



Headmaster's Weekly Bulletin

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Introduction

Celebration of Excellence

Wednesday 29th June saw the Class of 2022 Senior Prize Giving ceremony held in the School Chapel, sponsored by the Reading Foundation. The celebration focused on both academic and character excellence. Significantly, it provided an opportunity to reflect on our successes, individually and as a community. Our core values of Excellence, Integrity, Leadership and Community were celebrated throughout the awarding of prizes not only for academic excellence, but also for our Reading Way emphasis on 'Learn, Lead, and Serve.'

One of the most prestigious awards was the Salisbury Prize which celebrated parental partnership. 2022 saw joint winners reflecting the superb efforts of so many parents, in so many different ways, ranging from the work of the RSPA, careers, support for Ukraine and Boarding.

We were proud to honour representatives of the parent community, who exemplify the power of positive partnership and engagement. Parents have a crucial role to play, as the first educators, and we value the positive impact they have in supporting Reading School.

True Athlete Project



Following a strong performance against the MCC, it is pleasing to highlight successes on the field of cricket and athletics this week. Both the 1st XI, our impressive Year 7 Team, along with Sports Days across the week demonstrated sports excellence and belonging. Congratulations to all players and athletes who have represented Reading School and their Houses at Sport this term.

The launch of our involvement with The True Athlete Project charity from today, should act as a catalyst for a holistic view of the value of sport that reimagines the idea of an athlete as someone who develops mind and body to help others, and make the world a better place. We are committed to an approach to sport that celebrates being a catalyst for developing a more compassionate society. We are dedicated to nurturing a culture of sport which prioritises personal development and the idea of long-term development. We are also committed to our staff and students improving their health (physical and mental) and performance and developing a passion for making a positive difference in the world.

Expectations of positive behaviour and attitudes

It is vital that we continue to have high expectations in relation to behaviour and attitudes and I would like to take this opportunity to reiterate the importance of punctuality and attendance. In addition, the importance of showing respect to staff, each other and the school environment must be emphasised. This includes behaviour in the classroom and also at break time. I am sure that we can rely on the continued support of parents and students to ensure that the commitment to excellence is evident throughout the Academic year.

Students and parents are reminded of the expectations regarding the use of mobile phones and also uniform requirements. We would value the support of parents and students in ensuring that these expectations are understood and acted upon.



Mr AM Robson
Headmaster

Key information

Years 11, 12 & 13

Can all students who still have PE kit borrowed from the PE Department to return it as soon as possible. This includes football, rugby and cricket kit. Your help with returning items will mean other students in need of kit will benefit.

Excellence, Integrity, Leadership & Community

Excellence - 2022 McIlroy Essay Competition

We are delighted to launch the 2022 McIlroy Essay Competition: a chance for all students who have been on roll during this academic year to win £250 in cash, and keep themselves intellectually stimulated during the summer break.

This is the tenth modern edition of the prize, which was reinstated under the guidance of our late colleague and OR Ian Judd.

Each year we ask students to respond to a stimulus question which crosses curriculum divisions and academic disciplines. This year's essay celebrates the Year of Reading; details of how to enter, and some prompts to get students thinking, can be found in [this guidance sheet](#).

Computer Science

For those who enjoyed the challenge of cracking last week's code, the solution to last week's puzzle can be found as below:

Compression codes

Repeatedly replace the characters in the following compressed messages by those from the corresponding codebook (the characters between the square brackets) to reveal a computing quotation and a poem credited to Augustus De Morgan, the great mathematician and tutor of 'first programmer' Ada Lovelace.

Message a	Message b
76FB5D	9JI
7CCCF0B9D	D8CA
	37 JI
	35AE
Codebook a	Codebook b
0 [...]	369IB
1 [,]	K40F8A
2 [aim]	G6HK41A
3 [approach]	341A 35 8.
4 [development).]	
5 [fast]	
6 [fire,]	
7 [Ready,]	
8 [software]	
9 [slow]	
A [to]	
B [(the]	
C [21]	
D [3A84]	
E []	
F [2E]	

Compression Codes

a)
Ready, fire, aim (the fast approach to software development).
Ready, aim, aim, aim, aim ... (the slow approach to software development).

b)
Great fleas have lesser fleas,
Upon their backs to bite 'em,
And lesser fleas have lesser fleas,
and so, ad infinitum.

