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St Richard Reynolds Catholic College Bulletin



■ **Editorial**

As we reach the end of another memorable academic year, this edition of *Acta* provides a wonderful snapshot of life across St Richard Reynolds Catholic College. Within these pages you will find stories of academic achievement, creative talent, sporting success, service to others and, above all, a community rooted in faith and committed to helping every young person flourish.

These achievements are only possible through the strong partnership between home and school and we thank all families who have already contributed to the College Enhancement Fund; if you would like to make a one-off donation please click [HERE](#).

We hope you enjoy reflecting on the many highlights of the Summer Term and celebrating all that our students have accomplished. On behalf of the editorial team, thank you for your continued support. We wish every family a restful, safe and blessed summer and look forward to another exciting year together in September.

The Editor

Important Dates 2026/27	
September	
1st	Staff Inset Day
2nd	Staff Inset Day
3rd	Start of Term for Yrs 7 & 12
4th	Start of Term for Yrs 8, 9, 10, 11, 13
9th	Welcome Mass (5:30pm)
16th	Yr 12 Information Evening (5:30pm)
23rd	Yrs 7 & 10 Info Evening (5:30pm)
30th	High School Open Evening (5-8pm)
October	
7th	Sixth Form Open Evening (5-8pm)
14th	Yr 11 Targeted Parents Evening
15th	Drama Club Performance Evening
20th	Yr 7 Concert
22nd - 30th	HALF-TERM
November	
11th	Remembrance Day
19th	High School Flu Vaccinations
27th	College Closed
December	
18th	End of Term (ends 1:10pm)

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■ **Message from the Headteachers**

As our thirteenth year draws to a close, we pause to reflect on a term filled with God's grace. It has been a period rich in faith, activity, and community spirit. Our educational experience across the College remains determinedly broad and deep. We continue to prioritise opportunities that create life-long memories for our young people. Above all, we seek to cultivate positive, nurturing relationships at every level. This environment helps our students to truly become the unique individuals God created them to be.

This term, our spiritual life found its ultimate expression in action. Following months of dedicated fundraising, our community successfully undertook an historic pilgrimage to Lourdes. Seeing our students give of themselves so completely was beautiful to witness. They lived out the principle of the "common good" in a Christ-like way.

This directly mirrors the strategic thinking of Pope Leo XIV. Since his election, Holy Father Leo has challenged Catholic institutions to serve the vulnerable and listen with open hearts. At our College, this focus is structurally embedded into our daily routines. We see it bear fruit through our expanding Eco-Club, our Jack Petchey winners, and our student leadership teams.

God has also blessed our academic endeavours this year. Our latest set of Primary school outcomes, including the Key Stage 2 SATs, were once again exceptional. This success stands as a direct testament to the high calibre and tireless efforts of our staff. Crucially, it reflects the positive, trusting relationship we share with our parents and carers. For this partnership, we are incredibly grateful. We now look forward in hope for a similarly successful set of GCSE and A-Level results this August.

Looking ahead to September, our initiatives continue to yield excellent results. The use of Yondr pouches has successfully maintained a calm, focused environment during the school day. It protects our classrooms from social media distractions. Concurrently, the next phase of our iPad rollout expands thoughtfully. We remain committed to balancing modern learning with the spiritual and mental wellbeing of our students. Next year we look forward to the introduction of the SRR Way which will help students plot their progress towards achieving bronze, silver and gold awards as they complete all it means to be a St Richard Reynolds student: service, co-curricular participation, being a

role model and so much more. Watch this space for the official launch in September.

To maintain this high standard, we ask for your continued cooperation with school uniform. Skirts and shorts must be a proper, tailored length. Rolled skirts are strictly prohibited. Please ensure all nail extensions and varnishes are completely removed before the first day of term. School shoes must be traditional leather or polishable styles. Branded sports trainers, like Nike Air Force, are not permitted. Finally, please do not book family holidays during term time. **Excellent school attendance directly drives academic achievement and more importantly belonging and loving school.**

The end of the academic year brings a bittersweet goodbye as we bid a heartfelt farewell to Mr. Butcher, a foundational pillar of our school for eleven of our twelve years. As an outstanding History teacher and trusted member of our Leadership Team, he has shaped our College with wisdom and grace. Mr. Butcher passionately championed inclusion, ensuring every child felt valued as a unique child of God. From masterminding our "School in Rome" experiences to guiding daily community life, he served with true integrity.

He will be deeply missed. We hold him closely in our prayers as he begins his new role as Deputy Headteacher of Brackenhale School in Bracknell, where we know, he will continue to bring Christ's light to young people. Finally, we extend our sincere gratitude and blessings to all our departing staff colleagues for their dedicated service to our community.

We wish all our families a safe, holy, and happy summer break. May it be a time of rest and spiritual renewal. The new academic year begins for staff on Tuesday 1st September. We look forward to welcoming back our students for the staggered start on Thursday 3rd September, with all year groups fully returned by Friday 4th September. May God bless us, and may St Richard Reynolds always pray for us.

Mrs S. Simmons
Head of School

Mr C. Rogers
Acting Head of Primary

■ ***Our Catholic Community***

We conclude this academic year with our Gratitude Celebration of the Word, a fitting way to end a year filled with faith, friendship and thanksgiving. Throughout the year, our school motto, "*See the*

Goodness of the Lord," has been evident in all that we have thought, said and done at St Richard Reynolds Catholic College. It has continued to shape our Catholic Life and Mission, inspiring our community to live out the Gospel values in our daily interactions and service to others.

The Summer Term has been particularly rich in opportunities for prayer, worship, a mini-pilgrimage and year group retreats; all of which have strengthened the spiritual life of our school community.

Year 6 Mass

Our Year 6 pupils marked the end of their primary school journey with a beautiful Celebration Mass, celebrated by Fr Philip Dyer-Perry. Together they gave thanks for the friendships they have formed, the experiences they have shared and the many ways they have grown during their formative years. It was a joyful and reflective occasion as they prepared for the next stage of their education.



Year 13 Leavers' Mass

We also celebrated our Year 13 students as they completed their journey at St Richard Reynolds Catholic College. Their Leavers' Mass provided an opportunity to thank God for their dedication, resilience and the many contributions they have made to college life. Students participated reverently as readers and musicians, before gathering with families and staff for refreshments kindly organised by the Friends of St Richard Reynolds (FoSRR).





Ascension Masses

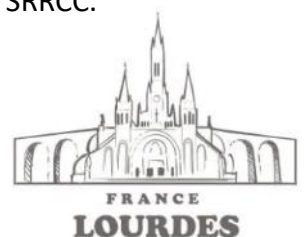
Earlier this term we celebrated The Feast of the Ascension, a Holy Day of Obligation which provided another important opportunity for communal worship. Year 12 attended Mass at St James's Church, while Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 celebrated Mass at St Margaret of Scotland Parish. Our Primary pupils remained on site for Mass, celebrated by Fr Philip Baptiste. Although Years 11 and 13 were on study leave, they remained in our prayers as they prepared for their public examinations and future pathways.

Mini Pilgrimage

Mr Kenny and Mrs Veale organised a Mini Pilgrimage for Years 7, 8, 9 and 12 as part of our Year of St Francis celebrations, raising funds towards next year's Lourdes Pilgrimage for a group of our Year 12 students. The day was filled with opportunities to share stories, make new friendships and journey together in faith. The pilgrimage concluded at St



Elizabeth of Portugal RC Church, Richmond, where a celebration of the word was held. Our Year 12 students gave inspiring testimonies about their experiences of the Lourdes Pilgrimage, encouraging others to consider taking part in this life-changing opportunity when they reach the Sixth Form here at SRRCC.





been encouraging to witness our young people embracing their faith with confidence and enthusiasm.



Year 8 and Year 10 retreat

Our Year 8 and Year 10 students enjoyed inspiring retreat days at the beautiful Wintershall Estate in Surrey. Travelling by coach, they spent the day immersed in prayer, reflection and community. The Wintershall team brought the Gospels to life through dramatic performances, small-group discussions and creative artwork, helping our students to deepen their understanding of Christ's message in engaging and memorable ways.



Confirmands Celebration breakfast

This term we also celebrated those students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation in their local parishes. Our annual confirmation breakfast recognised this important milestone in their faith journey and allowed us to give thanks for their commitment to strengthening their relationship with Christ and His Church. Inspired by Pope Francis' call to live with the joy of the Gospel, it has





As we continue to celebrate our Year of St Francis of Assisi who died 800 years ago, students across the College have reflected on his example of simplicity, humility and care for God's creation. Through acts of stewardship, service, environmental responsibility and kindness towards one another, our young people have continued to demonstrate the values at the heart of Catholic Social Teaching. These everyday actions have provided countless examples of our school community living out our mission and truly seeing the goodness of the Lord.

As another successful school year draws to a close, we give thanks to God for the many blessings we have received. We are deeply grateful to our students, staff, families, parish partners and governors for their continued support in nurturing the Catholic Life and Mission of our school. Together, we have continued to build a community where faith is lived, relationships are valued and every individual is encouraged to flourish.

We wish all members of our school community a restful, safe and blessed summer and look forward to continuing our shared journey of faith in the new academic year.

Mrs R. Walker
College Chaplain

■ Attendance

A high level of attendance is the foundation of educational success. There is clear evidence of a link between poor attendance at school and low levels of achievement. Therefore, requests for absence will only be granted in exceptional circumstances, and holidays in term time will not be authorised. The College target for attendance is 98%. Anything below this is a cause for concern, 90% is regarded as persistent absence.

