



*Student Mentors meet in the new Mentoring Room (R1)*

### Community spirit

Welcome to another edition of On Route, Reigate College's termly newsletter giving current and prospective students and their families all the latest news and views from across the College community.

As well as helping our students excel academically, our aim is to offer a well-rounded, holistic education. In addition to the usual programme of around 60 extra-curricular activities, this term has seen a greater focus on wellbeing. All students have had the chance to take part in 'pop-up' wellbeing events and around 20 enthusiastic Upper Sixth students have been trained to work as Student Mentors, alongside the College Wellbeing Mentor.

This year's Students' Union is doing a fantastic job organising a variety of community and charity events, with Age Concern, Loveworks, and the Wellingara Nursery School in the Gambia soon to be the beneficiaries of the College's SU Christmas appeals.

Time in the Sixth Form always passes

incredibly quickly, so progression planning is an on-going theme for all tutor groups. With this in mind, this term has seen the introduction of a new, pathways tutorial system for Upper Sixth students (see page 6) to help ensure students receive even better targeted information and support.

Despite being hugely over-subscribed, the College continues to make improvements in all sorts of other areas. For example, 2020 will see the addition of three new courses (see page 8), there's a greater focus on students gaining experience of the workplace (page 2) and we now have seven virtual tours, for anyone who missed out on coming to one of our Open Events (see [www.reigate.ac.uk/virtual-tours](http://www.reigate.ac.uk/virtual-tours)).

I'd like to wish all prospective and Upper Sixth students well for their forthcoming mocks, and a very happy Christmas to everyone within the College community.

*Nick Clark*

Nick Clark, Principal



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## Experiences of the workplace

All students at Reigate College are encouraged to secure an experience of the workplace before entering the Upper Sixth year. This might be an insight day, workplace visit or shadowing, or a longer period of work experience. On Route asked three current Upper Sixth students what they'd chosen to do.



● **Rami Madanat** is studying A Levels in Politics, History and Maths and has applied to study Politics at university: "I did a week's work experience at the Welsh Assembly in the Welsh Conservative Group Office where I wrote up a mock brief on a debate and also a set of questions for an AM (Assembly Member) to use."

● **Chloe Legge** is studying A Levels in Biology, Chemistry and Maths and has applied to study Biomedical Science: "My placement was in the microbiology lab at Thermo Fisher where I got to see how a lab runs and put new techniques into practice."

● **Ben Bradley** is studying A Levels in Maths, Further Maths, Physics and Chemistry, and has applied to study Physics: "I did a week at the Mullard Space Science Lab where we were asked to design a lunar telescope and present our design to the other groups."

The College is incredibly grateful to all the organisations who provide students with experiences of the workplace. Work Experience Coordinator, Sam Burnett, would be delighted to hear from any parents or other family members who may be able to offer such opportunities to students. Please email her on [sam.burnett@reigate.ac.uk](mailto:sam.burnett@reigate.ac.uk)



# Summer placement strikes Gold



Upper Sixth student Deborah Elenge

The summer between the Lower and Upper Sixth is the perfect opportunity to gain a longer period of industry experience and help strengthen university application forms.

For example, in August, Upper Sixth student Deborah Elenge, who was previously at de Stafford School, undertook a much sought after Nuffield Research placement. She spent four weeks investigating the use of ultrasonic waves as an alternative method for detecting temperature and viscosity of oil, and her findings fed into the three-year research project of a PhD Chemical Engineer working with marine engineering company Rivertrace and Imperial College London.

Deborah summarised her time as follows: "I loved the opportunity to conduct a project on my own and learn some really valuable skills, and also to be part of a

bigger multi-disciplinary team including a chemical engineer and software engineer. It's so exciting that they're using the results from my tests in their on-going research. It's also given me so much interesting material for my UCAS personal statement."

Following her placement, Deborah submitted her findings in a 4,000 word report, for which she was awarded a Gold CREST Award. This nationally recognised award for Creativity in Science and Technology is highly regarded by universities and employers alike.

Deborah is studying A Levels in Chemistry, Physics, Maths and Spanish and is hoping to study Chemical Engineering at either Bath or Queen Mary University. Long term she'd like to work in the Energy sector, possibly looking at renewable energy and energy storage.