And those great fleas, themselves, in turn
Have greater fleas to go on;
While those again have greater still,
And greater still, and so on.

Feedback Requested: Trial Access to ePlatform by Wheelers Books

We have trial access to ePlatform by Wheelers Books until Friday 8th of July. We hope your child has enjoyed using this platform. We would like to get as much feedback as possible to help us determine whether or not we should buy this for the school. If your son has not already accessed it, please ask him to do so before Friday 8th of July. Please provide feedback using this form.

Pupils are able to borrow eBooks and Audiobooks from the exciting new eBook and audiobook library, [found here](#) using their Office 365 login until Friday July 8th.

The library catalogue is full of bestselling, popular fiction titles and will offer students 24/7 access to a digital library in addition to the print library in school. Students can have 2 books out on loan at any one time, and they will automatically return after 2 weeks, or students can return them early in order to loan a new book. The eBooks can be read on a computer, laptop, or through the free App on your tablets or smartphones.

Reading through your web browser on a laptop or computer

Students can also browse the collection or search for a specific book title, author or publisher and loan the book they choose. It is then assigned to them for the 2-week period.

Reading through the App

To download the App, search “ePlatform” in the App store and download. Click on the app and you will then need to search for the library which will be Reading School. Once you start typing, it will bring up the school on the list.

Click the 3 little lines in the top left corner and select sign in. Using the App, the books will be temporarily downloaded to the device so students will not need internet connections once the book has been loaned to read, great for travelling.

House Reading Quiz 2022

Congratulations go to Laud House who won the House Reading Quiz 2022 this week. The quiz was formed of three rounds with round one being general book knowledge and rounds two and three being based on books that students had been asked to read: Harry Potter and the Philosopher’s Stone, Stormbreaker, Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief, A Christmas Carol and Elon Musk: How a billionaire CEO of SpaceX and Tesla is shaping our future.

At the end of round two, School House were in the lead, but it all changed during round three when Houses could choose to gamble their points on a final question. Laud gambled all their points for a final total of 32 points. The gamble did not pay off for County, who gambled all their points and came last with 0. East House benefitted from County’s gamble and they took 4th place with 10 points.

1. Laud
2. School
3. West
4. East
5. County

The quiz was arranged by Kathik D (12L) Deputy Head Pupil Librarian and thanks to all House Captains and Head of Houses for your help.

Community

Reminder: clothing Collection for NE Ukraine

Thank you to everyone who has already dropped off their donations of clothing for Ukraine. We have already collected a huge amount but there is still time to make your donations. Below is a reminder of the details:

We have received a specific request from a Senior Pastor in the major city of Kharkiv in the North East of Ukraine for an emergency shipment of autumn clothes and shoes for adults and children. These will be distributed to refugees who have moved into the city from the so called 'left behind' villages, as well as distributed from this pastor's church in the village.

Shortly another aid convoy will be leaving to Lviv in Western Ukraine where we have trusted contacts who will supervise onward shipment to the requesting pastor.

We are looking for all clothing of any size suitable for autumn and winter, including t-shirts and underwear (not shorts, swimwear and summer dresses), shoes, wellingtons, trainers and slippers (not sandals).

Donations of any of these items would be welcome between now and Monday 4th July. Students can drop off any donations in the Chapel at any time and parents are welcome on site on Tuesdays and Fridays between 11am and 6pm. Anything you can contribute will make a real difference.

Thanks in advance for your ongoing support.

Boxing Camp

For children and young people aged between 11-16yrs of all abilities, a summer Boxing Camp will be running from 26/07/2022 until 02/09/2022.



BOXING CAMP FOR ALL ABILITIES AGED 11-16
MBMT, BRIDGEWATER CLOSE, READING RG30 1JT
FROM £20
26/07/2022 TO 02/09/2022 (10AM – 1PM)

BOXING CAMP DAYS

Our intensive training camps develop technical and tactical skills whilst considering the physical and mental side of boxing, improving confidence and decision making.

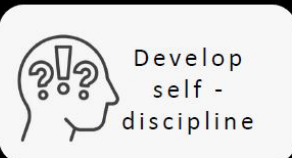
Boxers will be grouped by age and ability, and will join 2 training sessions each day -

Session 1 - Boxing technique, sparring and drills.

Session 2 - Boxing fitness, bag work, circuit, core, strength and conditioning.