Please expect communication from the College, including compulsory attendance at meetings if your child's attendance falls below 98%. If your child is not well enough to come into school, please contact the college using the 'report absence' feature in MCAS to register your child's sickness. If you are unable to use the app, please email the College Office, attendance@srrcc.org.uk to explain, by 9am at the latest. Medical and dental appointments should take place outside school time where possible. Evidence of appointments must be presented and notification **at least 24 hours in advance** of any appointment taking place during the school day.

■ 100% Attendance Club

Our 100% Club continues to be hugely popular and successful. Each month, students with 100% attendance are eligible for awards and prizes; including an ice cream this term. Congratulations to the winners for this term:

Year Group	July Winners
Year 7	Kassiel F
Year 8	Blanka Z
Year 9	Dexter D
Year 10	Annabella N



■ Fundraising

Thank you for your support!

During the Easter holidays a group of Year 12 students travelled to Lourdes as part of a HCPT (Hosanna House Children's Pilgrimage Trust) Service group. Service groups help in two ways, first within family pilgrimage groups as support for those groups. This can be as additional help on excursions and includes activities like organising parties, face painting, water fights and football games with the HCPT guests. The second way that they help is directly with HCPT, marshalling at big events like the HCPT Trust Mass with over 3,000 attendees or moving boxes at the airport.

We were blessed with beautiful weather and the students had a fulfilling and exhausting experience! The team have shared their reflections with the students at school through assemblies over the last few weeks. None of this would have been possible without the support of our incredible school community. In order to support this service group, our school community raised over £3,700 through events like our Jubilee Mini-Pilgrimage last summer, House Mufti Day, Christmas Jumper Day, the Corpus Christi cycle not to mention the cake sales. A huge thank you to all who were involved. We are now looking ahead to Easter 2027 and we will be starting our fundraising efforts again soon.

The Lourdes Pilgrimage Team



■ Music

Music News

The Music Department has enjoyed an exceptionally busy and successful school year, with students performing in a wide range of concerts, recitals and community events. A Level and GCSE musicians have worked hard towards their practical examinations, while audiences have been treated to lunchtime recitals, tutor showcases and the ever-popular Live@SRRCC concerts. Students also enjoyed inspiring theatre trips and represented the school at a collaborative choral event with local schools.

Last term concluded with a vibrant Spring Concert featuring ensembles, choirs and soloists from across the school, highlighting the depth of musical talent and commitment within the department. Alongside performance opportunities, students have taken part in composition workshops and songwriting projects, demonstrating creativity as well as musicianship. With tours, concerts and further performance opportunities planned, the Music Department continues to provide a rich and varied programme for students of all ages.



Live@SRRCC

Our popular Live@SRRCC event took place on 11th June, offering staff, students, and families an evening filled with fantastic live music. The concert featured a wide variety of performances, from impressive solo acts to group performances by our Year 7-8 Band, Year 9 Band, Function Band, and our Gospel and community SingOut! Choir. It was wonderful to see so many students coming together to showcase their musical talents.

Function Band performance at 'Edmundsbury' St Edmunds Summer Fair

We were delighted that our local feeder school St Edmund's in Whitton invited our Function Band to

perform as part of their entertainment for their summer fair.

The band made up of Aaliyah B, Cara B, Oscar H, Thomas H, Minnie W, George F, Ricardo S and Leo V performed to a large audience in the sunshine. It was a real treat for the local community to hear their repertoire.

Family Orchestra Day

This term on Saturday 13th June we held our very first Family Orchestra Day. We were thrilled to welcome both our primary and secondary orchestra members, along with staff, parents, friends and neighbours of the school. This was a unique event with a wonderful community feel!



Trip to Belgium:

This July we were thrilled to take both the SRRCC Orchestra and Gospel Choir on tour to Belgium. Our trip included performances at the Catholic churches **Sint Jacobskerk, Antwerp** and **Onze-Lieve-Vrouwen Sint-Pieterskerk, Ghent**. Our itinerary also featured an exciting day at Bobbejaanland Theme Park, a scenic boat trip in Bruges, a visit to the historic Gravensteen Castle in Ghent, and a much-anticipated trip to Choco-Story in Brussels.





■ Art

Soon the Art department will unveil the 2026 GCSE and A Level Art exhibitions. The work will include paint, print, pencil, textiles, clay, and digital art, from every single student who took part in GCSE and A level Art this year.

Artsteps Virtual galleries using the links below:

- [Artsteps | A level Art 2025](#)
- [Artsteps | GCSE Art exhibition 2026](#)

Mr R. McPaul
Head of Art



*Clockwise from top
right:*

*Julia K. (Yr 11)
Julia U. (Yr 11)
Andrea T. (Yr 13)
Lola W. (Yr 11)
Jesse D. (Yr 11)*



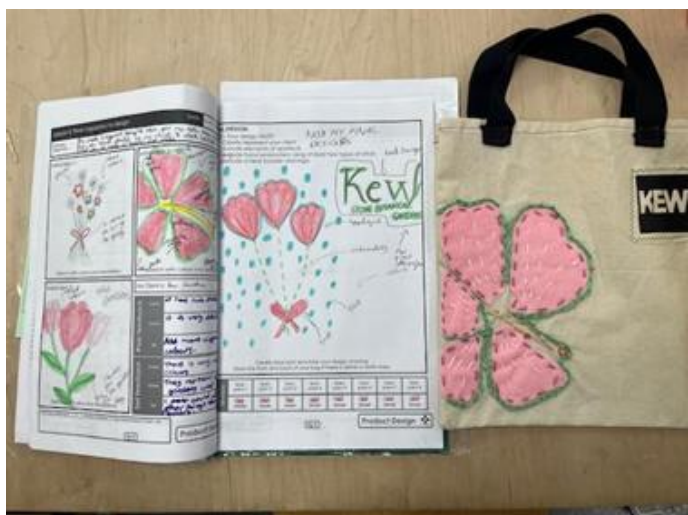
Product Design

Another busy year in Product Design. Year 7 has been busy learning about polymers and sustainability in design through recycling; from this they have produced laser cut rulers for their pencil cases, stickers for their iPads, and phone stands made from recycled plastic bottle caps.



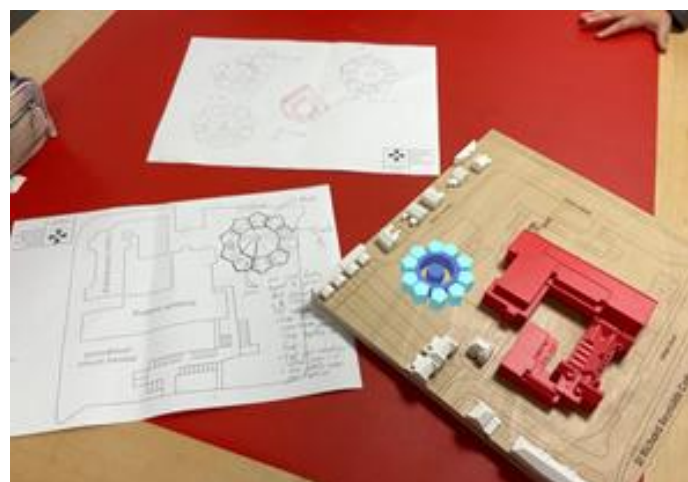
Year 8 Tote Bags

Product Design in Year 8 has had a re-vamp with students designing custom tote bags for local independent businesses or iconic places, some really impressive work produced.



Year 9 TechSkills

Year 9 TechSkills lessons in the first term saw students take on the role of architects, finding out about the diverse range of careers in that industry and then redesigning part of our College site. Students produced a range of technical drawings of their design as well as a 3D printed model they could present on our scale model of the school. We even experimented with using Augmented Reality to view students models on the big screen using our new staff iPads and Apple TVs.



Our year 10 Product Designers have worked with students at Strathmore School to design inclusive cutlery as part of their learning on CAD (Computer Aided Design), ergonomics and anthropometrics. Some real innovative thinking and creative design work shown in the cutlery they have produced!



Our Year 12 Product Designers are now well into their coursework. At the start of their work in February, they enjoyed the opportunity to conduct research at the Victoria and Albert Museum.



We obtained a wide variety of outcomes produced at GCSE and A-Level as part of their coursework this year from innovative home storage solutions, to bespoke toolboxes, and even a smart watch for swimmers! To celebrate all the fantastic work our exam classes produced, and where they go onwards to study/work after their time at SRRCC, we have started a 'hall of fame' in the Product Design corridor in Haile block.



Our co-curricular Scalextric4Schools club has been working in teams to design and make their own 1:32 scale racing cars from scratch since September. Two of our teams took part in the national competition at the National Agricultural and Exhibition Centre near Coventry in June.



With thanks to generous parental contributions we have been able to invest in new equipment. A centre lathe, which allows for more precision engineering skills to be developed by students and a pair of new 3D printers have been purchased. We have named one 'Trevor', after the famous inventor Trevor Baylis who lived nearby on Eel Pie Island. Please do write in if you have any ideas what to name the second 3D printer, we would love to hear your thoughts.



Lastly, sustainability and our stewardship of the earth is a core strand that runs through everything we do here in Product Design. Our amazing students and their families in Primary do an amazing job in collecting plastic bottle caps we then use to make products from. The total weight we recycled this year was an astonishing 74kg!



