



### Note from the Principal

Dear all,

As we approach the end of a rain-soaked Summer Term, our thoughts turn inevitably to next year and the exciting opportunities just around the corner. I am delighted that Mr. Robson will be my successor as Principal and am sure that the transition to the new era will be seamless and successful. Whilst it is very sad to be going, I know that I leave the School in an excellent position to build for the future. Some of the overdue improvements have been sorted – not least dining! Exam results and Inspection ratings are of a very high order and are set to remain so. Academy status has brought much-needed capital into the School and I know the plans for future developments are inspirational. The Development Board and all involved in the 1125 Campaign deserve all our congratulations and support. They are the key to getting things done in future. Most importantly I would like to commend all the staff and students I have had the privilege of working with over the last six years. The reason Reading School is one of the best schools in the country is because of the quality of the people in it. I consider our track record at university admissions to be our crowning achievement. It is simply unheard of for so many students from one institution to go to so many top universities so consistently. They do so because they are naturally extremely capable and because of the quality of the teaching they receive. We should not forget either the expert work that goes on behind the scenes in supporting our teachers. Let's hear it for all our Associate Staff! Lastly, parents, I would like to thank you for all your kind words in recent months and for all the support you give the School throughout the year. Without you it would not be possible to achieve as highly as we do. And so, as the old poet said, "*ave atque vale*"! Floreat Redingensis.

### Geography and Classics are the perfect mix in Italy



Half term saw 40 Year 10 students embark on the annual Geography and Classics trip to Italy from 4 to 8 June. The 5 days were action-packed with sites, experiences and gelati! We visited the volcanic landscape of Solfatara, where we became fully immersed in the landscape, with the fumaroles, sulphurous smells and cavernous echoes of the crater. Capri offered a chance to see the elegant boats and shops, followed by a walk up to temple Jovis, where emperor Tiberius indulged himself, and a fantastic photo-opportunity from 'Tiberius' leap'. Back in Sorrento there was a chance to visit the best ice-cream parlour in town! Wednesday offered a true Classics and Geography mix, with a visit to the ancient town of Pompeii in the

morning followed by a visit to the volcano which caused its downfall in 79AD. We saw casts of ancient residents overcome by the fumes of the eruption, whose bones and form were preserved by the ash and pumice, walked over their stepping-stones, stopped at their snack shops and sat in their Amphitheatre. In the afternoon, we visited the stratovolcano of Mount Vesuvius. The coach did most of the hard work, but the final part of the summit around the crater was reached by a steep and dusty cinders path. On Thursday, we travelled to Rome and by early afternoon were in the Coliseum, followed by The Forum and then up to the top of the Vittorio Emmanuel monument for the best view of Rome. On the way back to the hotel, we managed to fit in the Pantheon and Trevi Fountain. On our final day, we our very knowledgeable guide rejoined us at the Vatican for a tour including the Sistine Chapel and St. Peter's Basilica. In contrast to the beautiful sunshine and 30 degree heat, storms in England meant a delay and wet and windy weather which was rather a shock to our system!



Mr J Norgaard & Miss S Rogers



## News from the Modern Foreign Languages Department

2011- 2012 has offered more opportunities for students to take parts in various trips around Europe such as the Tours trip which has been running for many years, where pupils enjoy staying in French families while discovering the Loire Valley; a study trip to Shanghai and Beijing in October and a visit to the German Christmas market in Birmingham. The Year 12 French students have also had the opportunity to undertake work experience in France in February half term, in partnership with other schools in the area, while Year 8s have just come back from a brilliant week in Munich with Neuschwanstein, BMW World and a visit to the Olympic village.

In the classroom, linguists have been working hard on their end of year projects in this last term, creating French magazines and poems, designing their own German board games on the Olympics and producing French films about Reading School. Year 7s and Year 8s have enjoyed having French penfriends from the "Etablissement Saint Joseph de Toulouse" and in Spanish Year 8s have started a new letter/video exchange with el "Colegio Artica de Madrid".

Outside the classroom, Miss Von Widdern ran the German/football "double club" for Year 7s which led to a great visit to the Emirates Stadium. This meant doubling up football training provided by coach Mr Bywater, with a first language input, 45 minutes a side.

