

# The Prefect Newsletter!

## Introduction from the School Captain:

Welcome to the Prefect Newsletter. Every half-term we'll be producing a newsletter with details about student events so that you can get involved as much as possible. The whole thing is student-produced so it'll be more specific to you compared to the Headmaster's bulletin. Each edition will contain a "Looking Forward" section, which will describe important upcoming events in the school calendar. Any student is allowed (and encouraged) to use the newsletter to spread awareness about important topics or establish new clubs and societies. If you have any questions about the newsletter or want to be a part of it, just email Karan Baishkiyar (r00269@reading-school.co.uk) for details.

This term's edition is simply an introduction to the Prefect Team, with information about their roles and responsibilities. Future editions will be more diverse in content as the year progresses. We hope the newsletter will be a useful tool for those wishing to involve themselves in school life.

*~ Adam Paterson, School Captain*

## Prefect Introductions:

### Adam Paterson



#### Role: School Captain

Throughout my time at Reading School, I've been lucky enough to take part in the wide range of activities available including school sports, music, and drama. Becoming School Captain is a huge source of pride for me, as well as a huge responsibility which I hope I can excel at.

### Will Lockwood



#### Role: East House Captain

I am a hard worker and an avid sportsman. I've held prefect roles within East House and captained several sports teams. I also recently led the organisation for an East House charity event which raised over £1000.

### Ollie Binnie



#### Role: School House Captain

I've been at Reading for 7 years, and I credit my time at this school, and indeed in School House, with helping me become a reliable, tolerant, and kind person, something that will hopefully help me lead the house to victory this year! I have a passion for tennis, and I love to capture an audience when performing ballet, acting, or singing, and I'm hoping that I will inspire greater participation in all sporting and creative house events this coming year as a result - which in combination with a positive vision, determination, and a bit of luck, should transfer to success in the House Cup. School House has always felt like a mini-community within the school to me, and I'm proud that I've been given the opportunity to help continue this legacy into the future.

## Vivan Vasudeva



### Role: Laud House Captain

This year has only been my first at Laud, but even in this short time I've understood and connected with our identity. From seeing the passion of our house, I know the Laud Lions will leave a lasting legacy in this school. So I'm driven to be Laud's leader not for fame or for glory — but for all the people within Laud.

## Aryan Gupta



### Role: County House Captain

My name is Aryan Gupta, and I have been a proud member of County house since I joined the school in 2015. I feel honoured to have gained the responsibility of house captain. I love to represent my house, whether that be through sporting or academic events. I hope to inspire all members of County to get involved in the house competition this year, to install a real sense of community between all year groups. This community spirit, coupled with eagerness and a desire to succeed will be County house's pathway to victory this year.

## Joe Tubb



### Role: West House Captain

I am really looking forward to the year ahead and working with all of West House. People should get involved, I think from the last 6 years at this school I've enjoyed myself because I've thrown myself into contributing to the house and becoming part of a community.

## Projects and Community Team

### Karan Baishkiyar



### Role: Vice-Captain (Projects and Community)

Hey! My name is Karan Baishkiyar and I joined Reading School in Year 12. I am currently the Member of Youth Parliament for the Bracknell Forest Constituency. I hope to contribute as much as I can to the Reading School community as the Vice-Captain for projects and community.

### Archie Thorpe



### Role: Charity Prefect

Having been a member of the charity committee since Y10, I am eager to take the lead with our school's charitable efforts this year, extending the school's impact to wider communities. After such a difficult year, it is time we came back stronger.

### Ransen Perera



### Role: Community Service Prefect

I've always been a large advocate for helping out the community through both volunteering and charity. With the pandemic causing mass disruption for families financially, physically and emotionally, I hope to give back to the community in this time of distress with the help of the incredible school community.

## Rovindu Hettiarachchi



### Role: Future Stories Prefect

I've thoroughly enjoyed taking part in Future Stories over the past year and believe it is an excellent example of how Reading School can give back to the local community. Future Stories has been a very rewarding experience and I hope to help it progress and continue to develop in the coming year.

