



# Speech Day 2026

## Junior Celebration

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Rev. Dr. C. J. Evans, Headmaster

# HEADMASTER'S WELCOME

Dear students, colleagues, parents, governors and VIP guests,

Thank you so much for attending our 2026 Speech Day.

This is our first year celebrating our life together in this format. We're gathering all of our junior students in the morning and our Year 13 students, together with last year's leavers, in the afternoon, with as many parents as we can accommodate, so that we can recognise the contributions, accomplishments and progress of all our students. We gather to thank our teachers and staff, to express our gratitude for the partnership of parents, and to salute each student.

We've made the decision to celebrate on site and risk the weather because we can fit more families into the ceremony than if we used an external venue. We've decided to celebrate character above all else, redoubling our resolve to praise students who have the right attitude and who take others with them on the journey.

A school with students who are this bright, and staff who are so hard-working, must do more than applaud the fastest, smartest and strongest. We must recognise acceleration and reward the trajectory. We're not a gaudy collection of jewels that compete for the limelight, nor a line of individuals wrestling for attention. Our community aims to make society better, and so today we celebrate social bonds. We praise form groups for their accomplishments and acknowledge that every single prize is a testament to the dedication of a teacher, the support of our associate staff, the questions asked by classmates, and the culture of learning that shapes us all.

Three thousand years ago, the most important technology in the world was iron. At the advent of the new Iron Age, a wise man wrote: "*As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.*"

The writer suggested growth through challenge, noting that wise friends question each other's assumptions and that honest interaction helps us become more virtuous. He highlighted the value of companionship, suggesting that those we encounter along the way can encourage our growth. He focused on our remarkable capacity for mutual improvement. It's not just that teachers improve students; all of us can refine one another through conversation, debate and shared experience.

Stone may have given way to Bronze, Bronze to Iron, Iron to Gunpowder, Gunpowder to the Printing Press, the Printing Press to Industry, Industry to Information, and Information to AI, but this truth remains:

When we listen honestly, care generously, question sincerely,  
and interact authentically, we make each other better.

So, here is a challenge for any of our junior students receiving an individual commendation this year: try not to receive one next year. Fulfil your potential by lifting up others.

Wouldn't that be amazing? If next year not a single one of this year's winners received a prize? If we became a community so generous and eager to use our talents well that this year's winners helped their peers to surpass them?

Floreat Redingensis.



**Chris Evans**  
**Headmaster**



# KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



**Nicholas Oldland  
(OR 1988-1990)**

Nicholas Oldland was raised in a small town called North Hatley, Quebec. His father and grandfather both graduated from Reading School, and Nicholas decided to carry on the family tradition. He attended Reading School from 1988–1990. Nicholas’ interest in rugby and painting played an important role in shaping his future, and he thanks Reading School for helping him turn these interests into a lifelong passion and career.

After completing his A-levels, he returned to Canada and attended Mt Allison University in New Brunswick. He played rugby for the university and graduated with a degree in Fine Arts, majoring in Painting.

In his early 20s, Nicholas pursued a career as a filmmaker. He made documentaries and worked as an art director. His film career was short-lived, as his parents were looking to retire and asked him and his two brothers if they would like to take over their small but growing clothing company, Hatley.

The three brothers accepted the challenge and Nicholas took on the role of Creative Director. The journey that followed was full of success and failure. Over the last 25 years, they have managed to turn Hatley, once a small Canadian novelty sleepwear company, into an internationally recognised clothing brand. But don’t worry, they have not forgotten their roots and continue to make joke underwear under the brand The Little Blue House.

Nicholas is also the author of an award-winning series of children’s picture books called *Life in the Wild*. It started as a side project, but his books found success. They have been translated into most major languages and can be found in bookshops around the world.

Nicholas currently lives in Atlanta, Georgia, with his wife Abbey and their four children: Quincy, Dexter, Nico and Sienna.

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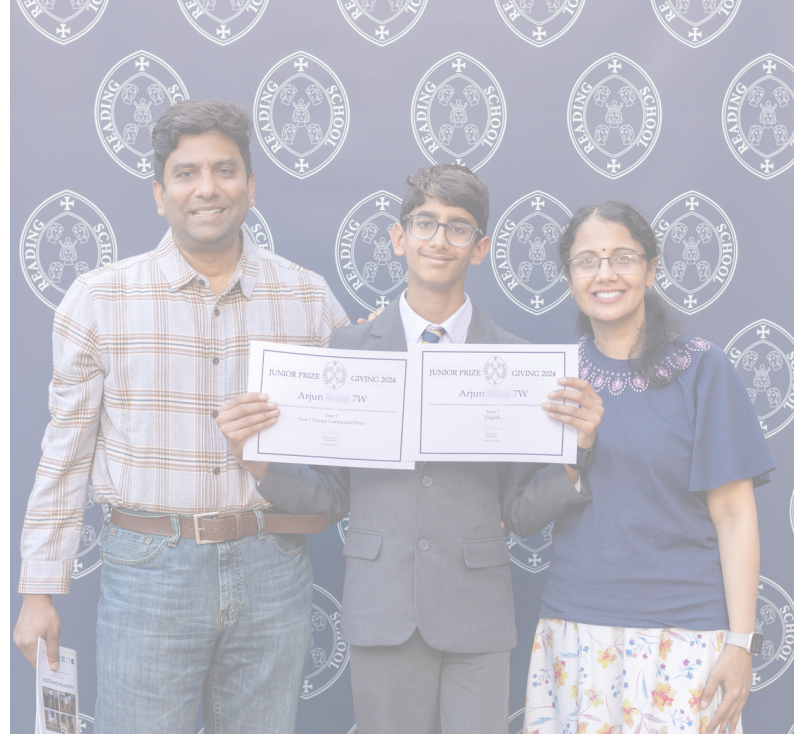
**Jeremy Oldland**  
**(OR 1990-1992)**

Jeremy Oldland grew up in North Hatley, Quebec, where his parents, John and Alice, founded a small gift shop called The Little Blue House on the shores of Lake Massawippi. That humble shop would become the seed of something much larger — but Jeremy’s path there was not a straight line.

