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WELCOME

Headteacher's Welcome

Welcome to the Spring 2017 edition of the Regents Review. In re-reading the Spring edition 2015 of the Regents Review there is a sense of *deja vu*. Again we celebrate our success of the Rock Challenge team winning their heat, good luck to them in the final on the 27th April in Portsmouth. I am also very pleased to announce that Regents Park has been nationally recognised for its exceptional 2016 performance.

Educational outcomes data analysis has shown that the school is in the top 10% of schools nationally for progress. This is the third year in a row that the school has been recognised, quite an achievement! The SSAT Chief Executive said 'We know how hard teachers work to ensure the success of every child. SSAT's Educational Outcomes award recognises the professionalism, commitment and hard work of the leaders, teachers and students at Regents Park'. Our

thoughts are now on ensuring the current Year 11 perform as well this year and I wish them the very best with their exams that will commence shortly after the Easter break.

As you can see this has been a very busy term, one of my highlights was accompanying the students over half term to Barcelona. It was a real privilege to see how amazing our students are not only in school but outside of school.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our community a very happy and restful Easter break

Jonty Archibald
Headteacher

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GENERAL NEWS

Let's Get Political: Year 11 Girls Take Part in BBC Show

In March ex-student and current BBC reporter, Emma Vardy, visited Regents Park Community College to discuss feminism in the 21st Century. As part of a feature for BBC 2's Daily Politics show, she interviewed Year 11 girls about their aspirations and whether they thought sexism was an issue in education and the workplace.

The girls spoke confidently about gender stereotyping and their plans for the future. Unafraid to speak out, the girls were adamant that employment should be gained on the basis of ability, rather than gender, with some arguing against positive discrimination. It seems that not only do Regents Park girls have high expectations for their future, they do not want any special consideration. They simply want equal rights, equal opportunities and equal pay. And quite rightly so!

The discussion was broadcast on BBC 2's on Wednesday 8th March to coincide with International Women's Day.



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Ski Trip 2017



At the beginning of March four Regents Park students joined students from Bitterne Park and St Georges as part of a joint Southampton Schools Ski Trip. The resort chosen for 2017 was Risoul in the French Alps. A typical skiing village situated at 1850m in a larch and pine forest.

It was an excellent weeks skiing with near perfect conditions. Following two days of blue skies and sunshine there was over 50cm of fresh snow which fell over the middle 2 days. Students were able to experience fresh snow and skiing off piste through the trees.

All students made excellent progress with their skiing and all ski lessons were delivered by qualified French ESF ski instructors.

In the evening there were a wide range of activities including visiting local restaurants for crepes and pizza and sliding down the mountain on plastic sledges.

There will be letters in the summer term about next year's ski trip. If you know you are already interested give your name to Mr Brown. The cost of the trip is usually around £800 and is always in the spring term between Christmas and Easter.

Green & Proud School Rewards

The school rewards the students in many different ways. Departments send certificates or postcards home to reward excellent classwork, effort and homework. So far 597 certificates and 167 postcards home have been issued.

Students can also earn achievement points which cover not only achievement but also excellent attendance, uniform and behaviour. So far this school year 79,562 achievement points have been awarded. As these accumulate, students will then be awarded certificates.

100 points – Bronze
300 points – Silver
600 points – Gold

Up to the end of February 395 Bronze certificates have been awarded. The first silver certificate was awarded by Mr Archibald to **Joshua Pitter in Year 8**.

The newest award is “caught being good” where a student who is seen exceeding expectations or going above and beyond to make the school community a better place, is given a raffle ticket. This is entered into a weekly draw for a small gift to recognise their efforts.

We are very proud of the school's ethos to reward students under the new Green & Proud. The Heads of Year and Senior Management Team enjoy making positive phone calls to the top achievement point winners. This term Mr Archibald held his first reward tea for the top winners in each Year group.



Well done to all the winners so far this year and we look forward to celebrating more wonderful achievements over the next term.

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Rock Challenge 2017

On Tuesday 14th February, Regents Park competed in the 2017 Southampton heat of Rock Challenge a general education and drug prevention performing arts competition between secondary schools. Our performance was entitled '2+2=5' and was based on George Orwell's classic novel '1984'.

We had an amazing day at the Guildhall in Southampton and were delighted that the team embraced the spirit of Rock Challenge with their friendly and supportive behavior.

The performers, crew and staff have all been working tirelessly on our piece since September; choreographing, building and painting set, creating costumes and planning the production. This has taken a great deal of commitment and energy from staff and students and we would particularly like to mention the Year 11 production team who have run rehearsals and choreographed the majority of the piece.

Jess Crouch, Nancy Pope, Kirsty Taylor, Tayla Drodge, Zoe Snook, Kayleigh Andrews, Charli Macklin, Olivia Hewitt, Nisha Landa, Holly Parker, Laura Davis and Bridie Hardy.

We won our heat with some incredible scores from the judges and won the following awards of excellence;

Choreography, Performance Skill, Stage Use, Concept, Drama, Soundtrack, Costuming Character, Set Design and Function, Visual Enhancement, Stage Crew, Entertainment, Video Performance, Positive inclusion, and Cultural and Educational Achievement.

Thank you to all staff and parents that supported our performance and best of luck for the southern grand finals which are to be held on 27th April at Portsmouth Guildhall.



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Year 7

Year 7 have gone into 2017 with a bang! After the excellent first term they have continued in the same light. They are now well and truly part of the Regents Park Community and loving every minute.

A special mention has to go to all the Year 7s involved in the brilliant Rock Challenge event that won the heat and are now through to the area final at the Portsmouth Guildhall. Best of luck to all those involved. The Year 7 football team continues to go from strength to strength beating Oasis Lordshill 4-0 recently to progress to the next round of the cup. Students have also been very proactive and are looking to set up their own clubs and societies in the near future including cheerleading and water polo.