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

# Results day roundup



Left to right: Medics Joseph Parratt, Poppy Wardley and Maddie Bristow on Results Day

Reigate College's A Level and BTEC results were again among the best in Surrey this year, with 81.3% high grades (A\* to C) at A Level and a record-breaking number of students achieving Distinction \*, the highest award, at BTEC. The College also continues to excel in terms of 'Value Added' – where students outperform their nationally generated predicted grades based on GCSE results.

Speaking on Results Day, Principal Nick Clark congratulated students, saying, "We're so proud of everyone's achievements and delighted with results that reflect their hard work and commitment."

With so many success stories, it's hard to single out individuals, but here are some of the highlights.

A record number of seven students gained places for Medicine through the College's highly successful MVD Programme. These include **Joseph Parratt** (Biology A\*, Chemistry A\*, Maths A, Politics A), now at Brighton, **Maddie Bristow** (Biology A, Maths A, Chemistry A) at East Anglia, and **Poppy Wardley** (Biology A\*, Chemistry A, English Literature A) at Sheffield. On

receiving his results, Joseph said, "I'm so pleased; I can't fault the way the College has helped me prepare for Medical School," while Maddie commented, "I didn't believe my results at first. I'm so grateful to Liz Sanders who runs the College MVD Society for helping arrange my work experience placements and preparing me for my interviews."

**Jonathan Neary** gained three A\*s at A Level enabling him to take up his place to read History at Pembroke College, Cambridge. Jonathan praised the quality of teaching and support from staff at the College, saying, "I don't think I would have done as well if I hadn't come to Reigate College." **Henrietta Franks** has also chosen to study History and is now at St Andrews having achieved three As. **Sophie Swain**, who got A\*s in Geography and Business and an A in Maths, is one of an increasing number of College leavers taking up an Apprenticeship scheme – she was selected from thousands of applicants to join EY's prestigious Apprenticeship programme. (Read more about Apprenticeship successes on page 7.)

It was also another fantastic year for the College's BTEC results. **Aleeza Khan**,

who studied BTECs in Law, Graphics and Business, gained three Distinction \*s and is now at Surrey University studying Law. "I'm so happy with my results; BTECs were a great choice for me." **Georgia Rushby** (two Distinction \*s and a C) agreed: "I'm not well suited to exams so having the coursework elements in my BTECs has meant I've done so much better than if I'd done all A Levels."



"Whatever GCSE results students arrive with," says Principal Nick Clark, "Reigate provides an environment in which all can excel. The College is an ideal stepping stone between school and university or work, helping equip students with the skills and independence that set them up for life."



# Welcoming new students

Making the move from school to College can sometimes feel like a daunting step. On Route talked to four Lower Sixth students about their experiences so far.



Tessa Shaw

**Tessa** was previously at The Ashcombe and is doing A Levels in Maths, Biology and French.

“I wanted a change of scene from school and to go somewhere with more choice. It didn’t take long to feel settled – the Community Afternoon was great and I also loved the Freshers’ Party!

“I’m finding the work harder than GCSEs but it really helps that I enjoy all my lessons and find them so interesting. I like the extra independence and travelling in has been fine too – having Reigate station so close makes it really easy.

“I think College is a great stepping stone for uni. Longer term I’d like to work in Neuroscience and maybe live in France for a year so my courses are all great preparation for that.”



Rachel Perkins

**Rachel** joined Reigate College from St Bede’s and is studying A Levels in History, Philosophy, Maths and Further Maths.

“I chose Reigate College because I preferred the courses on offer here, especially Philosophy and the choice of History routes. Also, because it’s a step closer to university, I felt it would be easier to transition there in the long run.

“I was nervous at first but everyone’s so nice it’s easy to make friends. I like the more informal atmosphere and the fact you have to be more independent – it feels more grown up. I’m really enjoying my courses and I’ve also got involved with the Creative Writing Club this year which gives me the chance to do something else I love.”



Shanyu Vuppala

**Shanyu** is studying A Levels in Economics, Maths and Chemistry and joined the College from Reigate Grammar School.

“I’ve been so impressed by the support I got when I wasn’t sure about my subject choices. The teachers were all so approachable and made sure I’m doing the courses that are right for me.