Trip to Seville



Our Year 12 Trip to Seville, Spain was an amazing experience mixed with fun activities, such as kayaking down the Guadalquivir River and educational walks around the old historic monuments such as the Seville Cathedral and the Royal Alcazar. We went to Mass in the Cathedral on Sunday morning which was an authentic experience even if it was very hot! One of my personal favourite parts of our trip was when we went to Las Setas both at night and during the day. You could see the whole city from up there and at night all the lights across the city looked really beautiful. Another thing that was brilliant was that it genuinely was a great way to practice speaking Spanish; for me as a fluent speaker it was a really good opportunity to talk in my native language and talk to other Spanish speaking people which I don't get the chance to do in England outside of my home. The free time that we had at lunch was also nice as it allowed us to get our own feel of the city as we had freedom to explore whatever part we wanted based on our own personal interests. I really recommend this trip for all Spanish students and even other students who want a chance to experience some Spanish culture.

Olivia C. (Year 12)



■ **Belgium Trip (Year 8)**

During our school trip to Belgium in July, we visited a range of fascinating and memorable places that helped us learn more about World War One and its lasting impact. Throughout the trip, we explored historic battlefields, museums, and memorials, while also experiencing some of Belgium's famous culture, including its delicious chocolate. This trip was both educational and enjoyable and gave us a greater appreciation of history and the sacrifices made by those who fought in the war.

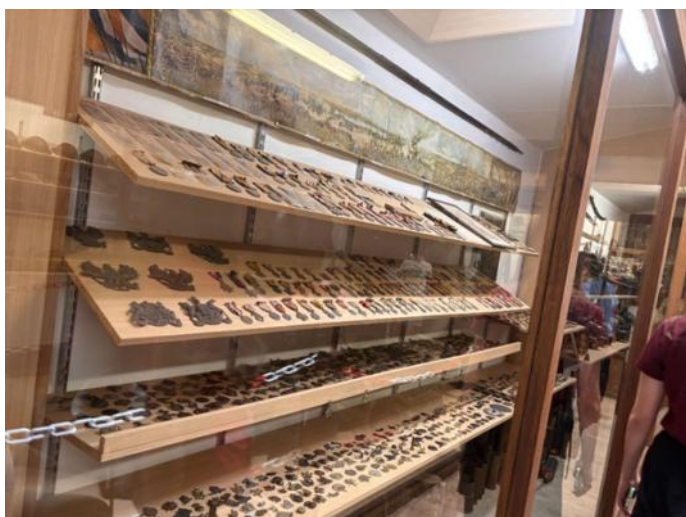
To start with, we went to Sanctuary Wood, a place filled with trenches and a small museum that also showed us many trinkets from WW1, including medals, guns, gas masks and lots more. The trenches have been there since the war, and it showed us how bad the conditions were for the soldiers at the time. We learnt that it was worse in the winter because they would have to live in poorer conditions and could get injuries such as trench foot. We all left Sanctuary Wood feeling very grateful to have not lived during that time of conflict.



After going to Sanctuary Wood, we travelled to Tyne Cot Memorial, and visited the grave-stones of lots of the soldiers who died in war. We were informed that a lot of the graves were empty because the bodies were never found, and it reminded us of the reality of war and the outcomes of it. The cemetery also houses a memorial which has 35,000 British and New Zealand servicemen with no known grave who also died in war.



Later on, that evening we were able to visit Menin Gate, a major World War 1 memorial which has 54,000 names of soldiers engraved into it. The memorial also celebrates the lives of the soldiers lost in war like at Tyne Cot. We were lucky enough to experience The Last Post Ceremony, which happens every night at 8pm. The service was very crowded, which shows how impactful the memories of WW1 still are today. At the end of the service, a group of Buglers march whilst playing a tribute to the fallen soldiers. It was a very moving ceremony.



Also during our trip to Belgium, we visited a chocolate shop called Leonidas. We could see through the shop windows an array of different chocolates, from white chocolate to dark and all the wonderful flavours in between. When we entered the shop one key thing caught our attention, the smell of the delicious chocolate awaiting us. The best part of the visit to Leonidas was the kindness and hospitality shown to us, as well as a few free tasters!



The final site we visited during our trip was the Passchendaele Museum. The museum focuses on the history of one of the main battles of WW1. Inside the museum we saw displays ranging from artifacts of entertainment, bomb shells and medical supplies that were used. One quote that surprised us was from a soldier who fought in the war, it said, ***"I spent thirty-one months in France and Belgium and I would do all of that over again rather than those six weeks in Passchendaele"*** - Ernest Black.



Overall the visit helped us appreciate the history of Belgium, the impact of World War 1 and how it continues to greatly affect people. A collective highlight of this trip was getting to experience some of the actual environments soldiers in the war would have faced and of course getting to enjoy the very tasty Belgium chocolate. We will remember and reflect on this trip for a lifetime.



By Phoebe M. & Charlotte L. (Year 8)

PROGRESS LEADER UPDATES

■ Year 7

Congratulations Year 7. What a phenomenal year this has been! So much has changed since July 2025 on Moving Up Day, still in your Primary School PE kit and wondering what Secondary School would be like. Now here at the end of the academic year, it would be remiss of me not to celebrate the excellence you have shown this year. It has not been easy; new routines, classrooms, teachers, friends, iPads plus much more has been thrown at you all - yet here you stand, ready to take it all on once again. When speaking to you for the first time as a cohort in September, I had just one request; for you to try your best every single day. You have gone above and beyond this request, and I am truly inspired by the young people you are becoming; a group of young people with such potential, such courage, such compassion, such commitment, such resilience.

You have all embraced life in our community to the fullest once again this term- most notably with your dedication in Sports Day, whilst also showing incredible enthusiasm on your Careers and Enterprise Day, and of course your humour and participation shown in this year's SRRCC Sing Off.

Our Mini-Pilgrimage from St Richard Reynolds was a time to walk, reflect and grow together in a different way. As we journeyed as a community, we all had the opportunity for quiet contemplation and meaningful conversation. The Mini-Pilgrimage encouraged you to consider what it means to be a young person of faith, and how you might carry those values into the next stage of their life.

Additionally, you have been our digital pioneers this year with the commencement of our iPad initiative - something no other cohort in our College's history can say. Both myself and your tutors have been so impressed with your consistent meeting of iPad expectations, continued inquisitiveness and fortitude, and I am in no doubt that will continue into the new academic year.

You have all laid such strong foundations this past year; now is the time to start thinking about the kind of impact you want to make with Year 8 on the horizon. As we head into the summer holidays, take time to relax, recharge and reflect on what you've accomplished. It has been an absolute privilege to be your Progress Leader this year, and please know that I am so proud of each and every one of you! I know that as you move into Year 8 under the

guidance of Mr Gibbs, you will go from strength to strength and flourish during another successful year.

Mr D. Smith

■ Year 8

As another school year comes to a close, I would like to say how incredibly proud I am of our Year 8 students. It has been a privilege to watch them grow in confidence, maturity and character throughout the year. They have embraced every opportunity, supported one another and made a fantastic contribution to the life of the College. Despite the exceptionally hot weather this summer, they have continued to show resilience, enthusiasm and positivity.

This term has been filled with memorable experiences. Several students acted as ambassadors for our visiting school from Taiwan, representing the College with kindness, confidence and maturity. The whole year group also enjoyed a retreat at the Wintershall estate and later completed a pilgrimage to St Elizabeth of Portugal Church in Richmond. On both occasions, the students were a real credit to the College, and it was wonderful to receive compliments from members of the public about their respectful behaviour and excellent manners.

A small group of students also visited Kingston Hospital to learn about careers within the NHS. Staff praised their enthusiasm, engagement and thoughtful questions, and I hope the experience has inspired some future healthcare professionals.

July has been particularly exciting, with Year 8 travelling to Belgium on both the History and Music trips. Whether performing abroad or visiting the First World War battlefields and memorials, these experiences will create lasting memories and broaden our students' horizons. My thanks go to Ms Lowe, the History Department and the Music Department for providing these fantastic opportunities.

As our students prepare for Year 9, I would like to thank them for making this such an enjoyable and rewarding year. I am also grateful to our parents and carers for your continued support throughout the year. I wish everyone a restful and well-deserved summer break, and I look forward to welcoming our students back in September for another successful year.

Mr J. Powell

■ Year 9

As we reach the end of another fantastic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our Year 9 families for your continued support. It has been a pleasure getting to know this cohort over the past year and watching them grow in confidence, maturity and independence. They have made some huge strides since September and should all be incredibly proud of what they have achieved.

This year has very much been about beginning the journey towards becoming GCSE Ready. Through our assemblies, the GCSE Information Evening, the options process and, of course, the hard work that has taken place in lessons every day, students have developed a much better understanding of what will be expected of them over the next two years. Their end-of-year assessments, along with the progress they have made throughout the year, show that many of our students are already very close to being GCSE ready. There is plenty to celebrate and a lot to be proud of.