To keep up to date with all language news and updates including trips, you can now follow **Reading School MFL** on **Twitter @RSmfl**

We look forward to...

Specialisms Week, when Year 7s will research what international diets have to offer to help us function, work and think properly in the MFL day. Students will also have the opportunity to participate in many more exciting trips including a new trip to Berlin planned for October and in new extra-curricular activities such as the French-speaking lunch club.

To finish the year with a French touch come and enjoy a French-themed lunch in the refectory on Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> July to commemorate Bastille Day! *Bon appétit!*

### Menu

#### Entrées / Plats

Salade Nicoise

Tartiflette (pommes de terre et fromage)

Cassoulet (haricots blancs et viande)

Steak frites

#### Desserts

Crème brûlée

## Mandarin Chinese

Mandarin Chinese is a dynamic subject in MFL. Mrs. Hayes uses all sorts of modern technology in her class. We sing, play games, make cartoons, produce videos and blog in Chinese. We have entered Chinese singing and speech competitions. We believe that our students learn best while having fun and all our students have achieved an A\*/A in GCSE Mandarin Chinese. We have secured links with two top schools in China. We hosted teachers and students from Beijing National Day School last summer and a group of 5 teachers and 13 students from Reading School went to Beijing and Shanghai on a cultural exchange visit last October: an unforgettable experience for everyone who went. We are also currently hosting teachers and students from Shanghai High School, which we believe will also be a fruitful experience for both schools. Video-conferencing and academic studies exchange are also in the pipeline. We aim to help our students to appreciate the different cultures between East and West, and to become competent in applying their language skills to a challenging career in the future.

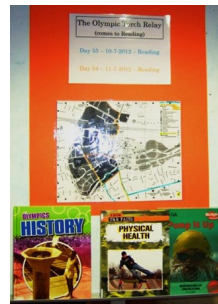


## News from the LRC

This term in the LRC we have been focusing on the Olympics which is incorporated into the school's Specialisms Week with the theme 'Healthy Mind for a Healthy Body'.

We have included information from the two previous Olympic Games held in Britain, in 1908 and 1948, and looked at it from a local angle for the 1948 and this year's Olympics. We have also included details of two of Reading School's own past Olympians, M (Martin) Hyman (West House), the British runner who competed at the Rome Olympics, 1960, and Wing Commander R F B (Ronald) Guy (West House) 3-time pistol champion of Great Britain who competed at the Helsinki Olympics 1952.

We would ask you to encourage your son(s) to visit the LRC to look at our unique display and take out books over the summer holidays. We hope that this may inspire them to become Reading School's future Olympians!



The LRC Olympic Display

Members of the Book Club have also been shadowing the CILIP (the Chartered Institute of Library and Information Professionals) Carnegie Book Award this term. The Carnegie Medal is awarded annually to the writer of an outstanding book for children. A shortlist of eight books was forwarded to the school as part of our inclusion in the shadowing scheme. 'An estimated 90,000 children in over 4000 registered shadowing groups in schools and libraries have been reading all of the shortlisted books, arguing with each other over which is the best, writing reviews and voting for their own favourites'.

The Book Club read, discussed, posted reviews of the shortlisted books and voted for *A Monster Calls* by Patrick Ness. We were in good company as Patrick Ness won the prestigious award for the second year running, a first for the award.

Members from the Book Club fed back comments such as Amin from Year 9: 'I have enjoyed reading books that I wouldn't normally read. I have learnt to not judge a book from its name. I enjoyed the choice of books. I enjoyed reading new genres. I enjoyed reading a book that did not have a happy ending', and Cameron from Year 7: 'I have enjoyed reading *Trash*. I would not usually read a book like it with more emotion than action, but it was good.'



Members of the Book Club  
with the Carnegie shortlisted  
books

Please encourage your son to try the Book Club. We run it on Tuesday lunchtimes in the LRC between 1.25 and 2.00 and try a variety of book-related ideas. Next term we intend to read *The Hobbit* by J R R Tolkien. The boys are very keen to read and in some cases re-read the book, as it is being made into a film due to be released in December.

