

Record results

Welcome to another edition of the College's On Route newsletter, produced for current and prospective students and their families, for sharing news and views from across the College campus.

This summer's results (see page 3) were among the College's best ever, with 62.4% of students achieving A* to B grades at A Level (national average 53%) and 88.8% Distinction or Distinction * for BTEC Level 3 Subsidiary Diplomas (national average 45.4%). These results were set against a national background of doom and gloom, given that this was the first year in which all students sat the newly reformed A Level exams. Credit goes to the College's specialist and professional teaching and support staff, who were able to adapt so nimbly to the new challenges that were thrown at them.

I'm extremely proud of these results as I am of so many things about the College. We focus a lot of energy and effort on developing the College community and I'm delighted to see this year's Students' Union embracing our inclusive ethos by supporting things like the drop-ins and running community-based fundraisers such as the Age Concern Christmas Appeal (see page 9).

The College hosted the 2018 Volunteers Fair on 20th November, that was organised by Voluntary Action Reigate & Banstead (VARB). With



*Music and Music Technology student
Lauren Keen*

over 20 exhibitors from the Alzheimers Society to Run Reigate, the fair was a great opportunity for students to find out about volunteering options in their local community, plus gain inspiration for possible future careers.

The end of November saw the launch of our programme of prospective student events, which this year includes a Music Summer School aimed at Year 10s and 11s (see below). This week-long course will provide a brilliant insight into doing Music or Music Tech at the College, while giving students the chance to learn about careers in the Music Industry.

I hope you have a wonderful Christmas!

Nick Clark, Principal

Reigate College Music Summer School

Are you in Year 10 or 11? How would you like to work with like-minded musicians to write, perform and record your own songs in a week?

29th July to 2nd Aug 2019, 10am to 4pm

Register for a place on the Music Summer School Information Evening on Tues 12th February, 4.30pm at www.rcpaevents.co.uk or email karen.gerrard@reigate.ac.uk for more details.

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Students get out and about

College students have certainly hit the ground running this term. With over 40 day trips having taken place since September, there have been plenty of opportunities to develop their studies out of the classroom.

The College's varied programme of trips is organised by Faculty Administrators Anne Edwards and Sophie McKenzie, who commented, "Going on any College trip – whether one of the overseas residentials or something closer to home – is such a good way for students to extend their learning. We would encourage everyone to make the most of the opportunities the College offers."

Some of this term's highlights have included the National Archives at Kew (History), Juniper Hall (Biology), Virgin Atlantic, Crawley and Thorpe Park (Travel & Tourism), Safe Drive/Stay Alive (Health & Social Care), and the Palace of Westminster (Public Services, Politics), including the day Teresa May delivered her Brexit EU deal to the House of Commons!

In 2019, students will be travelling even further afield, with the opportunity to join the following overseas trips (date order):

Austria	College-wide ski trip
Azores	Geography
Tenerife	Travel & Tourism
Salamanca	Spanish
Montpellier	French
New York	Performing Arts
Berlin	History
Paris	History
New York	Visual Arts, Film and Media
Vienna	Business



A Level Biology students at Juniper Hall in November

Science placement successes



Adam Moon and Maddy Harverson

Upper Sixth students Maddy Harverson and Adam Moon were both accepted onto Nuffield Research placements this summer.

Summer placements are an ideal way for students to gain useful industry experience and help strengthen their university applications.

Maddy, who is studying A Level Biology and Chemistry and a BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Law, spent six weeks at King's College London studying two RNA-binding proteins and how they interact genetically to cause motor neuron development and degeneration in motor neurone disease (ALS) sufferers. She has already seen how her placement – which involved using some cutting-edge lab techniques and equipment – has given her a strong advantage in her university applications to study Biochemistry.

Adam joined Reigate College from The Priory School and is studying A Level Maths, Further Maths and Physics. His Nuffield placement was at the Mullard Space Science Laboratory on Holmbury Hill, where he looked at ways of calculating the entropy of a binary black hole (BBH) system before and after its

merger – and as part of this he devised a computer program in Python. Adam is passionate about research and plans to study Physics at university and eventually do a PhD in Quantum Mechanics.



