The Regents Review



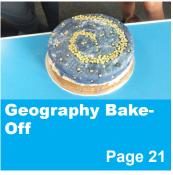
REGENTS PARK COMMUNITY COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

WINTER 2016











WELCOME

Headteacher's Welcome

Welcome to the Autumn 2016 edition of Regents Review.

Christmas seems to have come around very quickly this year, maybe it doesn't seem like Christmas due to the unseasonably warm weather. I hope you enjoy reading about all the amazing things that happen at Regents Park.

During this term we received data from the DFE (Department for Education) in relation to the school's performance. It was an absolute delight to see the school being placed in the top 10 of all schools nationally, last year top 14 and in 2014 top 10. This shows how well the school has continued to perform.

In November we had a school's monitoring visit by Alan Taylor-Bennett, Southampton school improvement team. He confirmed how well the school was doing, saying: "The good leadership of the school has driven improvements in many aspects of its work strongly over recent years. Their ambition for pupils' achievement and welfare, and their skill, give the school a good capacity to continue to improve."

I would like to pay tribute to all the staff that work so hard to ensure the school continues to thrive.

Finally, I wish all parents, community members, staff and students a very restful Christmas break.

Jonty Archibald Headteacher



GENERAL NEWS

Farm School



Every fortnight a number of students have been invited to attend Farm School. After a short minibus journey, students were kitted out in wellies and suitable clothing before being introduced to the animals - and jobs on the farm. Dogs have been walked, foals named and horses washed. Cuddling the puppies has proven very popular. The orchard was overflowing with apples which have been picked, made into pies and used by Miss Jones' statistics group to investigate variation.

Miss Ruberry





Trant Visit

On Friday 30th September, Regents Park's geography students were presented with 40 new Collins atlases by Brendan Down and Nikki Pullen the new atlases in future from Trant Engineering, a local company based at Rushington, in Totton.

Trant works in the field of civil. mechanical, electrical and process engineering, both in the UK and around the world. They were delighted to be able to link up with Regents Park Community College on this project to help our students learn about the world with

a current, colourful and stimulating resource.

Students will make use of geography lessons, when learning about population in China, the features of Antarctica or comparing development statistics for countries around the world.





Rich Cottell Review



On Thursday 13th October, Youtuber and musician Rich Cottell came to Regents Park to visit Years 7, 8 and 9. He spoke to them about Internet Safety in a way that the audience would understand. He also played some music and encouraged the audience to participate and sing along. He talked about some of the things that can happen on social media and online gaming and how to prevent any of those situations when online. Overall, the visit was a positive experience for the majority of Key Stage 3 and one that was sure to brighten up anyone's day.

Jessica Leonard Year 8 Student





Zig Zag Parking Offences

From 31st October 2016, Southampton City Council's new camera car enforcement vehicle has been in operation to tackle illegal parking on zig zags at Southampton schools. Warning letters were issued during the first 4 weeks of the new scheme, but from 28th November 2016 fines of £70 will be issued to offenders.

The additional parking enforcement measure at school entrances has been introduced in response to complaints and concerns raised by parents and teachers as children are being put at risk by irresponsible parking.

The special vehicle is equipped with the latest CCTV technology and has extensive CCTV signage on it making it clearly identifiable. During patrols, the car is able to gather footage of cars parked in restricted areas which the council will then review, and decide if a penalty charge notice should be issued.

We very much hope that this new enforcement measure will support the great work that is being undertaken by schools across the city to encourage walking, scooting and cycling to school.

Thank you.





Innovative Teaching Week November 2016

Regents Park teachers and students participated in another Innovative Teaching Week this



November, led by the Regents Park Community College Teaching and Learning Team.

This time each curriculum area was challenged to incorporate the contents

of a mystery box to create an engaging, new and exciting learning episode in their lessons.

The mystery boxes contained purple feathers, wooden spoons, red gloves, orange ping-pong balls and much more!



Students were engaged and inspired by the activities that their teachers prepared for them including Year 11, who used their red gloves as papermache models to explore Jekyll and Hyde's duality as a theme, and history students used their

wooden spoons to cook up ingredients for a battle!

We were delighted to see the resilience and enthusiasm in which the students participated and

they worked collaboratively to achieve great progress linked to some unusual teaching aids!

Some wonderful learning outcomes were recorded and we look forward to the next Innovative Teaching Week.



Year 7

Year 7 made a fantastic start at Regents Park. It can be a very daunting time starting secondary school, but the students seem to have done it with ease and are already an integral part of the Regents Park community.



With so much to celebrate it is hard to know where to start. Year 7 have been

involved in so much outside of the classroom. Football enrichment day was a big success; the Year 7 football team has since played 4 games (won 2 lost 2). The Year 7 rugby team also competed in the Hampshire schools cup and played some very exciting rugby, getting some excellent results. I am proud to say the Year 7s have got involved with all aspects of school

life including Rock Challenge and the school production of Camp Rock. Year 7 have also had the opportunity to visit Portchester and their behaviour



was commented on by staff and members of the public who said how amazing they were.

Inside the classroom the students have been experiencing lessons the Regents Park way. They have been enjoying a wide variety of



subjects and teaching styles. In a recent student survey of Year 7 all students said the lessons were good or excellent.

Attendance is very important to me as Head of Year because it is one of the biggest factors affecting academic progress. I am very pleased to announce that 56% of Year 7 students are on 100% attendance.

It really has been a fantastic term. I cannot thank Year 7 enough for



making
me feel so
welcome
and
working
so hard in
this first
term. I
hope you

have a fantastic Christmas break, eat lots and come back ready to hit the ground running in January!

Mr Calton
Head of Year 7

Library

I would like to take this opportunity to say hello to anyone I have not yet met and a big thank you to all the students who have welcomed me to Regents Park so far. It is a pleasure to be a part of such a vibrant school and I am looking forward to learning and growing alongside you all.

