



### From the Headmaster

I am delighted to announce that **Williamson House** has won the overall **House Cup 2016**. Well done to everyone—every little point has counted in what has been a very close competition. The House Cup competition starts after Easter and runs for three terms until the following Easter. The gloves are definitely off and in the true RGS spirit of fun we wait to see how the competition unfolds this year.

In the whole school assembly this week I was delighted to present the new **Student Leadership Team** to the rest of the school. Head Boy, **George Elliston**, and Head Girl, **Megan Woods**, addressed the whole school for the first time and we all sat enthralled whilst **Billy Elliston** entertained us with a spectacular and moving piece he composed himself for the piano.

With the debate about Europe picking up a pace all around us, I am glad to see that the **RGS Modern Languages Department** has been particularly busy. After two rounds of tough in-house competition, the RGS First Form elite team of **MFL Spelling Bee** competitors—**Charlie Higginbotham**, **Ellie Trimlett** and **Krishne Thevarajah**—set off for the regional heats at Brighton University. All did incredibly well impressing the opposition with beautiful pronunciation and lightening quick spelling. Krishne wowed the judges and came top in the first heat with her score of 18 French words in just one minute. She then managed to beat her own score in the semi-final and final round, achieving an amazing total of 19! Krishne came second overall in South East England and will go on to represent the region in the National competition in the summer. Well done and bonne chance!

*Gateau au chocolat, tarte aux pommes, crumble à la mure, tarte au caramel et beurre salé, biscuit au chamallow, bombe au Maltesers, biscuits au chocolat, samosa au bœuf, gateau aux fraises etc. etc.* The French Bake Off finalists combined their linguistic and culinary skills to impress with mouth-watering dishes. **La Grande Finale du Grand Bake-Off** took place last week and the votes have been counted. The runners up are: **Jenni Stern**, **Harry Armstrong**, **Shakib Ahmed**, **Amelie Davies** and **Freya Biggs**; and the winners of the first ever French Bake Off are: **Ollie Wyse**, **Freya McTavish** and **Issy Blakeley**. MERCI et BRAVO à tous les participants.

The Spanish department is pleased to announce that **Elise Genillard** has won the **First Form Feria de Sevilla poster competition**. Runner up awards go to **Elliot Summons**, **Clara Alston**, **Beth Brewer**, **Mais Jafaar**, **Katie Cassin**, **Shannon Fitzgerald** and **Harriette Massey**. Thanks to everyone who took part and all entries will soon be displayed colourfully in Rm24.



**RSM Yr5/6 pupils came to the RGS Junior Language League club last Thursday to enjoy an introduction to German language and culture. Many thanks to Dominik, our enthusiastic German Assistant, who made us all dance, sing, and speak in German.**



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## FROM THE HEADMASTER

For all our local—and further afield—weather enthusiasts, I am delighted to share a development in the **RGS Weather Club**. A new weather station has been fixed onto the roof at Hartwood. This will provide “LIVE” weather information for everyone, staff, teams and visitors, who might like to check the weather before they visit. There’s also a display in the Tea Pavilion if you want to check the temperature or check how hard it’s raining during your visit! Thank you to Mr Collins for bringing a little ray of sunshine to all our weather needs...

RGS Hartwood Weather Link—<http://rgs.to/hwlink>

RGS Hartwood Weather Link-2—<http://rgs.to/hwlink2>

RGS Weather News Item—<http://rgs.to/weathernews>

### Student News

- ♦ **Lucy Allen** will be one of three captains for **Surrey County Cricket Club’s U13 Girls** team this season.
- ♦ **Millie Gover** and her horse, Kamil, won both the dressage competitions at the **National County Schools Championships**. Millie has trained Kamil herself which makes her achievement even more remarkable.
- ♦ **Katie Mackison** competed in a **Youth Development League** match in Portsmouth recently coming first in the U15 girls javelin with a PB of 28.5m which was also a new club record for **Reigate Priory Athletics Club**.
- ♦ **Eleanor Medcalf** has gained a place at the **Royal College of Music Junior Department** where she will begin a specialist programme of musical study on Saturdays next academic year.
- ♦ Third Former, **Finlay Nasskau**, achieved a Merit in his **ABRSM Grade 5 Music Theory** examination.
- ♦ **Joshua Newton** has received confirmation from **US Kids Golf** that he has made it into the **European Championships** in Scotland next month.
- ♦ **Harrison Watts** has been selected to join the **U15s Harlequins Developing Player Programme** for next season.

