

Message from the Headteacher

In the penultimate week of term, there have been lots of events and activities that students have been involved in. On Monday morning a group of Year 7 students set off on their 3 day camping trip to Oxford. They returned on Wednesday afternoon looking tired and looking forward to a bath! My thanks go to Ms Holland and all those staff who accompanied our students on this trip.

As you will read in the Head of Year updates, students spent two days taking part in a number of Enrichment activities both in school, and on trips, to enhance the curriculum. Thank you to Mr King and Ms Bartlett for their organisation of the days and to all our staff who led and took part in the activities.

We look forward to welcoming those Year 10 students who have been on work experience this week back on Monday. We have already heard some wonderful stories from both students and employers and I know this continues to be a valuable experience. Next week, some Year 12 students will be taking part in their work experience and I would like to thank Ms Brake and Ms Wilson-Boyle for all the work they have put into helping students with their placements.

Today was Sports Day and whilst we await the final scores (to be announced in the whole school assembly next Friday), it was wonderful to see so many students taking part in the numerous events. Thank you to Mr Wilson-Boyle and the PE staff for organising the day, as well as to all staff for running the various events and ensuring our students had a great day.

Monday is Academic Review Day; we look forward to seeing those families who are able to join their children to meet the staff and reflect on this academic year. Thank you so much for your support of this event.

Finally, this is the last e-Bulletin of the academic year as we will be circulating the newsletter next Friday. We have had another wonderful year and I look forward to sharing our success stories with you.

Year 8

Year 8 have had a very exciting week. During our Enrichment Days, Year 8 students spent one day in school doing a China themed day; learning some Kung Fu skills from two experts, learning a little Mandarin in the 'Chinese Numbers Challenge', making Terracotta Warriors in Art and cooking Chinese food in DT. All in all they gained a lot of 'cultural capital' on this day.

Their enrichment trip was to Box Hill. On both days the weather was wonderful and students really enjoyed the hike around this scenic area. The day had a Geography focus and students measured the width and depth of the River Mole at the Stepping Stones. They also completed an environmental investigation into the impact of tourism on Box Hill. Well done to Year 8 students for their endeavour on this excursion and for displaying excellent behaviour.

Today we had our annual Sports Day where students once again displayed resilience to achieve great results. Well done to both the supporters and participants. Next week, we will be celebrating our many successes. There will be a Year 8 Celebration Assembly, as well as our Whole School Rewards Assembly. Also for those students with excellent attendance and behaviour, across the entire academic year, there will be the Rewards Trip to Chessington. I look forward to celebrating this with the Year 8 cohort.

Well done to 8MR who maintained overall attendance of 99.3% last week. Please could you ensure that your child is in every day until the end of term. Finally, a reminder that it is Academic Review Day on Monday; I hope to see as many of you as possible joining your children for the individual appointments.

Mrs E Jones
Head of Year 8

Year 9

Year 9 attendance last week was 95.36%. I am now very confident that we will finish the year with the best attendance in the school. On Monday 15th July it is Academic Review Day; you should all have received appointments for this and we hope to see all of you there.

This week's Enrichment Days have been fantastic. Year 9 students have really enjoyed themselves over the two days and made the best of the new challenges and opportunities on offer to them. We visited St Paul's Cathedral and the Tate Modern Art Gallery over the two days. I was so proud of the fact that several members of the public commented on the excellent behaviour of our students. Sports Day was another brilliant event today; Year 9 did really well in so many of the events and really showed the rest of the school what a talented group of students they are.

On Sunday 7th July, our very own action man, Mr Smith, completed the UK forces special selection march called the 'Fan Dance', carrying 50lbs for 14 miles, over the Welsh mountains in 4 hours 55 minutes. In doing so he raised £335 for the Alzheimer's Society. Well done Mr Smith you truly lived up to our school ethos of achieving results through resilience and true grit.

Ms E Karadal
Head of Year 9

Year 10

Well done to 10DH for being the best attending tutor group for the fourth week in a row with 96.4%. Next year, in Year 11, good attendance will be crucial if students are going to fulfil their potential in their GCSEs. With this in mind, please could I ask you to continue supporting the school to ensure that all Year 10 students are in school every day. On Monday 15th July, it is Academic Review Day; we look forward to seeing you for your individual meetings with staff.

This week we have had our Enrichment Days and Year 10 students have visited a range of venues to enhance their 'cultural capital'. These included: the Tate Modern, London Docklands, the Victoria and Albert Museum, a 'Jack the Ripper' history tour, the Odeon Leicester Square and the Science Museum. Their behaviour was exemplary and several members of the public commented on this, at one point even asking if our students were from a private school! Fortunately an excellent quality of education and wide range of opportunities are free at Raynes Park High School!

Well done to all students who completed work experience this week; we have had some very positive feedback from employers. We would also like to congratulate Aaron, Milo, Olivia, Oliver and Natalia for doing so well at the Wimbledon Tennis Championships and we hope to see at least one of them on Centre Court this weekend.

Ms L Lawner
Head of Year 10

Key Dates for the Summer and Autumn Terms

Monday 15 th July		Academic Review Day
Tuesday 16 th July		Year 5 Secondary School Taster Day
Wednesday 17 th July	4pm	InTouch CrossFit at Old Emmanuel's Year7 and 8
Thursday 18 th July		Reward Trips
Friday 19 th July		Last Day of Term (early closure)
Thursday 15 th August	9am to 11am	A Level Results Day
Thursday 22 nd August	9am to 11am	GCSE Results Day
Monday 2 nd and Tuesday 3 rd September		INSET Days (School closed to students)
Wednesday 4 th September		First day of the Autumn Term – start times will be issued shortly