Inside the classroom the students have been making exceptional progress. They have been enjoying a wide variety of subjects and teaching styles.

Leadership has been high on the agenda this last term with many roles being created to give the students more say in how their school runs. We have had college council, head of year support, charity council, subject representatives and green and proud students. This is just to name a few of the opportunities.

It really has been another fantastic term. The buzz and excitement around Year 7 is infectious and it continues to be a pleasure to see them grow.

Mr Calton
Head of Year 7



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Year 8

Year 8 students have experienced an incredibly busy spring term – a term which has encompassed Year 8 exams, Pathways Evening and interviews, participation in a highly successful Rock Challenge production and Year 8 Parents' Evening.

Each of these events has been a testament to the continuing maturity and commitment of students in Year 8. They approached their exam week with an attitude more commensurate of older students, they immersed themselves in Rock Challenge, staying late for rehearsals and often giving up lunchtimes further and they demonstrated confidence and conviction in the subject choices they have made in preparation for Year 9.

In my role as Year 8 Link, it has been particularly rewarding to contact many Year 8 parents to congratulate your son or daughter on receiving so many achievement points.

Lesson visits also reveal some incredible achievements, both academically and through

improved effort and application. Stunning artwork, innovative thinking during Science week and commitment to Numeracy Ninjas are just a few areas which Year 8 students are to be congratulated on.

During Mr Sinclair's absence, it has been a privilege to support such a great bunch of students. I would also like to thank you for the support you have given your son or daughter during the spring term.

Mrs Cosford
Leadership Link - Year 8



Year 9

Wow! What a term Year 9 have had. Year 9 are half way through their time here at Regents Park.

Year 9s behaviour has thoroughly settled, achievement points are sky rocketing and there is a plan in place for their future. What a great way to end the term.

This term Year 9 have had amazing opportunities given to them, from the February half term trip to Barcelona, a great time had by all. Thank you to Miss Kingswell for organising the trip.

Before half term Year 9 students went to London to the Imperial War Museum. Students behaved impeccably and really enjoyed the opportunity that was given to them.

Students have also completed their Year 9 exams, which went well. In Drama students created a musical production for their exam, to put them well out of their comfort zone.

On Thursday 16th February students and parents joined me to look at pathways and all students have had their interviews. Students will soon know what options they will be taking in Year 10.

College council has taken a new direction as we move into KS4, we have been working with Miss Reed to deliver information about lessons and 'magic moments' that happen every week in Year 9 lessons. Year 9 have really

enjoyed being involved in this side of teaching and learning.

They have also chosen the next prop which will be used in our innovate teaching week which is coming up very soon.

As ever, Year 9 continue to make me proud as a Head of Year. Students are working together as a team and I can really see all of them maturing, I hope you can too.

I wish you a happy, safe holiday and I look forward to our final term as KS3!

Miss Bishop
Head of Year 9

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Year 10

This term has been a very successful term for Year 10. The students have been working hard in all of their subjects and initial data analysis has shown most on track to achieve.

There have been some great activities that Year 10 have been involved with, from the Royal Navy Challenge to Southampton University and Big Interview. The students have been very successful and engaged in these activities throughout. Prom has been a big focus for College Council and our prom committee. We wanted to get organised super early and have chosen a fantastic venue for 2018. The students have been working hard to fundraise and are currently planning a disco and film night for KS3 students.

Unfortunately this is my last term at Regents Park Community College. I would like to take this opportunity to thank every one of the amazing students, parents and my wonderful colleagues

here. I have enjoyed being Head of Year so much and wish the cohort all the success for their futures. I am looking forward to following the very successful careers from you all!

All the best,

Miss Hocking
Head of Year 10



Parental Engagement

Thank you to all parents who attended the Parent Forum on 2nd February. Your feedback on a variety of topics such homework, the school's website, trips and communication with parents was greatly appreciated and will help us improve and reshape our practice. The points raised have been passed on to relevant Senior Management links for discussion.

The next Parent Forum is scheduled for Thursday 22nd June and will run from 6.30 – 7.30pm. Details and information regarding the agenda will be posted on the college's website at the beginning of June. Refreshments are provided and all are welcome.

If you would like to suggest an item for the agenda, please use the email info@regentspark.southampton.sch.uk and please specify for the attention of Mrs Cosford.

Alternatively, you can pick up a suggestion slip at reception. Suggestion slips can be posted in the parental suggestion box in reception.

RPCC's New PE Kit

From September 2017 we are excited to announce that there will be a new RPCC PE kit. Students have raised the desire to update the current PE kit through College Council. After a period of consultation with students, parents and governors, we are excited to announce the new PE kit will be launched very soon.

In September 2017, Year 7 students will all be wearing our new kit. For our current students there will be a gradual transition period and we recognise that families may not want to purchase new PE kit when the old style kit fits and is in good condition. Therefore, current students will be able to wear their current RPCC PE kit until they need to purchase a new one, even into the 2017/2018 academic year.

Students who require a replacement PE kit before the summer, may not wish to purchase the existing kit knowing that the new one will be arriving soon. If this is the case, we ask that students bring in a note from home explaining this and a suitable alternative, preferably a plain white T-shirt and plain shorts or tracksuit bottoms. Skoolkit have indicated that the new uniform will be available to order from June 2017 onwards.

The new kit consists of a compulsory RPCC polo-shirt, shorts, trousers or sports leggings. Optional RPCC 1/4 zip sweatshirt and optional blue or black baselayer.

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Year 11

Students in Year 11 came back after a well deserved Christmas break and have made a fantastic start to the New Year. Behaviours for learning in the Year group are very good which has meant that students are feeling comfortable and confident in their classroom environments. The attitude of most students suggests that the importance of their GCSE exams is very evident to them.

