



From the Headmaster

I was pleased to welcome everyone back to school on Monday following the half term break which saw three groups of excited RGS students travel near and far to broaden and strengthen their learning. Third and Fourth Form geographers enjoyed a very successful trip to **Iceland**. **Mr Collins, Mrs Cline, Mr James** and **Mrs Ramsden** report that the trip was exceptional and students impeccably behaved. Do have a look at the links here to [photos](#) and a [short slide show](#) for a flavour of the trip.



Led by **Miss Godbold** with **Mrs Hosegood** and **Mrs Dexter**, Sixth Form biologists and geographers travelled to **Belize** to study tropical ecosystem. As ever, students returned glowing and sharing their memories and highlights with whomever would listen. Twenty one certified as PADI Open Water Scuba Divers and thus enhanced the opportunity to pursue courses in Marine Biology or Oceanography; and **Alexa Dewar** achieved her Advanced qualification. Among many adventures, students explored the tropical forest ecosystem, learning to handle tarantulas and scorpions safely; the view over the forest canopy from the top of the High Pyramid at Lamanai was enhanced by the arrival of a group of endangered Black Howler Monkeys; some saw Spider Monkeys when exploring a looted Maya site; students spent time with local people including a family of Mennonite farmers; and played an enjoyable football match in very high temperatures against a village side of 24 players!



Sixth Form Art students were accompanied by **Mrs Burns** and **Mrs Genillard** to **Paris** where they enjoyed the many sites including the Sacre Coeur, Musée d'Orsay, Pompidou Centre, Rodin Museum, Louvre, l'Orangerie, the Eiffel Tower, Notre Dame and the Musée d'Art Decoratif. Once more, the students were a pleasure.



It goes without saying that I am enormously to the staff who lead this trips and to the students who make them so enjoyable—Thank you.

RGS Mathematics is enjoying a particular run of success at the moment with results from the **UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge** being very good. There were 114 medals in total, including 20 Golds. **Connie Bambridge-Sutton** (Best In School) is one of 17 to have qualified for the follow-on rounds; whilst **Aaron Gilchrist, Eleanor Medcalfe, Kirsty Gaston, Nathan Bridges, Andrew Pardoe, Theo Petitt, Isaac Osterreicher** and **Milo Stephens** have qualified for the next round for Fifth Formers. **James Shipley** achieved the best mark in the Fourth Form and has also qualified for the next round; **Adam Jones** (best in the Third Form) along with fellow Third Formers, **Chris Meredith, Barney Massey, Harry Persand, Tommy Ma, Thomas Boyden, Joe Jenner, Mark Jones** and **Jamie-Jack Stewart** also qualified.



After fantastic performances in the **Senior Maths Challenge** and the **British Maths Olympiad**, Fifth Former **Connie Bambridge-Sutton** has been invited to attend the **Olympiad Training Session** at Trinity College, Cambridge at Easter. Connie is one of only 22 students in the country to have been invited and I know you will all join me in congratulating her on this momentous achievement. Well done, Connie.

On **Thursday 3 March** the RGS English Department is celebrating **World Book Day** with a host of planned activities around the school including a literary character fancy dress parade where house points will be awarded to the most creative, imaginative and original costume. Julia Suzuki, author of **The Land of Dragor** and other children's fantasy novels will be talking to students in the Library at lunchtime about her work and the themes which underpin it. The First and Second Form will also hear Julia during the morning before a series of workshops. In addition, there will be a shared whole school reading of a story throughout the day, culminating with its conclusion in Period 7.

Also on World Book Day, we are welcoming a Year 5 class from St Matthew's Church of England Primary School in Redhill for a **creative writing masterclass**. This is the culmination of a competition organised by Sixth Former **Finty Hunter** (pictured above) who invited Year 5 pupils from local junior schools to let their imaginations run wild and imagine their super hero powers by writing a story titled "If you could have a super power what would it be? What would you do with it? And Why? The response was incredible and Finty was inundated with entries. The winning entry came from a pupil at St Matthew's whose class has been invited to join us for the masterclass. My thanks go to Finty for all her hard work in organising the competition, the many hours she spent reading the entries and her creativity in putting together an anthology which includes the winning and highly commended entries.

