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WELCOME

Head of School's Welcome

Dear Parent

Welcome to the Summer edition of the *'Regents Review'*.

This marks the end of a very busy academic year in which the school has seen many changes. Through my meetings with staff, parents and students I strongly believe the school is continuing to improve. We had our third Ofsted HMI visit on the 4th and 5th June – Stephen Long HMI said 'The gains in achievement reported in the last monitoring inspection have been built on and students are making better progress in all year groups'. The full report is available through our Website www.regentsparkcollege.org.uk.

I was privileged to attend the Year 11 celebration assembly and was delighted to see so many parents and family members join the Year 11 to say a goodbye. The audience was treated to performances, recollections and a staff version of 'Happy'. The following week I attended a fantastic Year 11 prom, photos of the evening taken by the echo can be

seen at http://www.dailyecho.co.uk/leisure/school_proms/proms_2014/regents_park_community_college

I wish the Year 11 the very best for the future, they have been a credit to the school and I am expecting them to do very well in their summer exams.

As we say goodbye to a year group and the student leadership team we welcome the new team. I am pleased to announce the Student Leadership Team for 2014/15:

Bradley Coster – Head Boy

Faye Draper – Head Girl

James Doyle – Deputy Head Boy

Zoe Smith – Deputy Head Girl

Emma Barnes – Senior Prefect

Magda Majka – Senior Prefect

Jyoti Sappal – Senior Prefect

Zeynap Gunaydin – Senior Prefect

Jem Scully – Senior Prefect

Ray Patricio – Senior Prefect

I am looking forward to working with the student team to continue to push the school forward over the new academic year.

This has been a challenging, but a rewarding year and I would like to thank all staff, students and parents for their commitment in demonstrating that Regents Park is a good school. We expect Ofsted to visit us for a full inspection in the Autumn term and our ambition is to achieve 'Good' and then start the journey to Outstanding. I have enjoyed working with Susan Trigger and her team from Bitterne Park School and look forward to continuing with this partnership.

Finally, I wish all parents, community members, staff and students a very restful, relaxing and safe summer holiday break.

Regards

Jonty Archibald
Head of School

GENERAL NEWS

Interim Executive Board

The Interim Executive Board (IEB) continues to work in collaboration with all stakeholders to provide a sustained improvement in education standards for students at the school. I, together with many members of the IEB, met with Her Majesty's Inspector (HMI) during his last visit to demonstrate that the governance model for the school was fit for purpose. We were keen to show how well advanced we were in our planning for setting out the criteria for a shadow Governing Board to work in parallel with the IEB when the

school comes out of special measures. In addition, an IEB working party has been established to consider the academy options so that the Shadow Governing Board has clear guidance on the best outcome for the school's future. Before any recommendation is made, full consultation will be had with all interested parties including, staff, students and parents.

The IEB currently meets monthly to review all relevant data as well as carrying out monitoring visits to ensure the OfSTED action plan is being

correctly implemented and targets are being met or exceeded. As chair of the IEB, I meet with Susan Trigger, Executive Headteacher, every two weeks formally to deal with the longer term strategic plan.

As we approach the end of this academic year, the IEB would like to thank all staff for their incredible commitment to making significant improvements and wish every student the very best success in their individual progress.

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Year 11 News

On Wednesday 18th June we said goodbye to Year 11. We had an amazing assembly with lots of laughter and tears throughout. Mr Archibald spoke about the year group and the head boy and girl also said a final goodbye. All of the Year 7 photos were brought out and all students were suitably embarrassed.

It has been a pleasure being the Head of Year 11 this year as we have had record breaking attendance scores and are looking forward to a promising results day in August. A special thank you goes to all the Student Senior Leadership Team who supported the school massively over the past 5 years.

I wish Year 11 all the best in the future and hope that they keep in touch.

In other news, Adam Harris, to the delight of his tutor group, Branson CC, has been awarded the rank of a Professional Taekwondo Instructor. We acknowledge the fact that training for this qualification must have been difficult, and we congratulate him for this. Well done Adam!

**Miss Bishop,
Head of Year 11**


Year 10 News

Year 10s are looking forward to an interesting time towards the end of the academic year. Not only are they faced with the daunting thought of being a year away from leaving school, but some of the students are soon to go on a reward trip to Bournemouth to spend a day surfing. This is a result of consistent hard work and effort throughout the year.



At the time of going to print the Year 10s also have mock exams impending. This is an important time and must be taken seriously by all students. This experience will set them up to be able to approach the full GCSE in summer 2015 in the appropriate and responsible manner that will allow for greatest achievement.

I would also like to thank Georgia Batchelor, Monou Miah, Oscar Li, Ray Patricio, James Doyle, Emma Barnes, Faye Draper, Chloe Mabey, Bradley Coster and Adil Firdousi. They have undertaken a mentoring scheme at a local solicitor's office in Southampton, Bond Dickinson. The scheme has been running for a few months at their offices on Commercial Road. The students have got a lot out of this in helping to prepare them for the world of work building up good relationships with some of their lawyers.

Personally, I would like to wish all year 10s success as they move forward into Year 11 and wish them well with their final year at Regents Park College.

Mr Lott, Head of Year 10

Year 9 News

In April, four students from Year 9 were selected to represent the school in the Solent EBP Business Challenge. The challenge was a competition to research and present how some of Southampton's most famous hotels could celebrate the

50th Anniversary of Southampton becoming a city.

Jason Sibanda, Chloe Houston-Prince, Conor Chalcraft and Ruby Brewer took part against 13 other local schools. They worked as a fantastic team and gave a very well researched and professional presentation to a group of hotel and

business experts. They came second which was a fantastic achievement.