As a school, we are looking to capitalize on this sense of urgency and encourage all students to take ownership of their learning and revision. The best revision is that done in class time but there are a variety of before and after school opportunities for all students. In addition, the school has made every student aware of the additional online resources available including GCSEpod, Doodle, Maths Watch, Pixl maths App, Pixl English app and Maths Genie. Revision resources are available for students in the student area and for £2 from reception.

In addition to the hard work in school, most students have now accepted, been offered or are interviewing for college places. Many colleges are still hosting Open Evenings which are always worth attending to find out more about courses, qualifications, facilities and to meet their future teachers. We would encourage students to attend these where possible.

As well as the hard work, there is plenty to look forward to. NCS youth options have been promoting their amazing outdoor activity fortnight during the summer holidays. It's a fantastic opportunity for all young people to be involved with and it is very good value considering the experiences that are on offer. Many students have already signed up but there is still time to get involved. NCS will be back in March to hand out more application forms but they can also be contacted through their website

<http://www.youthoptions.co.uk>.

Year 11 are also busy preparing for their Prom. We are delighted to confirm that on Wednesday 28th June 2017, they will be celebrating the end of their school days in the beautiful setting and buildings of Chilworth Manor. To raise money, the Prom committee have been organising a number of events including cake sales and the Regents Park Bake Off! All the teachers and staff are thoroughly looking forward to celebrating with you on the 28th!

As these important exams get closer, we would encourage all students and parents to engage with us in promoting quality revision and a healthy lifestyle for the students. For any further information on how to do this, please feel free to contact myself or Mr Brown for advice and guidance.

Finally, can I say a big thank you to the Student Leadership Team who have been working extremely hard to represent their year group and effect improvements around the school raised through our student voice. They are doing an amazing job of managing this responsibility along with their studies. Thank you also to the teachers, tutors and other staff that have helped and supported Year 11 so far. We are very proud of you all and wish you all the best for your GCSEs.

Mr Holloway
Head of Year 11



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Careers

Big Interview Day

Big Interview Day on Friday 3rd February was a fantastic day of careers development for our Year 10 students. Every Year 10 had the opportunity to have a one-to-one mock interview from a Southampton business leader who took them through a series of traditional interview questions. The outcome was excellent, as students who went in nervous came out feeling 10 feet tall after realising how much they had to offer. We were lucky enough to have representatives from ABP, DP World, Bond Dickinson, Solent LEP, Capita, Teaching Personnel and Saltrick & Saltrick and also enjoyed the day immensely. Their highlights were meeting “very inspiring young people” and “seeing the students grow in confidence as each interview progressed”. We know that this experience will give them the foundations to succeed in their upcoming work experience placements (July 10th – 14th) and college and apprenticeship interviews.



ABP Visit - Competition

During the Careers Festival, we ran a competition to create an advert to persuade potential employees to work at the Port of Southampton and promote the city as an exciting place to live and work. The prize for the winning students was a visit to the Port of Southampton where they had a tour. They also took part in a question and answer session with the staff who run the UK’s most productive port.

Talal Alzahrani’s diary of the day (Year 7)

“We got a tour around the port and we got a closer look at the Ventura cruise ship. We saw how they load new cars onto the ships that take them away. We also saw the containers that contain lots of goods like Ipods, toys, etc. Ian from ABP said, “we are the 2nd biggest port in the world.” We really enjoyed this trip. And finally, a fun fact, BMW Mini is manufactured in England!”

ABP Competition Winners



| Year 7 | Year 8 | Year 9 |
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| Emma Gill | Kinga Kruszynska | Aaron Neary |
| Julia Pugesek | Klaudia Reczka | Noah Hunt |
| Matthew Fredericks | Mathilda Parker | Luke Day |
| Alex Gesteira | Lauren Leckenby | |
| Kian Cheshire | Buch Bannerman | |
| Talal Alzahrani | | |

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Royal Navy Challenge

This academic year, Regents Park Community College was one of the few schools in the area to be invited by the Transformation Trust to participate in the Royal Navy Ratings Challenge. As part of this 10 of our Year 10 students are have been taking part in their leadership programme. Each month they have travelled to the Royal Navy base in Portsmouth to take part in a different challenge whereby a real life crisis is simulated and the students have to come up with a plan to solve the issue using various resources and members of the Navy team, and have also had a chance to experience the day-to-day activities of the navy. The four challenges have included: rescuing a stranded fishing boat in the artic, supporting with the Ebola crisis in Africa and helping to repair the damage left by a hurricane in the Caribbean. I am extremely proud to say they all passed the programme with flying colours and the students now look forward to the conclusions of the programme; an overnight stay on HMS Bristol after Easter.

Mrs Smith



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| Kinga Kruszynska |
| Annalise Foley |
| Jasmine Atkins |
| Karolina Gaudzinska |
| Thomas Farrelly |
| Klaudia Redczka |
| Klaudia Fiskewycz |
| Jack Young |
| James Tindall |
| Samiesha Knowles |
| Jessica Leonard |
| Bethany Hurst |
| Eleanor Hartley |
| Ethan Whybrew |
| Arash Najd |
| Josh Pitter |

Transition Session with Wordsworth

On the 9th February 39 Year 6 pupils from Wordsworth came to visit Regents Park Community College for the afternoon. They were divided into three groups. Each group worked in a specific area for the whole afternoon. One group worked in art, creating a clay tile. Another group worked in food. The final group worked in Textiles creating a patchwork piece based on Minecraft. The whole afternoon was a huge success. The pupils all created some fantastic pieces of work. They were supported by teachers from both schools and a selection of Year 8 students from Regents Park. Wordsworth will be coming back in the summer term to complete a further two rotations. We look forward to welcoming them back.

We would like to thank the following Year 8 students to the left for their support.