Mrs A Jackson, LRC



The winning book





## German Double Club Visit to the Emirates Stadium

On 28th June, 22 Year 7 boys who had taken part in the German Double Club in the Lent Term had the opportunity to visit the Emirates Stadium. We had a tour of the museum before we were greeted by trilingual Steve and German Stefanie from the Goethe Institute. Steve was our main tour guide for the Stadium, where we not only found out about the intricacies of the building and how it impacts on their immaculate pitch, but also heard about the psychology behind the home and the away teams' changing rooms - one with all the creature comforts of cushions on the benches, non-slip floor and a horseshoe shape to help communication and team spirit; the other a square, unwelcoming box.



Steve and Stefanie revised previously learnt and some new language with us which the boys needed for the quizzes at the end, and some of the boys demonstrated their impressive German skills by remembering even the spellings of some rather long German nouns - gut gemacht und wunderbar! After the quiz and when the winners had been announced and congratulated, every participant received a certificate, a football and a T-shirt before our extremely calm and patient bus driver navigated us home through London's manic rush-hour traffic.

Ms A Von-Widdern

## Gardening Club Update

The garden is growing and growing and so are the numbers of our club. We now have 10 boys (at)tending regularly and this is a great time to be part of the gardening club: There are carrots, radishes, peas, rhubarb and potatoes to harvest along with an abundance of lettuce. All of these have been turned into a lovely three course meal on Monday 9th July by the club members in Mr Coggan's kitchen: green salad from the allotment, a pea and bacon risotto with home grown organic peas and a delicious dessert with wonderfully tangy rhubarb offset by the sweet crumble thanks to our dedicated gardeners. Some curious minds were enquiring how we had grown the bacon. More curious: one or two believed us that we had succeeded in growing a bacon tree!



Some of our logically and practically minded year 13s have enjoyed the sense of achievement of building the shed, which means we could finally vacate the East Wing extension. This also gives us much more freedom and allows the boys to come along at anytime to tend their patch or those of others.; The PA continues to be a great support and is in the process of creating the outdoor classroom and a herb garden. Thank you!; The times for gardening club are Monday after school and Wednesday lunchtime. All years welcome.

Ms A Von Widdern

## New from the Maths Department

19 boys from Year 7 and 8 were invited to take part in the Junior Mathematical Olympiad following the 2012 Maths Challenge. Of these boys, Saket Koti, Edmund Lea, Karthik Neelamegam, James Sun, Matthew Wadsworth, Ryan Wong and Minghua Yin gained distinctions for coming in the top 25% of 1200 candidates. Bronze medals were awarded to Saket, Edmund, Karthik and Matthew, whilst Ryan gained a silver medal. James and Minghua were both awarded gold medals and a book prize for being in the top 50.

All the boys who took the Olympiad can be very proud. Well done boys!

Mr A Walder



## An Extravaganza of English Excitement

Reading School students have been able to select delectable treats from a cornucopia of goodies offered by the English department this academic year.

We have hosted visits and workshops by a number of best-selling and award-winning authors, including Mark Walden (The HIVE series), Alex Scarrow (Time Riders) and A L Berridge (whose new Harry Ryder book was published by Penguin in May). They've provided literary as well as professional inspiration to what they hope will be the next generation of writing talent.

Students from Year 12 and Year 7 have been involved in a year-long project with the National Gallery, which will culminate in a contribution to the 2012 Cultural Olympiad celebrations. Based around one of the country's newest artistic purchases: Titian's C16th masterpiece "Diana And Actaeon", the project involved guided tours around the Gallery, cross-curriculum responses in Maths, Art and English classes, as well as assemblies for the whole school. Some of the students' work – from short stories to artistic reinterpretations via statistical reports — has been submitted for inclusion in a series of displays and exhibitions that will be hosted by the National Gallery from June onwards.

English enthusiasts have been busy outside of the classroom in other ways too: theatre trips for GCSE and A Level classes; World Book Day events including Year 8 contributions to the annual Berkshire Schools' e-book; the school-wide Big Read project; Year 7 participation in the Times Spelling Bee tournament; a Sixth Form led attack on the English Speaking Union's national MACE competitions; joining in with the BAFTA-winning and world record breaking BBC News School Report for the sixth time in a row (we're one of only a handful of schools out of the thousands signed up to the 2012 project who have been there every year since its beginning).