We have a lot of exciting opportunities in front of us such as reading groups, games clubs and perhaps, even film mornings so please keep visiting the library and exchanging your ideas with me. This library is a fun space to be enjoyed by all and I am keen for suggestions on making it even better!

I owe a big thank you to all the students who have undertaken the student librarian role this year: Oliver Piggott, Hannah McArthur, Annalise Foley, Zoe Swift, Aaron Lacey, Harmony Chadwick, Abbie Alexander, Chloe Gammon, Sam Cartmel, Adrian Munteanu, Angel Stocker, Leanna Boyd, Caitlyn Manning, Rachel Scott-Denness, Narisha Swali, Ashleigh Mpofu, Riley Knowles, Chloe Turner and Joshua Wellman-Bisson.

An even bigger thank you should go to Tshana Wilson and Korin Torres, who are responsible for teaching me everything I know about this school library... most importantly no DVDs near the detagger!

And finally congratulations to Tutor Groups: Branson FA, Branson PC, Parks EG, Rowling KB, Parks KO and Branson GRK for having the lowest overdues in the school. I appreciate your organisation and timekeeping when bringing books back. - Miss Pritchard (Library Co-ordinator)

Year 8

Year 8 has made a really positive start to the year, and I have seen a real maturity and a desire to achieve in lessons. I regularly visit Year 8 classes and it makes me proud to see Year 8 students fully engaged and enjoying lessons. As well as in school, it is evident that Year 8 students are working hard at home too. Mrs Barnes' outstanding homework board continues to display fantastic and inspiring pieces of work. There is so much great work on display it is difficult to see the colour of the wall! Rock challenge rehearsals are in full swing and Year 8 is well represented. Mrs Anibaba and Miss Ballard have been working hard to develop student performances in readiness for the first heats held in February. Good luck to you all.

Students this year have participated in the Battlefields trip to France where they visited the memorial to the Battle of the Somme. This was particularly significant this year, as it was the centenary of the end of this battle. All students were visibly moved whilst they paid their respects at the memorial and seeing the long list of names put into context how many died.

Further trips are planned for 5th April with a Year 8 Geography trip to Cadbury World and on the 5th May there is a Year 8 history trip to the Imperial War Museum.

Trainee Teachers

A warm welcome to:

Mr Baseley - Science Mr Edwards - RE Mr Furie - Geography Mr Marie - MFL Miss McClure - Art Miss Robinson - History Mrs Tavender - English Miss Thorpe - Science

who have all made an excellent start to their teaching careers and are welcome additions to their respective curriculum areas and to the school community.

I am excited about the changes to the Year 9 curriculum which involve students choosing their options this year. Although it may seem a little daunting, I believe it will further sharpen the academic focus of Year 8 moving into Year 9 with a renewed drive to push on towards their targets in Year 11. There will be an opportunity to attend an options evening on Thursday 9th February which will highlight and explain the new three year KS4 curriculum and the choices that your child can opt for.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you an enjoyable Christmas break and I look forward to working with all students in Year 8 as they consider their option pathways later in 2017.

Mr S Sinclair Head of Year 8

Parental Engagement at RPCC

How can you get involved?

We are currently looking at ways of how we can make it easier for parents to get involved with sharing views and ideas. As important stakeholders your opinions, thoughts, concerns and ideas play a pivotal role in how we move forward as a school.

In light of this, we would like to trial a Parental Suggestion box during the spring term. This will be placed in the school's reception along with suggestion slips. Ideas noted on suggestion slips will be shared at Leadership Team meetings and will also be discussed at the termly Parent Forum meetings.

You are also able to get in contact via *info@regentspark.southampton.sch.uk*. Please flag up any emails for the attention of Mrs Cosford.

The next Parents' Forum is scheduled for Thursday 2nd February from 6:30 – 7:30pm. Further details regarding the agenda for this meeting will be circulated after Christmas. We recognise that attending these meetings is sometimes difficult as a result of child care, so please feel free to bring along younger siblings.

Year 9

It has been a very quick term for Year 9. The students are really developing as a team and with the new behaviour scheme students are taking full advantage to support each other within lessons and push each other to achieve their potential.

The College Council has new members; Isabella Richardson and Nathan Hill are our new College Council leaders and our representatives for the whole school College Council.

Year 9 have been collecting their shoe boxes ready for the Shoe Box Appeal, a massive well done to Mia Breedon who completed the first one on her own.



On Friday 18th November we took 14 Year 9s to take part in the 'Child Comissioners Police Take Over Challenge'. The students worked alongside police officers and our school PCSO Lorraine Underwood to find out what happens as a police officer in Southampton. We looked through a real life case study and students gave their thoughts as to how they would be able to deal with the situation. Miss Bishop's role was to act as a police officer in a 'stop and search' situation. The students then

tried to search each other. Domino's provided the lunch for free and then the students met an ARV officer, looking through all his weapons. After that a dog handler turned up and we watched him search for people and belongings - it was simply incredible. The students then went into a police van and felt what it was like to be put into the back and locked away.



All of the students were well behaved and really enjoyed their day. It was an honour to be asked to join in with such a fantastic opportunity. Please look at the photos on Twitter from the hashtag #takeoverchallenge.

On the 21st November we all enjoyed the careers festival, where students were able to take part in unique lessons to explore their options for next year.

Next term we will be starting the options process and I would like to invite you to our Pathways Evening on the 16th February 2017. There will be an opportunity to talk to teachers about courses and decide with your child what options they would like to take next year.

I wish you a very happy, healthy break and look forward to welcoming all students back in 2017!

Miss Bishop Head of Year 9

News from Tutor Groups:

Parks CCA

Well done to William Greenacre, Beth Davies and Nathan Hill for being elected into the College Council and well done to Nathan Hill for being the year rep for Year 9.

Well done to Emily Curry, Beth Davies, Connor Earney, William Greenacre, Ellie Heath, Deveena Khal, Shivani Kumar and Robert Mirzescu for achieving 100% attendance up to November.

Well done to William Greenacre for becoming a PE Champion.