Oliver Walker

Oliver Walker, who was previously at Oakwood School and is studying BTECs in Applied Science and Business alongside Philosophy A Level, did a four-week SATRO work placement at Surrey University. His project on the correlation between Vitamin D and the Parathyroid hormone, culminated in a presentation of his research at the WWF Living Planet Centre in Woking, for which he received a SATRO award. He is currently applying to study Biomedical Science at university with a view to going into drugs research.

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Look out for information about placements like these and apprenticeship opportunities in the weekly Careers Bulletin which is emailed to all students and available on the College website.

Record-breaking results



From left to right: Future doctors Rachael, Arun and Carly; all three gained among the highest marks in the country in Biology A Level this year

Results Day in August gave last year's Upper Sixth students plenty to smile about.

With the pass rate for A Levels soaring to an amazing 99.7% (up from 99.2% in 2017) and 100% for BTEC Level 3 courses, and with record numbers of students achieving high grades, more students than ever took up places on their first-choice university courses and apprenticeship schemes or went directly into employment.

Percentage of high grades (A* to C) at A Level	86.9%
Percentage of grades A* to B at A Level	62.4%
Percentage of grades A* to A at A Level	28.8%
Percentage of high grades (D/D*) at BTEC Diploma	97.2%
Percentage of high grades (D/D*) at BTEC Subsidiary Diploma	88.8%

Here are just a few of the many success stories:

Will Fox and **Tom Brunswick** both secured their places to study Law at university, with Will achieving three As for Business, Geography and Law, and Tom gaining an A in History to add to his Distinction *s for both BTEC Law and BTEC Business.

Tom said, "I knew I needed an A in History to get in to York University to do Law. I really had my work cut out but my teachers were brilliant and I appreciate now the importance of hard work and additional revision sessions!"

This year's Medicine successes include: **Rachael Foulsham** (three A*s; Edinburgh), **Arun Nithianantharajah** and **Carly Munn** (both three A*s; UCL), **Morgan Howland** (one A* and two As; Bristol) and **Ben McCabe** (two A*s and a B; Keele).

The College also continued its track record of Oxbridge offers with **Ailsa Clark** (2 A*s and an A) going to Worcester College, Oxford to read History of Art, **Conor Hartley** (A*, A, B) heading to Wadham College, Oxford to study French and German, and **Lily Wescott** (2A*s and an A, 2017) taking up her place at Pembroke College,

Oxford to read History and English.

With the pass rate for Level 3 BTECs at a consistent 100%, BTECs are a popular choice for students. **Kira Tighe** and **Laura Codd** both did all BTEC Level 3 programmes and cleared the board with Distinction *s.

Kira, who was previously at Reigate School, gained Distinction *s in both the BTEC Diploma in Sport (two A Level equivalent) and the BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Applied Science (one A Level equivalent) and is now studying Physiotherapy at Coventry University. She explained why her courses were right for her: "Doing BTECs definitely eases the pressure as they're more coursework based and not everything rests on the final exams."

Laura, who was at Rosebery School and who also gained Distinction *s in both the BTEC Diploma in Health & Social Care (two A Level equivalent) and BTEC Subsidiary Diploma in Applied Science, agreed: "Doing BTECs was definitely the right choice for me." Laura is now at Surrey University studying for a degree in Paramedic Science.

Students shine on 'mix and match' study programmes



Current students and their post-College study plans: Jack Beenham, Radiology



Tim Mukahanana, Performing Arts



Sophie Earl, Bio-Veterinary Science



Ella Utchanah, Business Management

National surveys show that students who achieve mostly grades 4 to 6 at GCSE (low C to B grades) have a better chance of securing university places by including one or more BTECs in their study programme, rather than doing purely A Levels.

Many students choose to 'mix and match' their courses, finding they like the combination of doing exam-based A Levels alongside more coursework-based BTECs.

Since A Levels were reformed, exam pressure has intensified, with A Level students now sitting all their externally assessed exams at the end of their two-year programmes (rather than doing interim AS Level exams at the end of their first year).

Unlike A Levels, BTECs take a more modular approach, with a strong emphasis on coursework. From September 2019, most BTEC courses will include greater external assessment, but for most courses this will still only increase to around 50% of their final grade.

