



# Headmaster's Weekly Bulletin

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# Introduction

Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for joining us this week on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July for your son's Welcome Evening. We hope you have found the occasion valuable and that you are looking forward to the start of term on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September.

The Headmaster's Bulletin acts as the weekly newsletter, which shares with the School community key information, general school news and highlights from the week. It is also a means in which to keep all students, parents, and staff aware of all that goes on in and out of Reading School week to week and is a vehicle for parents to share in their child's journey.

My recommendation would be to always read the Key Information section which is featured first and where we include communication that is vital to be aware. This Bulletin will give you a good idea of what to expect each and every week and some of what your children have to look forward to.

You all would have received welcome letters during your visit this week and I would like to remind and encourage you to act on four actions:

1. We warmly invite you to our upcoming **Community Carnival on July 5<sup>th</sup>**. Come any time between 11:00 and 16:00. There will be a meeting point by Music School, specifically for you and your family, and we're encouraging new starters to drop in between **12:00 and 13:00** to get to know one another. Please sign up by [clicking this link](#).
2. You are part of the Reading School family now, and we would love you to stay in touch via our Social Media Channels which are updated each and every week.
  - Facebook: [www.facebook.com/ReadingSchoolOfficial](http://www.facebook.com/ReadingSchoolOfficial)
  - Instagram: [www.instagram.com/reading\\_sch/](http://www.instagram.com/reading_sch/)
  - LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/school/reading-school/>
3. If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to email your son's form tutor or our Transition Lead, Mrs Louise Dimmick directly. Mrs Dimmick's email address is [LDimmick@reading-school.co.uk](mailto:LDimmick@reading-school.co.uk) and the email addresses for the Head of each House can be found in the Welcome Pack you have already been sent.
4. Last, but by no means least, as your child embarks on their exciting Year 7 journey this September, will you please join our Schools, '365 Annual Fund'. The fund directly supports the incredible range of exciting co-curricular activities your son will enjoy during his time here.

Just **£1 a day** can help make a meaningful difference throughout your son's journey while at Reading School - [click here to donate in 3 easy steps](#).

In closing, we look forward to partnering with you to ensure your son thrives academically, socially, and personally throughout his journey at Reading School.

Best wishes,

Dr Chris Evans  
**Headmaster**

# Key information

## All years

### End of Term Arrangements – Wednesday 16th July 2025

Please see the end of term timings below. Students will be able to get food from the ‘Grab and go’ area only on this day. Boarding dismissal will be from 12:15pm, and the boarding houses closed at 12:45pm.

<b>08:20</b>	Tutor Time				
<b>08.30</b>	Lesson 1				
<b>09:20</b>	Lesson 2				
<b>10:10</b>	Lesson 3				
<b>11:00</b>	<b>School Chapel</b>	Break	Tutor time	Tutor Time	Break
<b>11:15</b>	Tutor Time	<b>Laud Chapel</b>	Tutor time	Tutor Time	Break
<b>11:30</b>	Tutor Time	Tutor Time	<b>County Chapel</b>	Break	Tutor Time
<b>11:45</b>	Break	Tutor Time	Break	<b>East Chapel</b>	Tutor Time
<b>12:00</b>	Depart	Depart	Depart	Depart	<b>West Chapel</b>
<b>12:15</b>					Depart

## Community Carnival

There are two weeks left for Reading School’s one-day celebration for the School community and people of Reading on **Saturday 5th July, from 11am – 4pm**, and you are all invited. Whether you are looking to unleash your inner artist, compete in sports, feast on international cuisine or enjoy live performances from local musicians, DJs, choirs or guest speakers – there will be something for everyone.

The Community Carnival is part of the calendar of 900<sup>th</sup> Anniversary events and we warmly invite you to attend to soak up the festive atmosphere and make it a memorable occasion. Mark your calendar, save the date and bring your friends, family and neighbours – it is open to all.

Want to sign up for talks happening on the day? TV celebrity Andrew Jenkins and Reading School student Indiana S (12E) will be delivering talks in the Chapel during the day.

### About the speakers:

**Andrew Jenkins** - a finalist on BBC's The Traitors, is a motivational speaker and founder of Strength In You Ltd. After a life-changing car accident left him in a coma, doctors believed he would never walk or talk again. Andrew defied the odds—rebuilding his life, overcoming mental health struggles, and turning his story into a powerful message of resilience and hope.

**Indiana S** - leads you through a brief history of Reading School – 900 years of students, staff and surprises! Join Indiana on a fascinating journey through nearly a millennium of school heritage and discover the remarkable stories that have shaped our School.

[Click here to sign up to one or both of the talks happening at 12pm, 1pm, 2pm and 3pm.](#)

## Excellence in Music



Parents and students who attended the House Music Competition in 2024 may recall the outstanding performance by Sergey D (7W) – pictured far right with his family. For those who could not make it, or for those who simply want to enjoy his performance again, please [click here](#) (at 3mins 22seconds).

Sergey has recently returned from Geneva, having taken part in the semi-finals of ‘Geneve Musicale’, an international competition for young musicians. The aim of the competition is to support and encourage young talented musicians and took

place from 11 – 13 June 2025.

We would like to congratulate Sergey, who made it to the finals while also experiencing his first time performing with a professional orchestra. Sergey came home with 2<sup>nd</sup> prize and according to his mother, ‘the experience was hugely valuable for his development.’