They were congratulated by their mentor on the day for being excellent representatives of the school and were justifiably proud of their achievements. Well done to all.

Mr Holloway, Head of Year 9

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Year 8 News

As you may be aware Year 8 students have chosen to support the Piam Brown Ward, at Southampton General Hospital. This is the specialist oncology ward for Wessex. The ward not only treats children but also offers support to their families. This year's fundraising project for the charity is to refurbish the children's play room and the teenage day room. Everyone in the Year 8 team is delighted to be involved in raising money for this worthwhile cause.

For our end of term celebration Year 8 students, represented by the Year 8 College Council, decided to combine charity fundraising with a reward trip to Ten Pin Southampton. This was in addition to the formal certificate evening on Wednesday 9th July.



On Friday 18th July, students spent the first part of the day in school taking part in numerous activities to raise money for the Piam Brown ward. These included selling Piam Brown Ward merchandise, a danceathon, 'guess the name of the parrot', a lucky dip, a car wash and a cake stall. The theme was bright colours and parrots. There was even a special visit from a walking, talking macaw.

The second part of the day was spent at Ten Pin Southampton, and was an opportunity to spend time as year group celebrating the year's successes.

It has been an absolute pleasure working with Year 8 this year, watching each individual make progress and mature. I hope that you all have a relaxing summer break and that next year we can do even better.

Miss Cooper, Head of Year 8

Year 7 News

It is around this time we look back at the achievements over the past academic year. For the Year 7s it has been a massive change from primary school to secondary school which they have all adapted to very well. As a year group we have so much to celebrate as they move up the school towards Year 8. All students have made progress towards their target grades and many have exceeded their challenge targets in a number of subjects, which is fantastic! This means we are on track towards our year group target of 73% with 5 GCSEs including English and maths. Year 7 are consistently achieving a high number of Vivo reward points and at the point of writing this we trail just behind Year 8, who are leading the school. This is all the more impressive



when you take into account the number of students in Year 7, which is much fewer than any other year group.

A number of students in Year 7 were heavily involved in Rock Challenge this year, which is a major competition which Regents Park enters every year with high expectations. Unfortunately, this year we did not managed to get placed in the top 3, however we did receive a number of rewards for the performance on the night. There is always next year!

The boys competed in a Year 7 rugby tournament for schools in Southampton and south Hampshire held at Winchester Rugby Club. The team improved each game they played, scoring some fantastic tries.



Each year group at Regents Park has chosen charity to support which was decided in tutor groups. It was around the increased publicity of Stephen Sutton around Easter regarding his health and his 'bucket list', which the Year 7s connected with, that lead to them choosing to support Teenage Cancer Trust, which Stephen was linked with. There will be future fundraising events to support this charity to come.

On a personal note, I am sad to be leaving this year group as I will be focusing upon the new Year 7s coming up next year. I am confident that the current Year 7 students will continue to progress well towards their targets in Year 8.

Mr Sinclair, Head of Year 7



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Other news from around the school...

Library News

A very big thank you to Abigail Flynn – Branson MW and Shannon Meek – Branson DG for their dedication as student librarians.

Congratulations to the students who have made the most progress up to May 2014 on the accelerated reading programme.

Year 7

Louise Castle – Branson GR

Oliwia Jozwiak – Parks MB

Samuel Lacey – Rowling KB

Destini Moylan – Rowling VH

Bartek Baran – Parks KN

Miguel Morgado – Branson GR

Daliso Banda – Parks MB

Solonya Cunningham – Rowling VH

Liam Kennedy – Branson VO

Lillie Newman – Rowling KB

Chloe Newmeir – Branson VO

Year 8

Brandon Howells – Rowling GB

Amna Rashid – Rowling SM

Rafael Carvalho – Parks KO

Parris Hall – Branson DG

Aaman Khan – Rowling SM

McKenzie Ryves – Rowling SM

Lewis Sheppard – Rowling GB

Year 9

Connor Mason – Rowling JM

Regents Park Family of Schools Olympic Legacy Festival

At St Marks Primary School we hosted a sports week for all the Primary and Infant schools in the Regents Park Family of Schools. These included, St Marks Primary School, Freemantle, Foundry Lane and St John's. We taught year R right the way through to Year 6.

The experience of the week was amazing; it was like being a sports teacher because you get to teach children how to do certain activities that they have never done before. For example: high jump, rowing, relay, Uni Hoc, tyre progress, fitness frenzy, netball, quots and football. Selected students from Year 8 from Regents Park helped Mr Sinclair in delivering all the activities throughout the week.

“This week has been really hard setting the equipment out and putting it away, but the results at the end have been really good because all the children have really enjoyed this week.”

Gemma Miller

“This week has been really fun and enjoyable for everyone because everybody had fun and the lifting and carrying was quite hard but we all got there in the end and enjoyed the rest of the day!”

Laura Davis

“This week has taken a lot of time and effort. It has been really tiring but we and the kids had fun which is the main thing.”

Tayla Drodge

Everybody had a positive and enjoyable week; it was amazing working with the children.

The students this week have been amazing. It was incredibly hard work in glorious sunshine, but incredibly rewarding too. The Year 8 students have given a fantastic experience to over 2000 students over the week. The festival was born to celebrate the London Olympics, and the feedback from the schools was fantastic so it is now a regular date in the calendar which our family of schools look forward to.

Many thanks go to all the Year 8 students who worked their sock off. Without their support and enthusiasm it would not have been possible.