NOTICES

The Annual **Reigate Charity 7s** takes place on **Sunday 6 March** at Hartswood from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Please come and support our U18 boys and girls teams, playing against some of the best rugby schools in the area and whilst raising money for **The Changing Lives Campaign** and **Breast Cancer Now**. We are extremely fortunate to have Wasps and England star Joe Simpson attending along with Aviva Premiership and Rugby World Cup Referee, Wayne Barnes. Refreshments will be provided throughout the day including drinks and hot food. Parking at Hartswood will be limited so do please car share where possible (car parking will be £5 per vehicle in support of the event's charities). Draw information is available [here](#).



Student News

- ◆ **Tom Allen** was recently selected to play for the Surrey RFC U15 County Squad v Sussex RFC U15 County Squad.
- ◆ Well done to the four RGS students who entered the Reigate & Banstead Star for a Night competition—all have been successful and have secured a place in the show at the Harlequin Theatre, Redhill on 7/8 April 2016. Congratulations to **Leah Beglan, Hannah Griffin, James Grimstone** and **Krishne Thevarajah**.
- ◆ In athletics, **Niamh Brown** became the South East of England Cross Country Champion recently in a very muddy Parliament Hill in London, anchoring her team to Gold in the process; **Niamh, Emelye Kenyon-Brown** and **Oscar Subuh-Symons** have been selected to run for Surrey at the English Schools National Cross Country Championships in Nottingham in March; and **Lucy Broderick** has been selected as a reserve—Well Done!
- ◆ **Thomas Dénecé** took part in two skiing competitions in France at half term and achieved bronze grade in the slalom and silver grade in the giant slalom in his first competitive races.
- ◆ **Alex Golding** came joint first in the South of England Junior Chess Championships 2016, an U14 closed event (National Junior Squad players only) and first in the Wiltshire and West of England Junior Championships 2016, an U18 Open event. Alex is now leading the English Youth Grand Prix for the U13s and has been invited by Stuart Reuben to play in the Colin Crouch Celebration Chess Congress in April which will be a great opportunity to play against the best Grandmasters in this country and overseas.
- ◆ **Joe Jenner** competed in the Surrey County Indoor Track & Field Championships and won Gold in the Shot and Silver in the High Jump for U15 boys recording a new PB and a new RPAC club record in both events.
- ◆ **Luke Jones** recently enjoyed a successful weekend of fencing competing in both the Cadet (U17) and Junior (U20) British Championships. Luke fought well finishing eleventh of the top 60 GB fencers competing and his final U17 British ranking is now 15. A great end to his Cadet level fencing career. Luke is pictured (*right*) fighting the current U17 Commonwealth Champion, a fight which he very narrowly lost.
- ◆ **Seb Savage** is travelling to South Africa this week to participate in the Cape Town Cycle Tour to raise money for Forever Angels Baby Home. If you would like to donate to this cause, please do so via this [link](#) to Seb's Just Giving page. Good luck Seb—we look forward to hearing all about it in due course.
- ◆ In the Surrey Swimming Championship **Toby Stewart** achieved a Silver Medal in the 200m back and **Owen Knowles** achieved a Bronze in the 200m Breaststroke.



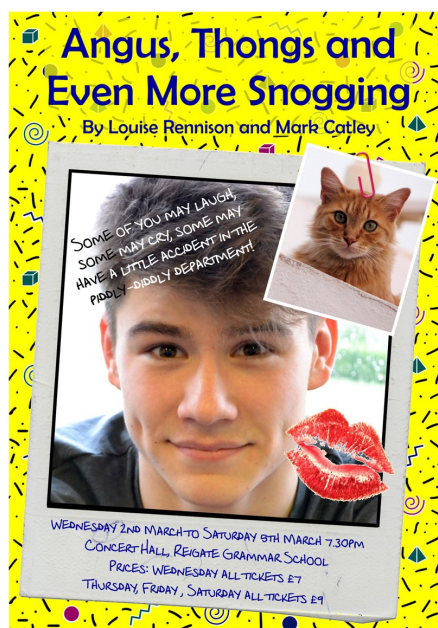
There is so much going on at school at the moment—and I look forward to seeing many of you at the various events coming up. These include: Careers talks on a local **Gap Scheme** and **Careers in Psychology** as well as the **Higher Education Evening; Angus, Thongs & Even More Snogging;** and **A Moment of Mozart** evening on **Tuesday 1 March** where drinks will be available from 7pm in the Music School foyer prior to the start of the event in the Recital Room at 7.30pm.

Please do continue to send me any news items, comments or feedback by email to headmaster@reigategrammar.org. I always enjoy hearing your news and if there is anything I can do to help, please just let me know.