There have also been some fantastic highlights outside the classroom. Many of these have featured in previous editions of *Acta*, but they are certainly worth celebrating again. Our students who completed their Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Award represented the College brilliantly, with the expedition leaders commenting that this was probably one of the strongest cohorts they had worked with. We have also enjoyed an incredible year of sporting success. Our Year 9 boys' football team were crowned Surrey Cup Champions, a title we hope they can defend next year. Our Year 9 girls became Surrey Cup Cricket Champions, reached the final of the Richmond Borough Basketball competition and, as I write this, are on their way to compete in the Richmond Borough Cricket Final. These achievements don't happen by chance; they are the result of hard work, commitment and teamwork, and everyone involved should be incredibly proud.

As we look ahead to Year 10, there is still work to do. Resilience will become even more important as students begin their GCSE courses in earnest, and we need everyone to continue developing the habits that lead to success. Excellent attendance, arriving on time every day, wearing the correct uniform with pride and coming to school ready to learn are the foundations of doing well at GCSE. Year 10 should be about focusing on academic

progress and making the most of every lesson, rather than spending time having the same conversations about lateness or inappropriate uniform. These are simple expectations, but getting them right every day will make a huge difference over the next two years.

Finally, I would like to let you know that I won't be continuing as Head of Year for this cohort next year. It has been a privilege to support your children throughout Year 9, and I would like to thank you all for your support over the past year. From September, Miss Howland will be taking over as Head of Year 10. I know she will continue to challenge and support the students as they begin the most important stage of their journey towards their GCSEs, and I have every confidence that the year group will continue to thrive under her leadership.

Thank you once again for all of your support this year. I hope you all have a wonderful, restful summer break, and I wish our Year 9 students every success as they begin Year 10 in September.

Mr B. Gibbs

■ Year 10

What a busy, hot and successful term it has been for Year 10! As we reach the end of the year, our students should be incredibly proud of everything they have achieved. There has been so much to celebrate, and it has been wonderful to see the year group continue to grow in confidence and maturity as they prepare for their GCSEs.

One of the highlights of the term has been the appointment of our new prefect team. We were delighted that almost a third of the year group applied, demonstrating the enthusiasm our students have for giving back to the College community. We now have 52 prefects who began their journey with a Leadership Summit, where they explored what it means to be ambassadors for the college. They have already embraced the role wholeheartedly, supporting events such as Moving Up Day and Sports Day, where they represented the College brilliantly.

Mock examination week was another real success. Despite the exceptionally warm weather, students approached the week with maturity, resilience and determination. It was fantastic to see so many students demonstrating that they are more than capable of arriving on time, fully equipped and

capable of arriving on time, fully equipped and ready to succeed. This positive approach is something we encourage everyone to carry on into Year 11.

Work Experience was another standout moment of the term. Our students completed an incredible range of placements, including hairdressers, theatres, film studios, schools, cafés, charities, councils and even the courts. It was a pleasure to visit many of our students and see the professionalism, enthusiasm and work ethic they demonstrated. These experiences have given many students greater confidence as they begin to think about their future pathways beyond school.

Students also enjoyed our annual Year 10 into Year 12 Day, experiencing life as a sixth former through a range of taster lessons. It was fantastic to see them embracing new subjects and beginning to think seriously about the opportunities that await them after GCSEs.

As a Catholic College, our Year 10 Mass was another special moment this term. During his homily, the priest reminded students of Taylor Swift's words: "Just be yourself, there is no one better." It was a fitting message for this year group, who continue to grow into confident young people with so much to offer. There really is no one better than this Year 10 cohort!

We also congratulate all students who successfully completed their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award expedition, demonstrating resilience, teamwork and perseverance, as well as our Year 10 girls' cricket team, who were crowned Surrey Cup champions; an outstanding achievement that reflects their dedication and teamwork.

As I always remind students in assemblies before breaks, we have now reached the final pit stop before Year 11. It is a pit stop that has certainly been earned. Over the summer, I encourage all

students to enjoy time with family and friends, rest well and recharge, but also take small steps to prepare for September. Organising revision materials, ensuring uniform is ready and approaching Year 11 with a positive mindset will make all the difference.

Thank you, Year 10, for another fantastic year. I am incredibly proud of everything you have accomplished and cannot wait to see what you achieve in Year 11. Have a wonderful, restful summer and I look forward to welcoming you back in September, ready for the exciting year ahead.

Ms E. Hill

■ Year 11

Congratulations on reaching the end of Year 11! There is so much for you to be proud of. It has been a privilege to watch you flourish and overcome so many challenges this year. Your conduct and dedication throughout the GCSE period have been truly exemplary. We hope you now take a moment to reflect on your incredible progress and achievements over the years. It was wonderful to celebrate with so many of you on Friday the 19th - we hope you enjoyed the event as much as we did! We are thrilled to be welcoming many of you back to our Sixth Form this September. To those embarking on new adventures elsewhere, we wish you the absolute best. Please stay in touch, our doors are always open to you. Education is a journey, not a destination, and we have no doubt that you will continue to grow into successful, kind, and considerate individuals wherever your next steps take you.

For now, it is time for a well-deserved rest. Have an amazing summer, and we look forward to seeing you all on results day!

Miss J. Kieser



■ Year 12

Academically, Year 12 students started their summer term with their mock exams, allowing them to test their knowledge and understanding of the subjects they have chosen for A level. Whilst for some it was an important reminder of the leap still needed for A level study beyond the basic revision and recall that served them well at GCSE, for others it was a testament to their focus and determination from the first day and the depth of study and breadth of wider reading that they had already completed. There were some truly outstanding results. All parents now have access to the mock grades and predicted grades through MCAS.

In personal development, Year 12 have been busy preparing for their future after Year 13. A trip to the UCAS Discovery Fair kicked off the summer term giving them the opportunity to speak to a wide variety of universities and apprenticeship providers. This was followed by a Personal Statement workshop that inspired the students to commit to plenty of super curricular activities to ensure that their Personal Statement allows them to stand out from the crowd. They also benefitted from the Corporate Insight morning, hearing about the variety of education and career paths available to young people today. Students had the opportunity to experience a professional interview. We wrapped up the term with a visit to Royal Holloway University where they learned more about the process of applying to universities and experienced a mini lecture followed by a very informative Q&A session with the student ambassadors.

Spiritually, Year 12 celebrated mass together with Father Philip Dyer Perry, who encouraged them all to nurture their inner-self and to make sure that they protect the quiet times and time with God. Allowing ourselves to fully connect with the bigger picture of life and becoming the person that God created us to be.

Year 12 have worked hard this year but after some time to decompress and relax they need to make sure they are consolidating their Year 12 knowledge to ensure a firm foundation to build on for Year 13. Many students also have NEAs and/or an EPQ to work on over the summer. We recommend all students have a study plan in place for around 4 weeks of the break.

It seems hard to believe the journey they have experienced since joining the sixth form. Some amazing friendships have been formed and they have

learned a lot - about their subjects and themselves.. Hold on tight as the rollercoaster of sixth form continues - the next two terms will pass in a flash!

Ms S. Hunt



Our new Sixth Form Leadership Team



At Royal Holloway University



Teamwork & problem solving at the Corporate Morning

Year 13

Well done to our Year 13s! We are incredibly proud of our students who have worked exceptionally hard throughout this term working towards completing their A Level examinations.

After two years of perseverance and learning, the moment finally arrived to put their knowledge to the test and they rose to the challenge. Students prepared admirably for their A Levels - countless hours independently studying both at home and in College, seeking support from subject teachers and pastoral staff members and maintaining a balance between study and all other aspects of life along the way. The focus in the Sixth Form Silent Study room during examination registration was incredible.

Year 13 had an action-packed final term - leavers mass and leavers week which included a fancy-dress fundraiser, end of Sixth Form assembly with special awards along with an inflatables and pizza van party on their final day to the soundtrack of a DJ. Thank you to parents for sharing brilliant first day at school photos and for your financial support for the inflatables/pizza party.

Our Sixth Form Team and teaching staff were delighted to be invited to the Year 13 Leavers' Prom at the Richmond Hill Hotel. Well done to the organising team for putting together what looked like being a fabulous evening. We hope the evening went smoothly after we left and that you made the most of the dancefloor!

Following our Freshers Preparation Assembly by St. Mary's University Twickenham, we look forward to



seeing students for A Level Results Day on Thursday 13th August where staff will be on hand to support students with securing their next steps and to navigate UCAS where necessary. Information has been sent to parents and students about the processes on results day and what steps can be taken ahead of results day to prepare for every eventuality. Please monitor your MCAS as further reminders will be sent out as the day approaches.



We can't wait to hear all the wonderful stories of Year 13 your summer adventures on results day - we know there are some excellent adventures planned both near and far. We wish our students the best in all they do after SRR, keep us updated on their successes and let us know if we can help with anything!

Mr S. McGarrity

■ **Economics**

Some of our Year 12 Economics students recently had the exciting opportunity to visit the Pension Protection Fund (PPF) at its City office, where they engaged directly with professionals working at the heart of the UK's financial sector. During the visit, students gained valuable insights into careers in finance and explored real-world applications of economic theory, helping them connect their classroom learning with practical experience.

This marks the second consecutive year that our students have visited the PPF. We would like to extend our sincere thanks to the entire PPF team for their warm hospitality and generosity in sharing their time, knowledge, and expertise. Most importantly, we are grateful for their continued commitment to inspiring and supporting our young people.



Students accepting their Cambridge Economics Challenge Awards this term:



Cambridge Economics Challenge Award

High School Uniform Regulations

If you are purchasing any uniform over the Easter or Summer holidays it would be worthwhile consulting our uniform policy [here](#) prior to purchase. If you are unsure if an item is regulation we would be happy to answer questions via office@srrcc.org.uk prior to purchase.