Thanks go to Ben Grave, Macaulay Totten, Laura Davis, Lucy New, Ryan Henry, Flora Smith, Gemma Miller, Kirsty Taylor, Tayla Drodge, Reesha Chick, Erica Belcher, Lori Birch, Jess Crouch, Nisha Landa, Nancy Pope, Peter Dowse, Aaron McKeown, Max Satterly, Michael Snook, Macy Callaway, Raphael Patricio.

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Southampton Solent University Trip

A small group of Year 9 students had the pleasure to attend a motivational/aspirational educational visit to Southampton Solent University this term.

Students were offered a range of hands-on activities at Southampton Solent University. The main aim of the event was so that the students to come away with a better understanding of what Higher Education is and an increased awareness of the range of routes available to them in order to access Higher Education.

All of the workshops had been designed to offer students hands-on activities with the addition of input from subject specialists.

The students had a tour of the following areas: Media, Marine, Research and Computing.

They found the tours especially fascinating and asked many questions of the subject specialists and were a credit to Regents Park Community College.

They came away with a particularly useful tool that anyone can use to have a look at careers: <http://www.solent.ac.uk/career-coach>.



Adventures Offshore and Regents Park

During the month of May the sailing training company Adventures Offshore agreed to base one of their 50ft Oyster Ketches in Southampton for the use of RPCC. We managed to introduce 27 of our students and 7 members of staff to Offshore sailing on a large yacht. My vision is that during the next few years we grow this and introduce more people to sailing and the beauty of the ocean. I would like to see more KS3 students taking up the challenge of a weekend and our older students taking part in Cross Channel passages or even the Tall Ships Race.



I would like to thank Adventures Offshore and the following staff who gave up their free time to allow our students this amazing opportunity: – Keith Aaron, Jan Taylor, Derek Hopkins and Sam Reynolds. A special thank you to Vic Crowhurst who gave up 2 days holiday and enabled the girls to have their postponed weekend.

If you are interested in taking part in next year's sail please contact me at the school directly and I will get you some information.

Mr Drewery

Regents Park Afloat: Adventures Offshore 2014

On Thursday 8th May, 8 adventurous Year 8 girls and Mr Archibald joined Mr Drewery, who is a full qualified commercial skipper, and a team from Adventures Offshore on the 50ft Sail Training Ketch "Ocean Scout". During the Friday evening the girls were trained on how the yacht operates and were shown all the safety equipment as well as playing some games on deck. At 10pm they had



a front row view for the Queen Mary 2 fireworks display. After a cup of hot chocolate, it was off to bed. Mr Drewery lay listening to the wind howling through the rigging. In the morning

we were greeted with a full force 8 gale. It was hard to walk along the quay, Mr Drewery tried to move the boat out but he deemed it too dangerous. In discussion with Mr Archibald, they decided to postpone the trip and send the girls home until Thursday morning.

As Thursday dawned there was a light south easterly wind and it took no time at all to get out onto the water. Before they knew it, the girls were passing the Needles. This was when the skipper decided the winds were fair enough to head out across Christchurch Bay to Poole. All the girls

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worked hard trimming and hoisting the sails, cooking the lunches and dinners and steering the yacht on a steady course across the bay. As we entered the majestic Poole Harbour, the girls took turns to navigate through the channels and around the harbour. We then berthed in Poole Marina for the evening. After an ice cream and a debrief, the girls headed ashore for a look around. Dinner was cooked and after a tidy up it was off to bed. Friday morning was still and tranquil, we slipped our moorings and headed back out across Poole Harbour. 1st Mate, Vic, commented on how nice it was to have Ocean Scout sailing past her spiritual home on such a stunning morning. Winds were light across Christchurch bay so we spent a lot of the morning motoring. After a quick stop to sort out a small issue in Lymington we continued up Southampton water, arriving on our berth just after 3pm.



Well done to all those who took part! All have received a certificate and this can be used to start their yachting qualifications. The yacht would not have moved without everyone playing their part when it was needed. This ranged from hoisting the sails to cleaning the heads! Adventures Offshore would like to congratulate Olivia Ebbutt, Zoe Llewellyn, Bridie Hardy, Jessica Crouch, Zoe Snook, Luci O'Donovan, Erica Belcher and Shana Andrade and would welcome every one of them back next year. Well done all!

The Boys Go Nearly Everywhere! (Well, in the Solent)

After the sun-drenched motor across Christchurch Bay with the girls, the boys arrived on Friday evening ready for action. Well, all except Tristan who had forgotten his sleeping bag! (Thanks to his mum for going all the way home and back for him). With a new crew and Sam, the mate from Adventures Offshore, safety briefings were carried out. We talked about doom and gloom then split the boys into three teams (called watches) and showed them everything about the boat. This included how to send a MAYDAY to lighting the stove and how to flush the heads! It was then races around the deck with harnesses



on and a throw-line competition – I never did find out who won! The Skipper, Mr Drewery, then decided as it was a nice night, we'd go to Cowes. We set off at 11pm and motored over to East Cowes Marina, tying up about 2am, by this time a lot of the boys were tired and sleep came easily. That was until Mr Drewery got them all up to start making breakfast at 6.30am.

After a well-earned breakfast we set sail down the Medina past all the super yachts and Maxi's Ocean Scout felt very insignificant in comparison! Aaron and Peter were set the task of getting us to the point where the Mary Rose Sank. They had a really good go at this until Mr Drewery decided to do a man overboard practice (no, he didn't throw one of the boys in!) using a bucket and fender. This was collected successfully and a few of the crew had a go. Even in these very light winds it was still difficult. The boys then took us up to the historic wreck buoy.

It was then to Portsmouth fleet, the Queen had had the same idea, HMS Illustrious was there looking magnificent on this late spring morning.



