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Making the transition to
College and additional
forms of support



For many students the move from school to College can feel quite daunting, but the College has lots of things in place to help make the transition as seamless and successful as possible.

Here's a run-down of the support available to all 'New Starters':

- » **Introductory Day (July).** For trying out preferred subjects and getting a feel for being a Reigate College student.
- » **Results queries.** Staff are at hand via College Reception, to offer advice on course choices following GCSE results.
- » **Choices Day (August).** Another chance to try out subjects and firm up study programmes. Individual enrolment meeting. A one-to-one discussion to ensure students are on the best programme of study, following their results.
- » **Sports Trials.** A chance to try out for one of the College's many sports teams.
- » **Induction Day for Lower Sixth.** The first full day of College, designed to ease new students into College life.
- » **Tutorials.** A weekly timetabled session with a Personal Tutor, who will also teach their tutees and so get to know them extremely well. Part of the Tutorial Programme covers wellbeing and coping with study pressures.
- » **Clubs and Activities Fair.** Designed to encourage students to get involved in some of the College's 50 or so, extra-curricular activities, in addition to other enrichment activities such as the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.
- » **Community Afternoon.** Dedicated to team-building within tutor groups. This is a great opportunity for getting to know other members of your tutor group.
- » **Freshers' Party.** One of the social highlights of the year!
- » **Interim Reports.** An opportunity to review new students' progress early on, and direct additional support if needed.
- » **Additional Community Days.** Days when the whole College community comes together for fun and fundraising!

Additional Support

Some students may feel they need additional support to that listed left, so here's an overview of other support the College offers and how to access it:

- » **Pastoral Support.** As well as every student being allocated a Personal Tutor (who will be one of their subject teachers) they will also be supported, in turn by a Senior Tutor and Pastoral Director. Students are encouraged to discuss any pastoral issues with their Personal Tutor and can email their Senior Tutor directly, should the need arise.
- » **Support Hub.** Located on the first floor of the Priory Building, the College's Support Hub operates as a drop-in centre that's open to any student who feels they may need supporting in some way – whether that's pastorally or academically. Students can pop in anytime from 9am to 4.15pm, during term time.
The Support Hub is home to the following services:
 - **Mentoring.** For students who feel they would benefit from one-to-one meetings with a staff Wellbeing Mentor. Email Mentoring@reigate.ac.uk
 - **Learning Support.** For students who have a specific learning difficulty or need, or for whom English is an additional language. Email learningsupportadmin@reigate.ac.uk
 - **Learner Improvement Programme (LIP).** For learners who may need additional help in areas such as organisation and time management, or who would benefit from supplementary timetabled sessions to help catch up with outstanding work.
- » **Morning Hub.** This staff and student-run support group, runs during the first few weeks of term and creates a cosy, pre-College meeting point for students to meet other new students.
- » **Confidential Counselling Service** (available both in College and in Relate counselling centres). Students can email relate@reigate.ac.uk
- » **Careers Department.** A team of full-time Careers staff can assist with subject choices, CVs, UCAS, employment and apprenticeships. Email Careers@reigate.ac.uk



Other Support

- » **Aspire Programme.** Students with an average GCSE score of around 6.2 and above are invited to join the College's Aspire Programme. This takes the form of an extra weekly tutorial designed to support students in preparing applications for the most competitive universities (including Oxbridge) and courses such as Medicine.
- » **Plus Classes.** All students are currently timetabled to have an additional hour of subject teaching per subject in their Upper Sixth to give them the best chance of achieving the highest grades they can. Other students may be invited to attend Plus Classes in their Lower Sixth.
- » **Independent Learning Centre.** The College's new, two storey, state-of-the-art Independent Learning Centre is designed for students to use for timetabled Structured Learning, independent research and homework. The ILC is supervised by ILC staff during opening hours to support students in their academic work.

Accessing Support

For parents or guardians wanting more information and to be guided to the right member of staff or team, please email enquiries@reigate.ac.uk Tel: 01737 221118

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