We are lucky enough to have a Learning Consultant working in partnership with the English department, and she contributed to setting up and managing Reading School's Gifted & Talented Academy which ran for its second successful year. We opened our doors to thirty-six Year 5 pupils from six local primary schools, allowing them to experience something of life at secondary school. They came for twenty weekly sessions and it proved to be just as popular, with both pupils and parents, as last year.

This summer term also has also seen the launch of the "Double Club" which involved introducing over sixty students from next year's Year 7 cohort to Reading School. Over six weeks they engaged in English and physical literacy activities, aimed at giving them a taster of what lies in store for them from September.

There's still a chance for all parents, students and teachers to get involved with the English department's endeavours over the summer holiday: we're launching an Extreme Reading competition, with prizes going to pictures of tremendous text consumption in the most unusual places. Details follow in this newsletter, and are also posted on Sharepoint; achievements can be Tweeted to our Twitter Feed @RSEnglishDept throughout the summer.

We're already booked in for visits to the British Museum's huge Staging Shakespeare exhibition during the next academic year; make sure you bring an appetite to the 2012 – 2013 feast!

If you would like to sample the delights of some of the work students have done this year, including contributions to the National Gallery project, please visit the 'Summer 2012 students' work' folder at the English Department's page on Sharepoint.

Mr R Baldock, Head of English



## EXTREME Reading!

Can you be the most eXtreme reader at Reading School?

This summer, we challenge you to have a photograph taken of yourself reading a book in the most exotic or bizarre location you can think of.

These photos will be verified and judged and then amazing prizes awarded! We will create an 'Extreme Reader' display early on in September 2012 - so get thinking now.

**Play it safe!** – Whilst we would love a photo of you sitting on the engine of a 747 before you jet off to sunnier climes, please think about your safety and don't choose locations that could cause injury or death to yourself or the photographer!



Be inspired to start 'Extreme Reading' today!

Please email all entries, clearly marked with your name and tutor group to: [extremereading@reading-school.co.uk](mailto:extremereading@reading-school.co.uk)





## Music at Reading School

The last year has seen much musical success between the local schools: initially the concert with Queen Anne's and then the second with the Abbey.

The joint concert with Queen Anne's, the first with this school, happened back at the end of the spring term. It involved the joint string ensembles performing Benjamin Britten's Simple Symphony – a series of pieces containing different and contrasting yet still beautiful movements. The first movement was a loud and expressive piece, which then contrasts with later parts which were peaceful but powerful as they evoked compelling emotions from the audience.

Following a series of solos and group performances, the concert ended with the earth-shaking performance of 'O Fortuna' by Carl Orff. It was sung by the combined choirs of Queen Anne's and Shiplake College; also featuring many boys from our own choir and was accompanied by two pianists as well as a wide variety of percussionists, drawing a close to the sensational evening.

The joint concert with the Abbey School in May is the third to have taken place. It featured the joint wind band, barber shop group and Brass ensemble as well as many others in the first half of the concert.

The second half of the concert was handed over to the joint choirs accompanied by the joint string ensemble to perform Faure's Requiem. The Requiem (being a mass for the dead) is very solemn music, and with the numbers due to the combined forces, it considerably impressed everyone. Containing very famous arrangements of the Sanctus and Lux Aeterna it has been used in a variety of TV Programmes ranging from Inspector Morse to South Park. These dramatic pieces, along with the superb solos brought the magical night to an end.

James Foran 10S

## Reading School Chess Team Success

On Friday the Reading School chess team finished off a remarkably successful year by winning the English Chess Federation's National Schools Plate competition, held in Uppingham, Rutland. The final was a close match, but victories from William Foo and Ryan Wong, and draws from Roy Zhang, Matthew Wadsworth and Alfred Wong sealed our 3.5 - 2.5 win against Wilson's School from Sutton.



The Championship final was won by Manchester Grammar School, who beat Reading in the final last year. They secured their second successive win by beating Wellington College - the team who narrowly defeated Reading earlier in the year, which was our only loss in the competition.