Tristan in Portsmouth Harbour 1

The Portsmouth harbour police made sure we didn't get too close. After a slow drift west back along the Solent there was some serious deck scrubbing to be done. Everything was scrubbed, washed and polished and ship shape ready for harbour that evening. The tide took us as far as the Needles where we turned round and headed back towards Lymington.

Once in Lymington, we tied up alongside another sail training Yacht called Thermopolee. An excellent dinner was cooked that evening and 1st mate, Sam, took the boys for a run into town.

On Sunday morning at 8am there was not a breath of wind! We slipped out of the berth and headed back east. Ice cream was the mission for today, so we nosed our way into the Beaulieu River and looked for a berth at Bucklers Hard, a quick run ashore then back out again. We then made our way up Southampton water and docked in Town Quay at 3pm – a good clean up and this outstanding crew of: Peter Dowse, Sam, Aaron McKeown, Mason Goff, Seann Masangcay, Michael Snook, Tristan Brown, Jacob Hadaway, Benjamin Grave and Oliver, were ready for off. We hope they take up the challenge to do a longer voyage next year.



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Year 10s Go For a Blast Around the Solent

On Wednesday 7th May, a group of Year 10 students went sailing on Ocean Scout. It was a blustery afternoon and we soon had the sails up enabling the boat to come alive. We averaged 12 knots over the ground and sailed from Calshot Spit to the Portsmouth Forts in 1.25 hours. As we turned for home, the wind had reached a steady force 8 which the boat could take. The crew were wet and Steph Keith decided that sailing really wasn't for her. We practically had the Solent to ourselves!

Well done to the crew for an excellent sail and working so hard. Star mention has to go to Melissa Riddett who helmed the yacht all the way up Southampton water in these strong winds. Well done everyone!



Beauty and the Beast 2014



A tale as old as time made its way to Regents Park in this year's musical production, as the creative arts students and staff got ready to perform: 'Beauty and the Beast'.

This magical journey into the castle of a beast, once a handsome prince took place on the evenings of 1st and 2nd of April at 7pm.

The cast took students from every year to take part in the production and all had a wonderful time.

Main Cast:

Belle – Emily McKie
 Beast/Prince – Zeynep Gunaydin
 Gaston – Oscar Li
 Maurice – Ray Horsfall
 Lefou – Alex Horsfall
 Lumiere – Dominic Green
 Cogsworth – Sam Drouet-Lewis
 Mrs Potts – Heather Dowdell
 Chip – Lauren Bramley-Hill
 Wardrobe/Narrator – Rosie O'Shea
 D'arque/Babette – Crystal Turner-Brightman
 Beggar Woman/ Baker – Nikola Rek
 Silly Girls – Zoe Smith, Ciara Taggart, Jamie Moran
 Bookseller – Jem Scully
 Merchant – James Doyle

Chorus:

Amber Dadswell, Olivia Scott, Tia Harris, Charlotte Downs, Victoria Gaden, Courtney Evans, Hollie Larbalestier, Angus Broomfield, James Doyle, Jem Scully, Zoe Smith, Ciara Taggart, Jamie Moran.

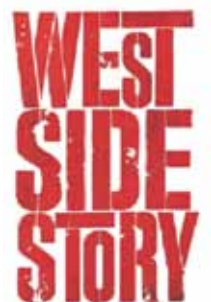
Thank you to all other participants, including dancers, singing coaches, sound/animation technicians, lighting staff, set and prop designers, the SSLT as well as Mr Archibald and the leadership team for their support. And don't forget the creative arts teachers!

And for one specific member of the cast, it was an emotional performance indeed. Emily McKie has performed in every musical since she joined as a Year 7 in 2009 and played Belle this year, in her last Regents Park production. We wish Emily all the best in the future, along with all other participating Year 11s including Ray Horsfall.

The audience adored the performances and had a great time each evening.

We spoke to Miss Jones, Maths teacher at Regents Park who attended the first night. 'I think it's always good to support them on the first night, and it was really good, yes, they've all made me very proud. One day, I'll be able to see them on stage when they're all famous and say "I taught them Maths!"' she laughed.

The cast also loved being in the play, receiving great feedback from the audience and are looking forward to a brand new musical next year... West Side Story.



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Year 11 Prom

On July 3rd at Botley McDonald the Year 11 prom took place. The Year 11s were made to feel like celebrities as they walked down the red carpet and had their photos taken. After the red carpet they walked into the silver and purple themed building. At the welcome reception the Year 11s were provided with pretend champagne. As they listened to 2 hours of their own set music (and a DJ) they had a two course dinner (an American Diner theme) and

a pic-a-mix. If the Year 11s weren't filled by the dinner they could have popcorn or candy floss. They could even capture the moments forever with the funky photo booth and at the end of the night the prom king and queen were given hoodies. They raised over £700 (by cake sales and charity work which went to prom etc.) and the prom was organised by Miss Bishop and helped by Miss Hocking. Overall the prom was a great success and a great way to say goodbye to friends and teachers.



BBC School News Report

On Thursday 27th March 2014, a group of Year 9 students came together with English teacher and current head of the Regents Review, Miss Neal to create a very special news report to be featured on BBC.co.uk.

As you can see, all participants had a great time and you can watch the full report at:

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=alf39z6QF8U>
or by simply typing 'BBC school news report regents park' into the YouTube search bar.

The project taught the students what working for a news production involves and consists of, showing them both the stresses and wonders of the news.



CURRENT FOCUS

Environmental Ethos



Eco-Schools

This term we will be applying for our Silver Award with Eco-Schools. We have completed an Environmental Review with Year 9 Geography students and have been working on our Eco-Code;

DRAFT ECO-CODE under consideration;

REGENTS PARK COMMITMENT TO CONSERVATION

- Respect our World
- Protect the Environment
- Consider other people
- Care for all living things

Bad choices cost the Earth – Good choices make a difference!

