in mind we would value anyone who would be able to help us with the fundraising and sourcing of much needed auction/raffle prizes. If you would like to get involved please email the committee at pfaball@reigategrammar.org.

Saturday 25th June 2016 at 7.30pm
St Mary's Church, Reigate

Parking will be available at St Mary's School, opposite the church, and at Reigate Grammar School

The English Arts Chorale *& the junior choirs of* Reigate Grammar School and St Mary's Prep School,

with the EAC Chamber Ensemble

Conductor **Leslie Olive**

MASS of the CHILDREN

by John Rutter

adds a further dimension to the traditional Mass

Look at the Facebook Event via the link below for further information: http://rgs.to/zimbe

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Zimbe!

by

Alexander L'Estrange

accompanied by L'Estrange and his 'Call me AL' jazz quintet

a brilliant fusion of traditional jazz, gospel and African melodies scored for adult and children's choirs

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Tickets: Reserved (centre front) £20, Unreserved £15,
Behind the rood screen £5, Disabled - two tickets at half price
all from: www.englisharts.org, tel 01737 762097, or at the door

Supported by the Borough of Reigate & Banstead Arts Council
The English Arts Chorale Association is a registered charity

Fourth Form Prize Giving NEW DATE: Monday 4 July

Further to the recent notices about First to Fourth Form Prize Giving, please note The Fourth Form event will now take place on **Monday 4 July** in the PMH from 8.40am-9.40am. Other year group events are on:

- **First Form: Friday 24 June**
- **Second Form: Friday 1 July**
- **Third Form: Tuesday 28 June**

The majority of prizes will be awarded at the individual year group assemblies. **School Colours** and a few other prizes will be saved for the whole school end of year assembly on **Tuesday 5 July**.

Visit this link http://rgs.to/news to the RGS Drama website for all there is to know about RGS Drama, including House events, productions, auditions, trips etc.

CCF Update

Please return all **Field Day** and **Summer Camp** paperwork as a matter of urgency. All cadets are expected to attend Field Day. Summer Camp is the culmination of the year's training and is packed with some brilliant activities.

- **CCF Tri Service Field Day:** 25-27 June
- **CCF Static Line Parachuting Course:** 2-3 July
- **CCF Tri Service Summer Camp:** 4-9 July

DofE: Upcoming Expeditions

Please return SILVER and GOLD expedition reply slips ASAP. Students wishing to attend an expedition must turn up to kit check and all briefings. Details will or have been emailed to them. Please consult the expedition KIT pages for advice on kit lists via this link.

More DofE expedition dates ***(Year groups refer to the year students are in at the time of the expedition)***

- ***SILVER Fourth Form Training:*** 26-28 June 2016
- ***GOLD Lower Sixth Form Training*** (South Wales): 2-5 July 2016 *(UPDATED)*
- ***GOLD Lower Sixth Form Qualifying*** (Mid Wales): 13-17 August 2016
- ***SILVER Fifth Form Leadership Training Day***: 7 October 2016
- ***BRONZE Fourth Form Qualifying***: 7-8 October 2016
- ***SILVER Fifth Form Qualifying***: 15-17 October 2016

Visit https://rgsdofe.wordpress.com/dates/ or contact **Mr Collins** via sac@reigategrammar.org for full details and dates.

SWOTS School Uniform: 10% Discount 20-25 June 2016

Uniform may be purchased in store, online or ordered on the telephone. SWOTS: 24 Church Street, Reigate, Surrey RH2 0AN; E: swots@btconnect.com; T: 01737 243825 www.schooluniformsonline.co.uk

The PFA's Great Gatsby's Ball

The Ball Committee needs you… Plans are well underway for the PFA Ball 2016 and it looks as if it is going to be yet another fabulous evening. It is the largest social and fundraising event of the year for the PFA and with that in mind we would value anyone who would be able to help us with the fundraising and sourcing of much needed auction/raffle prizes. If you would like to get involved please email the committee at pfaball@reigategrammar.org.

House Sports Day—Friday 1 July Important Information

There will **ONLY** be light refreshments (cakes etc.) at Hartswood on Friday 1 July, House Sports Day. Students should wear **House t-shirts** with **games kit** and should bring **packed lunches**, **water, hats** and **sunscreen**.

NB: There will be no food service in the PMH at school on Friday 1 July.

USA College Day

Information about the USA College Day (**23-24 September 2016**) is available through this link. Anyone, who is interested in going to university in the USA, would be wise to book their place on this via the website and attend.