Roy Zhang, Matthew Wadsworth, William Foo, Daniel Noel, Alfred Wong, Ryan Wong, Alex Vanlint and Adam Durrant made up the very talented team, and they should all be proud of their performances throughout the year. It is difficult to single out individual players for exceptional performance given how well everyone has played over the year, but special mentions go to Roy Zhang, Matthew Wadsworth and William Foo. All 3 of them have often had to play older and more highly rated players, but they have always tried their best and played with a resilience and drive that has been a joy to watch.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my role as School Chess Captain this year, and I would like to thank not only the team, but also Mrs Smith and Mrs Readings, without whose support and minibs driving we could not have succeeded in the many ways that we have. I wish the team the best of luck for next year's competition, and I hope that we are able to go one better than this year and win the Championship!

Ben Vandersluis

Six members of the school chess team also participated in the English Chess Federation Under 18 county championships on June 30<sup>th</sup>. Reading School players were the mainstay of the Berkshire County team, providing half of the twelve county players (Roy Zhang, William Foo, Matthew Wadsworth, Daniel Noel, Robert Starley and Alfred Wong) plus the team reserve (David Starley).

Berkshire finished second overall in the championships. Reading School also finished joint winners (with Haberdashers Aske School) of the schools' cup.



## Biology Challenge—Years 9 and 10

Congratulations to our Biology Challenge medal winners 2012. The competition was open to all students in Years 9 and 10. Over 30,000 students took part across the country and our students achieved exceptionally well with 15 Gold, 22 Silver and 17 Bronze medals. Particular mention to Matthew Hankins who was placed in the top 40 in the country.

### Gold Medal winners

Tom Moffat, Charles Turvey, Matt Bastiman, Elliot Jewitt, Matthew Popplestone, Jack Page, Laimonais Rukajnactis, Saram Lawrence, Sriraman Shabarish, Benjamin Teall, Matthew Hankins, Morgan Keenlyside, Satyam Patel, Roy Zhang and Dimitry Samartsev.

### Silver Medal winners

Tom Hunt, Ian Wilson, William Jefferies, Matthew Le Croisette, John Perry, George Brett, Shayantan Chaudhuri, James Crawford, Harry Taylor, Luke Hill, Peter Hutton, Matthew James, Edward Jee, Sam Raines, Daniel Spencer, Sam Dexter, Charlie Taylor, Robin Wilson, Tom Fairclough, Henry Smith, James Smith and Thomas Stark.

### Bronze Medal winners

Miles Deans, Sahil Gosswami, Robin Sullivan, Alex Spalding, Shubham Gantayet, Charles Knight, Daniel Li, Rohan Tuli, William Heath, William Mayne, Zhenghao Wang, Michael Barker, Ben Orchard, Tom Gavin, Daniel Gillette, Kieran Toms and Omar Uwais.

## Danish Exchange Trip 11 to 20 June 2012



As part of a two year exchange programme, 24 Year 9 students experienced a ten-day exchange with students from Frydenhøjsskolen in Copenhagen. The theme of a Healthy Mind for a Healthy Body was enjoyed by all with activities including learning how to play the national sport of Handball, cooking healthy Danish cuisine, engaging with the Science Museum where you could test your reflexes and heart beat and enjoying a cultural photo safari of Copenhagen. Even before the trip students were contacting each other via Facebook and Skype and the friendships continue to be very strong. The hospitality and the generosity shown by the Danish host families was exceptionally welcoming and the boys are really looking forward to the arrival of the Danish exchange students in February 2013.

Mr Norgaard and Mr Nicholas

## Annual Fund Reminder

We would like to thank all those who supported the Annual Fund this year. This funds many of the enrichment activities and clubs that run at lunchtime and after school throughout the year. A report on activities supported by the Annual Fund this year will go out to all parents in the next few days.

The range of enrichment activities offered at the School is a reflection of the rich talents and diverse interests of our students. They including sports, chess, debating, drama, philosophy and music, and are made possible by the time and energy that staff devote to running them at very low cost.

However, we rely on the support of parents to help cover some essentials expenses. If you haven't yet been able to support the Annual Fund, we urge you to help us out in 2012-13. The donation form can be downloaded at: [www.reading-school.co.uk/uploads/document/ANNUAL\\_FUND\\_DONATION\\_Form.pdf](http://www.reading-school.co.uk/uploads/document/ANNUAL_FUND_DONATION_Form.pdf).





## 1125 Campaign Update

Ross Brawn, Team Principal of the MERCEDES AMG PETRONAS Formula One Team, opened the new refectory at Reading School on June 28th. Mr Brawn, who attended the school from 1966 to 1971, said: "It is a great honour to open such an impressive new building at my old school. I hope that it will become a focal point for the school, to be enjoyed by many generations of students to come."