College staff invest a lot of time, via two admissions interviews, to make sure students start on the right courses, in order to give them the best possible chance of success. This effort is recognised in the College's success rate, which regularly places the College in the top ten of all UK colleges (using success rates as the criteria).

Success rates measure the number of students who successfully complete their courses, and the College's success rate is typically around 40% higher than school sixth form rates nationally.

On Route caught up with four students who've chosen the 'mix and match' approach, to find out about their future plans.

Jack Beenham, previously at Glyn School, is in the Upper Sixth studying BTEC Level 3 Applied Science, A Level English Language & Literature and A Level Psychology. He has applied to study Radiology at university.

Ella Utchanah, also in the Upper Sixth,

joined Reigate College from Therfield School. She has combined BTEC Level 3s in Law and Business with A Level Media and is planning to study Business Management at either Swansea or Bournemouth University.

Sophie Earl is studying BTEC Level 3s in Applied Science and Travel & Tourism, and A Level Psychology. She joined the College from de Stafford School and has already received offers to study Bio-veterinary Science at university next year.

Tim Mukahanana is in the Lower Sixth having joined Reigate College from Howard of Effingham School and is studying BTEC Level 3s in Music and Performing Arts (Musical Theatre), and A Level Sociology. After College, he hopes to study Musical Theatre and Acting at the Performance Preparation Academy (PPA) in Guildford.

See www.reigate.ac.uk/a-z-course-listing for a full list of the A Level and BTEC Level 3 courses offered at Reigate College.

Spotlight on Film and Media



Increasing numbers of students are choosing to study Film and Media at Reigate College and with the current growth in career opportunities in the film and media industries and related professions, it's easy to see why they're such popular choices. Here's a reminder of what the College can offer:

- State-of-the-art facilities – including 65 iMacs, High Definition Digital Cameras and dedicated studio spaces with green screen facilities. This means students have a distinct advantage when it comes to the practical elements of both the Film and Media courses.
- The dedicated teaching staff are all experienced subject specialists, and the department is also fortunate to have staff with direct experience of working in the film, television and music industries.

On Route asked Head of Film and Media, Cris Mummery about the key differences between the two A Levels.

OR: Tell us about the A Level Film course?

CM: In Film, students study this major contemporary art form from both a theoretical and practical perspective. By analysing a variety of films from different eras, directors and movements, students can use their knowledge to underpin their technical and creative development as filmmakers.

OR: How is this different from the Media course?

CM: Media involves a broader study of the role of media in society. For example, students look at the representation of different social groups across a range of media such as news and advertising. We also look at issues surrounding the consumption of media and the impact new technology is having on the development of media industries and their relationship with audiences.

OR: Is it possible to study both?

CM: Yes! This is actively encouraged for any student who is keen to work in the creative industries.

OR: How are the two courses assessed?

CM: Both courses are assessed through a mixture of coursework and final exams. For Film, the coursework involves practical production work and screenwriting options to produce an individually assessed five-minute short film. In Media, students also produce their own media texts and will develop skills in print, moving image and web design.

OR: What do students from the two courses go on to do?

CM: Former students have gone on to work in a variety of careers such as sports journalism, video game design and marketing as well as in film and television production. More and more opportunities are opening up thanks to the rise in digital platforms.



Film news

- The College was delighted to welcome a representative from Brighton Film School to talk to interested students about careers in the British film industry in October. This was an excellent opportunity for students to gain an insight into what's currently happening in the industry, the range of opportunities on offer, and what's involved in Film degree courses.



- Many congratulations to former Reigate College Media teacher Sarah Holloway who won this year's London Independent Film Award for her short film entitled 'Lucy: Breaking the Silence.' This powerful work was Sarah's directorial debut and tells the story of young Reigate woman Lucy Rayner who tragically – and completely unexpectedly – took her own life at the age of 22. It was made at the request of Lucy's family to raise awareness of the issue of mental illness among young people, and has been screened in the House of Commons.



Going for Gold

So far this year 58 Lower Sixth students have enrolled onto the Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award Programme, including some who have not completed a previous Duke of Edinburgh's Award. The internationally recognised scheme is the UK's leading youth achievement programme and is highly regarded by universities and employers alike.