Please note that students not wearing the correct uniform may be sent home, be given a replacement item or you will be expected to purchase the correct uniform.

Points of Clarification

PE Kit: Students may wear PE kit to school if they have PE Period 1 and 2. They may return from school in their PE kit if they have PE Period 5 and 6. Normal school uniform must be worn for the rest of the day.

Blazers: must be worn to and from school as per the uniform policy, they are not optional.

Skirts: must not be rolled, cut or shortened. If they have been modified a new skirt must be purchased.

Socks: Grey or black socks where trousers are worn and grey, black or white socks where skirts are worn. Socks must not be branded - if a student is wearing branded socks, they will be asked to remove them and a replacement pop sock will be provided.

Tights: Grey, black or flesh coloured. Socks must not be worn over tights.

Sixth Form

Please refer to the Sixth Form [dress code](#) if your child is in Year 12 or 13. Students should expect to be sent home if they are not dressed in accordance with the 6th Form dress code. Items which do not meet the dress code may also be confiscated for a period of time.

Points of clarification:

- No hoodies
- No combat/cargo trousers
- No bodycon clothing; skirts or trousers
- Smart shoes must be worn

Tops/blouses/shirts must be long enough that they can be tucked into trousers/skirts.

If you are unsure if an item is regulation we would be happy to answer questions via office@srrcc.org.uk prior to purchase.

■ Careers

Year 7 Enterprise Day

In April Year 7 took part in an exciting Enterprise Day designed to introduce them to the world of work. Throughout the day, students developed critical real-world skills, discovering how both commercial and social businesses operate. The highlight of the event saw teams put their knowledge to the test, working together to pitch and run their own businesses in a fast-paced marketplace competition.



Year 8 NHS Careers Workshop

A small group of Year 8 students recently attended a brilliantly planned Health and Social Care Careers Event at Kingston Hospital, featuring interactive stands and a captivating, live simulated patient journey.

The students were incredibly engaged as they explored diverse clinical and non-clinical pathways across the health sectors.

The thought-provoking day proved both highly educational and immense fun, sparking fantastic discussions and inspiring our students about their future career possibilities.



Year 7 "What is a Career?" Assembly

Year 7 looked ahead to the future with a fantastic guest assembly from Lucy Timms at St Mary's University. Lucy introduced the students to the world of work, sparking great conversations about what a career actually is and the exciting opportunities waiting for them. The students answered questions with fantastic enthusiasm and intelligence.



Year 12 Futures Trips, Visits & Workshops

This term, our Year 12 students have benefited from a wealth of expert guidance to help them navigate their next steps.

The journey began in April with a visit to the UCAS Discovery Exhibition, where students engaged face-to-face with universities and employers. Following this, an external specialist delivered an interactive morning workshop to jumpstart their personal statement writing.

We have also welcomed several universities to the College to offer tailored advice on choosing the right degree courses. For our students interested in a creative path, Norwich University of the Arts hosted a bespoke session focused on building standout application portfolios.



For those exploring alternative pathways to university study, we will be providing bespoke opportunities to gain knowledge and insight into apprenticeships & degree apprenticeships in the Autumn term.

Most recently, the whole year group visited Royal Holloway University to consider their future options, explore what campus universities have to offer and get a taste of higher education through participation in taster lectures. Investment20/20 and the Pension Protection Fund recently hosted our Economics students for an inspiring, behind-the-scenes look at the investment industry. Students put their skills to the test in a fast-paced Economics challenge, navigating real-world scenarios to invest strategically and maximize profits.

Yr 12 Corporate Insights Morning / Mock Interviews

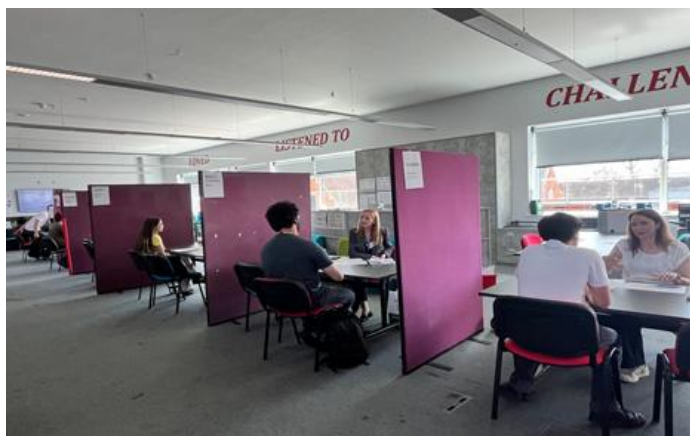
Our Year 12 students stepped into the professional world in June for a high-impact careers and employ-

ability morning. We welcomed volunteers from leading engineering companies WSP and HDR Inc., who shared their diverse career journeys. Then one team took on a complex design brief to plan a new building, while another tackled the challenges of building a viable bridge span from paper and tape. Both challenges pushed the students to think innovatively and work collaboratively.

To cap off the morning, students faced authentic professional scenarios in mock interviews for positions at top-tier companies, including Jacobs and Fragomen. Having researched their allocated roles in advance, the students rose to the occasion beautifully. The day provided invaluable insights into their own strengths and what to expect in the next stage of their career journeys—and the buzz around the interviews lasted for days afterward! We asked the students what they found useful about the sessions and they said:

- *"The skills of talking to someone face to face and selling myself rather than being scared to talk about myself"*
- *"Learning that you can switch careers and it is quite normal"*
- *"Learning how to ask productive questions, and answering new questions"*
- Our volunteer employers also found it a positive experience!
- *"I really enjoyed interviewing your Y12 pupils - they showed real positivity and passion."*
- *"It was a pleasure to meet so many enthusiastic teenagers. They all came across so well and are a credit to the school."*
- *"It was an absolute pleasure. They were all brilliant and really engaged."*





Unifrog Buzzacott Finance Insight Day

In June we were lucky to secure limited places with Buzzacott for an exclusive work experience insight day designed to bring the world of work to life. This opportunity was provided to us from our futures platform, Unifrog. Students networked with industry pros at Buzzacott, group activities put their teamwork to the test and they got the inside scoop on cracking the finance apprenticeship application process.

Alumni Update

We are excited to continue growing our Alumni network following the success of our very first event last June, where past students returned to tour the school, reconnect and share memories.

While we are not hosting a formal alumni event this year, plans are already underway for an exciting gathering next summer. The event will take place on Friday 9th July 2027. In the meantime, our focus is on expanding our network and developing meaningful, one-off support opportunities for our current students. The conversations we started last year showed us just how much our alumni have to offer, and we are looking for past students who can provide bite-sized support - like sharing career insights or offering mentoring - to help support our students. This year we have had alumni return to talk to students about DT related courses and careers and also about how to secure an apprenticeship.

If you know of any alumni who aren't currently signed up, please encourage them to join our growing community. They can easily sign up and by contacting us directly at stayintouch@srrcc.org.uk.

Yr 10 Work Experience

At the start of July, our Year 10 students stepped out of the classroom and embarked on an exciting three-day work experience adventure. The variety of placements was incredible, with students secur-

ing fantastic opportunities across an array of industries, including architecture, media, broadcasting, and hospitality.

It has been wonderful to see the entire year group engage so enthusiastically with the programme. Beyond exploring potential career paths, the students developed crucial life skills that will be invaluable as they mature. From mastering complex commutes and dressing professionally to communicating effectively in a workplace environment, they have built a brilliant foundation for their next steps.

Here is what some of our students had to say when reflecting on their placements:

- *"I learnt and experienced first-hand what the environment was like when at work."*
- *"I learnt that working in a business requires a lot of responsibility and good communication."*
- *"I watched a full operation"*
- *"I completed a study on different boroughs in the area of London and assessed how they helped small businesses"*
- *"I learnt that you should always look out to see if there is still anything more that you can do."*

Yr 10 Careers Advisor one-to-one meetings

The careers interview programme with Year 10 began this term. So far over 90 students have participated in a one-to-one careers guidance meeting with a qualified careers advisor from Innervate, who provide impartial advice to your child on how to take their next steps, depending on their current career aspirations. Following the meeting an action plan will be sent to your child and also to you via MCAS, please reach out if your child has had their meeting and you have not received their action plan. The programme will continue into the next academic year to enable all students in the year group to have had an interview by the end of the autumn term in Year 11.

InvestIN Work Experience

We are delighted to continue collaborating with InvestIN, securing six fully funded weekend work experience placements for our Year 12 students this year. Alongside these hands-on opportunities, InvestIN recently hosted a series of valuable webinars. Parents and students gained insights on career support, while our Sixth Form students received expert guidance on finding placements, maximising their experience and developing key employability skills like networking and interview techniques.

Careers in Personal Development & Unifrog

At St Richard Reynolds we are lucky enough to allow the students access to Unifrog for their careers journey throughout the school. Each year the students will engage in the platform during their tutor times or personal development lessons.

- Year 7 have been introduced to the platform, created their account and started to build their personality and interests profiles.
- Year 8 concentrated on building up their own personal careers library.
- Year 9 have looked at their learning path and also building a CV.
- Year 10 used the placement tool for their work experience.
- Year 11 and our Sixth Formers are using the platform to plan their future learning pathway.