DIARY DATES

Changes from the published calendar are in BOLD

June

25 Sa CCF Tri Service Field Days *(departs)*
Cricket v Churcher's College: U13B, U12B (A) 09:30
1st XI, U15B, U14B (H) 09:30
U13A, U12A (A) 14:00
U15A, U14A (H) 14:00
Music: Zimbe, Choral Concert with English Arts Chorale (St Mary's Church) 19:30-21:30

26 Su DofE: Fourth Form Silver training expedition (Surrey Hills) *(departs)* 09:00
Drama: *Much Ado About Nothing* technical rehearsal (CH/MR/Rm7/Rm8) 10:00-18:00
Ultimate Frisbee v ORs (HW) 12:00-15:00

27 M Activities Day
Music: Giant Music Day for junior schools Years 4&5
CCF: Royal Air Force Section Field Trip (RAF Benson) 07:00-16:00
Cricket Trinity Schools T20 (A)
First Form History trip to Bodiam Castle 08:30-15:50
Drama: *Much Ado About Nothing* cast and crew off timetable all day (CH/MR/Rm7/Rm8) 09:00-19:00
Golf v St George's: Staff (RHGC) 17:00
Governors: Board Meeting 17:30
Art Private View (SH) 19:30-21:30
CCF Tri Service Field Days *(returns)*

28 Tu Cricket: Trinity Schools T20 (A)
Third Form End of Year Celebration 08:40-09:40
11+ Taster Day 09:30-14:45
Cricket Sixes: U13 (HW) 11:15-18:00
DofE: Fourth Form Silver training expedition (Surrey Hills) *(returns)* 12:00
Modern Languages Forum with local schools 13:15-15:50
Drama: *Much Ado About Nothing* dress rehearsal (One Chart Lane) 14:00-18:00
Drama: *Much Ado About Nothing* Performance 1 (One Chart Lane) 18:00-21:00

29 W Cricket: St Albans 20/20 (A)
Upper Sixth Form Book Return Day (6FC)
Open Morning (RR/PMH) 09:30-12:00
Cricket Sixes: U12 (HW) 11:15-18:00
Drama: *Much Ado About Nothing* Performance 2 (One Chart Lane) 14:00-18:00
Ultimate Frisbee Staff v School (HW) 16:00-18:00
Drama: *Much Ado About Nothing* Performance 3 (One Chart Lane) 18:00-21:00

30 Th Cricket: St Alban's 20/20 (A)
Theology & Philosophy Anthropology Day (British Museum) 08:30-16:00
Fourth Form English Shakespeare Day 09:00-13:10
Open Morning (RR/PMH) 09:30-12:00
House Ultimate Frisbee Competition 13:15-14:00
Drama: *Much Ado About Nothing* Performance 4 for local junior schools and community (One Chart Lane) 14:00-18:00
Golf Staff v Parents (RHGC) 17:00
Drama: *Much Ado About Nothing* Performance 5 (One Chart Lane) **18:00-21:00**

July

1 F Second Form End of Year Celebration 08:40-09:30
House Sports Day (HW) 13:00-15:50
CCF: Static Line Parachuting Course (APA, Netheravon) *(departs)* 16:00
Golf v Parents: Staff (RHGC) 16:15 * NOW ON 30/6 *
Drama: *Much Ado About Nothing* Performance 6 (One Chart Lane) **18:00-21:00**
Leavers' Ball (Epsom Race Course) 19:30-23:55

2 Sa Music: ABRSM Examinations (MS)
House Junior Sport: First, Second, Third Form Cricket, Rounders, Tennis
PSLTA Tennis (Eton College): U19/U15 Boys, U19/U15 Girls
Ultimate Frisbee UK Outdoor Tournament (Birmingham) *(departs)* 06:00
DofE: Lower Sixth Form Gold training expedition (South Wales) *(departs)* 09:00
CCF: Army, Royal Naval & Royal Air Force Section Summer Camps *(departs)* (tbc) 09:00

3 Su PSLTA Tennis (Eton College): U19/U15 Boys, U19/U15 Girls
Drama: Edinburgh Festival Gala Event (tbc) **10:00-18:00**
CCF: Static Line Parachuting Course (APA, Netheravon) *(returns)* 18:00
Ultimate Frisbee UK Outdoor Tournament (Birmingham) *(returns)* 20:00

4 M PSLTA Tennis (Eton College): U19/U15 Boys, U19/U15 Girls U13 Boys, U13 Girls
First Form Modern Languages Day
Fourth Form End of Year Celebration 08:40-09:40 *(previously on 29 June)*
DofE: Third Form Bronze Conservation Day 09:00-15:50
Drumming Workshop (CH)

5 Tu PSLTA Tennis (Eton College): U19/U15 Boys, U19/U15 Girls U13 Boys, U13 Girls
House: Junior Tug of War (Broadfield Lawn) 09:45-10:30
House: Junior Quiz and End of Term Assembly (SH) 10:45-12:15
Term ends 12:15

The Box Office for ***Much Ado About Nothing*** went live to the parents of the cast and crew on **Tuesday 7 June** (via a Promotion Code) and to the rest of the school community on **Thursday 9 June**.

The show runs from **Tuesday 28 June** until **Friday 1 July**, with performances starting at **6.00pm.** The venue is at the Headmaster's House, One Chart Lane.

Any queries, please email: boxoffice@reigategrammar.org

For all sports news, fixtures, results, venues etc. please visit the RGS Sports pages: link.