After graduating from Reading School with A Levels, Jeremy went on to complete his degree in Computer Science at Mount Allison University. He then spent five years working in software development before returning to help take over the family business alongside his brothers, Chris and Nick. It is a reminder that the road to your calling is not always obvious, and that the skills you build along the way — even ones that seem unrelated — can become your greatest assets.

Under Jeremy’s leadership as Co-Owner and Chief Operating Officer, Hatley grew from a beloved local gift shop into a thriving international clothing brand, selling through over 4,000 boutiques and department stores across more than 30 countries. With warehouses in Canada and the UK shipping millions of units annually, and 25 corporate stores across Canada and the United States, Hatley has become a household name, appearing in retailers from Nordstrom in New York to Harrods in London.

Jeremy was nominated for Ernst & Young’s Entrepreneur of the Year Award in 2015 - recognition not just for business success, but for proving that family values, creativity, and a refusal to compromise on quality can take you anywhere in the world.



## Year 7 - 10

We are proud to present the following prizes to students who have demonstrated exemplary attitude and commitment to their subject, and support for others.

Many of these prizes have been kindly sponsored by the Reading Foundation. Others have been endowed by generous benefactors or are named in honour of former staff, governors, students and supporters of Reading School.



# YEAR 7 SUBJECT PRIZES

Subject prizes are awarded to students who demonstrate an exceptional *Attitude to Learning* and a genuine interest in their studies throughout the academic year. These awards recognise students who are consistently curious, collaborative, reflective and independent in their approach to the subject.

Prize winners are nominated by the Head of each academic department.

## **Art**

Felix Whipple 7L  
Cameron Alderslade 7C

## **Biology**

Sean Zhang 7L  
Ryan Ashwin 7E

## **Chemistry**

William Faulkner 7E  
Luke Peers 7L

## **Classics/Latin**

Nichalo Amirtharajah 7S  
Cayden Chu 7W

## **Computer Science**

Nishad Vikram 7W  
Kosi Onyemaenu 7L

## **Drama**

Pranav Senthil Anand 7E  
Indy Daly 7E

## **English**

Edward Barnett 7W  
Ashwin Ravichandran 7C

## **French**

Niryan Toor 7L  
Sashreek Beesarla 7S

## **Geography**

Dhruv Honyal 7W  
Edward Barnett 7W

## **German**

Tanay Jain 7C  
Jathniel Issac 7W

## **History**

Vlad Maria 7W  
Alex Thomas 7S

## **Mandarin**

Ehimen Okoror 7E  
Zichen Zhang 7C

## **Mathematics**

Jacob Massawe 7L  
Ruhab Imran 7E

## **Music**

Melvin Wei 7E  
George Suckling 7C

## **P.E.**

Anoop Sibia 7C  
Taksh Chopdekar 7W

## **Physics**

Nilay Bopardikar 7W  
Swayam Pawar 7L

## **Spanish**

Deepak Arya Peyam Ravikumar 7S  
Aadi Bhatt 7E

## **Theology and Philosophy**

Kiaan Jadhav 7S  
Seth Boateng 7E

# YEAR 7 FORM PRIZES

Form prizes are nominated by Form Tutors and awarded to students who make an outstanding contribution to school life. The students have demonstrated an exemplary attitude toward their studies, marked by curiosity and independence, and have a positive collaborative impact on their peers.

<b>County House</b>	Aadi Pradyun Balusa 7C
<b>East House</b>	Sam Runola 7E
<b>Laud House</b>	Aevam Modi 7L
<b>School House</b>	Suyog Sharma 7S
<b>West House</b>	Ethan Cawsey 7W

## TIMOTHY CHEN MEMORIAL CUP

Daniel Alsop 7E

The Timothy Chen Memorial Cup is awarded in memory of Timothy Chen, a former student of Reading School. It is awarded to the Year 7 student with the best all-round attitude to his studies and overall contribution to school life.

# YEAR 8 SUBJECT PRIZES

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Prize winners are nominated by the Head of each academic department.

## **Art**

Ben Merzer 8W

Jiarui Du 8E

## **Biology**

Amogh Bhattarai 8S

Prithwish Das 8E

## **Chemistry**

Ethan Ang 8W

### **Peter Mason Chemistry Prize**

Ayaan Jamadar 8S

Peter Mason was Headmaster of Reading School from 1990 to 1997. Having studied at Rochdale Grammar School, where he was Head Boy and Captain of Rugby, Peter graduated with First-Class Honours in Chemistry from Newcastle University. He taught at Rutherford, a comprehensive school in Newcastle upon Tyne, Lancaster RGS, and Newcastle RGS, before joining Reading School. As he stepped into the post, the School had just been awarded grant maintained status, which gave it an opportunity for development which it had not seen for generations. Dr Mason provided outstanding leadership in taking advantage of this, carrying out a variety of changes while, at the same time, remaining in close touch with the School's daily life and all its teachers and students. He established foundations on which his successors have been able to build with continuing success. Peter passed away in 2022, having continued to be involved in education through a variety of organisations, notably as Chair of Governors at Ripon Grammar School.