Mrs Selfe, Mrs Fishlock & Miss Hocking

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World Book Day 2017

As usual, Regents Park Community College threw itself into the spirit of World Book Day, with staff topping their outfits from last year with a fairy tale theme to mark the day's 20th anniversary.

The day saw staff dressing up flamboyantly as a range of characters including: The 3 Little Pigs and the Big Bad Wolf; Little Red Riding Hood; Sleeping Beauty; the Mad-hatter and many more.

There were many activities for students to take part in which included: a 'character hunt' to identify their favourite book characters around school; reading themed lessons and several competitions designed to promote a love of reading.



Library

First of all a big well done to Natalia Nych for being the first finisher of the 2017 reading challenge! I'm impressed by how quickly you managed it and I hope you enjoyed the sweets! Some students who also deserve mentioning for their continued efforts are Kian Cheshire, Sam Cartmel, Riley Knowles and Hannah McArthur. Well done to you all. Remember the challenge runs until Summer so you still have plenty of time to complete and get your name in the prize draw. There are two really amazing prizes to be won!

A big well done also to Mathilda Parker, Arash Najd and Kieran Graham in 8BZ for dominating the top of the Accelerated Reader Board this term. Keep quizzing guys!

I'd also like to take the opportunity to advertise our new Pretty Little Liars club, happening two Fridays in a month after school. We will be watching the series from the beginning and discussing how the TV show differs to the books as well as the identity of A. No spoilers allowed!

Once again if there are any clubs you would like to see in the library please let me know and a big thank you for your continued enthusiasm!

Farm School

Farm school continues to be very popular. Year 7 students are invited to enter a draw to win the opportunity to attend. Below is a picture of some of our lucky winners.

Dog walking and horse grooming continue to be the most popular activities whilst, surprisingly, stable and kennel cleaning are the least popular.

If there is a litter of puppies students are able to give them names. Mrs Rogers ran out of inspiration a long time ago. Cookie, Buddy and Hacky have now moved on to their new homes. Once all the hard work is completed there is time for a hot chocolate and a snack before heading back to school



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English

KS3 English News

Visiting Poet

The English department were lucky enough to be able to invite published poet 'Dai George' in on 23rd March to work with students in Year 8 and 9. Students took part in a poetry workshop designed to motivate and inspire a love of poetry. The result of the day was some unique and moving pieces centred around the theme of Southampton.

Innovation in English

The English department have been working extra hard to make sure lessons are engaging and fun for students; this term has seen a range of activities taking place in lessons for example: a year 7 class took part in a mock trial based on the Ballad unit which saw them take on roles in a courtroom – Miss Reed was the judge.

Exams in English

The English team were pleased with the students' level of maturity during the exams that were sat by all students in Key Stage 3. Students sat exams in both reading and writing, in the style of GCSE, in order to prepare them for the vigour of future exams.



Top Tips for English Revision

1. Ensure you have a revision timetable and it covers all the necessary elements that you need to cover.
2. Make sure you know how to revise; use effective techniques like mind-mapping character and themes for Literature texts. This will help you remember key characters and quotes associated with them.
3. Revise little and often.
4. Use flow diagrams to help you structure your exam practise.
5. Make sure you're familiar with the mark-schemes; your teachers will be sharing these with you in lessons on a regular basis.
6. Know your weaknesses and target your revision in these areas.

KS4 English News

Year 10 Spoken Language Endorsement

Students in Year 10 have been completing their speaking and listening endorsements this term. This is an important part of the GCSE English Language course which requires students to deliver a presentation to an audience, helping to build invaluable skills and develop confidence. Topics have been delivered on a variety of subject matter including on: how 'Meme culture' shapes our teenagers; the importance of being a football fan; taking part in Rock Challenge and lots more insightful topics.

Year 11

Students have sat their pre-public examinations this term which will help prepare them for their fast-approaching GCSEs in May and June. There are lots of things going on in the English department to support students in making great progress and meeting their target grades.

GCSE Pod for English

The English Department encourages students to log on to GCSE Pod – which can be accessed through the school's website or using the link below – to utilise a range of podcasts linked to key English Literature texts. There are lots of resources available to support students in revising for English and English Literature. We think the following websites are particularly useful and encourage parents to support their children making the most of their time:

www.bbcbitese.co.uk

www.gcsepod.com/gcsepod_content/english/

www.englishapp.pixl.org.uk/PIXLit.swf

Revision sessions also run every Tuesday on the English corridor. Morning sessions commence at 8am and focus on spelling, punctuation and grammar. Afternoon sessions run from 2:45-3:45pm and have a Literature focus.

Good luck Year 11. We know how hard you are working and have every confidence in your ability to succeed!

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Mathematics

KS3

Year 7

In Year 7 students have been continuing their daily focus on Numeracy Ninjas to improve their basic numeracy. Lollies and Numeracy Ninja Belt postcards are their reward for their great enthusiasm in this new initiative.

Year 8

Year 8 tutor groups compete against each other in an inter-tutor Numeracy Ninja battle.

Last term's worthy winners were Miss Groves' tutor group with Mr Winson's tutor group finally able to match them last month. Well done to all the students in Year 8 for contributing towards each class' average "scores on the doors".

KS4

Life for our Year 11s just got a whole lot more serious with the realisation that their GCSEs are just a matter of months away. The scheme of work has now been taught so all groups are busy revising key topic areas and working on improving their examination technique. There is a real plethora of resources to help students so there really is something out there for everyone to help themselves improve in maths. If you are someone who prefers to work from a revision guide, these have already been provided to all students. Alternative students might like to purchase a targeted revision pack from the Main Office (priced at £2). These can also be downloaded directly from the student area at no charge.

The Pixl Maths App is a great resource which can be accessed anywhere at anytime via a Smart

phone, ipad, laptop or PC. We would also strongly recommend Mathswatch or Maths Genie as particularly useful websites where students can watch video clips, tackle questions on specific topic areas and check their answers with the worked solutions.