### Sport News

On Saturday the **Ultimate Frisbee** team attended the **Chichester University Indoor Tournament**. Old Reigatian Jordan Sloan invited the team to take part in the tournament which was aimed at university teams (RGS was the only school team present). Despite playing teams with more experience, the RGS team played some excellent Ultimate finishing the day with four wins and one loss. This included two very tight matches which went down to a golden point with the team holding on in the closing moments to claim the win.

Wishing you all a relaxing bank holiday weekend. Do let me know any news items next week by emailing direct via [headmaster@reigategrammar.org](mailto:headmaster@reigategrammar.org).

**With my Best Wishes**

**Shaun Fenton**  
Headmaster





## Important Notices from the School Office

### Lateness

If your child is late, they must sign in at the school office so that our registration records can be updated accordingly.

### Change of Address

Please remember to update your home contact details on the Parent Portal or by emailing the School Office via [MainSchoolOffice@reigategrammar.org](mailto:MainSchoolOffice@reigategrammar.org) if there are any changes to students' home address and/or personal circumstances.

### Sickness

A number of students are contacting parents direct when they feel unwell. Please ensure your child is aware of the sickness procedure. If they feel unwell during the day, they should go to the School Office where they will be assessed and cared for appropriately. The office staff will contact parents if necessary. Thank you for your assistance in helping us to care for your child.

### Pre-arranged Absence

For all pre-arranged absences (such as medical/dental appointments) a **Student Absence Form** should be completed. Forms may be downloaded from the Parent Portal and should be **emailed to the School Office** via [absence@reigategrammar.org](mailto:absence@reigategrammar.org) with a copy to the **Form Tutor in advance of the absence**. Students must sign out at the office at which point the forms and reason for absence will be checked.

## From the PFA

Many thanks from the **PFA Nearly New Uniform** team for all of the contributions to our last sale, the quality and quantity of uniform was exceptional. We also had a huge turnout of buyers at the event last Saturday, especially from prospective parents and consequently much of the stock that you provided has now gone.

There is another sale in June and we really need something to sell! If you have any uniform items that you no longer need then please think about selling it through or donating it to the PFA Nearly New sale. We are particularly looking for smaller sizes of Kukri sports kit, but any items will sell and are therefore very gratefully received!

If you are interested in selling items then please go to the PFA pages on the school website where the very simple instructions are outlined including price guide, percentage splits for sale price etc.

*Many thanks*

### PARENTS' ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM

The following trips, services and items are now available for payment via the parents' Online Payment System.

**Biology – Nettlecombe Court Final Payment**

**German – Berlin 2016**

**History & Politics – USA 2<sup>nd</sup> Instalment**

**Climbing Elective**

## Drama Update

Following on from our success at last year's **Leatherhead Drama Festival**, where we won the overall junior prize, this year we are entering two Fifth Form pieces. On **Tuesday 3 May**, both groups will be performing at **The Theatre** in Leatherhead. Performances start at 7pm and tickets are just £2 for students. Although we appreciate this is a busy time for the Fifth Form, we would love to see as many students and parents as possible in the crowd to support the excellent work of **Goya Verity, Tom Box, Oli Woolgrove, Nicole James, Izzy Radford, Sammy Wolsey, Jake White** and **Olivia Burgess**. Tickets and information can be found at [www.leatherheaddramafestival.org/tickets.html](http://www.leatherheaddramafestival.org/tickets.html).

Last week's inaugural **Shakespeare Slam** saw over thirty Second Form students competing for the top spot and a coveted Drama Badge. The judges for the night were **William Alder**, a company manager for the National Youth Theatre as well as a professional producer, and **Jackie Rance**, former RGS Drama teacher and a veteran of many audition panels across the country. The judges were impressed with the high standard across the board, particularly with the standard of verse speaking and the variety of interpretation and gave the top six performances some valuable feedback. The runners up were: **Jess Bates, Freya MacTavish, Caspar Meurisse, Morgan Wilmott** and **Theo Lewis**; and the overall winner was **Phebe Gray**. Congratulations Phebe!

The **Choreography Slam** is fast approaching. This will be an evening of dance performance and choreography to celebrate and encourage pupils' skills in a variety of styles. The performance is at **6.30pm** on **Tuesday 24 May**. If students wish to participate, they need to show their fully completed piece on **Thursday 12 May** from **1:20pm** in the Dance Studio. **Miss Hare** will observe these pieces and give feedback in time to perfect performances. If students wish to perform a piece of dance or something that they have choreographed themselves and haven't yet emailed Miss Hare, then there is still time... Please email Miss Hare on [mgh@reigategrammar.org](mailto:mgh@reigategrammar.org).