We are aiming to improve our impact by developing our school grounds, increasing biodiversity in School, reducing our energy use, reducing our waste and reducing our litter problem.

Every student has had the opportunity to have their say on the code and the environmental review through the school council and the tutor groups. As we progress to our green flag award, we will be expected to involve more students and adults within the school community. If you would be interested in becoming part of this exciting project, please contact me by email.

During this last term, the Year 9 Geography students have been working on global issues such as endangered animals and climate change. We have looked at population changes within eco-systems caused by changes to the environment. They have discussed our impact on vulnerable habitats and how to reduce this impact and stabilise populations that are in decline.



Since the removal of our Air Ambulance collection bin we have signed up to a textile recycling scheme on a booked collection basis so please look out for the dates in the new school year. This programme will allocate us points which we can spend on science equipment to support the Science curriculum and Science Club.

Please continue to encourage students to use the POD at www.jointhepod.org. This site will give you some great ideas about how to be greener at home. Each student can register and log on to the site using the pupil invitation code which is ogantn – you can post blogs about your work, do research to help with science and geography homework and join in many of the activities.



I look forward to working with many of you throughout the summer and into the next school year.

You can contact me at susan.hoskins@regentspark.southampton.sch.uk

Susan Hoskins, Environmental Teaching Assistant

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

Mathematics

Junior and Intermediate Mathematics Challenge 2014

The UK Mathematics Trust (UKMT) is a registered charity whose aim is to advance the education of children and young people in mathematics. The UKMT organises national mathematics competitions and other mathematical enrichment activities for 11-18 year old UK school pupils. It was established in 1996 and last academic year over 600,000 pupils from 4000 schools took part in the three individual challenges, the UK's biggest national mathematics competition.

Students from Years 7, 8, 9 & 10 were chosen to represent our school in this competition, answering 25 challenging questions set by the University of Leeds and the Actuary Profession. Congratulations to all our students who were chosen to sit the paper and especially well done to the following students for gaining awards:

Year 10

Silver & best in year – Faye Draper

Bronze – Mateusz Martyn & Emma Barnes

Year 9

Silver & best in year – Tomislav Conrad

Silver – Conor Chalcraft, Ilyaz Sayenko & Mikolaj Krok

Bronze – Sam Mintrim, Dominic Hartley, Brendan Vincent, Alex Horsfall, Dominic Green & Georgia Underhill

Year 8

Gold & joint best in year – Lucy Smith

Silver – Michael Watson, Raphael Patricio & Max Satterly

Bronze – Macaulay Totten, Jessica Crouch, Flora Smith & Toby Parker

Year 7

Silver & best in year – Alice Simms

Silver – George Boyce & Toby Norton

Bronze – Isabel Brewer, Emily Dowse & Joseph Horsfall

Tomislav's high score qualified him to take part in the 'Grey Kangaroo' European challenge; well done! At the time of press we are awaiting the result.

Year 11 GCSE Mathematics Revision – 'Pi' or Pizza...?

As mentioned in previous newsletters, it has been a pleasure to teach Year 11 this year. They have had three mock examinations in our subject (October, December & March) and each time students have raised their game and improved their grades through target setting with their teacher; well done!

Revision sessions have been well attended and our final calculator work shop (where much revision of 'pi' took place) ended with a pizza treat. Thank you for working so hard this year and we look forward to celebrating your results with you in on results day this summer.



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English

English KS3

In the past, the food chain Waitrose have announced a poetry competition, inviting customers to write a short poem about the world of food and where it comes from.

Many staff and students have embraced this and submitted their own entries about any food they love or despise, and the nutritional benefits of food.

Elwira Kilichowska was entered into BBC Radio 2's 500 words competition with her short story 'Accidents Happen'. Out of 118,000 entries, Elwira made it through to the second round, where only 3,500 stories were judged. Unfortunately, Elwira didn't make it to the final however it is still an incredible achievement to have made it to the second round. Well done Elwira!

Five Key Stage 3 students were entered into the National Short Story Week writing competition. The students had to write a short story with the title 'The Mistake'. The judges thought that the "overall quality of entries from Regents Park Community College was very high and all of the pupils are to be congratulated on their excellent imagination and writing skills." Misbah Ahmed (Year 7) and Raphael Patricio (Year 8) were recognised for their entries and received certificates of commendation for their highly commended stories. Also well done to Misbah, Raphael, Rhiannon Ford-Bailey, Flora Smith and Naiya Moreno for their entries.



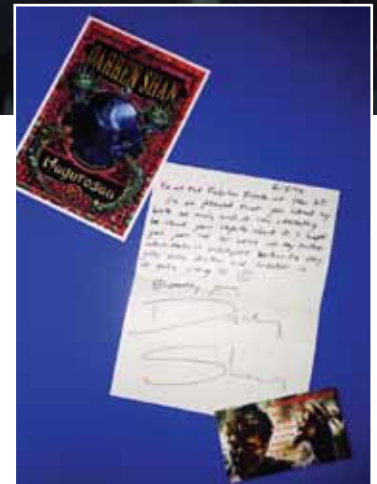
Fabulous Year 7 Freaks

Famous Author Writes to RPCC Students

Earlier this year, one Year 7 English class sent reviews of Cirque du Freak to the author, Darren Shan.



How excited were they to receive a letter back from the man himself! Yes, that's right, Darren Shan! He penned a letter to his 'fabulous Year 7 freaks' thanking them for their reviews!