Reigate College is a recognised DofE provider, which comes with the benefit of students being able to tie the 'Skills', 'Volunteering' and 'Physical' sections of the Gold Award into activities they do at College.

For example, some students use their work as College Sports Activators or DofE Ambassadors to count towards the Volunteering section, others use their involvement with Shares4Schools or Drumming towards the Skills section, with some focusing on the Badminton or Table Tennis they play as part of the College's Activities Programme, to count towards the Physical section.



2018 Sports Activators

In recognition of his services to the Duke of Edinburgh's Award, Reigate College Head of Extra Curricular Piers Cox was invited to St James's Palace to present Gold Awards alongside HRH Prince Edward on Tuesday 27th November. He met with a number of former College students who were there to receive their Awards.



Enrichment qualifications



Max Brooks has recently completed the Level 3 YMCA Certificate in Personal Training

Reigate College offers a number of opportunities to gain additional qualifications alongside A Levels and BTECs. **On Route** talks to Max Brooks who came through the College's Intermediate Programme and has now completed the Level 3 YMCA Certificate in Personal Training.

On Route: What subjects are you studying?

Max: I'm now in the Upper Sixth doing Level 3 BTECs in Sport and Public Services.

OR: Why did you do the Personal Training course?

Max: It seemed like an amazing

opportunity to be able to qualify as a Personal Trainer for free!

OR: How did you find the course?

Max: It's extra work, but it's so worth it. The course covers a lot of different areas, like anatomy, nutrition, first aid, health and safety and how to plan and run your own sessions. I loved leading my own sessions for the first time.

OR: What are your plans for the future?

Max: Being a qualified personal fitness trainer opens up a lot of opportunities. After College, I would like to work in a gym and develop my own training programmes.

Here's a summary of the additional courses the College offers:

Name of course	Level	More info
Community Dance Leadership	2	Allows you to work as a leader of dance sessions under indirect supervision
Community Sports Leadership	2	Allows you to work as a sports leader on UK and international sports camps such as Bunacamp and Camp America
Fitness Instructing (Gym Based Exercise)	2	Allows you to work in a health and fitness centre, for example inducting clients into using gym equipment; additional instructing qualifications such as for Spinning and Circuit Training can be added on
Personal Training	3	Allows you to work as a self-employed personal trainer either in the UK or abroad
LAMDA		NB Fees apply
EPQ	3	Enables students to study a topic of their choice. Equivalent to one AS Level
Latin Language and Roman Civilisation	2	A beginner's course in Latin that complements a range of subjects including Classics, Law, Medicine and languages

Here to help: Careers



Reigate College's Careers Team: (from left to right) Ellen Seddon, Carol Hix, Sarah Grigg and Sam Burnett

Reigate College remains one of the largest providers of students to UK universities. This year over 700 students were accepted on to university courses, including places at Oxbridge and all the Russell Group universities.

This impressive track record is due to a combination of three main things: 1) excellent teaching from specialist subject teachers 2) the chance to choose from around 50 subjects, and 3) outstanding support – not least from that given by the College's dedicated team of Careers staff who are on hand to help students through their post-College options and at all stages of the university application process.

What's on offer in the Upper Sixth?

- twice-weekly personal statement workshops
- weekly UCAS workshops
- weekly Employment/Apprenticeship

workshops for students wishing to consider alternative options

- one-on-one sessions and mock interviews (on request)

In recognition of their tireless work, the four-strong Careers team, led by Carol Hix, is currently on track to have its Investor in Careers Award renewed. Here's how Upper Sixth student Oliver Walker described the team:

"The College's Careers staff are excellent. They make sure we hear about all the opportunities on offer via the weekly Careers Bulletin and they really helped me with my uni applications."

Get Ahead Day for Lower Sixth

Lower Sixth students will have the chance to research their next steps at the College's annual Get Ahead Day on Tuesday 12th February with over 100 exhibitors from a range of universities, employers and Gap year organisations.