“I like the greater emphasis on independent study and it’s great having so many extra-curricular activities to choose from. Next term I’m planning on joining the Debating Society and having a go at Table Tennis. After College I’d like to do a degree, probably in either Economics or Maths.”



Oscar Picking

**Oscar** was at Reigate School and is doing A Levels in Psychology, English Literature and Geography alongside BTEC Level 3 Performing Arts (Musical Theatre).

“I felt nervous on my first day at the thought of meeting new people and because I’d chosen Psychology which I hadn’t done before. It didn’t take long to feel settled and I really look forward to coming in to College now.

“Doing four subjects is a lot of work but they’re all subjects I enjoy and I like the balance between the different courses. I’ve got involved in the College Production (as the Artful Dodger in *Oliver!*) which is a great way to meet more people.”

All new Intermediate and Lower Sixth students were asked to complete an Induction Survey after the first few weeks of term. Here’s a summary of their responses:

<b>94%</b>	Feel welcome at College
<b>96%</b>	Feel safe at College
<b>92%</b>	Know they can talk to their tutor about any concerns
<b>90%</b>	Felt the enrolment process was an informative and positive experience

# Focus on wellbeing



Students can book an appointment with the College Wellbeing Mentor

As part of Reigate College’s on-going commitment to student support and in response to a growing national concern over mental health issues in young people, wellbeing has been given a renewed focus this academic year. New for this term is a specialist Mentoring Room (R1), equipped with a range of resources and providing a space to meet with the College Wellbeing Mentor or one of the College’s Student Mentors.

Here’s a run-down of other news and information relating to wellbeing.

**Wellbeing Fair**

Held in the New Refectory at lunchtime on Tuesday 10th September, the College’s Wellbeing Fair included representatives from organisations such as the Samaritans, Relate, Guide Dogs, NHS Sexual Health services, Catch 22 Surrey Young People’s Substance Misuse and Action for Carers Surrey.

**Community Events**

The first Community event of the year for the Lower Sixth was the Community Afternoon on Tuesday 17th September. Aimed at helping students settle in and giving them the opportunity get to know their tutor groups better, the afternoon kicked off with a special tutorial session, followed by a barbeque lunch, inter-tutor quiz, and a series of team-building tasks and activities. With a bouncy castle, giant inflatables and outdoor games on site, plenty of fun was had by all!

**Pop-up Events**

A series of ‘Are you OK?’ pop-up events gave students the opportunity to identify how they’re feeling, talk through any concerns and to share their ideas and dreams. Staff were on hand at each event, along with Student Mentors and representatives from the Students’ Union.

Participation in these events is offered alongside the ongoing support available throughout the year:

**Personal Tutor**

All students are allocated a personal tutor who is their first point of contact for any issues or concerns.

**Tutorial Programme**

This term’s topics have included Responsibility, Respect, and Rights as a student and as a young person in today’s society.

**Activities Programme**

Staying physically fit and healthy is vital for mental wellbeing so all students are encouraged to get involved with recreational sport through the weekly Activities and Wellbeing Programme.

With around 60 activities on offer, it’s also a great way to learn a new skill, make friends and have a break from studying.



Above, left to right: Community Coordinator, Wendy Gregory, Director of Mental Health and Wellbeing, Jo Driscoll and College Wellbeing Mentor, Claire Hassan



Above: Making the tallest tower challenge on Community Afternoon



Students enjoy meeting representatives from the Guide Dogs at the Wellbeing Fair

**Mentoring**

The College runs a student mentoring programme offering peer-to-peer support for anyone wanting some regular help or guidance getting settled into College. Students can also sign up for one-on-one sessions with the College Wellbeing Mentor (via the Personal Information Portal (PIP)) or be referred to an external Counselling Service.