## **Classics/Latin**

Teddy Harrison 8S

Caspian Dugmore 8E

## **Computer Science**

Ayaan Jamadar 8S

Victor Timko 8L

**Drama**

Yuvan Sasanala 8E  
Nihaal Venkat Krishna 8E

**English**

Aidan Lilleker 8L  
Avyukt Bagga 8W

**French**

Sameer Suri 8S  
Bekzod Mirakhmedov 8E

**Geography**

Shariff Kuko-Iyii 8C  
Zac Guo 8L

**German**

Nate Kinful 8E  
Sashwat Gurung 8L

**History**

Christopher Neeve 8L  
Ayden Yasin 8S

**Mandarin**

Krit Verma 8C  
Bobby Hodjaev 8C

**Mathematics**

Rafay Hussain 8C  
John Duncan 8L

**Music**

Sergey Druzhinin 8W  
Devansh Bhattacharya 8L

**P.E.**

John Duncan 8L  
Teddy Harrison 8S

**Physics**

Tejus Maddi 8C  
Fred Parkes 8C

**Spanish**

Eli Congram 8S

Angelo Florian Amirtharajah 8S

**Theology and Philosophy**

Santiago Del Castillo 8S

Ersin Asci 8S

# YEAR 8 FORM PRIZES

Form prizes are nominated by Form Tutors and awarded to students who make an outstanding contribution to school life. The students have demonstrated an exemplary attitude towards their studies, marked by curiosity and independence, and have had a positive collaborative impact on their peers.

**County House**

Fred Parkes 8C

**East House**

Caspian Dugmore 8E

**Laud House**

Parker Chan 8L

**School House**

Alex Tang 8S

**West House**

Etzel Dakpoe 8W

# YEAR 9 SUBJECT PRIZES

Subject prizes are awarded to students who demonstrate an exceptional *Attitude to Learning* and a genuine interest in their studies throughout the academic year. These awards recognise students who are consistently curious, collaborative, reflective and independent in their approach to the subject. Prize winners are nominated by the Head of each academic department.

## **Ancient History**

Hanzala Khaleeq 9L  
Alfie Saadabadi 9L

## **Art**

Edward Chan 9L  
Aylan Dello 9E

## **Biology**

Thenuk Abhayawickrama 9L  
Rory Goodall 9S

## **Helen Stapleton Award for Chemistry**

Dheer Dholakia 9L

Generations of medics and scientists owe Mrs Stapleton a profound debt for enabling such a remarkable range of practical experiments to be undertaken during Chemistry lessons. Indeed, this debt for her conscientious work as Senior Technician remains keenly felt by all the teachers she has supported. Helen's leadership, wisdom and commitment have set an example for all members of the School community both now and in the years to come.  
Mrs Helen Stapleton – Years of service 1981-2019

## **Steven Longstaff Chemistry Award**

Abhiram Jajati Mohapatra 9E

This prize is named in memory of Mr Steven Longstaff, whose teaching and leadership have greatly impacted the popularity and success of the Chemistry department during his time as Head of Department. Navigating a move to the Philip Mitchell Science building and managing sustained growth in A-Level numbers, Mr Longstaff's legacy is a Chemistry department that is among the most successful in the country. Mr Longstaff will also long be remembered for his contributions to the Boarding community and for providing coaching for the Senior Rowing Club on Wednesday afternoons.  
Mr Steven Longstaff – Years of service 2004-2019

### **Computer Science**

Jayan Jawahar Kaliraj 9S

Austin Holmes 9L

### **Drama**

Bilal Mahmood 9S

### **Jo Capon Drama Achievement Award**

Lucas Young 9E

During her 21 years' service to Reading School, Mrs Jo Capon provided inclusive, interactive and inspiring teaching to pupils. In this time, she put limitless energy into pastoral care, PSHE and Drama as PSHE Co-ordinator and Head of Drama, demonstrating her leadership skills and passion for developing creative opportunities for pupils. Appointed as Assistant Headteacher, she was responsible for introducing reward schemes for students, youth health champions and strategies supporting mental health, safeguarding and student well-being. This prize recognises the sustained impact of her leadership in the Drama department and rewards a student for showing similar commitment to the subject.

Mrs Jo Capon – Years of service 1997-2018

### **Economics**

Supreeth Manda 9L

Kaushal Nowduru 9S

### **Electronics**

Shriyans Iyengar 9C

Abduqodir Ismatullayev 9S

### **English**

Nathan John 9E

Caillen Tu 9C

### **French**

Marcus Wong 9W

Param Shah 9W

### **Geography**

Ethan You 9S

## **Tom Walter Geography Achievement Award**

Avirit Gunti 9E

This prize is named in honour of Wing Commander Tom Walter. As a teacher and Head of Geography, the combination of his energy, wisdom, knowledge and care ensured that Geography grew in popularity. For many years, Tom Walter was Contingent Commander of the CCF, teaching and training Reading School boys for 37 years (1977–2014). Hundreds of students have been the beneficiaries of opportunities with the CCF, and just as many were inspired by his commitment to Geography. This award is named in Tom Walter's honour for his lifetime of contribution to the School.