Making it memorable

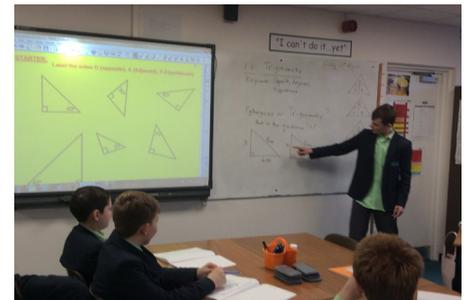
In maths we endeavour to use a range of resources and strategies to make maths both as relevant for real life as possible as well as really memorable for our students. This includes playing songs such as the firm favourite "The Circle Song". We also use songs, reworked by artists and bands such as The Hoosiers, McFly and One Direction, in our "Maths in the Music" fun starters. One very talented singer/songwriter in Year 8, Jessica Leonard, even wrote her own song, lyrics and maths calculation which she performed to students who then had to do the calculation as she sang it. What a wealth of talent we have at Regents Park!



In Miss Bateson's Year 9 lesson students used chocolate biscuits as the incentive to solve problems as efficiently as possible in order to get to eat the resources.



"Maths with Matti" made its return recently with Year 8 student, Matti Burek, introducing the topic of trigonometry to his class mates, much to their amusement.



Cross Curricular Work

Lots of work has been carried out to develop numeracy across the curriculum. The Maths Department has been working collaboratively with the Science Department to streamline how and when we deliver certain topics within our curriculums which overlap the two subject areas. Both Departments are encouraging better use of calculators now that two out of the three Maths GCSE papers are calculator based.

MFL have included examples of symmetry in their displays of famous French monuments. Even in English Maths can be seen in action where Mrs Tavender's

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group collected data on the average number of words of varying lengths to highlight the difference between tabloid and broadsheet newspapers.



Statistics

In Statistics this term we have been completing our controlled assessment on estimating the mass of objects before and after holding a given mass. Congratulations to Jacob Hadaway for guessing the mass of Miss Jones' marrow to the nearest gram and to Mr Keenan for guessing the mass of the apple, even though he used pounds and ounces!

Science

Breakfast Club

Year 11s have been invited to join Mrs Griffiths and Mr Moth for a spot of breakfast and science revision on a Wednesday morning in S4 from 7:45 - 8:20am. Our fantastic Year 11 students are keen to use this time to recap key concepts to help prepare them for their exams in May. If you haven't yet made it to one of our breakfast club sessions, pop along next week!

people to consider the changes they can enact to have a positive impact on the future. Students have looked into scientific breakthroughs in assemblies and taken part in lessons based on climate change, technological change or the development of forensic techniques.

On Tuesday 14th March, all Year 8 students took part in our STEM 'Energy of the future' day. Students participated in different workshops to analyse the issues related to the continued use of fossil fuels and potential alternative energy solutions. Activities included designing a wind turbine, creating a solar heater and investigating the energy released by different foods and fossil fuels. Students and staff alike had a fab day peering ahead into our future!

all Year 7 students had the opportunity to take part in a session run by visitors from the University of Southampton. The workshop was about animals' adaptations to their environment. Students got to look at and touch skulls of different animals to try and identify what the animal might have been. Students also learned about why these characteristics are important and what is endangering these species. Year 7 had a great time looking into the past!

After School Revision

Not a morning person? Pop by Mr Graine's room (room 20) on a Thursday 2.40-3.40 for some extra revision support.

Science Week

The theme for British Science Week this year is 'Change'. The aim is to encourage young people to think about and investigate the changes happening in the world all around us; from seasons and climate, to materials and energy. It is also a chance for young



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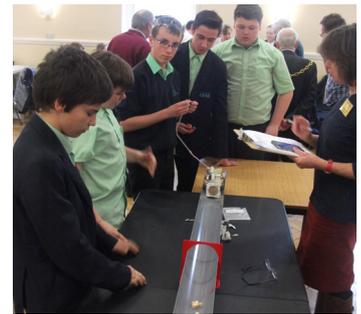
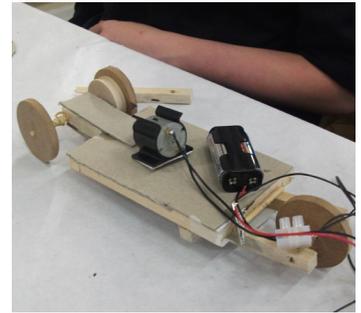
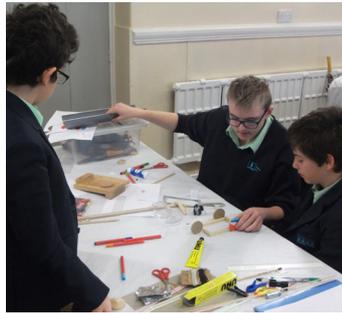
Technology & ICT

Rotary Design Technology Challenge

For the second year in a row we had the pleasure to enter teams in the Rotary organisation’s technology challenge for Southampton schools. Students worked in teams of up to 4 to create a battery powered vehicle that could travel along a section of guttering meant to represent a tunnel.

There was a total of four hours to complete the task including presenting a folder of their design work. The teams were using skills practised in technology club on Friday afternoons as we had pre-released information it would be about vehicles. The teams were as follows:

Although not coming back with any silverware, team B were the most successful with their vehicle,



| Team A | Team B | Team C |
|-----------------|---------------|---------------|
| Hannah Grave | Luke Day | Alex Gesteira |
| Mia Breedon | Chris Beesley | Alfie Bell |
| Jess Barclay | Noah Hunt | Gary Hearn |
| Marcos Gesteira | Owen Gray | |

making its way along in roughly 5 seconds. It was an enjoyable outing for all those present and gave lots of opportunities for creativity and team work through problem solving. Keep an ear open for next year’s competition, I will be looking for good designers and builders.