Congratulations to the **Fifth Form Drama** students, who completed their final GCSE practical exam on **Tuesday 26 April**. It was a long day in the Drama Studio, but the focus and hard work of all involved meant that everyone performed to the best of their potential.

For further information on any and all Drama events please see a member of the department or visit [www.rgsdrama.net](http://www.rgsdrama.net).



# NOTICES

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## Reminder

A letter has gone out regarding trips for Lower Sixth Form students to Southampton University on Thursday **9 June** and to Bath University on **Friday 10 June**. Please let **Mr Buzzacott** know as soon as possible (and by Sunday 1 May) if you are interested in attending. There is no charge for either of these trips. *NB: Not all exams will be finished on these days so it will not be possible for all students to attend.*

## CCF Update: Revised Dates and Timings

- ♦ **CCF National Navigation Award Weekend:** 6-8 May, 14:00-20:00hrs
- ♦ **CCF Climbing Weekend:** 17-19 June, 14:00-20:00hrs
- ♦ **CCF Tri Service Field Day:** 25-27 June, 12:00-17:00hrs
- ♦ **CCF Static Line Parachuting Course:** 2-3 July, 06:00-19:00hrs
- ♦ **CCF Tri Service Summer Camp:** 4-9 July, 09:00-13:00hrs

## Vacancies

We currently have the following vacancies at Reigate Grammar School:

**CCF Contingent Commander**  
**Marketing and Events Professional**  
**Headmaster's Administrative Assistant/Secretary**

If you know anyone who may be interested in applying, please ask them to download the information from the RGS or RSM website or contact

**Mrs Dawn Holmes**  
on 01737 229327 or [hr@reigategrammar.org](mailto:hr@reigategrammar.org)



## HOUSE EVENTS IN THE SUMMER TERM

Wednesday 30 April	Fourth, Fifth & Sixth Form House Mixed Swimming (14:15-15:50)
Friday 22 April	Fourth, Fifth & Sixth Form House Cricket (16:30)
Wednesday 4 May	Fifth & Sixth Form House Rounders, Mixed Tennis and Ultimate Frisbee (14:15-15:50)
Wednesday 25 May	First, Second & Third Form House Swimming (14:15-15:50)
Friday 24 June	First Form House Drama (all day)
Friday 1 July	House Sports Day
Saturday 2 July	First, Second & Third Form House Cricket, Mixed Tennis and Rounders
Tuesday 5 July	First, Second & Third Form House Tug of War
Tuesday 5 July	First, Second & Third Form House Quiz

## April

30 Sa A2 Spanish: Speaking Revision Session 09:00-12:00  
Cricket v Caterham: U14B, U13B (A) 09:30  
2nd XI, U15B, U12B (H) 09:30  
1st XI (A) 11:00  
U14A (A) 14:00  
U15A, U12A (H) 14:00

## May

1 Su DofE: Third Form Bronze training expedition (North Downs) (*departs*)

2 M **Bank Holiday**  
DofE: Third Form Bronze training expedition (North Downs) (*returns*)  
U13 Cricket Tour (Jersey) (*returns*)

3 Tu A2 Spanish: Oral examinations 09:00-15:50  
**IGCSE English Language: (SH) 13:30-15:30**  
Golf v King's Canterbury: (Chart Hills) 14:45  
**Drama: Leatherhead Festival 16:00-22:00**  
**Girls' District Athletics League: U13, U12 (H) 16:30**  
Second Form Spanish Trip: Parents' Information Evening 19:00-20:00

4 W **House Senior Sport: Fifth/Sixth Form Rounders, Tennis, Ultimate Frisbee 14:00-15:50**  
**Cricket Surrey Cup v Glyn (H) 14:30 \* NEW \***  
**Golf v Eltham College (Sandridge Park Golf Club) 14:30-18:00 \* NEW \***  
Rounders v Woldingham: U15A&B, U14A&B (A) 15:50  
U13A&B, U12A&B (H) 15:50  
Drama: *Much Ado About Nothing* rehearsal 16:00-17:30  
Cantata Choir (RR) 19:45-21:45

5 Th GCSE Art exam (Art Studio)  
Second Form Girls' HPV Immunisations (second dose)  
Girls' Tennis Surrey Festival:  
U15, U15, U13, U12 (A) 08:00  
AS Spanish: Oral examinations 09:00-15:50  
Golf: Southern Schools Invitational (RHGC) 14:00  
Rounders v St Teresa's:  
U15A, U14A&B, U13A&B, U12A&B (A) 15:50  
**Boys' Athletics South Surry Meet (RAAS) 16:00 \* NEW \***  
Drama: Rehearsal for Edinburgh 16:00-20:00  
Boys' Tennis v Cranmore: U13, U12 (A) 16:30