Beginning in the Lower Sixth, students with the potential to be accepted by the top universities or onto the most competitive courses, such as Medicine and Law, are invited to join the College's Aspire Programme. Through a weekly seminar, this provides high-achieving students with targeted advice, support and guidance to help them aim high and then go on to realise their goals.

Lunchtime inspiration



Jo Elphick, The David Shepherd Foundation

Throughout the year, students are invited to a variety of lunchtime talks by industry specialists to give them insights into different career paths. Speakers so far this term have included:

- Jo Elphick from The David Shepherd Foundation (Wildlife Conservation)
- Anne Rodell from The University of Law
- Brighton Film School
- Rob Fletcher, Lead GP at Croydon Urgent Care Centre (MVD)

Details of all College lunchtime talks and a range of external industry-specific events can be found in the weekly Careers Bulletin at www.reigate.ac.uk/new-careers-bulletin.

Battle of the Bands winners claim their prize



Turtle Soup (from left to right: Matt Redfern, Joss Malcomson, Matthew James, Jamie Harris)

Following their winning performance in the 2018 Battle of the Bands competition, members of College band, Turtle Soup (Joss Malcomson, Jamie Harris, and Matt Redfern together with former student Matthew James) were rewarded with a day recording their own music in Miloco Studio, The Pool in Southwark in September.

Music teacher Dale Wills said of the day: "The experience of recording in such an amazing space, and with some of the best equipment in the business gave the band an edge and added energy to their performance. It'll be an experience they'll remember for a long time."

Success at the National Youth Theatre



Jake Kelly and Esmé Jennings

Upper Sixth students Esmé Jennings and Jake Kelly have both been made company members of the National Youth Theatre (NYT) following their completion of a two-week residential NYT Summer School – for which competition for places was fierce.

As members, Esmé and Jake are eligible to audition for any NYT production until they are 25, and also attend NYT masterclasses.

Performing Arts goes from strength to strength



Zoe Dunkley with Performing Arts students in the Dance Studio, Dramatic Arts Centre

Due to overwhelming demand and as a result of the outstanding results Reigate College students secure on the existing Performing Arts courses, from September 2019 the College will be offering an Extended Diploma in Performing Arts. This new course, the equivalent of three A Levels, will allow talented students to focus exclusively on Performing Arts during their time at College, and will bring the total number of courses offered to six, further strengthening the College's position as a leading provider of Performing Arts education.

Six course options for BTEC Level 3 in Performing Arts

Extended Diploma (three A Level equivalent)	BTEC Performing Arts Acting, Musical Theatre and Dance		
Diploma (two A Level equivalent)	BTEC Performing Arts Acting with Musical Theatre	BTEC Performing Arts Musical Theatre with Dance	
Extended Certificate (one A Level equivalent)	BTEC Performing Arts Acting	BTEC Performing Arts Musical Theatre	BTEC Performing Arts Dance

Head of Performing Arts Neil Hadley commented: "We already have a great record for students going on to train at Europe's top Performing Arts schools, such as Italia Conti, The Institute of the Arts Barcelona, Guildford School of Acting and BRICCT. With the introduction of the new Extended Diploma we expect to see more and more students being offered such places."

Zoe Dunkley, course leader for Musical Theatre, added: "There's a great feeling of community as students work so closely together. It's fantastic to see how they support and encourage each other."

Partnerships update



Reigate College is delighted to announce new partnership agreements with both the University of Creative Arts and the University of Roehampton. This means College students will benefit from:

- visits from UCA staff offering advice about university choices
- UCA talks/workshops on careers

in specific industry areas such as fashion, marketing, design

- a guaranteed conditional offer if they apply to UCA and meet the entry requirements
- personal statement writing workshops with Roehampton staff
- an offer one grade lower than the standard offer at Roehampton, if offered a place.

These two new partnerships are in addition to the agreements already in place with Bristol University and the University of Law.

Union matters >>

The Students' Union has been hard at work this term, welcoming new students and putting on a range of community and charitable events. Here are some of the highlights.