## Oliver Liles



### Role: Environment Prefect

I've been at Reading School since year 7 and I've always felt proud of my school for its amazing work in helping the local community. I'm hoping to continue on that important work now as environment prefect as it's becoming increasingly more important to not just raise awareness of our impact on the environment but also take action and ensure we all as individuals and as a school make the best choices in order to reduce our carbon footprint.

## Thomas Masters



### Role: Equality Prefect

I've been a student at Reading School since Year 7 and growing up at the school has allowed me to appreciate the value of the great diversity present in Reading School. I think it is so important that this is celebrated and issues related to it are brought up with all the students at the school. Overall, the Reading School community has been very accepting of diversity and it is important to me to carry on this legacy.

## Sixth Form Team

### Daniel Vetsko



### Role: Vice-captain (Sixth Form)

I am a very motivated individual, keen to better myself and those around me. I hope I can make a positive impact in my new role and help drive forward the school's core values.

### Amgad Bashir



### Role: Year 12 Integration Prefect

I'm an external student studying; Physics, Economics, Maths and German. I'm not entirely sure of what my career path shall be but I'm certain I want to go to university. There I may study Engineering or something to do with Economics. I might do something entirely different.

### Aryan Bhusal Sapkota



### Role: Year 12 Integration Prefect

I'm an external student, who joined in Year 12, in East house. I take maths, further maths, physics, economics. With this role, I wish to ease the transitioning process for new students.

## Finbarr Sheedy



### Role: Legacy Prefect

I have been at the school since year 7, and have enjoyed all aspects of the Reading School spirit and community. Thus, I saw Legacy Prefect as the perfect role for me to give back, in a way that sustains the connection between my classmates and I for years to come.

## Dhroov Patel



### Role: Common Room Prefect

I would really like to improve the common room space for sixth formers to really make it a nicer and more social environment

## Shawn Poile



### Role: Common Room Prefect

I joined this school in Sixth form and have felt very welcomed since in no short part thanks to the student body so I want the common room to be a place that can facilitate social interactions and to just be a pleasant space. I'm always looking for suggestions so please don't hesitate to let me or Dhroov know if you have any suggestions to improve the common room.

## Vaibhav Mahajan



### Role: Careers Prefect

I've been at Reading School since Year 7 and have thoroughly enjoyed my time here. Becoming a prefect is a way for me to give back to the school community and hopefully make this school an even better place.

## Ewan Azlan Luk



### Role: Attendance Prefect

I like to think of myself as a rather organised person, so I applied for attendance prefect to try and put those skills to use.

## Student Body Team

### Kalvin Gavrilov



### Role: Vice-Captain (Student Body)

Although I have only just joined Reading School in Year 12, I am determined to take on this leadership role and help deliver one of the best Student Body teams. I am passionate about youth participation and am the elected Member of Youth Parliament for Reading.

## Reuben Henry-Daire

### Role: Sports Prefect



I have been at the school for 5 years now but I was an avid sportsman for way longer. However, it wasn't until I joined Reading School where I fully flourished in sports. I still remember the encouragement I got back in year 7 to do athletics and now I'm aspiring to be a GB athlete and compete at European championships. But it would have never happened without Reading School and I am deeply grateful for the support I received. Becoming a sports prefect means I get the chance to become that support for someone else and, like the PE department did for me, help them excel with their sport.

## James Ma

### Role: Student Voice Prefect



Having been a student at Reading School since Year 7, I have been involved in the Student Council for most of my years here and understand its important role in the school. I am very excited and grateful to have the opportunity to lead and encourage others to become more actively involved in the Student Council while helping communication between students and senior staff leadership as part of my role as Student Voice prefect.

## Arjun Judge

### Role: Student Voice Prefect



Having been in the Student Council before, I thought taking up the role of Student Voice Prefect alongside James would be a perfect opportunity to improve and give back to Reading School.

## Roshan Patel

### Role: Mentoring Prefect



I joined in Year 12 and so far, I've really enjoyed my time here. With this role, I hope to give back to the school community by revitalising the mentoring scheme at this school.