## Careers diary

For the latest Careers Information see the Careers pages on the Reigate College portal [www.reigate.ac.uk/reigate-portal/careers-and-progression/](http://www.reigate.ac.uk/reigate-portal/careers-and-progression/)

What	When
<b>Beyond Reigate</b> Information evening for parents of Lower Sixth students	Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th January
<b>National Apprenticeship Week</b> Look out for details of lunchtime talks by a variety of apprenticeship providers	Monday 3rd to Friday 7th February
<b>Get Ahead Day</b> A chance for Lower Sixth students to research their next steps. Over 100 exhibitors including universities, employers and gap year providers	Tuesday 4th February
<b>Intermediate Get Ahead Day</b> (for students doing an extra year at College)	Tuesday 25th February
<b>Apprenticeship Show, Sandown Park</b> Over 100 exhibitors	Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th March
<b>Evening Careers Fair for students and parents</b> Over 30 employers	Tuesday 16th June
<b>Lower Sixth Progression Day</b>	Tuesday 23rd June



Get Ahead Day 2019

# Pathways to success



Students now join a tutor group in their Upper Sixth that better matches their post-College plans

Following the enormous success of the MVD Society in helping students secure offers for Medicine, Veterinary Science and Dentistry courses, all students now choose an Upper Sixth tutorial pathway to support them in their planning for what they wish to do after College. Students make this choice after receiving advice on the most appropriate pathway for them on Progression Day in June in the Lower Sixth.

There is a pathway for students planning to apply to university, and one for apprenticeships or other employment. There are also more specialised pathways for those applying to Oxbridge, or for Visual Arts, Law or Performing Arts courses. Students who would like to make a university application but are also interested in applying for apprenticeships also have their own pathway. The Upper Sixth tutorial programme is tailor-made for each group, covering topics relevant for each specific pathway – for example, UCAS help and personal statement writing for the university groups, and CV writing and advice on applying for jobs for the apprenticeship and employment groups. Each pathway is supported by external speakers from a range of organisations who are invited into College to deliver specialised content.

Associate Director of Progression Ellen Walkinshaw (photographed above), who devised the programme, explains the reasons behind the change: “We’ve already seen through the MVD Society that the strategy of placing students with similar aspirations together is incredibly successful. Not only do they benefit from accessing resources that are specifically relevant to them, they also spur each other on to achieve their very best.

“We also recognised that Apprenticeships are an increasingly popular choice for students at all levels and felt it was important to give them the best possible support to help them achieve their goals.”



Head of Careers Carol Hix

# Apprenticeship news

On Route caught up with a number of Reigate College Alumni who’ve gone on to do apprenticeships in a range of areas. They explain why following the apprenticeship route was the right choice for them.



## Lauren Day

**Previous school:** Oakwood

**Reigate College:** 2017–2019  
Business, Geography, History

**Apprenticeship:** Digital Marketing Degree Apprentice, Nestlé Professional

*“I’m gaining experience and being given responsibilities while working in the world’s largest food and beverage company, straight out of college. Doing a degree apprenticeship means I get a degree without the debt, while at the same time earning a salary.”*



## Matt Swain

**Previous school:** Reigate

**Reigate College:** 2014–2016  
Business, Maths, Physics

**Apprenticeship:** KPMG Sponsored Degree Programme

*“Apprenticeships give a great balance of both further education with qualifications and practical work experience so you can instantly put what you have learnt into practice and understand the real life impact of the theory straightaway.”*



## Elliott West

**Previous school:** Riddlesdown

**Reigate College:** 2014–2016  
Business, IT, Media Studies

**Apprenticeship:** Mace Construction Group

*“I’ve had the chance to work on top projects around London and be part of the team building landmarks on the London skyline. By taking the apprenticeship route, I’ve been able to get more on the job experience and achieve all the qualifications I need to become a site manager, without getting myself into any university debt.”*



## Sophie Swain

**Previous school:** Reigate

**Reigate College:** 2017–2019  
Business, Geography, Maths

**Apprenticeship:** EY on the School Leaver Programme within UK&I International Tax

*“An apprenticeship is a great option for gaining a higher level qualification as well as getting useful experience. It can improve future career prospects by expanding your skill set and creating a wide variety of opportunities for both professional and personal development.”*



## Rianna Bull

**Previous school:** Woodcote

**Reigate College:** 2014–2016  
Business, Graphics, IT

**Apprenticeship:** Nestlé

*“The experiences I’ve gained have improved my leadership skills, flexibility and professionalism. I’ve also obtained a degree in Professional Practice in Management so the scheme has given me a great starting platform.”*