Sharing Good Practice in English: Southampton Schools Come Together

Regents Park, Upper Shirley High and St. George Catholic College are beginning to work together on a shared project which aims to put students' progress in English across Southampton at the heart of what we all do.

The project, which is in its planning stage, will focus on Year 9 students in an aim to prepare them for the new GCSE English specifications. Current Year 8 students will be the first cohort to take English courses that feature 100% exams and the new literature texts which have been discussed so much in the recent press.

The Gateway Award will be a city wide examination, assessing students' progress in English and award those that are meeting or exceeding targets. The qualification will ensure students in all participating schools are well prepared for the rigour of the new GCSEs.

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English KS4

"The time has come," the Walrus said,

"To talk of many things."

For the English Department it is the time to talk of the promised success of our current Year 11; the cohort with our best ever predicted result for progress!

Year 11 entered Regents Park Community College all bright-eyed and bushy-tailed ready to start the 5 year journey of education. For some it will not all have been plain sailing – more like a roller coaster ride – and not always a joyous one! However, the English Department are extremely proud of this year group. We have watched you grow and mature into young men and women, confident to go forward in the world. The work and effort put into to your

studies has not gone un-noticed and goodness knows what Ms Webster will do with all the free time on Friday after school now! You have been a committed bunch, coming in during the Easter holiday as well as the spring recess. We hope that you achieve the best and remember us when you are all rich and famous – especially the person most likely to be Prime Minister.

Shakespeare said that

"All the world's a stage

And all the men and women merely players;

They have their exits and their entrances."

and now it is time for you to say the inevitable goodbye to us and to 'exit', going forward on your journey of learning.

ICT

Students in KS3 have been developing visual programming skills using a piece of software called 'Scratch'. Students are able to develop their understanding of programming and create unique projects of their own. Although the programme is fundamentally a drag and drop piece of software,

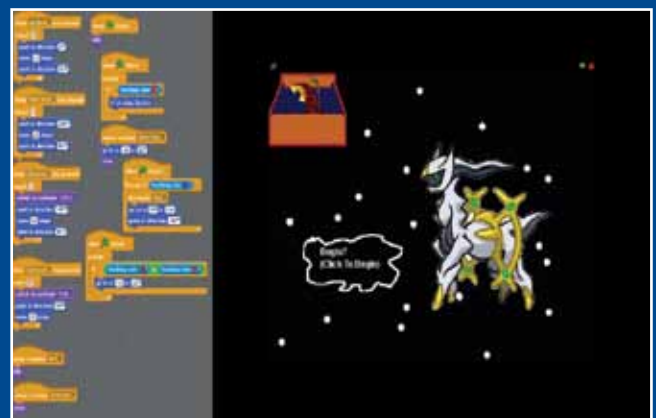
the skills that are applied developed in the unit link significantly to the concepts that are used when students move on to more traditional text based coding. The 'Scratch' units have been well received and are very popular with the students.

"I have really enjoyed learning to programme like this in school. I have also downloaded 'Scratch' at home so I can continue programming on my own computer. I have started to make my own Pokémon game."

Josh Taylor, Year 7



Creating 'Space Invaders' – Josh Taylor, Year 7



Pokémon Game designed independently – Josh Taylor, Year 7

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Science

CHaOS Science Road Show

The CHaOS road show visited our Science department on Thursday 3rd of July, bringing with them a variety of hands on science experiments. Our Year 7 and 8 students packed into the hall and were only too keen to try out the experiments, which covered topics studied during KS3.

The road show was a huge success with our students and staff. We look forward to welcoming them again in the future.



KS4 Revision Sessions

Thursday continued to be a busy day on the Science corridor as Year 10 and Year 11 students attended a variety of revision sessions in the run up to their examinations. The after school revision sessions were well attended by the students who were keen to do their very best. In addition to these sessions the department ran preparation sessions during lesson time, the evening before exams, Saturday mornings and during the Easter holidays. The department we delighted to see such a huge turnout of students at these sessions. The motivation and focus our students showed in the run up to their exams must be commended. Well done Year 11 and good luck in your future studies.

Thank you to Mrs Arthur for supporting the department in the delivery of these sessions.

IBM Think.IT "Everything Connected"

Another term, another IBM event. Each year we look forward to being invited to the IBM events as they are very beneficial to our students. They aim is to inspire girls and get them excited in careers in Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths and IT. This term it was the turn of 10 Year 8 girls to visit IBM Hursley house to take part in the two day event Think.IT. The theme of this year's event was "Everything Connected". Students had a long day 2 days and were kept busy from 9:00am to 4:00pm each day. With 100 girls from 10 local schools, the girls were broken into groups with each group having a representative from each school. During the two days the girls were set a variety of challenges to complete to help them with their final presentation task. It was a fantastic to see the girls working so well with other schools and produce some fabulous final projects.

Well done girls.

The Regents Park representatives: Kirsty Taylor, Jeena Khela, Shannon Meek, Amber Turner-Brightman, Lori Birch, Amber Michel Jama, Sophia Brine, Macy Callaway, Abby Fell, Abi Flynn.

Primary Liaison

This term we welcomed students from our Family of Schools to the Science department for an hour of science activities. The students who attended were selected by their teachers to represent their schools because of their work in Science during the year. Each school had 1 representative for each class. Year 1 and 2 students were busy making cress heads which they took back to school to monitor them grow. Year 3 and 4 took on the challenge of engineering a giraffe using only spaghetti and marshmallows needless to say we had some very interesting giraffes to show at the end of the morning. Year 5 and 6 built rubber band cars. Their morning ended with lots of cars whizzing around our feet.

It was a pleasure to work with the students and their teachers on this project. A huge well done to all the students involved.