Best Wishes
Shaun Fenton, Headmaster

Important Messages from Miss Arthur

- ◆ **Student Absence:** All student absences (including for routine appointments and exceptional circumstances) must be approved in advance via the **Student Absence Form** which is available on the Parent Portal and from the School Office. Forms should be sent direct to the Form Tutor and copied to the School Office via absence@reigategrammar.org.
- ◆ **Student Safety:** Students should not be dropped off in or collected from the car park at the front of school in the mornings or afternoons. Further, for safety reasons, pupils in the First to Fifth Forms should not use the main front entrance at any time before or during the school day.



**Angus, Thongs and
Even More Snogging**
RGS Box Office
NOW OPEN

Back by popular demand
RGS Parents' and Friends' Association is pleased to present

Comedy Night

Saturday 19th March at 7.15pm

Featuring stand-up acts
booked by an Award-Winning
TV comedy producer

Further details to follow. Tickets will sell fast and
priority will be given to current RGS parents
The evening will include adult humour so is for over 18s

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Cadet L/Cpl Jonny COYLE
demonstrating his archery
marksmanship skills at the recent
CCF Outdoor Range Day.



PARENTS' ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM

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

AVAILABLE FOR PAYMENT

Cricket, Jersey
France, Chateau du Broutel
Geography—Swanage, Dorset
Hockey Tour, Bath
Netball Tour, Costa Dorada, Spain
Rugby Tour, Biarritz, France
Senior Ski, France—Second Deposit
Spanish, Andalucía

Biology—Nettlecombe Court (First Deposit)
Biology—Wakehurst Place
Careers—Churchill College, Cambridge
Economics—Economist Magazine
English—King Lear
Geography—Juniper Hall
History—Hitler on Trial
Model United Nations—John Warner School
RS—Conference (25 February)
RS—Conference (9 March)

**The link to the Parents' Online Payment system is
on the school website and on Parent Portal.**

If there are any queries with any of the payments listed, or
Any queries, please email finance@reigategrammar.org.

SENIOR SPORTS DINNER 2016

The 2016 Senior Sports Dinner will be held at Denbies Wine Estate, Dorking on **Tuesday 22 March**. All Fifth and Sixth Form students who have represented the school in sport are invited to attend with their parents and other family members.

We will be joined on the night by guest speaker Heather Fisher who was part of England's World Rugby Cup winning team in 2014 and is currently one of only 19 England players to have a full-time contract. Heather has also represented Great Britain in Bobsleigh, competing in Junior Championships, the British Championship and on the European circuit.

Heather will be joining us at RGS as a Sky Sports Athlete Mentor on behalf of Living for Sport.

Ticket application forms are being sent with the bulletin today and are also available on the Parent Portal. If you have any queries, please email **Mr Mann** via prm@reigategrammar.org.



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NOTICES

DofE Awards deadline—Reminder

Deadline for completion of all Awards is **Wednesday 9 March**. Please read instructions on how to complete eDofE here <https://rgsdofe.wordpress.com/edofe/> or contact **Mr Collins** via sac@reigategrammar.org for help or to answer any questions.

CCF Update

- ◆ **Mountain Biking Weekend:** 11-13 March; Capel Curig, North Wales; 14:00-21:00.
- ◆ **RAF Flying:** 17 March; RAF Benson; 06:45-14:00.
- ◆ **Mess Dinner:** 16 April; RGS PMH; 19:00-23:00.
- ◆ **Weapons Handling Test Day:** 23 April; Broadfield House; 09:00-16:00.
- ◆ **Outdoor Range Day:** 24 April; Pirbright; 08:00-17:30. Please direct any queries to **Fg Off Rusbridge** via sar@reigategrammar.org.

RGS Cantata Choir

Saturday 12 March, 7pm, St Mary's Church Centre, English Music for a Spring Evening—Featuring RGS Students and the RGS Godfrey Searle Choristers. Tickets are available from the RGS Box Office; refreshments included.

The RGS Library—App

The RGS Library Catalogue App is now available for students to download onto tablets and smartphones.



This app will allow students to search the RGS Library catalogue, browse resources, renew loans, make reservations or scan any ISBN when you are out and about to see if we have the book in stock and much more!

You could simply download the “Library Link, Softlink International” app from your Play Store.

- ◆ Go to <https://reigategrammar.oliverasp.co.uk/library>
- ◆ Type in your usual login and library password (the password is “library” unless you have previously changed it).