Branson JS

We have been working hard at our reading skills and have been enjoying silently reading books every Thursday morning! A special mention goes to both John Winterburn and Konur Bilgic for their achievement points this term. We have also started to collect boxes to send to Africa and are really enjoying the quiz done on Fridays! Special mention goes to Callum Totten for winning the quiz twice in a row (without cheating!) Well done Branson JS! Keep up the great work! Mr Spencer.

Parks EG

We have been working really hard to attain achievement points within the last few weeks and are doing really well so far. Hannah Grave has shown her support for the week of Remembrance by wearing her Cadet uniform to school and also participated in the parade on the 11th of November. We have also welcomed Jazz Dewison to our tutor group and she has settled in well, making a large number of friends within the group. As a tutor group, we are really enjoying the quiz that we do every Thursday morning. The students work really well as a team to get as many points as possible!

Rowling NC

We would like to welcome Adam Kosiarski, who joined us in October. Thanks to Evelyn Pybus and Isabella Richardson for continuous support and passing our concerns to College Council. We were all in non uniform day on the 18th November to raise money for Children in Need.

Rowling SA

Josh Downer and Morgan Lee have both joined Regents Park from other schools in Southampton. Both have settled well and are enjoying their time here.

Alfie Bell and Marcos Gesteira have represented the school football team and Ethan Evans, the school rugby team.

Sophie Butler took part in Camp Rock and Gary Hearn, Marcos Gesteira and Kate Osman regularly represent the tutor group at College Council.

British Art Society

This term, Music and Art teamed up to take a group of enthusiastic Year 9s to the British Art Society 8 exhibition held at Southampton City Gallery.

The visit was a huge success, giving the students access to a wealth of interesting and creative social

and political Art available right on our doorstep. The trip gave our students some wild inspiration to get out and get creating for themselves!

Year 10

I am so proud that we have had such a fantastic start from the wonderful Year 10. The students have settled quickly into KS4 life and are embracing the GCSE syllabus.

It is lovely to hear so many positive comments about all of the hard work you are putting in and how brilliant you are in lessons. College Council has expanded to even more students being involved which is great to see. It was also such a delight to see so many Year 10s applying to be assistant prefects. We have such a great community in our year and I thank you for your support throughout the interview process. We have started our prom fundraising team this year so we are super organised - and hopefully stress free for Year 11.

Massive congratulations from myself, Mr Brown and Mrs Jarvis on your excellent start to the year. Long may it continue!

Miss Hocking Head of Year 10



Lunch Times

We've been listening to students' feedback with regards to their dining experiences. The week beginning 12/12/16, we are trialling a new lunch system and we would love to hear your feedback.

Please follow the link below, which is an online form for you to complete. Please can you complete this by Friday 6th January.

https://goo.gl/forms/9hwtLAVI2dGky1Zo1

Christmas Trolley

Once again Regents Park promoted the Christmas trolley organised by Mrs Barnes, Senior Deputy Headteacher.

We would like to thank everyone who has helped support this. Special thanks go to Richard Taunton Sixth Form College for their donations.

Year 11

It is a great honour to be a Head of Year. Never more so than with the current group of Year 11s. They are an amazing cohort of students. The proof of this has been in how they have settled into their final year with a really positive attitude. It can often take time to realise how important the next few months of school are to the rest of their lives but it has been heart-warming to see the numbers of students that are independently choosing to make the most of everything that the school is offering. We are regularly seeing high turnouts at mathematics and science breakfast clubs and at after school revision sessions. There is also tremendous input and support for the musical productions and attendance, predicted attainment and behaviour all point to another very exciting

year for our school in terms of achievement.

I am also excited to announce that the Regents Park Prom is now confirmed for Wednesday 28th June 2017, at the beautiful Chilworth Manor, an excellent choice of venue. We are all looking forward to celebrating the future success of the current Year 11 but we have a lot of hard work to do between now and then.

We look forward to supporting and encouraging you to always do your very best, ask for help when you need it and be confident in your ability to succeed at the highest level.

Mr Holloway Head of Year 11

Year 7	Sophie Maynard
	Oliver Linklater
	Zaynah Bibi
	Teigan Payne
	Kayleigh Shaw
Year 8	Lydia Maclean
	Arash Najd
	Anelka Youssef
	Hamza Mohammad
	Tristan Budd
	Michal Kaminski
Year 9	Marcos Gesteira
	Nathan Hill
	Yazmin Simmons
	Isabella Richardson
	Ernest Tkaczyk
	Jake Barry
Year 10	James Alexandre
	Milly Dowse
Year 11	Flora Smith
	Max Satterly

Duolingo - Languages

This term, we have launched Duolingo in Languages classes. This can be used as a website or as an app on a tablet. Students earn points according to how many lessons are completed. It has proven to be a massive success. Listed are the highest points scorers for Autumn 1 per class. Certificates have been given out to these students and a draw will take place for an overall prize this term.

RAF Visit RPCC

The RAF delivered an exciting STEM roadshow to Years 7 and 8. The flight themed event had students learning how planes fly, how drones are used to search for people, how virtual reality is used to train new pilots and how a jet engine works. Students also discovered the 100s of jobs within the RAF and got to speak to an RAF mechanic, finding out about her day to day working life.





Year 11 Presentation Evening

Really Proud of our results 2016!

It was fantastic to see so many of last year's Year 11 collecting their certificates and prizes at the annual presentation evening. The overall results for the year group were outstanding, putting Regents Park right at the top of national performance tables. The school's progress score means that results of all students, across 8 counting examination grades,

was nearly half a grade better than that achieved by students of a similar ability level nationally. Although it is yet to be confirmed this progress score should put Regents Park in the top 5 % of schools nationally.

Well done Year 11 2016!

Highlights of the evening included

Miss O'Leary and Miss Jones reciting a poem in tribute to Ilyaz Sayenko who won the Maths award. Contrary to belief, maths teachers are good with words as well as numbers!