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Humanities



70th Anniversary Celebrations of D-Day – 6th June 1944

On Friday 6th June Regents Park helped to commemorate the 70th Anniversary of the D-Day landings in Normandy, France. Students had an assembly showing the details of the day, highlighting the importance of the sacrifice the soldiers made during the historic invasion.

Throughout the day students were treated to lessons that helped to remember the day. In Modern Foreign Languages they created poems of remembrance; in PE they were treated to military style drills courtesy of “Sergeant” Croud and “Sergeant” Branford; in Creative Arts they created posters about the event and in Science the students learned how ginger was thought to help with the motion sickness suffered by many of the soldiers on the landing craft. The Humanities Department led the way with the history of the day being taught as well as how the weather affected the plans.

Year 7 were both intrigued and very impressed by how the Allies overcame the problems of the beaches with inventions such as the Bobbin and Bridging tank. Fraser Pearman from Year 7 was quoted as saying “That’s awesome”. Awesome indeed; awesome that so many men gave their lives to ensure our freedom.

To complete a full 1940s effect the students were able to enjoy some 1940s music as they tucked into their ‘Operation Overlord’ inspired menu created for the day by

the catering staff – who gave us a treat of Jam sponge and custard – homage to the war time fair many enjoyed.

Some of our students that attend cadets wore their uniforms to help us celebrate the day. It was a fitting tribute to the soldiers and was wonderful to see the students being so proud and dedicated.

Overall, the students left the day realising that many sacrificed themselves for us and that commemoration is important.

“When you go back home, let them know we gave our today so they could have their tomorrow.”



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Creative Arts Department

Sculpture Panel Project

We are now in the final stages of the design process and have handed the designs to senior leadership for final approval. We visited Forging Matters to see how a forge works, helping us design the final sculpture more accurately. We also had the opportunity to have a go bending and shaping metal rods which was really fun.

We can't wait to see the final sculpture and hope you will enjoy it too!



Graffiti Workshop

We were also lucky enough to meet Ray Leal, a London based graffiti artist. He spent the day with KS4 art and art photography teaching us about stencils, typography, different artists and tagging. We used this knowledge to create our own identity pieces. Our work was then collaborated to create a massive 15ft tube train!



Schools Showcase Exhibition

We have been lucky enough to have two Year 11 students selected to have their photography exhibited at City Art Gallery and Solent University gallery. Alice Colmer and Alice Bromley have worked very hard this year, producing stunning works of art that capture moments in time. Stay tuned for further information regarding this later on!

An example of Alice Bromley's work



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Art Club

Art club is held every Tuesday 2.40pm- 4.00pm. We have had a busy year with helping paint scenery and making props for the school production – well done to everyone that helped. It is an opportunity for students to build on their skills in a relaxed and friendly environment. Art club has become more and more popular over the year and room 17 has been bursting with creativity. Some students are busy working towards their Bronze and Gold Arts Award, showing great maturity and independent learning skills following their own interests and research. Others have been developing their love for Manga art and choose to work on their own projects, and alongside this, some students have been looking at cultural mask to inspire artwork in clay or papier mache. It's been good to see so much talent this year and for students to be able to develop their skills and ideas in a more free and independent way. Looking forward to next year.

Mrs Flynn



Tiago Goncalves Year 10



Lauren Gauntlett and Joshua Hinayhinay Year 8

Music Department

On Saturday 21st June, the Music Department took 4 pupils from Year 7 and one from Year 8 to perform four musical items at a concert held at the Shirley Salvation Army Hall. The pupils demonstrated a really positive attitude towards their performances and rehearsed very hard in the weeks approaching the concert. Pieces included a Blues number by the Year 7 band, 'Apache' played as a guitar solo, and 'I see you' and 'Titanium' as vocal solos. Thanks to Samuel Lacey (Year 7), Steven Johnson (Year 7), Alex Keith (Year 7), Tefo Matlhodi (Year 7) and Kayleigh Andrews (Year 8) for all their hard work, rehearsal and effort before and on the day.

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Physical Education

The Rounders team are on the march...

Our under 13 Rounders team have been playing against other city schools and have had some fantastic results. The season started with a narrow defeat against Oasis Lordshill (currently league leaders) but then the success began...

A win against Woodlands, Bitterne Park and a draw against St George's has left us in a healthy position towards the top of the league. We still have fixtures to play against Cantell and Sholing Technology College but fingers crossed we can finish the season on a real high. The girls have shown an excellent standard of play and have focussed really had on using a number of strategies to outwit their opponents with great success. Luci O'Donovan has been instrumental in the team's success playing as back stop and some fantastic hitting. Kirsty Smith on 2nd base and Macy Callaway backing up have contributed brilliantly and Laura Davis leadership skills have been exemplary along with her very fast and accurate bowling.

A massive well done to all Year 7 & 8 students involved and a particular thank you to Laura Davis (Captain), Jeena Khela (Vice Captain) and Amber Dadswell (Year 9) for helping coach the team.



Back Row: Amber Dadswell, Lucy Smith, Bethany Gammon, Jeena Khela, Olivia Ebbutt and Ludmila Tadevosyan.

Front Row: Erica Belcher, Macy Callaway, Kirsty Taylor, Flora Smith Laura Davis.

Missing from photo but not forgotten: Angel Freeman and Lucy O'Donovan.

Regents Park Community College Sports Day – Friday 11th July

All students will be competing in various athletic events or a Rounders tournament at the Sports Centre. I look forward to updating you in the Autumn term of the outstanding performances and winners from what I am sure will be an enjoyable day for all involved.



Ones to watch for the day – record breakers from last year!!!