Students have also learnt about the importance of work, job applications, what makes a good employee and rules and regulations around working students.

Remember, parents can log-in too - the email address you have registered with the school has been linked to your child's Unifrog account. Go to [Unifrog Parent](#) to sign up. Please note you will only be able to log in with the email address you have registered with us. If you do not want your email address to be linked to your child's Unifrog account, you can opt out [here](#).

Request for support with our Careers Fair 2027

Our next annual Careers Fair is officially scheduled for **Thursday 4th February 2027**. This flagship event is a fantastic opportunity for students across all key stages to connect face-to-face with a diverse range of employers and educational institutions.

This annual event is always a huge success, featuring everything from "traditional" career paths to fascinating, emerging job markets. To make next year's event even bigger, we want to expand our network. We are particularly looking for contacts in:

- **The Trades - Building and Construction, Plumbing, Electrical.**
- **Creator, Social Media and Creative Industries**

It is always a fantastic day, and we would love for you to be involved.

If you or your organisation would like to volunteer and inspire our students next year, please email n.pisanocareers@srrcc.org.uk or complete our Registration of Interest [Here](#).

Parent Resource - Talking Futures

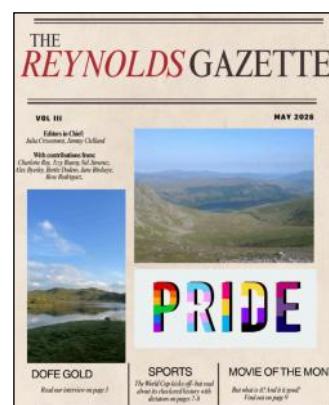
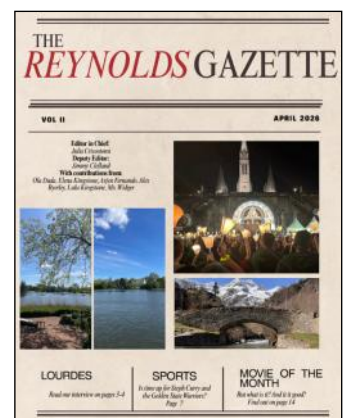
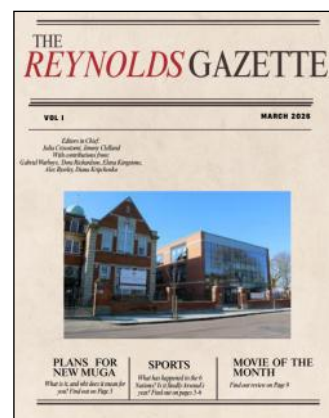
About Talking Futures: Talking Futures is a campaign by the Gatsby Charitable Foundation that aims to improve parents' understanding of the education options available today – particularly high-quality technical qualifications like T-levels, apprenticeships and Higher Technical Qualifications (HTQs), which research shows parents know less about – and encourage informed conversations with their teenagers. To access the Career Transfer Hub visit: www.talkingfutures.org.uk.

Mrs N. Pisano

Careers Coordinator

■ The Reynolds Gazette

We are delighted to share the latest editions of the **Reynolds Gazette**, our student-led publication celebrating the voices, talents and achievements of our school community. Each edition is packed with engaging articles on school life, current affairs, sport, culture, reviews and student opinion, showcasing the creativity, curiosity and journalistic skills of our young writers. The Gazette provides a wonderful insight into the interests and experiences of our students while highlighting the many exciting events taking place across the school. We hope you enjoy reading it together as a family. Simply click on the image below to access the link and explore the full edition online.



■ Sport

The final term of this academic year has been very busy from a PE and Sport perspective. The both hot and wet weather at times has caused plenty of postponements and cancellations meaning a very busy end to the Summer Term. Below are some highlights from our fixture provision this term;

- Congratulations to our Y9 Boys Football team who won the Surrey Cup overcoming Cheam High School 3-2 in a thrilling final held at Dorking FC - this squad showed great resilience in bouncing back from their final defeat in Y8 and we are so proud of what they have achieved together.
- We had two girls rugby squads compete in the London Youth Games finals after winning the two respective south qualifiers, with our Year 7's overcoming St Anne's Catholic High School 67-42 marking a fantastic achievement in their first year wearing the college shirt. Our Y8/9s took to the pitch after and took on a strong St Mary Magdalene Academy side and despite some brilliant attacking lines with the ball in hand they had great speed and came out on top. These girls continue to act as great sporting role models for the college - well done to all involved!
- In May we were lucky enough to be offered tickets to attend a County Championship cricket match at Lord's, an opportunity we could not say no to. We were excited to take a range of our keen cricket players to watch the day's action, the highlight other than watching the match play unfold was meeting Shoaib Bashir with some lucky enough to get his autograph.
- Finally our Sports Leaders programme has continued to grow this year with leadership opportunities to support sport across the borough in over twenty five events. We think this allows students to develop their communication, independence and decision-making skills. The final event was our Primary Sports Day where over fifty Year 9's supported both our KS1 and KS2 pupils as both event and group leaders, they were fantastic role models for the young people that they had in their care!

Sports Awards

On Monday 22nd June we celebrated our annual Sports Awards evening where over 150 students gathered to celebrate both individual and collective successes at our college this academic year, it was an evening full of recognition, celebration and

praise! This year there were a couple of changes to the event, firstly it was held in the Auditorium which acted as a cooler venue given the spike in temperatures in late June. Meanwhile a third award was added for each team 'most improved'. Finally, we were delighted to welcome Duncan Covey to the event, he cycled around the world in 477 days covering 36,000km. It was amazing to hear the insights on how he overcame both the physical and mental challenges of his achievement, with some great questions posed by our students in the audience. We would like to take this opportunity to thank all students, parents/carers and staff that attended the event. Please see below a summary of our main voted awards;

Award	Winners
Sports Personality of the Year	Sophie C & Rudy W
Unsung Hero	Rebecca B & Aarish M
Team of the Year - Girls	Y9/10 Cricket
Team of the Year - Boys	Y9 Football
Individual Excellence	Indi G, Zoey B, Finn J, Luke D & Joe M





Borough Sports

On Wednesday 85 students across Y7-10 participated in Borough Sports held at St Mary's University. As ever it is inspiring to see the support our students from different year groups give each other. For the third consecutive year in a row, we finished 4th overall, our continued target is to break into those podium positions; please see the table for some individual highlights from the day;

Track Event	Name	Place
1500m	Nathan L (Year 9)	1st
Hurdles	Carenza T (Year 10)	1st
300m	Zac B (Year 8)	2nd
200m	Leonie F (Year 10)	2nd
1500m	Lucy B (Year 10)	2nd
100m	Emilia S (Year 7)	3rd
200m	Ben B (Year 9)	3rd
Field Event	Name	Place
Javelin	Jaime G (Year 9)	1st
Shot	Zac B (Year 8) Zoey B (Year 8) Ben B (Year 9)	2nd
Discus	Lara S (Year 7)	3rd
High Jump	Isla F-J (Year 9)	3rd





■ **Sports Co-Curricular Timetable**

Please see below the timetable for Sports clubs for Autumn 1, they will begin **w/c 7th September** - releasing it to parents/students now allows your child to target the club/s they will attend from September. A reminder it is an expectation every child attends at least one. [Click here for our Co-Curricular Timetable](#)

Day	Club	Time	Years	Staff	Where
Monday	Gym	7:30-8:15am/3pm-4pm	10-13	PE	Gym
	RK Basketball (Boys)	7:30-8:15am	10/11 (Squad)	RK Coach	Sports Hall
	RK Basketball (Boys)	12:35-1:20pm	7 (Open)	RK Coach	Sports Hall
	RK Basketball	3:15-4:15pm	Sixth Form (Squad)	RK Coach	Sports Hall
	Boys Rugby	3:30-4:30pm	7-13	MKE/JPA/RRFC	Marble Hill
	Girls Rugby	3:30-4:30pm	7-13	JKI/RRFC	Marble Hill
Tuesday	Gym	7:30-8:15am/3pm-4pm	10-13	PE	Gym
	Girls Football	12:35-1:20pm	7-11	JCR/JKI	Sports Hall
	American Football	3:15-4:15pm	7-10	KCR	Grass
	Netball	3:15-4:15pm	9-11	JCR	Playground
Wednesday	Gym	7:30-8:15am/3pm-4pm	10-13	PE	Gym
	RK Basketball (Boys)	7:30-8:15am	8/9 (Squad)	RK Coach	Sports Hall
	Boys Football	12:35-1:20pm	8 - Week A 9 - Week B	MKE	Sports Hall
	RK Basketball Boys	3:15-4:15pm	7 (Squad)	RK Coach	Sports Hall
Thursday	Gym	7:30-8:15am/3pm-4pm	10-13	PE	Gym
	RK Basketball (Boys)	7:30-8:15am	7-11 (Open)	RK Coach	Sports Hall
	Boys Football	12:35-1:20pm	7	JPA	Sports Hall
	Badminton	3:15-4:15pm	7-9	JKI	Sports Hall
Friday	Gym	7:30-8:15am/3pm-4pm	10-13	PE	Gym
	RK Basketball (Girls)	7:30-8:15am	7-11 (Open)	RK Coach	Sports Hall
	Boys Football	12:35-1:20pm	10 - Week A 11 - Week B	XMA	Sports Hall
	Boys Football	3:30-4:30pm	7-10	SMC/XMA/BFC	Marble Hill
	Girls Football	3:30-4:30pm	7-10	SMC/XMA/BFC	Marble Hill
	Rowing	3:15-4:15pm	7-11	EHU	Gym
	Fencing	3:15-4:15pm	7-11 *EXT Club*	Pay On MCAS	Sports Hall
	Sixth Form Sport	4:15pm-5:30pm	12/13	BDE	Sports Hall

■ Sports Day

In the final week of the Summer term we celebrated our annual sports day event, where all students and staff come together for a great day of sporting action. Yet again we were blown away by the high levels of energy, enthusiasm and motivation across all year groups.