Ilyaz also won the award for top male student and Emily Hartley won the award for top female student. Ilyaz achieved 9A*s and 2As in his GCSEs, a Distinction* in ICT and a B in AS level Creative Writing. Emily achieved 4 A*s and 8As in her GCSEs, a Distinction* in an ICT qualification and an A at AS level Creative Writing. I am glad I didn't have to choose one of them for top student as both of their sets of results were

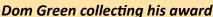


amazing. I am really looking forward to hearing what they go onto achieve in future years.

I am sure they will both be very successful, along with so many of our ex-students. It was great to hear how well so many of them are doing at their post 16 colleges across such a wide and varied array of subjects.

Cyril Sithole bagged the English prize. Not only did he achieve an A* in both English language and literature, but he also achieved an A in AS level in Creative Writing. His examination work was highly commended by the chief examiner. Emma Vardy, our guest of honour, challenged Cyril to tell a joke as he walked on stage. Having heard many of these jokes over the past 5 years I am glad Cyril did not respond on this occasion!





Georgia Underhill being congratulated

Emma Vardy attended Regents Park 20 years ago and inspired the audience with her own story of becoming a successful television foreign affairs correspondent for the BBC. Emma managed to find some footage of a video she made whilst she was a student at Regents Park, showing that even back then she harboured media skills! Emma spoke about her determination and her will to succeed. Even when being told several times that there were no jobs available in the competitive world in which Emma wished to work, Emma never gave up. She first worked on a voluntary basis with no contract as a runner in the Sky newsroom. She then went on to be a sports journalist covering two Olympic Games and you can now see her regularly on the BBC as a foreign affairs reporter.

I am sure many of our ex and current students will be equally successful if they can show this level of determination and resilience.

Saints Project

Year 8 are currently undertaking the Premier League Enterprise Programme. This is to encourage students who may find literacy and numeracy difficult. The opportunity to explore how necessary these skills are in a real life situation. The team attended a celebration event at St Mary's stadium on Monday 12th December.

Year 9 students: Beth Davies; Owen Gray; Jack Howe, Noah Hunt and Joshua Thomas are this year's group working to represent the school for the Southampton Football Challenge. Students have created a novel way of encouraging support from the USA. The presentation held on 6th December was in front of a panel of 4 specialists, who awarded marks for originality, idea and presentation style; very much like an episode of Dragon's Den.



Armistice Day

At the eleventh hour on the eleventh day of the eleventh month - the day which marks the end of the First World War, staff and students observed the two minute silence. Once again, Mr Barron played the 'Last Post' to mark the occasion. A group of students came to the school dressed in their Cadet uniforms and took on the role of selling poppies throughout the day to support 'The Royal British Legion'





Open Evening 2016

Open Events: The Biggest and the Best Yet!

Once again Regents Park opened its doors to welcome parents and prospective students. A range of open events took place from our biggest and best yet, open evening, guided tours during the school day and our popular Saturday taster sessions.



Open Evening was a huge success, with hundreds of attendees.

Highlights included the science department's methane fire bubbles and screaming jellybabies, the polo tournament in our pool, MFL's Café Bable, the





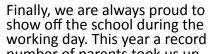






Victorian Crime Scene created by history, the ever-popular Kung Fu Punctuation in English and much, much more. The evening was supported by over 150 of our own students – a testament to the pride they have for their school.

One October Saturday morning, when they could have been out playing, over 50 Year 5 and 6 students chose instead to come to school! They participated in taster sessions, where they got a chance to learn the Regents Park way. 'Lessons' included making Pop Art, uni-hoc in PE ordering ice-creams in Spanish, dilemmas in RE, the spaghetti challenge in science and using ICT for calculations. Parents, who were unable to make the Open



Evening, were given guided tours

by the headteacher.

number of parents took us up on the offer to visit, getting the opportunity to view our facilities but more importantly experience our learning culture and see our students in action!

Feedback from parents and Year 5 and 6 students about all our open events was overwhelmingly positive and we look forward to welcoming many of them to Regents Park Community College next academic year.







Children In Need

This year we raised £708 in aid of Children in Need. We would like to thank everyone who came in to school in non school uniform and contributed to the donation.



English

KS4 English News

Year 10

It has been an interesting time for Year 10 students as they begin their GCSE journey with the study of their first Literature text: either 'Lord of the Flies' or 'An Inspector Calls'. Their first mini assessment has taken place in class and they'll be having regular assessments to help track their progress towards their target grades.

All students have also studied Romeo and Juliet as their Shakespeare text and it is advised that they reread this text too.

The English Language GCSE has a transactional writing section so students have been practising their newswriting skills. Ben Edwards, a Year 11 student, had some news to share and thought what better way than in the form of an article:

Year 11 Ranked #1!

Last month Ben Edwards was successful in being chosen to join the Junior England Academy in ten pin bowling. The selection process involved a range of tournaments across the country. The points from each tournament were added up and got onto a BTBA ranking. The top 8 players were given a once in a lifetime chance to train for the Junior England team. Ben is now going to Sheffield once a month to train. This involves a 3 and a half hour drive and shows his dedication to the sport. He has been given a variety of drills to hone his skills.

Ben has been involved in the sport for many years now and has won many competitions. He usually trains at the local bowling alley and is very excited about the chance to take his skills to the next level and be a part of something nationwide.

Watch this space!

Ben Edwards Year 11

Year 11

Year 11 have also had a busy term with mock examinations in Paper 1 and 2 of their English Language GCSE. Many of them attended the Intervention Evening with their parents in November. On this evening, they had the chance to talk to some of their teachers and were given some suggested ways to revise. The English Department suggested that students re-read their key texts for their English Literature GCSE as follows:

11BW	An Inspector Calls	A Christmas Carole	
11BX	An Inspector Calls	Jekyll and Hyde	
11BY An Inspector Calls A Ch		A Christmas Carol	
11BV Lord of the Flies Jekyll and Hyd		Jekyll and Hyde	
11BZ Lord of the Flies Jekyll a		Jekyll and Hyde	
11GY An Inspector Calls A Christmas		A Christmas Carol	
11GZ	Lord of the Flies	A Christmas Carol	

KS3 English News

Year 7

The English Team would like to welcome the Year 7s to Regents Park Community College and share what an exceptional start they have made. In their English lessons, they have produced some excellent survival guides during their work on non-fiction texts.