Coached by a professional boxing coach with +20 years experience and a personal trainer.

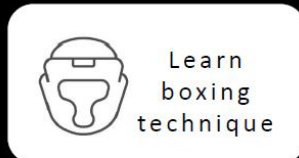
KEY BENEFITS



Develop
self -
discipline



Healthy and
physical
activity



Learn
boxing
technique



Build self-
confidence

What to bring:

- Appropriate clothing and footwear
- Headguard, gumshield and gloves
- Drinks bottle and water

All coaches are:

- Child Safeguarding and Emergency Aid certified
- Enhanced Disclosure & Barring Service (DBS) checked
- Public liability and Professional Indemnity Insured



BOOK NOW

Book 3 Day Camp - £50
Book Day(s) - From £20

In partnership with



RSPA

Cricket Net Campaign

Our cricket net campaign continues with our Just Giving page -
<https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/RSPA2022CricketNetCampaign>

We would be so grateful for any contribution you can make and sincerely thank all of you who have contributed so far.

Leavers BBQ

The RSPA were delighted to be in attendance at the Leavers BBQ providing the bar. We were so grateful to all of you who brought along uniform and book donations – Thank you!



Have a lovely weekend.

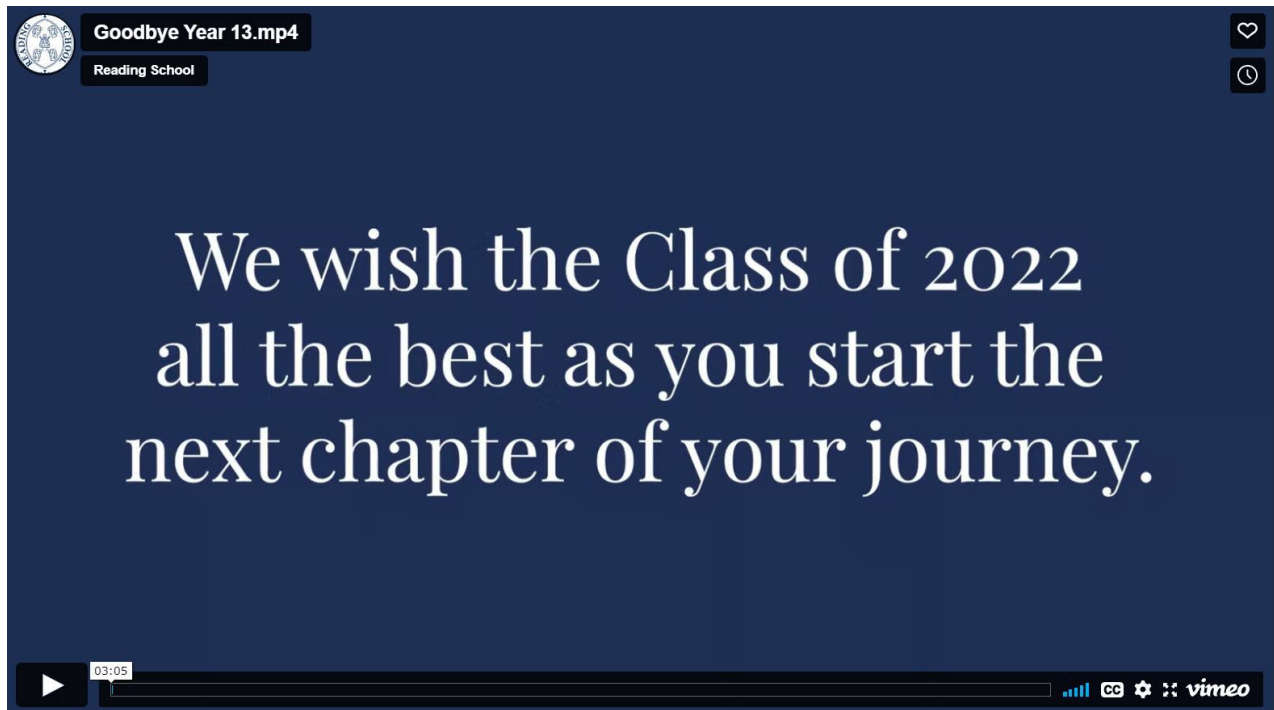
The RSPA Team

Summer Term – Week 10

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



Goodbye and Good luck Year 13 (click to watch video)



























House Reading Quiz 2022