Students' Union representatives 2018

President:	Tamzin Elliott / Jake Kelly
Administrator:	Charlotte Case-Green
Equality Officer:	Lauren Aarons
LGBTQ Officer:	Aimée Wilson
Events Officer:	Sophie Turnbull
Environmental Officer:	Lucy Acheson
Women's Officer:	Maddie Trubee
Disability Officer:	Lewis Houlihan
Charities Officer:	Katie Walker
Student Governor:	Tamzin Elliott / Jake Kelly
Publicity Officer:	Esmé Jennings

Freshers' Party

Thursday 11th October saw the Refectory transformed into a top party venue for this year's metallic-themed Freshers' Party – one of the highlights of the College's social calendar.



Community Afternoon

The SU helped run the College's Community Afternoon to welcome new Lower Sixth and Intermediate students at the start of term. The event was a great way to start the academic year and really helped new students settle in and make the transition from school.



Black History Month

The College celebrated Black History month in October with a series of events and activities, culminating with Jamaican-born photographer and media professional Neil Kenlock giving a fascinating talk about his work documenting the Black experience in the UK.

Neil Kenlock and Lauren Aarons



Age Concern Christmas Appeal

Tutor groups have this year again been putting together gift bags for elderly residents as part of Age Concern's Christmas Appeal. The bags will be distributed by the SU at the Age Concern Daycare Christmas meal on Friday 14th December.



Student welfare

SU reps help run 'Pop-in', the College's student drop-ins (Monday and Wednesday lunchtimes in R1) which offer all students a place to relax, play games and chat through any issues or concerns.

Christmas Charity Day

Staff and students are asked to wear their Christmas jumpers on Tuesday 11th December, bring in donations of non-perishable food for local charity Loveworks and then sit back and enjoy the lunchtime entertainment.

In the spotlight >>

Meet outstanding Women's Rugby player Sophie Stevens



Reigate College offers lots of sporting opportunities for girls including a competitive Women's Rugby Team.

Sophie Stevens, previously at The Laurels School, is in the Lower Sixth studying A Level PE and BTECs in Applied Science and Health & Social Care.

She talks to **On Route** about her passion for Rugby and her plans for the future.

On Route: Why did you choose Reigate College?

Sophie Stevens: I chose to come to Reigate College because I know others who've been and really enjoyed it and I also thought I would work better in a less school-like atmosphere.

OR: How have you found the transition from school?

SS: I found the move from school to College easy as everyone's new and the teachers are good at making you feel at home.

OR: When did you start playing Rugby?

SS: I've been playing Rugby since I was in Year 8 at school, so for five years now.

OR: Who do you play for?

SS: I play for Warlingham Rugby Football Club, and I've also played for Surrey. This term I was invited to join the England Rugby U18 Girls Centre of Excellence Squad. I also play for the College. Having a dedicated Women's Coach is brilliant.

OR: What do you most enjoy about it?

SS: My favourite thing about Rugby is that

I am able to play with my friends and have fun while enjoying the game and learning more about the sport.

OR: What are your plans for the future?

SS: Right now I'm hoping to become a physiotherapist as it's something that really appeals to me.

The team behind the Rugby Teams



Henry Birch (left) and Piers Cox

Reigate College has this term secured an impressive line-up of coaches for its two Rugby Teams.

The Men's Team is coached by Henry Birch and Piers Cox. Henry is a full-time England RFU community coach and Harlequins RFU development coach and he also plays for Worthing Raiders. Piers is the College's Head of Extra Curricular and is also a coach at U16 for Sussex RFU and talent spotter at Sussex trials.

Women's Rugby has taken great strides forward this year with the appointment of designated coach, Nick Waterton, who also coaches at Warlingham RFC.

As Head of Extra Curricular, Piers is responsible for co-ordinating the coaches for all College Teams, many of whom have experience at national and/or county level. He commented, "The College attracts some extremely able and accomplished sports people – not just students playing in College teams, but students from a huge range of sports – from Mountain-Biking to Trampolining and Golf. Two of my top priorities this year have been to strengthen our line-up of coaches, and firm up the commitment shown by students playing for College teams, by means of a Players' Contract. Both are already paying dividends."

Sports Roundup

Men's Rugby

Being almost entirely Lower Sixth, the squad has had to bond quickly. There have been some good wins already and they have shown continued improvement and faultless commitment and attitude.