ICT

The following Year 11 students have all completed the European Computer Driving Licence as an IT skills qualification. Students had to complete 4 online units that demonstrated skills in Word Processing, Presentation and Spreadsheet software as well as business productivity.

All of the students to the right were able to achieve the highest award possible of Distinction* and should therefore be congratulated on having done so well.

A number of other Year 11 students are currently working towards completing the same award and it is hoped that alongside the students above they will go on to achieve excellent outcomes on completion of the course.

Mr Strange
Head of IT & Technology

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| Harry Adams | Joshua Hinayhinay |
| Jordan Aldridge | Fahim Islam |
| Amrin Begum | Tyler Jerrim |
| Nicholas Cheshire | Nikhil Kumar |
| Navraj Chungh | Patryk Mikietynski |
| Samuel Coleman | Toby Parker |
| Cameron Cook | Raphael Patricio |
| Benjamin Grave | Drew Richardson |
| Jacob Hadaway | Jeremiah Scariya |

DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

Physical Education

This term has again been extremely busy in the PE department. The second half of the football season has continued and we have been very successful with good league results and our Year 7 team



getting through to the semi-final of the cup where they will play a very strong Sholing side. All the teams have pulled together and developed a clear vision for their squad. The boys have shown a great desire and maturity to play to our strengths and collectively develop a team ethos and strategy against some extremely tough

opposition. Well done to all and we look forward to seeing the final standings shortly. An extra well done to Jack Mabey who on top of scoring 4 goals in the victory against Cantell, has been representing Southampton and Hampshire Schools U14s.

Our extra-curricular programme has again been superbly attended this half term. We have seen over 250 students attend our after school clubs and PE Champion lunch time programme. This has been the first term we have run a basketball club and seen over 50 boys and girls attend some weeks which has been fantastic! Upon returning from the Easter Holidays we will be commencing with our summer programme that will consist of rounders, athletics and others. We hope students will thrive in these as much as they have in our current clubs!

This term marked our 5th year of working with the RFU. We thank them very much for their continued support that has seen our students embrace the amazing opportunities to regularly participate in rugby, both in our curriculum and extra curricular.



PE Champions

Our PE Champions have continued to work hard to drive forward the department. On 9th December 2016 they ran their first PE Champion Day as a team which was a huge success. Branson, Parks and Rowling competed brilliantly in dodgeball and water polo tournaments. Students' feedback showed they thoroughly enjoyed their competition areas and developing their knowledge, skill and understanding of the games. Well done to the PE Champions for organising a fantastic day!

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Charity Auction

The team have also started organising a charity auction where they have each written to celebrities they are inspired by to ask for support in our fund raising efforts. The date for the auction will be confirmed shortly.



DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

Languages

Year 9 Celebration Morning - 26th January

On Thursday 26th January, 60 Year 9 students were selected to take part in the MFL Celebration morning. We had a variety of activities running throughout the morning and some external visitors gave up their time to come in and support with this exciting event.

Firstly, all students involved, had a session to reflect upon why languages are important and also considered their own mindset in MFL lessons. We were also lucky enough to have some Languages students from Richard Tauntons Sixth Form College to talk about why they chose to study a language at AS/A-level.

Following this we had Rozenn Ghorbanian, a Farsi-speaking tutor from the Solent University, deliver a taster session in Farsi to some students. Other students had an opportunity to learn some basic Mandarin with Dr Lu from the University of Southampton. Ms Loubier and Miss Kingswell delivered a highly engaging GCSE style lesson based around a murder mystery in French and Spanish respectively, which was full of suspense.

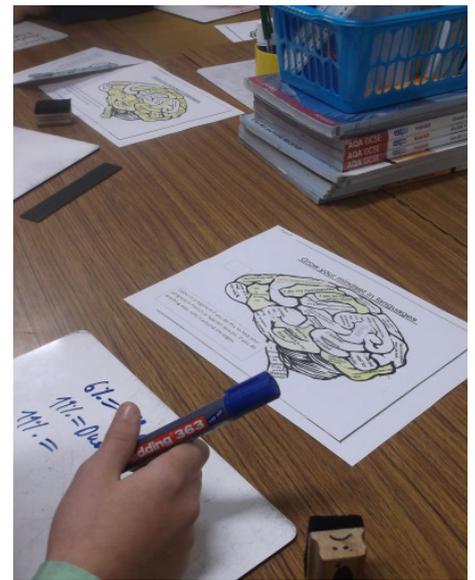
Mrs Sturdy and Miss Genevet, our MFL PGCE student, worked in the Food Technology room and gave students the opportunity to make their own crêpes and tortilla and then sample, of course.

The Year 9 students involved were a credit to their year group and were great ambassadors for the school when talking to the visiting teachers. Here are some of their

comments from after the event.

Ernest: "I found out that I'm amazing at making crêpes and that Mandarin is a fun language"

Ajay: "The 2 best things were the GCSE taster session and the cooking."



Work on Growth Mindset in MFL



Dr Lu delivering a Mandarin session



Crime scene for taster lesson



Lewis Jones enjoying his tortilla



DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

Barcelona Trip

During February half term, we took 35 students on a trip to Barcelona. Despite the early start, students were very excited to get our journey started and we started the drive to Heathrow Airport. After a short flight, we spent the first day exploring Barcelona and settling into our Hostel. Over the weekend we visited Las Ramblas, La Sagrada Familia and the CosmoCaixa Science Museum.