As ever every student is fighting for points for their house across a range of track and field activities, with an earlier start due to the warm weather! Please see below a range of photos from the day along with the year group and overall winners:

Year Group Winners

Year Group	House	Points
7	K	187
8	M	202
9	F	204
10	L	165
12	F	154

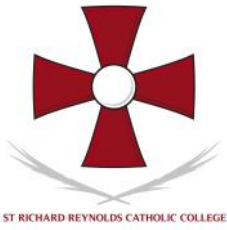
Overall Winners

Classification	House	Points Total
1 st	F	846.7
2 nd	M	763.5
3 rd	L	698.3
4 th	K	689.6
5 th	P	670
6 th	B	622.6



There were also a number of students on the day who set new Sports Day records for their respective year groups so a big congratulations to the following;

Year Group	Student Name	Discipline	Record measurement
Year 7	Lara S	Discus	17.30m
	Adeel B	High Jump	1.31m
Year 8	Emily C	Discus	16.10m
	Zoey B	Shot	8.66m
	Zac B	Shot	12.62m
Year 9	Nathan L	800m	2m 16s
	9M	Relay	52.21s
	Saskia S	Discus	18.30m
	Ben B	Shot	10.85m
	Jaime G	Javelin	33.10m
Year 10	Milo S	Shot	12.38m
Year 12	Zofia P	100m	14.47s
	Lewis K	Discus	28m



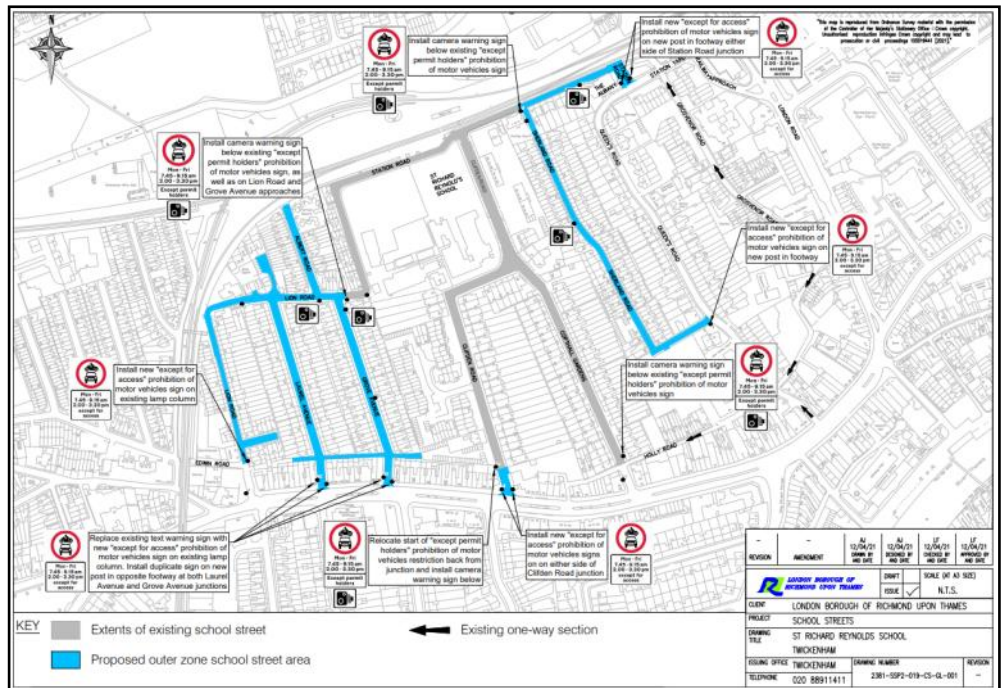
SPORTS DAY



Reminder message from the Council

We ask parents to remain respectful of local residents and refrain from driving close to the college boundaries to drop off your children. There are certain requirements for the School Street: please do not enter the School Street during the operational hours. This starts at **Station Road** (Queens Road/Station Yard junction), **Sherland Road** (Queens Road junction), **Copthall Gardens** (Holly Road junction), **Clifden Road** (Heath Road junction), **Grove Avenue** (Heath Road junction), **Laurel Avenue** (Heath Road junction) and **Li-on Road** (Edwin Road junction).

Drivers should not be entering the blue or grey area shown on the [School Street drawing](#) during operational hours without an exemption. Further information can be found on the [School Streets webpages](#).



TERM DATES FOR THE NEXT ACADEMIC YEAR 2026/27

AUTUMN TERM 2026	
Term Time	Tuesday 1st September - Friday 18th December 2026
First Day of Term	Thursday 3rd September - Years 1-6, 7 and 12 start All other years Friday 4th September (Reception staggered start)
Half Term	Thursday 22nd October - Friday 30th October
Christmas Holiday	Monday 21 st December 2026 – Tuesday 5 th January 2027
Inset Days	Tues 1st September & Wed 2nd September
College Closed	Friday 27 th November
LENT TERM 2027	
Term Time	Monday 4th January - Thursday 25th March 2027
Half Term	Monday 15th February - Friday 19th February
Easter Holiday	Friday 26 th March – Friday 9 th April
Inset Days	Whole College Inset Day: Monday 4th January 2027
SUMMER TERM 2027	
Term Time	Monday 12th April - Friday 16th July
May Bank Holiday	Monday 3rd May
Half term	Monday 31st May - Friday 4 th June
Inset Days	Primary RE Inset: Friday 18th June
There will be one additional INSET day which has still to be confirmed	

■ Whole College Communication

Type of Communication	Method of Communication
Attendance	Messages regarding student absence or sickness should be communicated via the MCAS 'Report Absence' feature in the App or via the absence line, 020 8325 4630, option 1. If necessary please e-mail attendance@srrcc.org.uk before 8.30am on the day of absence.
Student progress	- Termly grade collections provide a snapshot of progress towards targets and behaviour for learning. - A full report is provided at the end of each academic year. - Parent consultation evenings held once a year (twice for year 11), these provide the opportunity to meet with subject teachers and discuss progress.
College events	- These are communicated in various ways; via MCAS the College website www.strichardreynolds.org.uk, and weekly parent bulletins. - Regular updates are posted to the College Instagram feed @StRRCCLCollege - General queries regarding College events should be directed to the College office by calling 020 8325 4630, option 0 or by e-mailing office@srrcc.org.uk
Academic queries	Please contact the appropriate subject teacher in the first instance by e-mailing the College Office office@srrcc.org.uk. Your query will be directed to the appropriate teacher, or Subject Leader if appropriate.
Non-academic or pastoral queries	Please contact your son / daughter's form tutor in the first instance by e-mailing the College Office office@srrcc.org.uk, who will be able to direct your query to the appropriate Form Tutor, or Head of Year, if appropriate.
Safeguarding concerns	Please contact the College Office by calling 020 8325 4630, option 0 or by e-mailing Safe-guarding@srrcc.org.uk explaining if the issue is urgent and it will be directed to the appropriate safeguarding lead who will call you back as soon as possible.
Visits in person	- In some cases, you may value the opportunity to have a conversation in person with a specific member of staff. Prior appointments should be made for these meetings. - Please request a meeting via the College Office by calling 020 8325 4630, or by e mailing office@srrcc.org.uk, who can determine the best person for you to meet with. For the Primary School, please e mail primary@srrcc.org.uk. - We are unable to meet in person without a prior appointment.
Communication by letter	If you wish to send us a letter, please use the following address clearly stating who the letter should be forwarded to: MEMBER OF STAFF St Richard Reynolds Catholic College Clifden Road Twickenham Middlesex TW1 4LT
Emergencies	In case of an urgent message needing to be relayed to your child(ren) or to a member of the Leadership Team during the College day , please telephone the College Office on 020 8325 4630, option 0
Consultation	- Questionnaires are issued to parents/carers on a range of issues and in a variety of formats. - Parent drop in sessions with the Principal have also started and will be notified to parents via MCAS.
6th Form	All 6th form specific queries should be directed to sixthform@srrcc.org.uk or by calling 020 8325 4630, option 4

Please note that we will aim to provide an initial response to all non-urgent queries within 2 working days. We thank you in advance for scheduling email during office hours. Working together is the most effective way of supporting our young people; this communication protocol is just part of this approach.

■ Primary News

As we come to the end of another wonderful school year, we can look back with pride on all that has been achieved. The Summer Term has been particularly busy, with a wide range of memorable trips, sporting and musical events, inspiring workshops and countless learning opportunities for our pupils. It has been a truly fantastic year for our Primary School, filled with growth, achievement and special moments that will stay with us for years to come. A heartfelt thank you to our pupils, staff and families for their continued support, enthusiasm and dedication. Together, you have helped make this such a successful and enjoyable year for our whole school community.