Mr Tom Walter – Years of service 1977-2014

### **German**

Oliver Lloyd 9L

Vasu Gupta 9C

### **History**

Rishi Kanchubotla 9W

Zayan Rasool 9E

### **Latin**

Samuel Matthews 9S

Thomas Coddington 9S

### **Mandarin**

Mark Nwankwo 9L

Yash Rajbhandari 9C

### **Mathematics**

Austin Holmes 9L

## **Alan Walder Excellence in Mathematics Prize**

Anish Tummuru 9W

Mr Alan Walder led the Mathematics department at Reading School for 14 years, continuing to teach for a further three during a period of curriculum reform, and throughout these 17 years offered an outstanding example to his colleagues and students. Mr Walder has coached Cricket teams and led tours to St Lucia as part of his co-curricular contributions, providing valuable guidance to many of the School's best sportsmen. Exemplifying Integrity, Leadership and Community, this prize celebrates the excellence Mr Walder modelled in the Mathematics department and is awarded to a student who has shown similar commitment to excellence throughout the year.

Mr Alan Walder – Years of service 2002 - 2019

**Music**

Dheeran Ramaswamy 9S  
Daniel Hill 9E

**P.E.**

Krishna Manikandan 9W  
Sriram Goteti 9E

**Physics**

Arjun Balaji 9W  
Imaad Habib 9C

**Spanish**

Arnav Batra 9L  
Praneel Thakur 9C

**Theology and Philosophy**

Basit Abdelbasit 9L  
Satvick Iyengar 9C

# YEAR 9 FORM PRIZES

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**County House**

Arjun Kothari 9C

**East House**

Ibrahim Mir 9E

**Laud House**

Rishi Reddy 9L

**School House**

Aneesh Singh 9S

**West House**

Gabriel Goon 9W

# YEAR 10 SUBJECT PRIZES

Subject prizes are awarded to students who demonstrate an exceptional *Attitude to Learning* and a genuine interest in their studies throughout the academic year. These awards recognise students who are consistently curious, collaborative, reflective and independent in their approach to the subject. Prize winners are nominated by the Head of each academic department.

## **Ancient History Progress Prize**

Ivans Pavliss 10S

## **Old Kendrick Junior Ancient History Prize**

Mikey Press 10L

The Old Kendrick Prize dates back to at least the 1930s and has been given since then as the Senior History Prize. Its purpose was to provide a book prize for History. Reading School absorbed Kendrick Boys' School in 1916, taking onto its staff their Headmaster, Reverend Edgar Priestley, a historian.

## **Bion Junior Biology Prize**

Shreyas Koppole 10W

The Bion Family has had a long association with the School and the first Bion Prize was awarded in 1977 on behalf of N.R.A. Bion, a pupil at the School between 1969 and 1977. This annual prize still rewards senior scientists. The Bion Junior Biology prize is given to acknowledge the long-lasting, positive legacy of the Bion family.

## **Mary Clare Maunder Prize for Outstanding Effort and Progress in Biology**

Joseph Dowding 10L

As Head of Biology for 16 years, Mrs Mary Clare Maunder has contributed to building an exceptional team of Biology teachers and an outstanding academic reputation for the subject. Her own passion for Biology has had a sustained impact on pupils, as has her care for students, through which the Biology Department has garnered an enviable reputation for student support and mentoring. Former pupils consistently praise Mrs Maunder for her teaching style and support during their time at Reading School, which is testament to her outstanding commitment to this subject and school.

Mrs Mary Clare Maunder - Years of service 2001-2019

### **Graham Wheeler Chemistry Excellence Award**

Noman Ansari 10E

Graham Wheeler's reputation as an outstanding chemist and Chemistry teacher has been acknowledged by a generation of Reading School students. This award honours his sustained contribution to the life of the School and his commitment to teaching Science.

### **Professor S Nortcliff Chemistry Prize**

Iefan Kyei-Poakwah 10L

Professor Nortcliff, an eminent soil scientist, was Professor and Head of Department at Reading University, Adjunct Professor at Clemson University and Chair of the Technical Committee of the British Standards Institute addressing soil quality. The School is indebted to him for his long service as a governor for more than 15 years.

### **Computer Science Award**

Adhvik Ravi 10W

### **Ross Brawn Junior Computer Science Award**

Akash Banerjee 10E

Ross Brawn OBE is among Reading School's most famous alumni. He is the Managing Director, Motorsports of Formula One Management Limited, having previously led the Benetton, Ferrari, Honda, Brawn GP and Mercedes teams.

This award honours his contribution at the cutting edge of technology.

### **Caroline Fooks Drama Achievement Award**

Alfie Read 10L

Serving Reading School for 14 years, including as Head of Drama and Head of Year, Mrs Caroline Fooks brought to the School community a passion for theatre, a deeply rooted care for young people and unfailing concern for the wellbeing of colleagues and students alike. Her remarkable poise, outstanding teaching and gentle care made a lasting impression on every cohort of students she taught. This prize is named in recognition of her commitment to achievement in the Performing Arts.