Event	Year Group (Last Year)	Name of Winner
80m	Year 7 Girls	Janika Thomas (12.60)
80m	Year 7 Boys	Marco Gashi (10.60)
100m	Year 8 Boys	Ben Taylor-Lewry (13.3secs)
100m	Year 9 Boys	John Salvadico (11.90secs)
150m	Year 7 Boys	Richard Fesarillo (21.00secs)
200m	Year 9 Boys	Reece Henry (26.0secs)
600m	Year 7 Boys	Peter Dowse (1.27mins)
Shot	Year 9 Boys	Michael Pazdizurs (11.30mims)
Discus	Year 7 Girls	Crystal Turner Brightman (12.40m)
Discus	Year 7 Boys	Ciaren Simpkin (16.60m)
Discus	Year 8 Boys	Thayef Chowdhury (21.10m)
Discus	Year 9 Boys	Michael Pazdizurs (24.60m)

Football Trials

Good luck to Marcel Laptas and John Salvadico in their upcoming Hampshire School Football trials.

Cricket

This year has seen a huge step forward for the Regents Park Year 10 cricket team. Competing in only their second competitive season of cricket, they have demonstrated a fantastic work ethic to ensure that they all make a valuable contribution for our team week after week.

At the beginning of the season we outlined some very specific goals, and with just 2 games remaining have achieved each one. Playing against experienced club, district and county players, we have demonstrated excellent determination and resilience to ensure that we

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have batted all of our overs. In the field we have been supportive of one another and led the way in fielding effectively as a team (much to the envy of other teams and their coaches!). There has been some stand out individual performances, in particular Adil Firdousi's 4 wickets for 3 runs against a strong Greggs School batting line up.

The boys' keenness to learn and acquire new skills has been a real highlight. They have been a pleasure to coach and we look forward to the remaining two games against St Georges and Upper Shirley.



Modern Foreign Languages

Able Linguists Event at Southampton University

Mrs Mayor was proud to take a team of Level 5 and 6 French, Spanish and German learners to the Able Linguists Event on Tuesday 10th June. The pupils were given the exciting opportunity to meet up with pupils from 10 other schools from Dorset, Hampshire and West Sussex and compete for prizes. Pupils worked in mixed schools' teams with University students to produce an advert for a 'Snack' of their choice for France, Germany or Spain. They were given the freedom of the Avenue Campus where they could fully experience what University life would be like. After sunning themselves in the sun in the beautiful, patio court yard for lunch pupils went on to diverse 'Taster Sessions' in which they were lucky to have the chance to learn some Mandarin, Portuguese, Italian or Russian. All in all it was a very successful day and the pupils represented Regents Park College splendidly. Well done!

MFL Clubs

French Grammar Surgery

Know your past, be present and find out about your future! Open to all who want to get their level/grade up!

Thursdays 2.40–3.00pm

Room 39

French Debate Club

You talking to me? En Français, please!

Fridays at lunch time

Room 39

Please see Mrs Loubier-Profir for more information.

Celebrating D-Day

On 6th June, the MFL department decided to get creative and write poems inspired by D-Day. Below is a selection of some students' work.

La Tragédie du Jour J

*L'abus, la guerre, qui ne s'arrête jamais,
La mort.*

*Le corps jeté au sol
La tragédie du Jour J.*

*Il n'y a pas de possible fuite,
L'abus, la douleur, qui ne s'arrête jamais.*

By Nikola Rek (Year 9)



DIARY DATES FOR PARENTS

Term Times

	School opens	School closes
Autumn Term (1st half)	2nd September 2014	24th October 2014
Autumn Term (2nd half)	3rd November 2014	19th December 2014
Spring Term (1st half)	5th January 2015	13th February 2015
Spring Term (2nd half)	23rd February 2015	2nd March 2015
Summer Term (1st half)	20th April 2015	22nd May 2015
Summer Term (2nd half)	1st June 2015	22nd July 2015

Bank Holidays (not in school holiday time)

4th May 2015	May Day
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Inset Days

Tuesday 2nd September 2014	Friday 19th December 2014
Wednesday 3rd September 2014	Friday 13th March 2015
Wednesday 8th October 2014	Friday 19th June 2015

Early Closures (school will close at 12.30pm) – Late Starts (school will open at 10.30am)

26th September 2014 – Late start	22nd June 2015 – Late start
18th December 2014 – Early finish	22nd July 2015 – Early finish

Information & Guidance Days (students & parents attend appointment time only)

30th September 2014
30th June 2015

Extra Curricular Events

5th September 2014 – Year 11 Enrichment Trip	6th March 2015 – Ski Trip
18th September 2014 – Year 7 Parents Welcome Evening	12th March 2015 – Year 10 Subject Review Evening
22nd September 2014 – Open Afternoon	26th March 2015 – Year 11 Intervention Parent/Tutor Evening
25th September 2014 – Open Evening	7th May 2015 – Year 7 Subject Review Evening
29th September 2014 – Open Morning	1st June 2015 – Year 9 trip to Ardeche
1st October 2014 – Open Afternoon	22nd June 2015 – Year 11 Leavers' Assembly (tbc)
14th October 2014 – Parents Forum	23rd June 2015 – Parents Forum
13th November 2014 – Year 11 (2013-14) Presentation Evening	29th June 2015 – Year 11 Prom (tbc)
26th November 2014 – Year 11 Subject Review Evening	3rd July 2015 – Sports Day
22nd January 2015 – Year 9 Subject Review Evening	8th July 2015 – Awards Evening Years 7 & 8
29th January 2015 – Year 8 Subject Review Evening	9th July 2015 – Awards Evening Years 9 & 10
12th February 2015 – Year 8 & 9 Choices Evening	