Presently, they are reading a class novel and are also expected to read at home on a regular basis. Every Year 7 has a reading journal and the expectation is that they will read, at least, 10 minutes per day. This offers an opportunity for you to listen to your child reading and enjoy the stories that they love with them.

Year 8

Year 8 have just experienced a whole school Careers Day and found the Media aspect of the day particularly exciting. Mrs Cosford, a member of the Extended Leadership Team, remarked how mature and engaged the students were during her taster session and is looking forward to seeing them in Year 9.

Mathematics

Pi Club

Year 11s have been attending mathematics breakfast revision



sessions, fondly known as Pi Club during the autumn term. This helped them to prepare for their mock examinations in December. Hot chocolate, pastries and practice papers were available from 7:50am on Thursday mornings. In addition to this extra



help available in school, students should be revising regularly at home and reviewing the topics covered over the past four years and one term. Pi club will resume again for Year 11 after February half term.

Numeracy Ninjas

This is a new initiative which we have implemented this year to help improve students' basic skills. Students in Year 7 have really enjoyed tackling Numeracy Ninjas as their starter and are keen to see which belt they have achieved. Each year the GCSE examiner's report highlights the impact of poor basic skills in leading to errors and we feel that the work we are doing, coupled with students' own independent work to improve their times tables, multiplication and division, will be key in enabling students to make good progress in mathematics and, consequently, enable them to face the challenges of the new GCSE with increased confidence. Students in Year 8 have a weekly Numeracy Ninjas lesson within their tutor

time and it will be interesting to see the impact of this work within their maths lessons.

Innovative Teaching Week

As part of this week, teachers of mathematics were given the challenge of including luggage labels into their learning activities. 10GY wrote eight numeracy facts about a variety of confectionery products; the prize was eating! 8GX and 8BX wore party hats on which were hung luggage labels. These had a variety of mathematical features on them including shapes, formulae and keywords. Students then had to ask questions, to which their partner could only answer "yes" or "no", in order to find out what was on their label.



Making It Memorable

Year 11 have a challenging year ahead and sometimes it might feel like there is just so much to remember. In order to help make things memorable, we endeavour to find interesting ways to practise areas of mathematics to make things memorable. One such way was to use Smarties (with the added bonus of getting to eat

them afterwards, of course!) to show probabilities on tree diagrams. Year 8s will, no doubt, be looking forward to finding out how many sweets are in the jar by calculating the volume of an average bonbon compared with the volume of the jar they are contained in.

Science

Staffing

In June, we welcomed Mr Moth as our new Curriculum Leader for science. Mrs Griffiths has returned to her role as Assistant Curriculum Leader for KS3. Mr Ashworth has also joined the science department as a teacher of science. We are equally thrilled to be joined by Miss Thorpe and Mr Baseley this year, who are training to be science teachers.

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, please pop along next week!

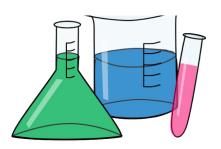
Science Results

This summer saw another increase in results for the science department, with the percentage of students achieving 2 science A*-C GCSEs rising by 10%. Well done to last year's Year 11 students!

STEM Club

STEM club starts this half term! STEM club is aimed at Years 7 and 8 and run by Miss Groves on Wednesdays after school from 2:40 - 3:30pm in S5.

Students can explore different science experiments and challenges. These range from coloured chemicals and canister explosions, to making eggs magically jump into conical flasks.





STEM club also offers opportunities for students to test out their engineering skills. Projects running this year include building rocket powered cars, launching water rockets, making Lego robots and many more. Come along and try it for yourself!

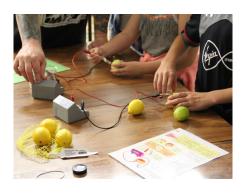
After School Revision

Not a morning person? Pop by Mr Grainey's room (Room 20) on a Thursday 2:40 - 3:40pm for some extra revision support.

Open Evening

It was amazing to meet potential students and their families on our open evening in September. We hope to see many of them joining us next year. A huge thank you goes to the brilliant students who helped run the many experiments in science throughout the evening.





Technology & ICT

This year KS3 students have been investigating a variety of different themes. Year 7 have been studying healthy eating, Year 8 have been discovering international cuisine and Year 9 are exploring food science.

Year 10 Food Preparation and Nutrition students have been working very hard on the new GCSE course. The course is a mixture of traditional cooking, food science and catering skills. The students are doing fantastically and are producing some excellent pieces of work!

Catering students have been taking part in various practicals and trials, exploring their chosen countries from all the around the world. Catering students have been creating two course menus showcasing their skills in making pasta, sushi, curry and churros.









Gingerbread Men

Ingredients

100g soft brown sugar
100g golden syrup
225g plain flour
1/4 tsp salt
2 tsp bicarbonate of soda
1 heaped tsp ground ginger
1/2 tsp cinnamon
50g unsalted butter

ICT – Mobile Technology Changes

Students in Year 9 have been looking at trends in technology over time. The unit asks students to consider how developments in technology have changed, the device hardware, capability, appearance and functionality changes. More importantly, students have been exploring the social, legal and ethical impact that technology has had in changing and shaping the world we live.

Pictured to the right is a mobile phone handset that would have been widely available to people in 1997, are there any parents who remember it? Maybe some of you even owned one! As we move into 2017 it is interesting to reflect on the technology we may be using now; how reliant are we, and how many jobs do we use it for on a daily basis.