Mrs Caroline Fooks – Years of service 2005-2019

### **Margaret McDonald Junior Drama Prize**

Kacper Lubkowski 10S

This award is given in recognition of Margaret McDonald's remarkable service to both the English and Drama departments. In addition to establishing GCSE and A Level Drama during her years at Reading School, Margaret also directed more than 20 School productions.

### **Junior Economics Prize**

Daniel Ugwu 10E

### **Tom Pravda Economics Award**

Kyan Garg 10C

Tom Pravda (OR 1988-1995) is a senior British diplomat and public entrepreneur. His work for the UK Government included running the HMG Daesh Task Force and the Foreign and Commonwealth Office's Iraq, Iran and Syria departments. He has also served as the UK's representative in eastern Congo, and as an advisor to the Foreign Secretary's Special Representative for Climate Change. Alongside his diplomatic career, Tom has set up and run a number of successful NGOs in the UK, US and Africa, including co-founding the world's largest online advocacy group, Avaaz.org. He is the author of a widely supported proposal to reform UN Peacekeeping Operations, and helped run a successful US Congressional election campaign. He has worked as a consultant on peace, security and development issues for a range of public sector clients, including the United Nations and the US State Department. Tom has an MA in Philosophy, Politics and Economics from Balliol College, Oxford, where he was a scholar.

### **English Progress Prize**

Aryan Varanasi 10C

### **Larkinson Junior English Prize**

Noman Ansari 10E

This Prize was endowed by the Parents' Association in memory of Mrs Margaret Larkinson. The conditions for determining the prize were to be decided by the Headmaster. It is now given for consistently excellent essay writing.

### **Electronics**

Anish Prabhu 10C

Elgin Toms 10S

### **Lycée Jean Guéhenno French Prize**

Jayden Adeliyi 10L

Awarded to a Year 10 student in recognition of excellence and commitment in the study of French. The prize celebrates Reading School's long-standing partnership with Lycée Jean Guéhenno and the shared values of language learning, cultural exchange and international friendship.

### **Erasmus European Languages Prize**

Hasindu Hettiarachchi 10L

Awarded to a student who has demonstrated outstanding achievement and commitment in European languages. Named after Erasmus of Rotterdam, whose work and travels across Europe continue to inspire cultural exchange and international learning.

### **Gillian Cavagan Geography Achievement Prize**

Sri Raghav Veerenthiran 10C

Gillian Cavagan provided outstanding teaching and leadership at Reading School for 22 years, leading both the Careers and Enterprise departments. Students also particularly valued her for her outstanding contribution to the teaching of Geography.

This award for achievement acknowledges her determination to see students at Reading School succeed as geographers and grow in readiness for a flourishing life.

### **Richard Kemp Geography Prize**

Aarav Sarangadharan 10C

This award is made in honour of Richard Kemp, himself a Geography teacher, who latterly has afforded Reading School great service through encouraging, facilitating and fostering international collaborations that build character and culture.

### **Andrew Kelson Junior German Prize**

Dylan Mistry 10L

A sum of £100 was set aside in the will of the late Mrs A. A. Kelson, who died on 4th March 1956 and was the widow of a former German Master of Reading School.

The fund was to provide an annual prize “to the value of three pounds” for German scholars at Reading School.

### **St Joseph-Gymnasium Award for German**

Andrii Petryk 10C

Established in 2017, the Reading School/St. Joseph-Gymnasium School exchange occurred as a result of a chance meeting on a boat trip on the Mosel River with Year 8 Reading boys and a teacher from St. Joseph’s. Impressed by our students’ exemplary conduct and eagerness to speak German, a teacher from St. Joseph-Gymnasium reached out to Frau Majorossy to seek an exchange partner in the UK. St. Joseph-Gymnasium is a remarkable school situated in the beautiful and historic town of Rheinbach, Germany. We are proud of this award, which celebrates our growing cultural rapport.

### **History Progress Award**

Edward Tarr 10W

### **Ned Holt History Prize**

Nishaant Parthiban 10W

Ned Holt was a student at Reading School, and then returned as a Teacher. He was Head of History, Head of Sixth Form and Assistant Headteacher and was greatly appreciated in each of these roles. He is also continuing his support for the School in retirement as Honorable Secretary of the Old Redingensians Association. His leadership and care have been of immeasurable benefit to students of the School for over 30 years.

### **Latin Achievement Award**

Shayan Sarwar 10E

### **D.B. Evans Latin Progress Prize**

Daniel Kantor 10S

Throughout his career at Reading School, D.B. Evans was a great servant of Classics, an archetypal School Master and an inspiration to generations of Latin students.

The fact that Latin and Classics still flourish at Reading School is, in no small part, down to his legacy and determination.

### **Huawan Mandarin Excellence Award**

Bhanuteja Manne 10E

Rupert Turnbull 10C

The Huawan Mandarin Excellence Award is presented to a student who has demonstrated outstanding achievement, progress and commitment in the study of Mandarin. The award reflects Reading School's partnership with Huawan School, Guangzhou, China and recognises the value of sustained dedication to language learning and intercultural communication.

### **David Jubb Maths Progress Prize**

Sahas Majety 10L

This award is made in honour of David Jubb, whose service as a governor at the School for more than 15 years has been of great significance. Using his own background as a Chartered Accountant, David has brought precision, detail and wisdom to the governing body, including through the Finance and Curriculum committees, where his prudence and thoughtfulness has left a lasting positive legacy.