Women's Rugby

More fixtures are being confirmed, including several matches against Harris Academy whose coaches (England International twins Poppy and Bryony Cleall) have offered coaching opportunities to the team.

Men's 1st Team Football

A strong start to the year with some excellent wins. Lee Peacock has been the top goal scorer and there

have also been impressive performances from midfield duo Ryan Shortland and Matt Parlett.

Men's 2nd Team Football

An incredible start to the season: four wins from four matches putting the team top of the league and into the second round of the AoC Cup. Players have shown a great attitude towards the game.

Men's 3rd Team Football

Some great results with the team yet to lose a game. Top goal scorer Callum Holder (nine goals) has so far been the stand-out player of the season.



Laura Johnson



Above: Men's 2nd Football Team



Left: Anne-Marie Cobb

Mixed Hockey

The team won the Hurtwood Tournament at the start of the year, narrowly beating Esher College. Only one loss to report this season thanks to some exceptionally talented players in the squad.

Netball

Outstanding commitment and motivation from the 25-strong squad. The A team has played some tough games with very close scores; the B team 'dream team' has shown a huge improvement, winning the majority of their matches so far.

RDA Dressage

Laura Johnson qualified for the RDA National Championships where she finished in seventh position in the Dressage Championships Led (Walk & Trot): Senior category.

Golf

For the second year running Olivia Hunt competed in the Finals of the Junior European Golfing Championship.

Gymnastics

Anne-Marie Cobb represented Great Britain in the 12th European TeamGym Championships in Portugal in October.



Activities Programme

This term's Activities Programme includes some 45 lunch-time and afternoon extra-curricular activities, ranging from Jazz and Cheerleading to Football Five-a-side and Cryptic Crossword Puzzles. Details of the Spring Programme, including times, locations and any pre-requisites for attending, will be available in January from www.reigate.ac.uk/activities-programme.

The Activities Programme offers the perfect opportunity to try out a new skill, improve fitness and confidence, and have fun!

Community Politics lecture

The College was delighted to welcome Crispin Blunt MP to a packed Rispoli Theatre on Thursday 22nd November for our annual community Politics lecture. Addressing a full audience of students, prospective students, parents and members of the wider community, Crispin Blunt addressed the issue of 'Is Brexit a disaster for young people?'



Nick de Souza (left) with Crispin Blunt

A staunch Brexiteer, he spelt out the advantages of the UK coming out of the EU before entering into some lively and passionate debate with members of the audience. The evening was expertly chaired by the College's Head of Politics Nick de Souza, and our thanks goes to everyone involved.

Diary dates >>

From December 2018 Visit the Box Office at www.rcpaevents.co.uk

What	When	Where
Winter Concert A seasonal concert featuring talented musicians from across the College. Tickets £3 (concessions £1.50)	Thursday 13th December 7.30pm	Rispoli Theatre, Reigate College
Last day of term for students	Friday 14th December	
Start of Spring Term	Thursday 3rd January	
Get Ahead Day A chance for Lower Sixth students to research their next steps	Tuesday 12th February	Sports Hall
February Half Term Holiday	Monday 18th to Friday 22nd February (back Monday 25th)	
Cross College Show <i>Sweeney Todd</i> . One of the highlights of the Performing Arts' calendar. Tickets £5 (concessions £3)	Tuesday 12th March, 5pm Wednesday 13th March, 7pm	Rispoli Theatre, Reigate College
Battle of the Bands Suitable for over 16's Advance tickets £6 (concessions £5)	Tuesday 19th March, 7pm	Harlequin Theatre, Redhill
Spring Concert Soloists, ensembles, choirs and bands come together for an evening of music-making Tickets £3 (concessions £1.50)	Monday 1st April, 7pm	Rispoli Theatre, Reigate College
End of Spring Term	Friday 5th April	



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Reigate College's Alumni is a professional network of over 1,000 former students who are studying or working in a wide range of areas.

Help us grow the network, so that together we can help inspire and support current students.

- Sign up via the future first website: www.futurefirst.org.uk/former-student/reigatecollege
- Join our new group on **LinkedIn**
Search 'Alumni Reigate College'
- Or email alumni@reigate.ac.uk

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