Method

- 1. Pre-heat oven to gas mark 5 and grease 2 baking sheets.
- 2. Heat butter, sugar and syrup until dissolved then leave to cool for 5 minutes. Sift together all of the dry ingredients and mix the butter, sugar and syrup into form a soft dough.
- 3. Chill the dough in the fridge for 30 minutes.
- 4. Roll out the dough to about 1/4 inch thick and cut into gingerbread men.
- 5. Remember to allow room for the gingerbread men to spread.
- 6. Bake for 10-15 minutes. They will come out soft but leave to harden.

Leave to cool then decorate as you wish!

It goes without saying that the mobile technology that young people are using today is significantly more expensive and more powerful than anything gone before. With that in mind, please make sure that you discuss with your child the best way to use any technology they have safely and responsibly so that as we all advance and move with the times, we can do so making sure we keep ourselves safe.

Best wishes for 2017

Physical Education

This term has been an extremely busy one in the PE department. In addition to the wide range of clubs on offer (swimming, table tennis, boys football, girls football, basketball, rugby, fitness/recreational sports - to name a few!) that over 250 students have attended, we have also made very positive starts in the Southampton Schools' Football Leagues. Regents Park Community College Year 8 team are the first for a number of years to be playing in Division 1 and have relished the opportunities before them. They are becoming a better footballing side and approaching every game with a positive mentality. The Year 7 and 9 teams are hoping to challenge for promotion when the fixtures recommence after February half term.

Our 27 BTEC Sport students have been fortunate enough to spend the last 12 weeks at David Lloyd gym using state of the art equipment and facilities. The students have been inspired and are committed to completing their very own training programmes as part of their BTEC Sport controlled assessments. We would all like to thank David Lloyd for their hospitality!

Year 10 and 11 students have had the opportunity to go to Millbrook Rugby Club and be coached by RFU coaches in their PE lessons. This has been an amazing opportunity and well done to all the students who have participated.



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All the students have commented how much they enjoyed the festival and there are more fixtures planned in the New Year. The dates for these will be announced in January.

Meanwhile, Regents Park continues to participate in the rugby All Schools Programme which has seen participation and enjoyment of rugby increase in school which is fantastic. We are particularly proud to see students who have experienced rugby for the first time in school take up rugby at the weekends by joining local clubs, including Millbrook Rugby Club, with which we are linked.

PE Champions

In September, we appointed 13 new PE Champions. The students have already been heavily involved in collecting the opinions of over 200 students in the school in relation to PE and sport. The students have also begun to discuss plans for future fundraising and charitable events. They will be soon launching their very own lunchtime clubs to promote active and healthy lifestyles for all students. We are looking forward to our third annual PE Champion Day on Friday 9th December that will see tutor groups battle it out to take top prize in water polo and dodgeball. We will also be starting team selection for Southampton School Swim Gala after the Christmas holidays. If you swim competitively, please come and see one of the PE team for details.





Years 7, 8 and 9 rugby teams have all competed in a rugby festival held at Southampton Rugby Club where schools from Southampton and Hampshire attended. The standard for Years 7, 8 and 9 was very tough, especially competing against established rugby schools from Winchester and The New Forest. We have managed to score some fantastic team tries, whilst fulfilling the core rugby values:

Languages

Barcelona 2016

Miss Kingswell and the MFL department are counting down the days until the Barcelona trip leaves on the 17th February. We have planned an exciting trip, including visits to the famous Sagrada Familia, Parc Guell and a chance to see where Neymar and Messi play at Camp Nou. For those lucky 40 students who are flying with us, please make sure the final balance has been paid and your passport details are either with Miss Kingswell or the front office. There will also be a Parents' Information Evening after the Christmas break!





European Day

On Monday 26th September, Regents Park Community College joined the nation to celebrate the European Day of Languages.

The European Day of Languages was on the 26th September, as proclaimed by the Council of Europe on 6 December 2001, at the end of the European Year of Languages (2001), which had been jointly organised by the Council of Europe and the European Union. Its aim was to encourage language learning across Europe.

To celebrate the event, students and staff were invited to celebrate different languages and cultures and they also kindly contributed sharing their experience of living and working abroad.

The MFL department offered taster sessions in Polish, Italian and Welsh and delivered assemblies celebrating the school diversity.

"A different language is a different vision for life" Federico Fellini

"One language sets you in a corridor for life. Two languages open every door along the way" Frank Smith

"With languages, you are at home anywhere"

Taunton's Visit

On the 7th November, the MFL department invited all the Year 10 students taking French as a GCSE and some Year 9 students to be guests at Richard Taunton Sixth Form College where they truly enjoyed a play in French called Le Café.

The play was very interactive and some of our students got a chance to actually participate. They found it funny and enjoyed the variety of the characters.

"It was very fluent and funny and the theme worked really well."

Clubs

Since September, our MFL department has been offering a variety of clubs and lunch activities. These include cinema, debate and Pokemon.

Language Idioms!

German

Es geht um die Wurst - It's now or never.

Spanish

Estoy tomando el pelo - l'm pulling your leg.

Estoy hasta el cuello por tí - l'm head over heels in love with you.

French

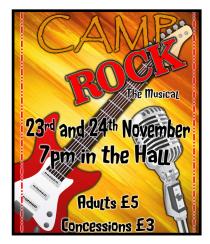
Tu plaisantes! - You're joking! Avoir des antennes - To have a sixth sense.







Creative Arts



Camp Rock – The Musical!

Crystal Turner-Brightman, Year 11, directed and choreographed this year's musical production as part of her Gold Arts Award. All students involved in the production helped choreograph whole cast numbers, build the set and create the music.

The students performed to the primary schools in the Southampton Trust as well as two evening performances to parents, staff and the local community.

The performances were full of energy and colour and Mrs Freeman and the Creative Arts team would like to say a huge WELL DONE to all the performers and backstage team on yet another successful production.

Roll on 2017!





Into Film Festival

On the 11th November 2016 we took 50 Year 10 students to the Odeon cinema in Westquay as part of the 'into film' festival. It is a great festival which offers the opportunity to watch films and interact with actors and directors completely for free. We chose to watch 'Pan' the prequel to 'Peter Pan' when Peter Pan and Hook are friends and how their journey begins. All students were fantastically behaved and we thoroughly enjoyed it. There were other schools there from around the region and our students were very kind towards the younger children. The film was amazing, the CGI was fantastic, and students are now using what they have learnt in the festival to add to their Photography and Art coursework. Thank you to Miss Bishop for organising it.