### **Dick Owen Junior Mathematics Prize**

Kabir Gaba 10C

Mr D. Owen was Assistant Head, Head of West House, Master in Charge of Badminton and Cricket and a pillar of the School. His extra-curricular contributions are already acknowledged in a senior prize sponsored by the Old Redingensians Association and this prize is a celebration of his commitment to excellence within Mathematics at Reading School.

### **Music Prize**

Rimas Magar 10W

### **Herman Lindars Junior Music Award**

Grigory Vayner 10E

Herman Lindars (OR 1909-1916) possessed an unusual diversity of talent which brought him distinction as an orchestral conductor, as a composer of high order and through a long career in industry. He was responsible for a range of significant inventions, including vital mechanisms on the Jodrell Bank Telescope. The Herman Lindars Music Awards at Reading School were established through the beneficence of Lady Beecham and the Sir Thomas Beecham Trust to encourage the pursuit of excellence in music.

### **R.L. Towner P.E. Achievement Prize**

Avnish Bharambe 10E

The Towner Memorial Prize was bequeathed by Robert (Bob) Towner (OR 1954-1961), in memory of his father who passed away suddenly whilst watching his son win the 110 yard sprint. This junior prize celebrates athletic or sporting prowess and honours the Towner legacy.

### **Rodney Huggins P.E. Progress Prize**

Toby Brookes 10C

Rodney Huggins MBE, was a student at the School from 1944 until 1952. He qualified as a solicitor, worked as Court Advocate in Kenya from 1959 until 1961, including in Nakuru, where the School has a partnership with Rain Edge High School and Sure 24 Orphanage. Rodney has been a Trustee of the Reading Foundation since 2000 and a governor for 15 years. Through his generous donation, the Huggins Fitness Suite was opened in 2017.

### **Physics Progress Prize**

Hamd Waseem 10C

### **Aust Junior Physics Prize**

Ivan Koutun 10E

The Aust Prize was dedicated to the memory of Henry Charles Aust (OR), who was killed during the Second World War. It was originally awarded to fund a science or engineering book. A senior prize is given from the Aust bequest every year.

### **Valpy Junior Religious Studies Award**

Arnav Herbert 10C

The Richard Valpy Divinity Prize was founded by a gift in memory of Richard Valpy, Headmaster of Reading School 1781-1830. It was originally awarded to boys in the School for proficiency in Scripture.

### **Neil Applegate Junior Religious Studies Prize**

Ganesh Mahendrakar 10L

Neil Applegate was Chaplain at Reading School from 1993 - 2008. He considered teaching and being Chaplain at the School the highlight of his teaching career and believed it both a privilege and responsibility to be a member of staff at Reading School. His gentle encouragement, deep faith and clear vision were a source of inspiration and light for a great many students.

## **Huawan International Star Award for Excellence in Modern Foreign Languages**

Pranab Das 10E

Awarded for excellence in Modern Foreign Languages, this prize reflects Reading School's partnership with Huawan School in Guangzhou, China, established in 2025, and a shared commitment to holistic education, cultural exchange and the vital importance of modern foreign language learning in enabling global communication and international understanding.

### **Colegio C.E.D.E.S Prize for Spanish**

Mantra Jhala 10W

Colegio C.E.D.E.S is an independent school based in Albacete, Spain. The school was founded in 1932 with only five students and has developed its model to the present day where a bilingual education has placed Colegio C.E.D.E.S among the best schools in the country. Reading School developed a partnership with Colegio C.E.D.E.S due to the leadership and commitment of Mr J. Sanchez.

# **YEAR 10 FORM PRIZES**

Form prizes are nominated by Form Tutors and awarded to students who make an outstanding contribution to school life. The students have demonstrated an exemplary attitude towards their studies, marked by curiosity and independence and have had a positive collaborative impact on their peers.

<b>County House</b>	Yatharth Patwa 10C
<b>East House</b>	Areen Sen Gupta 10E
<b>Laud House</b>	Aravindh Satheeskumar 10L
<b>School House</b>	Kartheek Kota 10S
<b>West House</b>	Joel Bellingham 10W

# **POUNTNEY CHALLENGE TROPHY**

Endowed in 1927, this trophy is awarded to the House whose students achieve the highest average marks in the end of year examinations across Years 7 to 10.

# CO-CURRICULAR PRIZES

These prizes are awarded to students in Years 7-10 who show particular commitment or make significant contributions to co-curricular activities beyond the classroom. Prizes are named in honour of former staff, alumni, international partners and benefactors of the School.

## **Cox Music Prize**

Joshua Oderberg 10W

This prize is given through the kindness of David Cox (OR and former President of the Old Redingensians Association). It is awarded to a student who makes an outstanding contribution to the musical life of the School through his singing voice.

## **Janet Readings Junior Chess Prize**

Riaan Sawant 7C

Janet Reading's remarkable contribution to the life of Reading School included years of outstanding Maths teaching as well as sustained support for the School's Chess team. Under her supervision the School was twice crowned National Champion. This prize in her honour is awarded for an outstanding contribution to chess.

## **Judy S. Honickberg Charity Prize**

Shriyans Iyengar 9C

Judy Honickberg's service to students at Reading School has included outstanding teaching of Mathematics, tireless supervision of our successful Bridge Club and laying the foundation for the School's Charity Committee. This was established in 2016 in response to the Mediterranean migrant crisis. Judy's legacy of care for others is celebrated in this prize, which is awarded to the student in Years 7 -10 who has made the greatest contribution to the charitable life of the School.