## Jakub Jalowiec

### Role: Well-being Prefect



At my old school, I was a deputy head boy where I learned the attributes of being a leader, taking on responsibilities and making yourself approachable to students and teachers across the school. After having this experience, I wanted to try on a more specific role where I could have a greater impact. Well-being is of great importance for people of any age but especially for us. This is why I chose to take on the role of being a Well-being Prefect.

## Jacob Merchant

### Role: Well-being Prefect



I joined Reading at the start of Year 12, and I'm definitely a people person. I make a conscious effort to look out for those who might be upset and always allow people to talk to me if they're struggling with anything. I'm proud to have been selected for Well-being Prefect and I hope to help students get through these tough times.

## Neil Paliwal



### Role: Senior Subject Prefect

I've always strived to develop a comprehensive understanding of the subjects I study - for instance, through running plays in the case of drama or attending talks in the case of history and economics. The role as Senior Subject Prefect will allow me to expand our subject scope at Reading School beyond just the curriculum, and enable students to nurture their skills to the fullest.

## Joedh Kang



### Role: Pastoral Prefect

Hi, my name is Joedh I recently joined the school in year 12, I am an aspiring actor and boxer and public speaker. I look forward to being able to help the pastoral side of the school in as many ways as possible.

## School Events Team

### Matthew Copeman



### Role: Vice-Captain (Events)

Having enjoyed the many opportunities our school has to offer since year 7, I'm excited to start being able to give back to the school as a Vice-Captain. I'm passionate about Drama and Music and do a lot of work with the LRC as head pupil librarian. I've helped organise many events in my time so far, so I'm looking forward to getting all our favourite events back up and running in a (hopefully) post-COVID world!

### Arvind Adavikolanu



### Role: External Relations Prefect

I applied for this role because I love to work with other people and feel like communication is one of my best skills, having been running the Debating Society for nearly a year. I take pride in being a prefect in this manner, and being able to organize fun events for ORs and showcase our school to guests.

### Ali Batley



### Role: School Events Prefect

I am a keen sportsman and am proud to have represented the school in rugby and football. I have organised various events in the past, including a doughnut sale. I am honoured to represent the school as the events prefect and will use the skills I have acquired throughout my time at Reading School to ensure that events run smoothly.

### Mannan Karwa



### Role: Junior Social Prefect

Hi my name is Mannan and I'm the junior social prefect. I look forward to working with the younger years to make next year as enjoyable as possible for them.



## Eesh Mishra



### Role: Social Prefect

I'm Eesh Mishra and I moved to Reading School for Sixth Form. I applied to be part of the integration team because I know how daunting it can be starting from scratch in a new school and I aim to help the next Year 12s make the most out of the fresh start they are provided with. With that being said, if you see me around school, don't hesitate to stop me and let me know how you're getting along.

## Matthew Grove



### Role: Society Office Prefect

I'm a software engineer & amateur photographer, along with a senior cadet in the CCF. I've worked a lot in the LRC over the last few years, and also run Robotics Club.

## Boarding Captaincy Team

### Mithun Sivakumar



### Role: East Wing Captain

I have been a boarder at this school since year 7 and was previously an academic support prefect in boarding. In my time here, I have developed a passion for fitness and reading. I'm always happy to talk to new people and hang out with them. Before I finish Year 13, I want to improve boarding and the wider school for future students.

### Ben Greatorex



### Role: South House Captain

I joined boarding in September last year at the start of year 12. I am studying Maths, Geography and Economics at A-Level. I like a variety of sports and play the saxophone and look forward to carrying out this role.

## Looking Forwards...

### Closing by Chief Editor of Prefect Newsletter:

So, this is the end of the first Prefect Newsletter!

This is going to be the first of many issues this year and we hope this will increase the transparency of our school Prefect team.

Once again, thank you for reading our Newsletter and I hope you have a great rest of your morning/afternoon/evening :)

~Karan Baishkiyar