Pop into the Library or email library@reigategrammar.org if there are any queries.

RGS PFA Badminton Club

The PFA Badminton Club runs on Tuesday evenings from 7.30-10.00pm (September to May; term time only) in the RGS Sports Hall. This friendly club welcomes new members of any standard.

For further information please contact:

John Eason (Honorary Secretary) via the PFA at pfa@reigategrammar.org.



CAREERS UPDATE

Digital and Technological Careers Evening

The Careers Department will be holding a Digital and Technological careers evening on **Monday 29 February**. All students and their parents from the Second to the Sixth Form are welcome. This is relevant to students considering digital and IT careers as well as people considering degrees in English, Marketing, Advertising, Statistics and many more.

Teaching as a Career and Routes into Teaching

Miss Williams will deliver a talk on *Teaching as a Career and Routes into Teaching* on **Tuesday 1 March** at 1.30pm in CW2. All students are very welcome.

Fifth Form CV Workshops

We are running CV workshops for Fifth Form students in the Sixth Form Centre on **Tuesday 1 March** and **Tuesday 8 March** from **4.00-5.30pm**. Whilst there is no charge for these sessions, places are limited. Please email **Mrs Wilson** on slw@reigategrammar.org if your son/daughter would like to take part. If there is further demand, additional workshops will be considered.

Sixth Form CV Writing Expert

For Sixth Form students who may want to have their CVs checked free of charge, a CV Writing Expert is visiting RGS on **Friday 4 March** from 11.40am to 1.10pm. Please let **Mrs Wilson** know (as above) if this is of interest to you.

Fifth & Sixth Form Higher Education Evening

Fifth and Lower Sixth Form students and their parents are invited to attend the Higher Education Evening on **Tuesday 15 March** where you will be addressed by Mike Nicholson, the Director of Student Recruitment and Admissions at Bath University. There will be the opportunity to hear from **Mr Buzzacott** (Head of Careers), **Mr Jones** (Head of Sixth Form), **Dr Carter** (Oxbridge co-ordinator) and the **Headmaster**. The event starts at 7.00pm in the PMH. All Fifth and Lower Sixth Form parents and students are strongly encouraged to attend.

Half Term

27 Sa *Angus, Thongs and Snogging*: Costume Call (CH/WG/MR)
Boys' Hockey v RGS Guildford: U12ABC&D (H) 09:00
U13ABC&D (H) 10:00
Netball v Ardingly: 3rd VII, 4th VII, U14AB&C (A) 09:30
1st VII, 2nd VII, U15A&B (H) 09:30
Netball v Danes Hill School: U13A&B (A) 09:30
Boys' Hockey v Ardingly: 2nd, 3rd XI (A) 11:15
1st XI (H) 11:15
U15A (H) 11:15
U14A&B (A) 12:30
U15B (H) 12:30
U14C (H) 12:30

28 Su Netball County Finals: U12, U13, U14 (A)
Rugby 7s: 1st VII (Reeds) 08:45-16:00
Angus, Thongs and Snogging: Technical Rehearsal
(CH/WG/MR) 10:00-18:00

29 M Lower Sixth Form Politics trip to the Supreme Court
(London) 08:30-15:50
Much Ado About Nothing: Rehearsal 16:00-17:30
Swimming v CLFS: U12, U13, U14, U15 & Senior Boys
(H) 16:30
Governors: Finance & Foundation Committee Meeting
17:30-19:30
Careers in Digital Technology Evening (PMH) 19:00-21:00

March

1 Tu ***Angus, Thongs and Snogging*: Cast, Crew and Band
off timetable all day (CH/WG/MR) 09:00-20:00**
Girls' Hockey, Surrey IN2:
Cup: U12A (7-a-side) (Cranleigh) 09:30
Development: U12 (7-a-side) (Cranleigh) 09:30
Trophy: U12B (7-a-side) (Cranleigh) 09:30
Rugby 7s: U14 (John Fisher)
Careers Talk: *Teaching and Routes into Teaching* with
Miss Williams (CW2) 13:30-14:10
Fifth Form CV Workshop (6FC) 16:00-17:30
Netball South Surrey Shield: U13C&D (H) 16:30
Angus, Thongs and Snogging: Dress Rehearsal
(First Form audience) (CH/WG/MR) 18:00-22:00
Music: Mozart Opera Evening (RR) 19:00-21:00