Year 6 SATs week

Year 6 have shown tremendous dedication and perseverance throughout the year, particularly in their preparation for the SATs. We are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved and the positive attitude they have demonstrated along the way. As they prepare to take the next step in their educational journey, we are confident they will embrace the opportunities and challenges of secondary school with the same enthusiasm and determination. We wish every one of them continued success and happiness in the years ahead. Congratulations, Year 6, and well done on all your achievements! Please come and see us next year, we will miss you so much!

Year 6 Production *Bugsy Malone*

On Thursday 2nd July our talented pupils delighted audiences with their production of *Bugsy Malone*, a fun-filled musical set in 1920s New York. The story follows rival gangs led by Bugsy Malone, Fat Sam and Dandy Dan, as they compete for control of the city using their famous "splurge guns" instead of real weapons. Along the way, friendships are tested, romances blossom, and Bugsy finds himself trying to bring peace between the two sides.

The children were absolutely brilliant throughout the performances. They impressed everyone with their acting, singing, dancing and confidence on stage. Their hard work, dedication and enthusiasm shone through in every scene, making the show a wonderful success. Well done Year 6! We are incredibly proud of all the children involved (Year 4 and Year 5) and would like to

thank the staff, parents and carers who supported them throughout the rehearsal process. Well done to everyone for creating such a memorable and entertaining production!



Primary Arts Week

The Primary children enjoyed a wonderful Arts Week themed "**Growing Together Through the Language of Art.**" Throughout the week, pupils explored a variety of creative activities that encouraged them to express themselves, collaborate with others and develop their artistic skills.

A highlight of the week was the trip to Kew Gardens, where the children immersed themselves in nature and took part in a range of inspiring activities. The children sketched the magnificent Henry Moore sculptures who were displayed there. Surrounded by the beauty of the gardens, they observed colours, shapes and patterns in the natural world, using these experiences to spark their creativity and inform their artwork.

The week provided many opportunities for the children to work together, share ideas and celebrate the unique ways that art can help us communicate and connect with one another. We were delighted by their enthusiasm, imagination and creativity, and look forward to seeing their artistic talents continue to flourish.

The week culminated in a special Arts Week Exhibition, where parents and families were invited to view the children's creations. They were amazed by the quality, creativity and variety of the artwork on display. It was wonderful to see the pride on the children's faces as they shared their work and explained the inspiration behind their pieces.





Primary Sports Day

Our annual Sports Day was a great success and a wonderful way to celebrate a fantastic year of sporting achievement. It was a joy to see the children enthusiastically taking part in a wide range of activities, from long jump and balance challenges to sprints and relay races.

Throughout the day, the children demonstrated excellent determination, resilience and teamwork, highlighting the progress they have made in PE over the year. Their enthusiasm, encouragement of one another and positive attitudes made the event truly special.

The cheers, smiles and sense of achievement on display created many memorable moments. A huge thank you to all the staff and volunteers whose support helped make the day such a success and all the parents who joined us.



Our New Primary Inclusion Base

Inclusivity lies at the heart of everything we do, and amidst the excitement of the end of term, we are delighted to share that construction of our brand-new Inclusion Base has now been completed.

This dedicated space is a tangible expression of our Catholic mission to value every child as a unique individual, created in the image and likeness of God. Featuring tailored learning areas, sensory-friendly spaces, and quiet zones, it has been thoughtfully designed to ensure that children requiring additional support can thrive within our school community.

This new provision enables us to be truly inclusive by design, meeting the needs of all our children with dignity, compassion, and care. We are proud to have created an environment where every child feels valued, supported, and empowered to reach their full potential.



We wish all our children and their families a happy, safe and relaxing summer holiday. We hope you enjoy spending time with family and friends, making wonderful memories and taking the opportunity to rest and recharge for the year ahead.

We look forward to welcoming everyone back in September on Thursday 3rd for another exciting year of learning and achievement.

Have a wonderful summer!

The Primary Team

■ Friends of St Richard Reynolds

It's been another busy Summer term for FoSRR, supporting school events and continuing our fund-raising efforts. From serving refreshments at music events and the Sports Awards Evening to sorting and selling pre-loved uniform, we've enjoyed playing our part in school life while continuing to raise funds to support our students.

Pre-Loved Uniform & Coffee Morning

Our recent pre-loved uniform sale and coffee morning raised over £2,000 for the school hardship fund. A huge thank you to everyone who helped, baked, donated and came along to support the event and a special thank you to Mr Cranney, whose American dessert added an extra-special touch to the 4th July celebration morning!



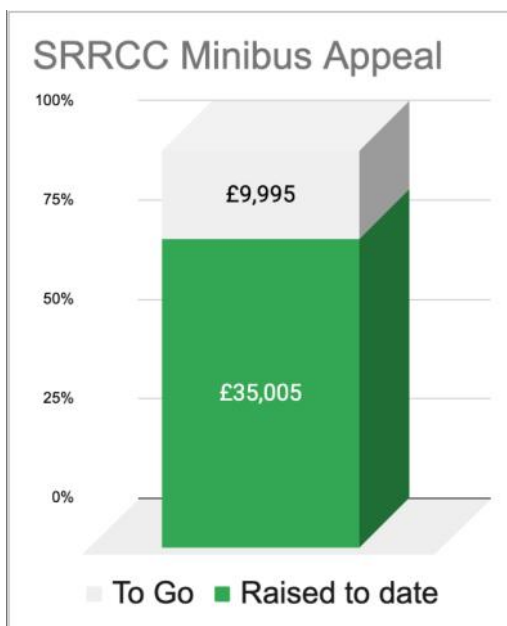
Minibus Appeal Update – £35,000 Raised!

Thanks to the incredible support of our school community, we've now raised over **£35,000** towards our £45,000 Minibus Appeal target, an amazing milestone that puts us within £10,000 of completing the appeal.



The appeal is helping to fund the replacement of the school's old minibuses with two ULEZ-compliant models, which will benefit students across the College for years to come. If you haven't yet had a chance to contribute, donations can be made from just £1 through our School Wishlist. Donate [here](#).

The Governors, through the College Enhancement Fund, kindly agreed to temporarily provide the remaining funds needed for the minibuses until FoSRR is able to complete its fundraising and repay the shortfall. We are incredibly grateful for their support, which enabled the school to go ahead with the purchase of these much-needed new vehicles.



There are lots of ways you can continue to help us reach our target:

Donate: Make a donation of any amount through our [School Wishlist](#).

Easyfundraising: Raise funds for FoSRR at no extra cost when you shop online. See details below.

Take on a sponsored challenge: Run, walk, cycle or choose your own challenge and we can help you set up a fundraising page.

Matched funding: Many employers will match charitable donations or fundraising by their employees. We're already registered with some matched-funding platforms, so please do get in touch if your employer offers a scheme.

Treats for Teachers

Thank you to everyone who contributed to our end-of-year Treats for Teachers Wishlist Appeal. Thanks to your generous support, we were delighted to deliver a bottle of Prosecco for every member of staff to say thank you for all their hard work throughout another busy school year. We also passed on the lovely messages to the school. Thank you to everyone who helped us raise a glass to our fantastic staff!



Looking Ahead to Autumn

We're already looking forward to another busy term, with plans including Welcome Drinks for our new Year 7 parents and carers, our Autumn Party and our next Pre-Loved Uniform Sale and Coffee Morning. Watch this space and keep an eye on Classlist for announcements and details of upcoming events!

Easyfundraising

We would love more parents and carers to sign up to Easyfundraising. With over 8,000 retailers participating, it's a brilliant way to raise money for FoSRR while you shop, at no extra cost to you. Sign up [here](#). Top tip: Download the [Donation Reminder](#) to your



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Classlist – Don't Miss Out!

We use the Classlist app to help parents and carers connect with each other. It's free, quick to use and the best way to stay up to date with school community life, including FoSRR events, uniform sales and fundraising news.

Classlist is also used by parent organisers to share important year-group information, including communications about events such

as the Year 11 Prom. Parents who are not signed up may therefore miss out on these messages and updates.

Please scan the QR code or click the [link](#) to download the app. Search for St Richard Reynolds Catholic College and select your year group.

Don't miss out — sign up today!



Thank You to Our Supporters

We would also like to say a special thank you to the local businesses that have sponsored and supported us this year, including Mathnasium, School Days Tesco Twickenham, Domino's, The Urban Baristas and Sahtain. Your support really does make a difference to our students and school community.

We're Always Looking for Helpers

Whether you can lend a hand occasionally or take the lead on a project, we'd love to hear from you.

From helping at events, uniform sales and coffee mornings to fundraising and sponsorship outreach, every bit of help makes a real difference.

Contact us at fosrr.info@gmail.com or complete our Get Involved form found via the link below.

Thank you again for all your support this year. Wishing all our families a wonderful summer!

The FoSRR Team

Ana, Nicky, Eliana, Alexandra & Clare

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- Hear about 'Friends' initiatives
- Find like-minded friends in our community
- Organise meet-ups and birthday parties
- Buy event tickets & RSVP to invitations
- Buy and sell in our school's Marketplace



Our virtual school gate



To keep in touch with everything FoSRR related
do **join us on Classlist**.

It also lets you keep in touch with your fellow parents and carers, volunteer at events and find out how you can support the school. We're always happy to have helpers!

SRRCC Staff and Students would like to extend a huge Thank you to FoSRR for all their fundraising efforts and for providing us with such wonderful resources.

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Who we are

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