## **Reading Generation Prize**

Aarush Rajnivas 7L

Given that the Learning Resources Centre (LRC) is at the heart of so many of the School's activities, this award is given to the student making the most significant contribution to the Library, to books and to reading.

## **Sandra Provan Public Speaking Prize**

Yash Rajbhandari 9C

Sandra Provan was PA to four Headmasters at Reading School and through her 25 years of tireless service she was unfailingly helpful, cheerful and encouraging. This prize is named in her honour and is awarded to the student who contributes most fully to the life of the School, including through public speaking activities.

### **Peter Sadler Cricket Award**

Aadvik Kalra 7S

The Peter Sadler Cricket Award is presented in memory of Peter Sadler (OR 1951-1958), a devoted cricketer whose passion for the game was nurtured during his time at Reading School. This award recognises the most promising Year 7 cricketer, celebrating skill, dedication and sportsmanship, values that Peter exemplified both on and off the field. It is our hope that this award will inspire young cricketers to follow in his footsteps, embracing the spirit of the game and striving for excellence in their sporting journey.

# CHARACTER PRIZES

These prizes are awarded to students in Years 7-10 who have exemplified characteristics and attitudes that set them apart. Many of these prizes are named in honour of former staff, alumni, governors, international partners and benefactors of the School who themselves have exhibited the characteristics we wish to encourage in our students.

### **Junior Sustainability Prize**

Abir Tuteja 8W

The Sustainability Prize is awarded to a student who has shown outstanding commitment to environmental awareness and sustainable action within the school community. It recognises an individual who demonstrates initiative, leadership and a genuine commitment to making a positive impact within the school and the wider community.

### **Hutchins Power of 9 Prize**

Anish Chinthapathi 10E

The Hutchins Power of 9 Prize celebrates the partnership between Reading School and Hutchins School in Tasmania, which is famous for its focus on character development.

This award is given to a junior student whose involvement in a broad range of co-curricular activities sets a positive example to others.

### **Peter Hurst Boarding Prize**

Pavithran Pratheepan 11L

Mr Hurst taught History and served the Reading School boarding community from 1993-2017. In these 24 years his care for students was without rival and this award is therefore given to the boarder who, following Mr Hurst's example, makes the most positive impact upon the life of the boarding family.

### **Tadeusz Ciecierski-Holmes Prize**

Sid Reddy 9E

Whilst a junior student at Reading School, Tadeusz was diagnosed with a rare blood cancer called anaplastic large cell lymphoma. Because of this, he spent six months in hospital during Year 9, yet still achieved top examination results at GCSE and A-Level.

This prize is awarded to a junior student who has demonstrated resilience and determination in the face of significant adversity.

### **Joan Bristow Outstanding Commitment Prize**

Kirk Boadu 9L

This prize is awarded in memory of Joan Bristow, the wife of John Bristow, a much respected former Headmaster of the School from 1980-1990. Mrs Bristow sustained a commitment and enthusiasm for the work of the School, and her long service is proudly acknowledged through this award for commitment and teamwork. This prize is awarded in memory of Joan to a student who has made a significant contribution to school life.

### **Sammy Nawali Prize for Positive Attitude**

Dylan De Silva 9L

Sammy Nawali is the chairman and founder of a Kenyan charity whose work includes management of Rain Edge High School. At Rain Edge High School, Sammy's team are enabling young people, including those who are homeless or orphaned, to gain an excellent education. Sammy's relentless positivity is fundamental to this work, and the Sammy Nawali Prize is therefore awarded to a student who this year has demonstrated the most positive attitude.

### **Judith Green Well-Being Award**

Josh Winter 8C

Judith Green taught Maths at Reading School for 24 years and was Head of School House for many of these. She promoted the virtues of faith, hope and charity and showed unending commitment to pastoral care within the School. This award in her name is given to the junior student who has offered the most impressive care and support for others in the past year.

### **Ian Judd Prize for Character, Commitment and Integrity**

Luca Enfissi 8E

Ian Judd (OR 1962-1969 East Wing boarder). Ian served the students and staff of Reading School most faithfully for 40 years as a teacher, boarding housemaster and examinations officer. He then carried on serving the School through the Reading Foundation. His counsel and wisdom were equally appreciated by generations of students and Headmasters, and his consistent and unwavering commitment to the School is acknowledged in this prize. It is awarded to the student who, through their character and care for others, has made the most consistent contribution to the life of the School. Ian sadly passed away on 9th February 2022.

# PARENT PARTNERSHIP

### **Salisbury Prize**

Nish Moody

The Salisbury Prize is awarded to parents who show sustained care and support for Reading School. Simon and Barbara Salisbury, former governors, exemplify positive partnership by attending events and interviews and supporting their three sons.

This prize celebrates parents/carers of recent alumni whose impact on the School has encouraged others. It honours countless contributions to the school community through cheering, attending concerts, working with the Reading School Parents Association or serving on the governing body.

The prize acknowledges the power of parental partnership and its positive influence on students, staff and parents. By recognising the Salisbury Partnership Prize, we celebrate the exceptional commitment and dedication of parents who contribute to the nurturing and supportive environment at Reading School.