2 W Upper Sixth Form English trip to the King Lear Lectures
08:30-17:00
Rugby Surrey 7s: U16 (Old Walcountians RFC)
Rugby 7s: 1st VII, 2nd VII (Worth) 11:00-17:00
16+ Assessment Day (IR, HM Study and Rm3)
09:00-13:30
Boys' Hockey St George's 6s: 1st XI (A) 09:00-15:50
Netball v Caterham School:
1st VII, 2nd VII & 3rd VII (H) 14:15
Mixed Swimming v Caterham: U12, U13, U14 (A) 15:50
Staff: Heads of Department Meeting (Rm15) 16:00-17:15
Boys' Hockey v Linfield Notre Dame School:
U12ABC&D (H) 16:15
U13ABC&D (A) 16:30
Angus, Thongs and Snogging:
Performance 1 (CH/WG/MR) 19:30-22:30
Cantata Choir: Rehearsal (RR) 19:45-21:45

3 Th World Book Day Activities
Rugby Surrey 7s: U15 (Old Caterhamians RFC) 09:00
Angus, Thongs and Snogging:
Performance 2 Matinée (CH/WG/MR) 14:30-17:00
SATRO Maths Challenge (George Abbot School,
Guildford) 15:00-19:15
AS/A2 Theatre Studies Workshop (DS) 16:00-18:00
Music: Informal Concert (RR) 16:15-17:15
Angus, Thongs and Snogging:
Performance 3 (CH/WG/MR) 19:30-22:30

4 F Fourth Form History trip to *Hitler on Trial* 09:30-13:30
Lower Sixth Form CV Guidance Drop in Session (6FC)
11:00-14:00
Sixth Form CV Writing Expert 11:40-13:10
Boys' Hockey v Eltham College:
U12A&B (A) 14:30 * moved from 26/2/16 *
Chess v Wallington: B Team 16:00-18:00
Chess v Whitgift: C Team 16:00-18:00
Angus, Thongs and Snogging:
Performance 4 (CH/WG/MR) 19:30-22:30

5 Sa MUN: CLS Conference
Inter-Schools Ski Championships (*departs*)
(Les Houches, France)
Netball v Hawthorns: U12AB&C, U13AB&C (H) 09:00
Netball v St John's Leatherhead:
1st VII, 2nd VII, 3rd VII, 4th VII (A) 09:30
U14AB&C, U15A&B (A) 10:30
Foundation: Mr Aubrey Scrase Memorial Event
11:00-14:00
Rugby v St John's: 2nd XV (A) 12:00
Angus, Thongs and Snogging: Performance 5 (CH/WG/MR)
19:30-22:30

6 Su Netball County Finals: U15, 1st VII (A)
Rugby Reigate Charity 7s:
U18 Boys & U18 Girls (HW) 09:30
Mixed Swimming Aquathon v St Teresa's:
U12, U13 (A) 09:00
Much Ado About Nothing: Rehearsal (DS) 10:00-17:00
Rugby 7s: U16, U14 (Queen Elizabeth School, Barnet)

7 M Fourth Form Theology & Philosophy Conference
(Oxford)
Angus, Thongs and Snogging: Get Out (CH/WG/MR)
09:00-18:00
Staff Meeting (PMH) 16:00-17:15 * NEW VENUE *
Netball South Surrey Shield: U12C&D (H) 16:30
Music: GCSE Coursework Evening (M6/RR) 17:00-21:00
PFA Meeting (M2) 19:30-21:30

8 Tu Rugby Surrey 7s: U13 (Trinity School) 09:00
Health & Safety Meeting (Rm4) 16:00-17:15
Fifth Form CV Workshop (6FC) 16:00-17:30

9 W Girls' Hockey, Surrey IN2 (Reserve Day): U12 (A)
Rugby Gulliver's Sports Travel Senior 7s:
1st VII (Richmond Athletic) 08:30
Sixth Form Theology & Philosophy Conference (London)
08:30-17:00
16+ Scholarship Day 08:45-15:50
House: Golf (RHGC) 13:10-18:30
Netball v CLFS: 3rd VII, 4th VII (A) 14:30
Much Ado About Nothing: Rehearsal 16:00-17:30
Drama: AS Theatre Studies Open Rehearsal with
DAJ for feedback 16:00-20:00
Girls' Hockey v Greenacre: 2nd XI (A) 16:30
Cantata Choir: Rehearsal (RR) 19:45-21:45