6 F GCSE Art exam (Art Studio)  
Open Morning (CH) 09:15-11:30  
CCF: National Navigation Award Weekend (Halton, Lancashire) (*departs*) 14:00  
Individual Swimming Cup: Third & Fourth Form (Pool) 15:50-17:00  
**Golf v Staff: Seniors (RHGC) 16:00**  
**Boys' Tennis v Caterham: U15, U14 (A) 16:30 \* NOW ON 11/5/16 \***

7 Sa Cricket v Portsmouth GS: U12A&B 09:45 (A)  
U13A&B (H) 09:45  
1st XI (A) 13:00  
U15A (A) 14:00  
2nd XI, U15B, U14A (H) 14:00  
**Girls' Tennis v CLFS: U13A&B, U12 4 pairs (A) 10:00 U15A&B, U14 6 Pairs (H) 10:30**

8 Su CCF: National Navigation Award Weekend (Halton, Lancashire) (*returns*)  
Drama: *Much Ado About Nothing* rehearsal 10:00-13:00

9 M A2/AS Art exam (Art Studio)  
A2/AS Italian: Oral examinations  
**Cricket Surrey Cup v Wallington CGS (H) 14:30 \* NEW \***  
Drama: *Much Ado About Nothing* rehearsal 16:00-17:30  
First Form French trip to Château du Broutel Parents' Information Evening

10 Tu A2/AS Art exam (Art Studio)  
AS French: Oral examinations  
PSHEE: First Form Sex and Relationship Education 14:15-15:50  
Heads of Department Meeting (Rm15) 16:00-17:00  
Girls' Tennis v Guildford High: U13A&B (A) 16:45

11 W A Level Art exam (Art Studio)  
Chemistry Challenge: Fourth Form Regional Competition (Kingston University)  
French Play (CH) 08:30-13:00  
Drama: *Much Ado About Nothing* rehearsal 16:00-17:30  
Rounders v Caterham: U12AB&C (A) 16:30  
U13AB&C (H) 16:30  
**Boys' Tennis v Caterham: U15, U14 (A) 16:30 \* previously on 6/5/16 \***  
Girls' Tennis v St Catherine's: U15, U14 (H) 16:45  
Cantata Choir (RR) 19:45-21:45

12 Th A2 French: Oral examinations  
AS German: Oral examinations  
District Athletics:  
Seniors, U15, U14, U13 (K2 Crawley) 08:45  
Leavers' Concert rehearsals (PMH) 16:00-18:00  
Girls' Tennis v Guildford High: U12A&B (H) 16:45  
Leavers' Reception and Concert (PMH) 19:00-21:30

13 F **Leavers Assembly (St Mary's Church) 14:30-15:05**  
Fifth & Sixth Form Study Leave commences 15:50  
Boys' Tennis v CLFS: U15, U14, U13, U12 (A) 16:30

14 Sa Cricket v Tiffin: U14B, U12B (A) 09:30  
U15B, U13B (H) 09:30  
1st XI (H) 11:30  
2nd XI, U14A, U12A (A) 14:00  
U15A, U13A (H) 14:00  
Girls' Tennis v Caterham: U14A&B, U13 5 pairs (A) 09:30  
U15A&B, U12 6 pairs (H) 09:30

15 Su

16 M ~~Rounders v Lingfield ND: U14AB&C 14:30 (A) \* CANCELLED \*~~  
Girls' Tennis v St George's: U15 (H) 16:00  
Staff Meeting (PMH) 16:00-17:00  
Drama: *Much Ado About Nothing* rehearsal 16:00-17:30

17 Tu Fourth Form Geography trip to Cuckmere 08:45-17:00  
Pastoral Care Committee 16:00-17:00  
**Girls' District Athletics League: U13, U12 (H) 16:30**

18 W **Boys' & Girls' Athletics Track & Field Cup (A) 10.00 \* NEW \***  
Drama: *Much Ado About Nothing* rehearsal 16:00-17:30  
~~Rounders v Lingfield ND: U13AB&C, U12AB&C (H) 16:30 \* CANCELLED \*~~  
**Rounders v Woldingham: U12A&B, U13A&B (H) 16:30**  
Cantata Choir (RR) 19:45-21:45