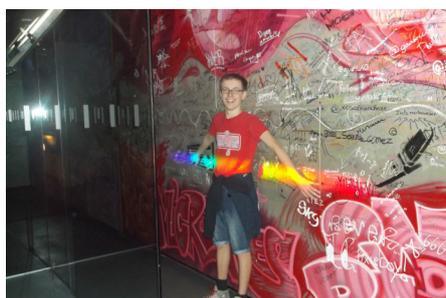
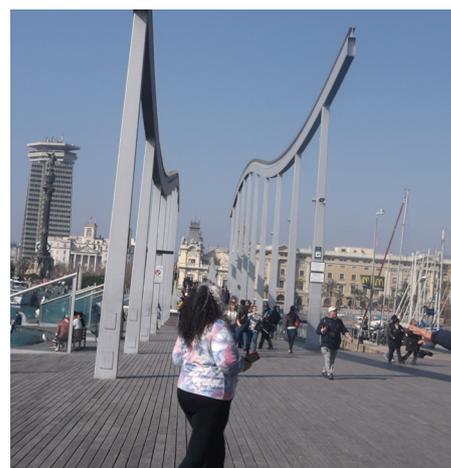
Students particularly enjoyed visiting Camp Nou and seeing where Lionel Messi and Barcelona

play, many students - and staff, left the stadium with shopping bags full of footballs, shirts and other Barcelona themed gifts. On the final night, after a busy day exploring the sunny Parc Guell, we ate at the Hard Rock Café at Plaza Catalunya and were then fortunate enough to watch a flamenco show. Although we were impressed by the dancers, it really was Nathan Stark and Sam Bowyer who stole the show with their inspired improvisation!

The trip ended with a visit to Port Vell where we sat outside and enjoyed the February sunshine

with an ice-cream! We would like to thank Mrs Stevens, Mr Archibald, Miss Moore and Mrs Moore for all of their hard work whilst away in Spain!

The MFL department are now looking forward to Boulogne in July, the Christmas Markets in Lille and hopefully a trip to Madrid in October 2018!



DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

Creative Arts

Music GCSE

On March 27th, several young musicians from Regents Park travelled to Shirley Salvation Army to perform a concert to The Cameo Club who meets there every Monday afternoon to share together and enjoy varied performances from a range of entertainers.

This is the second time that Regents Park pupils have performed at this venue but the first time specifically to The Cameo Club. The schools previous performance was four years ago, when some of our current Year 10 GCSE music pupils were in Year 7. Some of those pupils returned again for this concert and enjoyed demonstrating how their musicianship has improved significantly over the last four years.

The concert was a good demonstration of Regents Park's musical talent with pupils from Year 8, 10 and 11 representing the school. The programme included a varied range of performances, with instrumental solos from Alex Keith on guitar, Steve Johnson on piano and Alice Simms on flute. The instrumentalists were also joined by three vocal solos including Mitzi Kirkham, Eleanor Hartley and Crystal Turner Brightman singing a repertoire of songs from the musicals Cats, Chess, Wicked and Hairspray. The revellers at The Cameo Club also enjoyed a rendition of Londonderry Air (Oh Danny Boy) by an ensemble of Violin solo by Jessica Leonard who was accompanied by a trio harmonious flutes.

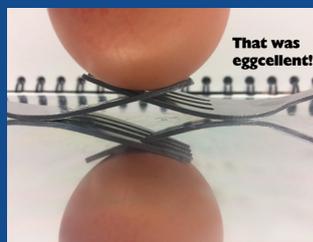
Rotary's International Competition

In February, the whole of Year 10 photography entered the Rotary's International competition.

They had to create three photos with the theme of 'reflections'. We had so many entries that it was too hard for us to judge, so instead Grayson from the Rotary club came in to judge for us and was amazed by the level of dedication from our students.

Well done to the winner, Angel Freeman.

The next step is national and then international.



DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

PSHE

In the Spring Term, various year groups have had the opportunity to take part in PSHE sessions with both the Health and Wellbeing worker and external agencies such as No Limits. In January there were workshops focused on Body Changes and in March the theme was in Staying Safe.



‘Hidden’ - Self Harm Play

On Wednesday 14th December, Year 10 and 11 students got the opportunity to see a professional production of ‘Hidden’ as part of the PSHE programme. This play covered the sensitive issues of self-worth, mental health and self-harm through the stories of three teenagers that meet at a music festival but go to different schools, have different friendship groups and have led very different lives. What they have in common are their struggles which are explored through this performance. Although it covered a challenging subject, students and staff felt it was an important one and was delivered brilliantly.



DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

Humanities



Year 10 Worldwide Quiz

Back in December, four of the Year 10 Geography students took part in the Hampshire World Wide Quiz. It was an incredibly hard quiz but the boys rose to the occasion and ended up coming a respectable 5th out of 9 schools from across Hampshire. See how you would fare...

Below are three of the hardest questions the boys had to face:

- 1 - How many school meals are served per day across 550 schools?**
- 2 - How many miles of road does Hampshire have?**
- 3 - Roughly how many million cruise passengers per year have Southampton as their preferred choice of port for cruise holidays?**

Gunwharf Quays Trip

On Thursday 2nd March the Year 10 Geography students went to Gunwharf Quays in Portsmouth as part of their GCSE course. The students were looking at whether Gunwharf Quays had any influence over the immediate area. The students collected some thorough data and have since devised some very insightful conclusions about the influence a shopping centre can have on people. The students also very much enjoyed the shopping!



RE - In The News

A fascinating opportunity arose at Winchester University this half term for our Year 10 students! Students had the appealing chance to experience life as university students, where they attended a variety of different lectures on subjects ranging from 'Morality' to 'the meaning of Religious Art'. Joined by Mr Spencer and Mr Pine, the school even won the quiz at the end of the day and beat the other schools that were attending the event! Well done to all those who attended. It was a fantastic day out that the RE department is keen to repeat in the future!



DEPARTMENTAL NEWS

History

On Monday 6th February 2017, Year 9 students visited the Imperial War Museum to develop their understanding of the holocaust through visiting the award-winning holocaust exhibition. Students learned how the political climate enabled Hitler to rise to power and how his ideas spread throughout the country, ultimately affecting people all around the world. They also took part in a learning session with Imperial War Museum lecturers to discuss and debate the history and controversies of the holocaust.