The building was made possible by generous support from parents and alumni who contributed to Reading School's 1125 Fundraising Campaign, a grant from the Reading Foundation, and substantial matched funding from government.

Chair of Governors, Dr Philip Mitchell, said: "It has taken a long time to make this building a reality. It involved people from all parts of the school community working together, and I should like to thank all those who contributed to the fundraising and planning."

Reading School Principal, Mr John Weeds said: "The new building has already transformed school life, not only as a place to eat but also as a place to learn. It was particularly heartening over the last couple of months to see some of our Sixth Form students making full use of the new facility before and after examinations."

Vice-Principal, Mr Ashley Robson, who takes over as Principal of Reading School in September 2012, said: "I am pleased with the success of the refectory. With this achievement, we can now start planning further improvements over the next few years."

Captain of School, Matthew Greaves says: "The refectory project has been such a great success amongst the students. It has transformed the quad, and made it not only the geographical centre of the school, but also the social centre."

## Saracens –v- Leicester Tigers at Wembley – Saturday, 15<sup>th</sup> Sept 2012

Saracens Rugby Club are hosting another outstanding family day out at Wembley Stadium on **Saturday September 15<sup>th</sup> 2012, when they will play Leicester Tigers**. The fixture is now confirmed, and it will feature the top two teams in England over the past three seasons, at full strength, clashing in the national stadium. Pre-match entertainment will be provided by up and coming band **Cover Drive**, starting at 2.15pm.

Saracens have granted us permission to promote tickets (£16 for adults, £6 for under-16s) to all our staff, pupils, families and friends. In return the school will receive **Cashback** on every ticket bought thus raising funds for the school and you get to enjoy a fantastic day out at a fantastic price.

You can buy tickets online by visiting [www.saracensatwembley.com/groups](http://www.saracensatwembley.com/groups) and using our school code **READING** (please note this is case-sensitive). The deadline for buying tickets is **WEDNESDAY, 15<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**, and all tickets will be posted to you by September 8<sup>th</sup>.





## Junior Prizegiving

Mr Rob Wilson, MP for Reading East, was guest speaker at Junior Prizegiving on July 3<sup>rd</sup>. He presented prizes to over 80 boys from Years 7, 8, 9 and 10. These included form prizes for boys making a good overall contribution to school life and theirs studies, subject prizes and examination prizes for the boys achieving highest marks in their year group. County House were awarded the Pountney Challenge Trophy, for the highest overall marks in examinations.

Speaking afterwards, Mr Wilson commended the standard of education and achievement at Reading School. Making reference to the Schools contribution to national political life over the centuries, including four alumni who are current serving MPs, he urged boys to become more involved in the democratic process, saying that "Politics is not just for old grey men in suits."

Mr John Lyon, Programme Manager at the Geographical Association, also attended to present the Geographical Association Worldwide Challenge Trophy to James Woolaghan, 8E, John Livesey, 9S, and Edward Clennett, 10W. The boys took part in the final of the event at Blencathra in Keswick in May. James also won the prize Individual Fieldwork.



## Golf Day- Tuesday July 25<sup>th</sup>



The annual Reading School Golf Day will be held on Tuesday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at Sonning Golf Day, and will raise funds for the 1125 Campaign.

The cost of entering as a team is £240, £65 as an individual, or £40 per adult. We will also be holding an auction in conjunction with the event. Some of the fantastic items on offer so far include a tour of the MERCEDES AMG PETRONAS F1 workshop for four people; a night out in Loddon Brewery for 14 people, and a round of golf for 4 people at Bearwood Lakes Golf Club.

If you are interested in participating, or supporting the event, please contact Frances Greaney on 0118 9015600 ext 264 or email [development@reading-school.co.uk](mailto:development@reading-school.co.uk).