## Honey Meakings

**Previous school:** The Ashcombe

**Reigate College:** 2017–2019  
Business, Health & Social Care, Sociology

**Apprenticeship:** PR & Communications, Ministry of Defence

*“My Apprenticeship is such an amazing opportunity. I get to work in the MOD head office in London; I have my own projects to work on and I’ve been given a lot of independence.”*



## Katie Musk

**Previous school:** Reigate

**Reigate College:** 2017–2019  
Business, History, Maths

**Apprenticeship:** RSM

*“Apprenticeships are a fantastic alternative to university. Doing an accountancy apprenticeship has allowed me to go straight into a job where I’m earning money and learning at the same time.”*



## Charlotte Berry

**Previous school:** Rosebery

**Reigate College:** 2015–2017  
Economics, English Literature, Fashion & Textiles

**Apprenticeship:** Arcadia Group; currently working for Harvey Nichols

*“You learn so many valuable skills and gain so much life experience through an apprenticeship scheme, which many people don’t learn until after university.”*



## Update on courses

One of the reasons for choosing Reigate College is the range of courses available – with around 50 courses on offer, students are able to select an individual study programme that suits their interests, abilities and preferred style of assessment.

This term sees the launch of the BTEC Extended Diploma in Performing Arts (Acting, Musical Theatre and Dance; the equivalent of three A Levels) and students applying for 2020 entry will now be able to take courses in Information Technology, Digital Media Production and Criminology (each equivalent to one A Level).

These new courses are offered alongside all the traditional sixth form subjects and more specialist areas such as Applied Human Biology, Classical Civilisation, Engineering, Film, Graphics, Health & Social Care, Law, Media Studies, Music Technology, Philosophy, Product Design, Psychology, Sociology and Travel & Tourism.

See [www.reigate.ac.uk/courses](http://www.reigate.ac.uk/courses) for the full list of courses available.



Georgia Hellyer obtained a place on the BFI course in April

## Film and Media news

Congratulations to the eight Film and Media students – Lucy Prouten, Adaam Wallis, Harriet Ogunyemi, Mya Williams, Toby Maynard, Aaron Seeruthun, Evie Nebbitt and Ella Gill – who were accepted onto the BFI's Film Academy Network film production course held at Shepperton Studios over the October half term.

Following completion of the course, a number of them went on to help with the production of a BBC-funded short film. More details to follow and watch out for it on BBC iPlayer soon!

# Music Summer School



Some of the students from the 2019 Music Summer School

Reigate College's first-ever Music Summer School (aka New Music Academy) was held in July giving budding song-writers, performers and producers in Year 11 the chance to develop skills and confidence, make use of the College's impressive studio facilities in the Holmesdale Music Centre, and record their own collaborative album.

On Route talked to three students who came on the Summer School and have since gone on to join the College's Music Department.

**Mollie Chadwick**, previously at the Priory School in Dorking and now doing BTEC Music and A Levels in Music Technology and Art, explained why she did the week-long course: "I'm very interested in song-writing but I've always done it on my own so I wanted to work with others. The facilities are amazing – nothing like I'd used before."

**Will White**, who joined the College from Oxted School and is studying A Levels in Music, Music Technology and English Literature, agreed: "I'd never used equipment like it before. It gave me a head start and meant I was already familiar with the facilities when I enrolled."

**Noah Perfitt**, previously at Reigate Grammar School and now doing A Levels in Music Technology, Maths and Physics, said, "I didn't know anything about the technical side of music-making but I learnt so much in a week and it's still helping me on my course."



To sign up for the 2020 Music Summer School and for more information, visit [www.reigate.ac.uk/events/music-summer-school-2020/](http://www.reigate.ac.uk/events/music-summer-school-2020/)

Reigate College offers three different Music courses:

- Music A Level
- Music Technology A Level
- Music (Performing), BTEC Level 3 Extended Certificate

allowing students to choose the most appropriate course for them based on their musical proficiency and preferences.