Music

The development of music at Regents Park continues with the arrival of the new Year 7 pupils. This year we have added a new extra-curricular event to our weekly calendar specifically aimed at our new arrivals. The Year 7 Brass Band takes place every Friday, immediately after school and the response to this has been excellent. Pupils who attend each receive an instrument from the brass family to facilitate rehearsal at home. This opportunity is offered in partnership with Southampton Music Service, and everyone who attends receives free instruction from professional brass tutors. There are still a few places available, so if this is something you would like to get involved in, please see Mr. Barron.

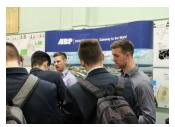
Music GCSE



Another addition to the schools music programme is the GCSE Music Recital. Students who are currently studying Music GCSE will be performing their solo performances to their parents in a small intimate concert and are currently dedicating themselves to rehearsals in preparations for this.

Good luck to everyone involved in this exciting event.









Shoebox Appeal

The Christmas Samaritans' Shoebox Appeal is for volunteers across the countries to pack a shoebox filled with toys, school supplies, personal items, and other small gifts. These boxes are then distributed overseas to children less fortunate than us, for example, Liberia and Romania. In November, we held a competition amongst Key Stage 3 to see which tutor group could bring in the most shoeboxes. We are proud to say that as a result, the school ended up contributing over **50** shoeboxes!

Thank you to all the students, parents and staff who helped.

X Factor

We have now run two very successful X Factor events and the planning process for this event is always on going. If you are thinking of auditioning for next year's concert, get practising now!

PSHE

On Monday 21st November, Regents Park Community College hosted its first ever Careers Festival! All students participated in a range of career-focused workshops for example 'Interview Techniques' which also had staff from the Bond Dickinson Law firm supporting students and offering private sector insight. A highlight for many KS4 students was having the opportunity to try out A-Level and BTEC subjects delivered by City College and Richard Taunton Sixth Form College. In addition, we also had a careers festival featuring local colleges, training providers, apprenticeship schemes and employers so that students were able to explore the different post-16 options. Parents were also invited to come along and attend a presentation from the National Careers Service on 'Supporting your child with their career.'

Year 7 Students' Evaluations of the day:

"On Careers day, we did many activities which I enjoyed like finding out about what different colleges in England offer and finding out what qualifications we need for certain jobs. I enjoyed it and it was something different from the usual day" Bartosz Syrocki

"On 21st November it was careers day. I enjoyed the hall bit the best because you got to look at the different types of jobs and colleges"

Sophie Maynard

"On the 21st of November we had careers. It was really fun because we got to think about what we want to be and got to see some colleges and universities. Also we were off timetable all day, so overall I liked careers day"

Jack Jackson

Humanities

The Great Geography Bakeoff



On Thursday 17th October 2016 students from across KS3 took part in the Great Geography Bake Off! Competitors had to bake and design a geographical themed cake. The standard was exceptionally high and made judging quite a challenge for our special guest, Cake Workshop owner, Wendy Spreadbury, who provided a goodie bag for the winner.



Regents Park's very own Mel and Sue, Noah Hunt and Owen Grey, compered the event and brought their own brand of bake-themed humour, while George Collins and Josh Thomas filmed the show!

Congratulations to all our bakers:

Natalia Nych
Marcos Gesteria
Chloe Turner
Yasmin Simmons
Estra Jasinska
Carla Castelbranco
Ceara Taggart
Jessica Leonard
Isabella Richardson
Lauren Hepburn
Gary Hearn

This year's Regents Park Community College's Great Geography Bake Off winner was Jessica Leonard whose cake was both well baked and cleverly designed.







Year 10 Trip: Hengistbury Head

On Wednesday 2nd November 2016, Year 10 geographers went to Hengistbury Head, Bournemouth for their physical geography fieldwork. Students were investigating whether Hengistbury Head was a low or high energy coastline as well as practising fieldwork techniques.

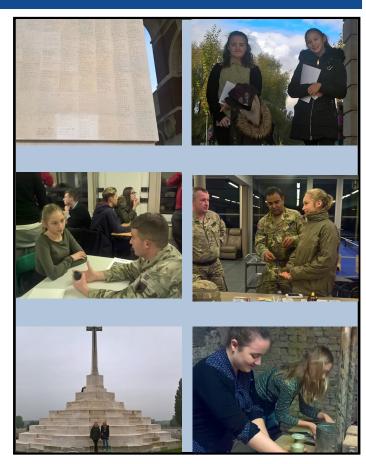
Miss Cannon Head of Geography



Battlefields Trip: 21st -24th October 2016

Friday 21st:

We went from Southampton, picking up London schools on the way, to Kingswood Activity Centre near Ashford, Kent. Here, we were met by schools from the nearby area and our tour leaders. We then completed outdoor activities to meet and to get to know the other people on the tour. After dinner, we had a brief talk on what we were going to do be doing over the weekend and then we were given two soldiers local to our school to research. Our soldiers were Sergeant Henry Albert Jay, who lived on Shayer Road, Shirley, and Private Herbert Cecil Pyne, who lived on Waterhouse Lane, Shirley. During the tour, we were to find the graves or their name on a memorial. Later, we could handle artefacts from the First World War. This included a rifle, shells, a helmet, bayonets and some more obscure objects like a barbed wire holder and cutters.



Sunday 23rd:

Was the Battle of the Somme in 1916 really a disaster for the British Army?

Our first stop of the day was Neuve-Chappelle Memorial. This memorial is dedicated to the Indian soldiers who lost their lives while fighting for Britain in World War 1. We learnt about the symbolic meanings of the memorial and of the Indian army's involvement, importance and sacrifices in the war. We then went a short walk away to a Portuguese cemetery. There were the graves of the Portuguese soldiers fighting in the war from 1916 to 1918. Portugal isn't the first country you'd think of as being involved in the war so it was interesting learning that they actually participated in the fighting.