# SPORTS PRIZES

These prizes are awarded to students in recognition of outstanding sporting performance, commitment and contribution to school sport.

Many of the awards reflect excellence across a range of disciplines and celebrate students who have demonstrated dedication, teamwork and sporting achievement throughout the year.

## PLAYER OF THE YEAR

### **Rugby**

Ruben Latchford 7C  
Austin Jary 9S  
Terry Li 9L  
Sam Latchford 10C

### **Football**

Hakan Koc 7W  
Zac Khoshan 8L  
Alex Bennett 9W  
Dheeran Gounder 10E

### **Cricket**

Jonah Devanand 8S  
Samarth Manu 10E  
Rohit Kanagavel 10W

### **Badminton**

Aditya Vignesh 10L  
Dylan De Silva 9L

### **Basketball**

Jayan Jawahar Kaliraj 9S  
Evangelos Delivasilis 10L

### **Table Tennis**

Rishaan Sawant 8E  
Vihaan Thakur 10W

### **Tennis**

Mayur Jetti 8E  
Ayden Yasin 8S

### **Lacrosse**

Christopher Neeve 8L

### **Ultimate Frisbee**

Daniel Atkins 8W

### **Volleyball**

Abir Rustogi 8S

### **Golf**

Aneesh Singh 9S

### **Squash**

Maxim Hannaford 10S

### **Cross Country**

Toby Sawyer 8C

### **Climbing**

Caleb Coles-Hiu 8E

### **Athletics**

Edward Okyere-Darko 9C  
Liam Vance 10S

### **Swimming**

Aaron Debiais 9S

# SPORTS COLOURS AWARD

## **Junior Sports Colours Award**

Daniel Atkins 8W

Cassius Meyer 8C

Jonah Devanand 8S

Toby Sawyer 8C

Eli Congram 8S

## **Intermediate Sports Colours Award**

Austin Jary 9S

Terry Li 9L

Alex Bennett 9W

Sam Latchford 10C

Finn Johnson 10S

James Skinner 10W

Samarth Manu 10E

Joel Bellingham 10W

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## **The Reading Foundation**

for sponsoring this ceremony and prizes.

## **WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK**

All the parents who have contributed to the Reading School

**365 Fund**, which supports the ongoing day-to-day enrichment of school life throughout the year and the **Beyond 900 Fund**, which supports the School's long-term development and future projects

and **every volunteer** who has invested precious time and effort to being fully committed to ensure Reading School flourishes.

We also extend our sincere appreciation to the following teachers and student

musicians for their music performance :

Mr L Groves, Peripatetic Music Teacher

Mr S Pedlow, Teacher of Mathematics

George Suckling 7C	Kacper Lubkowski 10S	Jonty Chandler 12MDa
Ming Wang 7S	Mikey Press 10L	Kenjer Abzhanov 12JTe
Aidan Lilleker 8L	Henry Robson 11E	Laurie Mills 12RCh
Devansh Bhattacharya 8L	Kevin Awoseyila 11L	Rafa Stockdale 12KAv
Aarush Podishetty 9W	Noah Verster 11C	Raphael Nezhuvungal 12SPe
Daniel Hill 9E	Oscar Zaum 11W	Theodore Yeung 12RWu
Dylan De Silva 9L	Benchuan Wang 12MDa	Jake Ng 13JPi
Neel Sinha 9E	Brady Choy 12CMA	Joel Wilson 13FHo
Satvick Iyengar 9C	Calvin Hoh 12ACr	Zi Han Zhang 13BSa
Abhinav Kaundun 10E	Daniel Press 12MDa	Freddie Shaw (Class of 2025)
Dishanth Gonchikar 10E	Fynn Sturk 12FHo	
Grigory Vayner 10E	George Goodman 12CMA	

## **The Unsung Heroes**

We would also like to recognise the Reading School Estates Team, Catering Team and Cleaning Team for their tireless efforts in supporting the successful delivery of events at Reading School.

# SHOWCASE LOCATIONS



# THE 365 FUND



£365 a year or  
£30 a month = £1 a day

+



Gift Aid  
25% of donation

=



£456.25  
a year

The **365 Fund** was established more than a decade ago to support academic, pastoral and co-curricular provision that is not funded by the Department for Education. Small donations on a regular basis provide opportunities that enable our students to extend their aspirations, skills and range of interests.

We believe that every child deserves to reach their full potential and we strive to offer exceptional opportunities in academic disciplines, arts, drama, music, sports and electives. **Without the 365 Fund we couldn't deliver** football fixtures, rugby matches, mock trials, the amazing work of the LRC, or many of our clubs and societies. Moreover, the Department for Education **has just announced** that it is **withdrawing funding** from the fourth A Level that many of our students choose and **sustaining these opportunities** now depend entirely on donations.

Imagine Reading School **without cricket**. Imagine Reading School **without practice interviews** for those applying **to study medicine** at university. Imagine Reading School **without a choir**. Imagine Reading School **without a library**.

Each of these and so much more is funded by donations alone. Each is **increasingly important** given the **reduction in opportunities** for young people in wider society, and because our work makes an ever-increasing impact on the lives of young people from more disadvantaged backgrounds.

Every contribution you make to Reading School makes a significant difference to our students. A **small monthly contribution to the 365 fund** helps us sustain our remarkable provision and guarantee opportunities for every one of our students.

**Thank you** for your support.







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