A Level Music student Marcus Velissarides

# Union matters >>

It's been a busy start to the academic year for the Students' Union as they've welcomed new students and organised a succession of charity and social events. Here are some of the highlights so far:



## Students' Union representatives 2019/20

Joint Presidents:	Rebecca Griffin & Adaam Wallis
Equality Officers:	Cameron Royer-Kennedy & Molly Trubee-Meliniotis
Charity Officers:	Dhruvi Patel, Shala Monderin & Kalin Potter
Environment Officers:	Maisie Trubee-Meliniotis & Sarah Morgan
Administrator:	Max Callender
Events Officers:	Sophie Raccagna & Finlay Evans
Student Ambassador / Events Committee:	Xia Gray, Louise Millington, Angela Ibasco & Karol Lincoln

## Freshers' Party

On Thursday 10th October, the SU transformed the Refectory into a top party venue, complete with glitter ball, balloons and free photo booth. With the theme of 'decades', there was plenty of scope for dressing up and having fun!



## Community Afternoon

The SU welcomed new Lower Sixth and Intermediate students by helping to set up and run the College's Community Afternoon on Tuesday 17th September.

Watch out for more pop-up community events next term and don't forget to 'like' Reigate College's Facebook page to see news and photos from these events and more.



## Film time

The SU is hosting a series of film screenings throughout the year, open to all students.

## Christmas giving

This term's College Community event is all about giving. Lower Sixth tutor groups put together gift bags for elderly residents as part of Age Concern's Christmas Appeal, while Upper Sixth tutor groups donated food items for local charity Loveworks and school supplies for Wellingara Nursery School in the Gambia.

Continuing the theme of giving, Gratitude Pop-up events are being held in the last full week of term.





# In the spotlight >>

## Meet rising Hockey star Jonny Tibble



Jonny Tibble joined Reigate College from St Bede's and is now in the Upper Sixth, studying BTECs in Business (one A Level equivalent) and Sport (two A Level equivalent).

### Why did you choose Reigate College?

I liked the courses on offer. I find exams hard so being able to take coursework-based BTECs rather than have everything rest on final exams really appealed.

The College also has a great reputation

for Sport with lots of opportunities to play Hockey competitively.

### How are you finding it here?

There's such a friendly atmosphere so it's been easy to make friends. I'm also really enjoying the content of my courses,

especially the more practical elements.

Being able to do a BTEC Diploma in Sport has been a great opportunity and has meant I can really focus on what I most enjoy.

### How did you first get in to playing Hockey?

A friend invited me along to a training session at Reigate Priory Hockey Club when I was around seven or eight and I immediately really loved the sport. I've been playing ever since.

### What do you most enjoy about the sport?

I like the fact it's fast paced so there's always lots going on and also the sense of achievement you get from playing well.

### What level do you play at?

I competed at county level in the U14s to U17s. I now play for the Wimbledon Men's third team in the London Premier Division and for the Old Loughts U18s in the Premier Division. I've also got through to the final trials for the Men's Colleges GB Hockey Squad.

### Are you involved in Hockey at College?

I play as a striker in the Mixed Hockey team as well as in a separate Men's team for some matches. I really enjoy it – Wendy [Russell] is a brilliant coach and has done a lot with the team. It's also a great way to take a break from studying and get to know more people around the College.

### How do you fit your training around College work?

I train three times a week so I have to be organised in my College work. I make use of the Independent Learning Centre in my free periods and I've also really valued the support from my teachers in helping manage my workload.

### Do you plan to carry on playing Hockey long term?

Definitely! I'd like to see how far I can go with it.

## DofE Gold



### 2019 Gold Expedition in Wales

Record numbers of Lower Sixth students have enrolled onto the Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award this Autumn. The nationally recognised youth self-development programme covers five different challenges: volunteering, skill, physical, expedition and residential section.

Reigate College DofE Unit runs in-house training sessions for the expedition and works closely with their expedition provider throughout the College year with Gold Expedition work taking place in Wales. Given the extensive Activities Programme at College there is the opportunity for students to tie the 'Physical', 'Skills' and 'Volunteering' sections into certain activities that run during the College week.

This year Reigate College DofE team was presented with a certificate for "inspiring, supporting and guiding young people in their self-development and recognising their achievements" from the Duke of Edinburgh's Award South-East. The team also attended a reception at St James's Palace in November.