We then travelled into France to the area where the Battle of the Somme was fought. First, we visited Beaumont-Hammel. This was the site where the Newfoundland division took part in the first day of the Battle of the Somme. Canada have preserved the site so you can still see the trenches, the shell holes and some barbed wire holders. We learnt of the difficulties of communicating in the trenches which lead to the sacrifices made by the Newfoundland division on the Somme.

Our next stop was London
Cemetery and extension. Here,
we learnt of the development in
tactics during the Battle of the
Somme. This was shown by the
failure and successful advances
on High Wood. The graves
here were of the men that fell
capturing the woods but also
unknown soldiers found buried in

the local landscape of the Battle of the Somme.

Our final memorial of the day was Thiepval. Thiepval overlooks the land that held one of the largest battles of World War One. This memorial is inscribed with the names of commonwealth soldiers whose bodies weren't identified or found on the battlefields of the Somme. On panel 12C, we found our local soldier, Sergeant Henry Albert Jay who lost his life in action towards the end of the 140-day battle.

Once back in the hotel, we debated whether the Battle of the Somme was a success or a failure for the allied forces before doing the evening's activities. With the military and the tour guides, we compared the kit and uniform of a soldier during World War One with a modern-day soldier.

January - February 2017 PE Clubs and Fixtures

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Day	When	Activity	Time	Venue	
Monday	After School	Rock Challenge Rehearsal — see notice board for details	2:40pm - 4:00pm	00pm Hall	
Tuesday	After School	Rock Challenge Rehearsal — see notice board for details	2:40pm - 4:00pm Hall		
		Girls Football Club — All Years	2:40pm - 3:40pm	All Weather Pitch	
		Rugby Club or Fixture — See Mr Sinclair for details	2:40pm - 5:00pm Millbrook Rugby Club or 3G Pitch		
		BTEC Sport Catch Up	2:40pm - 4:00pm	PE Classroom	
Wednesday	After School	Basketball Club — All Years	2:40pm - 3:40pm	Gym	
Thursday	After School	Rock Challenge Rehearsal — see notice board for details	2:40pm - 4:00pm	Hall	
		Swimming Club — All years	2:40pm - 3:40pm	Swimming Pool	
Friday	After School	BTEC Sport Catch Up	2:40pm - 4:00pm	PE Classroom	
		Netball Club — All Years	2:40pm - 3:40pm	Courts	

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

January - April 2017 Clubs and Classes

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Day	When	Activity	Time	Venue	
Monday					
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	
		GCSE Music Catch-up	2:40pm - 3:40pm	M1	
		Year 7 Conservation	2:40pm - 4:00pm	S2	
		Year 10 ICT Intervention	2:40pm - 3:40pm	Room 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 23	
	After School	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	
		Film Club	2:40pm - 4:00pm	Room 13	
		Concert Band	2:40pm - 3:40pm	M1	
		GCSE Drama Club	2:40pm - 3:40pm	Room 23	
Thursday	Before School	Pi Club - Year 11 Revision Club (After February Half Term)	8:00am - 8:30am	Room 32	
Titalsaay	Lunch	Debate Club	12:30pm - 1:00pm	Room 7	
	After School	Games Club	3:00pm - 4:00pm	Room 12	
		Science Revision - Years 10 & 11	2:40pm - 3:40pm	Science	
		KS4 Food Intervention (Week 1)	2:40pm - 3:40pm	B1	
		KS3 Baking Club (Week 2)	2:40pm - 3:40pm	B1	
		Year 11 ICT Intervention	2:40pm - 3:40pm	Room 21 & 22	
		KS4 Languages Exam Skills	2:45pm - 4:00pm	Rooms 38, 39 & 4	
		Creative Writing Club	2:40pm - 3:40pm	Room 13	
Friday	Lunch	Spanish Cinema Club	12:30pm - 1:00pm	Room 41	
lilady		KS4 Languages Conversation Skills	12:30pm - 1:00pm	Room 39	
	After School	Year 7 Brass Band	2:40pm - 3:40pm	M1	
		Textiles Club	2:40pm - 3:40pm	B2	
	1	Design Technology Club	2:40pm - 3:40pm	DT Block	

DIARY DATES FOR PARENTS

Term Dates

	Term start	Term end	
Spring Term (1st half)	3rd January 2017	17th February 2017	
Spring Term (2nd half)	27th February 2017	7th April 2017	

School Holidays

Half Term	20th February 2017	24th February 2017		
Easter break	10th April 2017	21st April 2017		

Inset Days

3rd January 2017			
24th March 2017			

Calendar Events

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12th January 2017	Year 11 Subject Review Evening 4-7pm
18th January 2017	Creative Arts London Theatre Trip
20th January 2017	Year 8 Learn With Us Visit
24th January 2017	Year 9 Geography Trip - Ecosystems
26th January 2017	Year 9 Subject Review Evening 4-7pm
2nd February 2017	Parent Forum
6th February 2017	Year 9 History Trip - Imperial War Museum
9th February 2017	Year 9 Duvet Film Night 4:30 - 6:40pm
16th February 2017	Year 9 Pathways Evening 5-7pm
17th February 2017	Barcelona Trip - Returning on 20th Feb
24th February 2017	Ski Trip - Returning on the 7th March
2nd March 2017	Year 10 Geography Urban Trip
14th March 2017	Year 10 Learn With Us Visit
16th March 2017	Year 11 Summer Exam Guidance 4-7pm
17th March 2017	Race Night - Staff and parents
23rd March 2017	Year 8 Subject Review Evening 4-7pm
23rd March 2017	Year 10 History Trip - Tudor House
29th March 2017	Swimming Gala
30th March 2017	Year 10 Subject Review Evening 4-7pm
5th April 2017	Year 8 Geography Trip - Cadbury World

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