## Dates for your Diary

8 <sup>th</sup> September	Old Redingensians Association Rugby Weekend
25 <sup>th</sup> September	Reading School Golf Day
28 <sup>th</sup> September	Commemoration Service
18 <sup>th</sup> October	Everest Needs You Mr Irvine -Lecture by historian Julie Summers
24 <sup>th</sup> October	Junior Concert
12 <sup>th</sup> November	Inter-house Music at Reading
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Michaelmas Concert
17 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol Service
4 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 7 Concert
21 <sup>st</sup> March	Joint Concert with Queen Anne's School
15 <sup>th</sup> July	Summer Concert

For detail and tickets, please contact [events@reading-school.co.uk](mailto:events@reading-school.co.uk), or call the Development Office on 0118 9015600 ext 264



## Student Achievements

Congratulations to Scott Proctor, 9W, who took part in the Macmillan Golf Challenge recently. If you are interested in donating to this worthy cause, please visit Scott's fundraising page: <http://www.justgiving.com/Scott-Proctor>.

I am sure you will be interested to know that Jonathan Davies, 12SP, won the English Schools 3000m race at Gateshead on Saturday 7th July. It was a tactical race with a very exciting finish. Jonathan managed to take the lead well down the home straight on the final lap. Jonathan is also the English Schools cross-country champion and is currently in the lower end of his age group. We wish him well for the future.

Well done to James Smith, 10W, who competed in the British Solo Ice Dance Championships. James finished 7th overall in the pre-novice men's category achieving a best placing of third in one of the three segments. The final competition of the season was an inter-rink team competition. James and his partner Chloe were selected to compete in the couples category for Bracknell and they were placed second in their event.

Finally, congratulations to Edward Shorland, 9E, who competed in the British National Rowing Championships on Friday and Saturday at the National Watersport Centre in Nottingham and won a bronze medal in the J14 single sculls.

## Research Study—Reading University

### Teenagers, Stress and Family Life

We are looking for **teenagers aged 13-16 years** and **their parents** to take part in **research** concerned with how they deal with the stresses and strains of life

#### What would this involve?

Filling in 2 questionnaires at home, which takes around 15 minutes

A visit of around 2 hours to the University of Reading, where we will ask you and your accompanying parent questions about how you feel and what you do in different situations. We will audio-record some of your answers and make some video-tapes of you and your parent doing some different activities together.

#### What will we get out of taking part?

You will be helping other teenagers, as taking part will help us understand what happens to teenagers when they get anxious and help us to improve treatments.

We will pay for your travel expenses to get to the University and you will also get a gift voucher for giving up your time to take part.

For more information and to register your interest, please go to:

<http://www.reading.ac.uk/bcac/bcac-register.aspx>

Or to discuss it further, please contact:

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*Contacting us does not mean you have to take part*





## Public Speaking and Debating—Autumn Term 2012



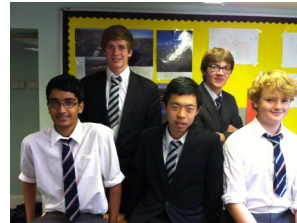
Nikolai Ciecierski-Holmes was appointed captain of public speaking.

LAMDA examinations in the autumn term are on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> November. Letters and application forms have gone out to all parents of boys in years 7–12. Forms are due in by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> September. In the academic year 2011/12 we had 97 LAMDA public speaking examination entries from Grade 4 through to Grade 8 (Gold Medal).

We began a Debating Club on Thursdays in G3, 1.20, for years 9–13. (Year 8 boys are eligible to join this in the summer term.) Look out for the term's programme of debates. In the summer term, as well as a Hyde Park Corner week, motions included:

*This House believes that Apple has revolutionised our lives.*

*This House believes that social media has changed social activism.*



We set up a Policy Team of 9 boys from years 9–12 to look at ideas and development for the Public Speaking & Debating department.

The team is headed up the Public Speaking Captain, ably supported by Nick Qiu (year 12), Domenico Cullura, George Prove and Julian Sutcliffe (year 11), Aleksander Stepanyan, Jacob South-Klein (year 10) and George Henderson & Ritvij Singh (year 9).

We entered the Rotary Youth Speaks competition and the ESU Public Speaking competition.

On 11<sup>th</sup> July we ran a Year 7 Training Day in public speaking, culminating on 13<sup>th</sup> July in the Year 7 Public Speaking competition. East House won, taking three of the four awarded prizes (Best Chairman, Best Questioner and winning team). West won Best Speaker. (Last year West swept the board in the same way!)



*The winning East House team*

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