## Sports Roundup

### Netball

Both teams have played to a great standard this term with the A Team having a few close games against strong opposition and the B Team improving all the time with some fantastic wins.

### Basketball

The team has displayed great effort and enthusiasm this term with improved skills and understandings of game-specific tactics.

### Hockey

There have been some fantastic results this term with a number of players being selected for National Trials.

### Women's Football

The team made an excellent start to the season with a 6-2 win in a friendly against Collyer's and is making strong progress in the Surrey Sixth Form League. One highlight was against Cobham International School where the team fought back from 3-0 down to draw the game.

### Men's 1st Team Football

Some big wins in the League against the likes of Esher and Godalming as well as excellent progress in the AoC Cup. Strong performances from Matt Parlett and Tom Briley, lots of goals from Lee Peacock and the Lowers settling in very well give high hopes for the rest of the season.



Clockwise from top left: Women's Football Team, Men's 2nd Team Football, Women's Rugby Team, Men's 1st Team Football



### Men's 2nd Team Football

The 2nd Team has made a good start to the season winning three out of the four competitive games. With the potential they're showing, winning the League in two consecutive seasons is definitely within reach.

### Men's 3rd Team Football

The 3rd Team won their first round of the Cup match against Merrist Wood and beat Reigate College's Men's 2nds in the next round – not the result anyone expected! They are now through to the semifinals against Esher College.

### Men's Rugby

Men's Rugby has gone from strength-to-strength, with this being the first season Reigate College has fielded two teams. Both teams have had some tremendous matches, highlights being League wins of 69-7 against Caterham School and 45-17 against Wiltshire College.

### Women's Rugby

Numbers have been fantastic this term with excellent commitment from all players. The season started strongly with a win against Collyer's and there have been good performances in tournaments, a highlight being Chloé Cox's outstanding try against Robert Clack School in her debut match.



## Politics update

With the political climate as it is, it's certainly been a busy few months for the Politics Department.

- Reigate College hosted a hustings on Monday 25th November where Reigate's Parliamentary candidates were grilled by College students, many of whom will be voting for the first time on 12th December.



- The College's annual community Politics lecture was held on Tuesday 26th November. The sell-out event covered the December General Election and its possible impact on Brexit.
- Head of Politics Nick de Souza has launched a new online A Level Politics Show. Designed as an aid to revision, the downloadable podcasts are proving popular not only with students but also with anyone interested in current affairs and the workings of governments. Have a listen at <https://anchor.fm/nick-de-souza>



## Tour of Ancient Greece

In October, 21 Upper Sixth Classical Civilisation and Philosophy students had the chance to see for themselves some of Greece's most important ancient monuments and museums. The six-day tour took in Athens, Delphi, Olympia, Mycenae, Epidaurus and Corinth.



# Diary dates >>

From December 2019 Visit the Box Office at [www.reigate.ac.uk/box-office](http://www.reigate.ac.uk/box-office)

What	When	Where
<b>Hot Feet Dance Show</b> A showcase of talent from Dance students. Tickets £5 (concessions £3)	Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th December, 7pm	Rispoli Theatre, Reigate College
<b>Last day of term for students</b> (unless directed otherwise)	Tuesday 17th December	
<b>Structured Learning Day 2</b>	Wednesday 18th December	
<b>Start of Spring Term</b>	Monday 6th January	
<b>Structured Learning Day 3</b>	Thursday 23rd January	
<b>February Half Term Holiday</b>	Monday 17th to Friday 21st February (back Monday 24th)	
<b>Cross College Show <i>Oliver!</i></b> One of the highlights of the Performing Arts' calendar. Tickets £5 (concessions £3)	Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th March, 7pm	Rispoli Theatre, Reigate College
<b>Structured Learning Day 4</b>	Friday 28th February	
<b>Battle of the Bands</b> Suitable for over 16's Advance tickets £6 (students £5)	Monday 2nd March, 7.30pm	Harlequin Theatre, Redhill
<b>Spring Concert</b> A chance to hear the best of the College's musicians	Monday 30th March, 7pm	Rispoli Theatre, Reigate College
<b>End of Spring Term</b>	Friday 3rd April	

See also the Careers diary on page 6.



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