We spoke with Sergey earlier this week, who shared: ‘It was such a nice experience, as I have never been to Geneva before. I got to meet so many wonderful pianists and people from all over the world. Playing with an orchestra for the first time made me feel a little bit nervous, but it was fun to work with them all the same. Thank you, Reading School for supporting me!’

To watch Sergey’s performance at the Geneve Musicale finale, please [click here](#) (performance starts at 5mins 33sec).

Sergey will also be performing live on stage during the Community Carnival on Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July!

## Charity News

### Taking Fundraising to New Heights: Tandem Skydiving as a Family



Adi A (12S) is gearing himself up for an exhilarating adventure for a worthwhile cause on behalf of Berkshire Youth, a local charity that improves the lives of young people through the use of role models, sport and activity.

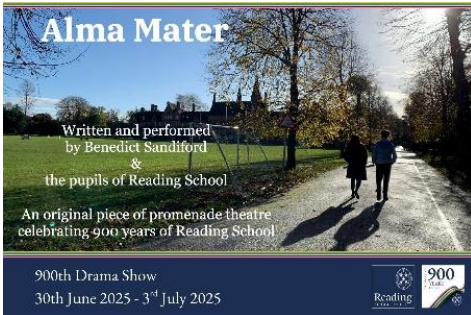
Adi will be leaping out of a plane at 10,000ft on July 20<sup>th</sup> to raise funds for Berkshire Youth during a year that marks their 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Adi shared:

‘My family and I and wrapping up the first half of 2025 on an incredible high, literally! My parents are also celebrating their 21<sup>st</sup> wedding anniversary and I believe that together, we can make a difference and help improve young lives by fundraising for Berkshire Youth.’

If you would like to cheer on Adi’s fearless family and contribute to this daring fundraising effort, please visit their [fundraising page](#) – let’s help Adi and his family soar beyond 10,000ft!

## Events

### 900th Anniversary Drama Performance: Alma Mater - update



**Dates:** Monday 30 June – Thursday 3 July 2025

**Time:** 6:00 PM – 7:10 PM

**Venue:** Reading School (Promenade performance)

**Tickets:** £8 – Limited to 25 per evening

**Booking link:** [900th Drama Show - Alma Mater | Events | Reading School Alumni Society](#)

We've had an overwhelming response to the event, thank you!

**Thursday 3 July is now fully booked and Monday 30 June is almost full.** There are still spaces available for **Tuesday and Wednesday**, so we encourage you to book soon to avoid disappointment.

Thank you again to everyone who has supported the show so far, your enthusiasm has been incredible and we can't wait to share this special event with you!

#### Event Details:

Written and directed by Benedict Sandiford, award-winning theatre-maker and Reading School's Head of Drama, *Alma Mater* is an original promenade performance that takes you on a journey through nine centuries of Reading School's story.

Follow *The Oldest Boy* through the halls, classrooms and hidden corners of our historic school site, meeting the characters—heroes and rogues alike—who've shaped our legacy. From medieval scholars and war heroes to Headmasters past and present (and yes, even the Mayor's stipend!), this show mixes humour, drama and heart.

#### What to Expect:

- A 70-minute walking performance led by Year 12 Theatre Studies students and Mr Sandiford himself
- Rich storytelling, music and movement that bring Reading School's history to life
- A mix of comedy and insight – irreverent, moving and utterly unforgettable
- Limited audience per night to ensure an intimate, immersive experience

# RSPA

## Year 10 Tutor Group Photos

Following the huge success of last year's Year 10 tutor group photos that raised much needed funds for the RSPA, we will be offering photo prints of all Houses in order to continue to raise funds to provide three interactive whiteboards for the Science department.

### Details

\*Photos are available in 6"x 8" format for £10 or A4 for £20. Both in a matt finish.

\*There are sample photos available which can be viewed in advance. The photos are lovely and the first group photos taken since Year 7.

\*For further information, please contact [kerryobrien2004@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:kerryobrien2004@yahoo.co.uk)

\*Please indicate your name and your son's House.

Thank you in advance for all your support and looking forward to hearing from you.

## The Pre-Loved Uniform Shop

Will be open on:

- Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August from 10.30am – 12.30pm
- Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> August from 10.30am – 12.30pm

We would love donations of the following as our stocks are running low:

- All sizes of macron kit- particularly games tops
- Ties in all houses and Sixth Form
- Small size blazers
- Trousers up to age 13
- Shirts up to age 13
- A Level textbooks
- GCSE and A Level Revision books
- GCSE English Lit set texts

All unwanted items can be dropped to Student Services next to Reception in a bag marked 'Uniform Shop'. All donations will be gratefully received.

In the event of a poor weather forecast the opening will be cancelled- if this happens information will be sent out via WhatsApp groups and Classlist.

We are always looking for more volunteers to join our shop team. It is a great way to meet other parents and to find out about more about the school.

If you would like to join the team, please email [shop@readingschoolparents.co.uk](mailto:shop@readingschoolparents.co.uk)

# Summer Term – Week 9

To keep up to date with student life at Reading School, click the icons below to follow, be part of, and stay connected with the Reading School community.



## A welcome to our Year 7 families

New Year 7 families attended ‘New Parent Welcome Evenings’ this week, and this cohort will be the only ones joining the School during our 900<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.







Feedback is important to us and if you have any positive news, comments or suggestions, please contact the Community Relations Office by emailing [communityrelations@reading-school.co.uk](mailto:communityrelations@reading-school.co.uk)