Year 7 Geography Revision

On the 16th March 2017 Year 7 students took part in geography revision session ready for their exam week. It was a fun filled revision session of pass the parcel and drawing on tables but students did well to recap their knowledge of grid references, sustainability, development and more.

Miss Cannon
Head of Geography



April - July 2017

PE Clubs and Fixtures

| Day | When | Activity | Time | Venue |
|-----------|--------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|
| Monday | After School | BTEC Sport Catch Up | 2:40pm - 3:40pm | PE Classroom |
| Tuesday | After School | BTEC Sport Catch Up | 2:40pm - 3:40pm | PE Classroom |
| Wednesday | After School | Athletics Club - All Years | 2:40pm - 3:40pm | On site or Sports Centre |
| | After School | BTEC Sport Catch Up | 2:40pm - 3:40pm | PE Classroom |
| Thursday | After School | Girls Football Club - All Years | 2:40pm - 3:40pm | All Weather Pitch |
| | | Rounders Club - All Years | 2:40pm - 3:40pm | Courts |
| | | BTEC Sport Catch Up | 2:40pm - 3:40pm | PE Classroom |
| Friday | Lunch Time | Basketball Club - All Years | 12:30pm - 12:50pm | Gym |
| | After School | BTEC Sport Catch Up | 2:40pm - 3:40pm | PE Classroom |

See PE Champion notice board for lunch time clubs on offer. Football fixtures will recommence after half term.

April - July 2017

Clubs and Classes

| Day | When | Activity | Time | Venue |
|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Monday | Lunch | Debate Club | 12:30pm - 1:00pm | Room 13 |
| Tuesday | After School | RE Revision and Homework | 2:45pm - 3:30pm | Room 7 |
| | | KS3/KS4 Geography Catch-up Club | 2:45pm - 3:30pm | Room 24 |
| | | History Targeted Groups | 2:45pm - 4:00pm | Humanities |
| | | English Revision | 2:40pm - 3:40pm | English |
| | | KS3 Art Club | 2:40pm - 3:40pm | Room 18 |
| | | GCSE Music Catch-up | 2:40pm - 3:40pm | M1 |
| | | Year 7 Conservation | 2:40pm - 4:00pm | S2 |
| | | Year 10 & 11 ICT Intervention | 2:40pm - 3:40pm | Rooms 21 & 22 |
| Wednesday | Before School | Science Breakfast Club | 7:45am - 8:25am | Science |
| | Lunch | French Cinema Club | 12:30pm - 1:00pm | Room 38 |
| | | KS3 Drama Club | 12:30pm - 1:00pm | Room 19 |
| | After School | Games Club | 3:00pm - 4:00pm | Room 12 |
| | | STEM Club | 2:40pm - 3:40pm | S5 |
| | | Year 11 Geography Revision | 2:45pm - 4:00pm | Humanities |
| Year 11 History Revision | | 2:45pm - 4:00pm | Humanities | |
| Thursday | Lunch | Debate Club | 12:30pm - 1:00pm | Room 7 |
| | After School | Science Revision - Years 10 & 11 | 2:40pm - 3:40pm | Science |
| Keyboard Club | | 2:40pm - 3:30pm | M1 | |
| Year 11 ICT Intervention | | 2:40pm - 3:40pm | Rooms 21 & 22 | |
| KS4 Languages Exam Skills | | 2:45pm - 4:00pm | Rooms 38, 39 & 41 | |
| Creative Writing Club | | 2:40pm - 3:40pm | Room 13 | |
| Friday | Lunch | Spanish Cinema Club | 12:30pm - 1:00pm | Room 41 |
| | | KS4 Languages Conversation Skills | 12:30pm - 1:00pm | Room 39 |
| | After School | Concert Band | 2:40pm - 3:40pm | M1 |
| | | KS4 Photography Club with Mrs Selfe | 2:40pm - 3:40pm | M2 |
| | | Textiles Club | 2:40pm - 3:40pm | B2 |
| | Design Technology Club | 2:40pm - 3:40pm | DT Block | |

DIARY DATES FOR PARENTS

Term Dates

| | Term start | Term end |
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| Summer Term (1st half) | 24th April 2017 | 26th May 2017 |
| Summer Term (2nd half) | 5th June 2017 | 21st July 2017 |

School Holidays

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| Half Term | 29th May 2017 | 2nd June 2017 |
| Bank Holiday | 1st May 2017 | |

Inset Days

24th July 2017

25th July 2017

Calendar Events

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| 27th April 2017 | Year 7 Subject Review Evening 4-7pm |
| 5th May 2017 | Year 8 Imperial War Museum Trip |
| 11th May 2017 | Rounders Enrichment Day |
| 12th May 2017 | Learn With Us Trip |
| 18th May 2017 | Southampton City Swim Gala |
| 25th May 2017 | Year 8 & 9 History Amsterdam Trip |
| 15th June 2017 | RPCC's Elite Athletes' Day |
| 20th - 21st June 2017 | Year 7 Geography River Trip |
| 22nd June 2017 | Parent Forum |
| 26th June 2017 | Year 10 Mocks (2 weeks) |
| 28th June 2017 | Year 11 Leavers' Assembly - 2pm |
| 28th June 2017 | Year 11 Prom |
| 29th June 2017 | IAG Day |
| 3rd July 2017 | Year 10 Mocks |
| 5th July 2017 | Year 6 Transition Parents' Evening |
| 7th July 2017 | Sports Day |
| 10th July 2017 | Year 10 Work Experience (1 Week) |
| 13th July 2017 | Summer Fete |
| 18th July 2017 | RPCC'S X Factor |
| 21st July 2017 | Last Day of term for students |

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