



# Headmaster's Weekly Bulletin

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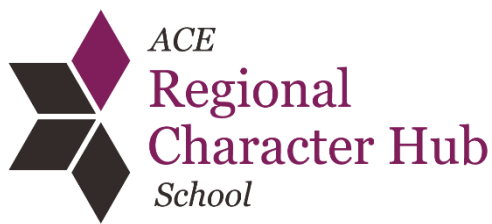
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# Introduction

Character is defined by the contribution we make, the responsibility we take and the leadership we demonstrate. Crucially, good character education is something that helps us to be the best version of ourselves, not something that we can find time for once we are successful. The Reading Way is essentially about academics plus character. Intelligence plus character is our goal. We want all our people to work hard and be kind, compassionate and empathetic.

Personal development and incorporating approaches to character education is at the heart of our holistic model of education in 2023-2024 and our Belonging Week provides substantial, corroborated evidence of 600 students and over 50 staff flourishing through the Reading Way character framework. Character is further developed through our Electives and Floreat programs led by Assistant Head, Mr T Evans.



Character has been intentionally central to the approach of the Reading Way. We are committed to being outward facing and learning from best practice globally. We want our students to do the right thing, at the right time, all of the time. This expectation is supported through the development of character and is further enhanced by our work as a Regional Hub for the National Character Association, our networking

with the International Boys' School Coalition (IBSC) and School for Tomorrow led by Dr Phil Cummins, Victoria, Australia.

Education is never merely a matter of just learning; it also involves care for the person as well. Therefore, we must care for standards but never forget the person. The experience of character at Reading School is not just some vague idea but an essential mark of our authenticity as a learning community. People should be committed to the promotion of the common good. We must not view education in purely utilitarian terms.

Intelligence on its own is not sufficient. Intelligence plus character is the goal of education. Our role is not just to help our students gain knowledge, achieve good qualifications and develop positive attributes in order to be made successful individuals. We must also help our young people apply these qualities to make a positive difference to each other, their community and their world. We seek to transform students into positive change agents and empower them to make a difference.

In addition, we encourage our people to actively engage in service opportunities. This is exemplified by our continuing work with Dr Phil Cummins, with our Finnish partners, Adventure Apes and our collaboration with Ukrainian families supported by the Reading Foundation. On a further positive note, our Character lead, Mr B Miller, will be awarded the accolade of 'Character Ambassador' at a National Character Conference in January 2024 at the University of Oxford. Also our school has been chosen as the venue for the Association for Character Education Annual Conference 2023, which will see schools from across the UK coming together to connect with some of the UK's most prominent thought leadership and transformative practices in Character Education.

In closing, it is a productive time of year and I invite all of you to review the extensive list of characterful school events contained in today's Bulletin.

**Mr A M Robson**  
**Headmaster**

# Key information

## All years

### Safeguarding

#### Safeguarding Policies

Please visit the following links for our updated policies on [Child Protection and Safeguarding](#), [E-safety](#), [English as additional language](#), and [Communications](#). We ask you to pay particular attention to the expectations of students and parents/carers in the communications policy and all queries regarding these policies can be directed to Ms Lizzie Ayres by emailing [layres@reading-school.co.uk](mailto:layres@reading-school.co.uk).

#### Online Safety Information Session

Thank you to parents and carers who joined the online safety information session on Wednesday 4 October 2023 which shared information about how to keep your child safe online along with guidance around parental controls, current trends and further support.

For those who could not attend but are still interested in accessing the session, please [click here](#).

#### Homework Intervention

The [Education Endowment Foundation's research](#) suggests that homework has a positive impact on progress of pupils in secondary schools.

Within school, our teachers have been working hard to ensure that homework is linked to classwork, with clear instructions, achievable in length and fed back on promptly.

In order to support those students most struggling with homework completion, Heads of Houses will be inviting particular students to attend a Homework Intervention each Monday afterschool. The aim of this will be to build positive homework habits under the tutelage of older students, and thus enable students to benefit more from the teacher's time in class.

This will be done in consultation with parents and the reasons explained why consecutive attendance at the homework intervention is expected. We thank parents for their continued support of our efforts to provide the highest quality education for their children.

#### Student appointments

A polite reminder that parents and carers can email [attendance@reading-school.co.uk](mailto:attendance@reading-school.co.uk) in order to update the Attendance Office of appointments for their children. The Attendance Officer cannot accept emails from students.



## Years 9, 10 and 12 only

### Geography Trip to the Azores – expressions of interest

The Geography Department are delighted to announce that we are once again organising a trip to the Azores. The trip will take place from Friday 12 April – Tuesday 16 April 2024 and is open to students in Years 9, 10 and 12 studying Geography, with the aim to support their studies undertaken at school, particularly volcanic landforms and energy security studied at both GCSE and A Level. The

Azores islands were formed through volcanic activity and provide a perfect location to see a variety of volcanic processes and landforms along with experience how the islands have harnessed geothermal power.



A wide range of excursions and activities are provisionally planned, including:

- Furnas Valley – interpretation centre and caldera lakes
- Furnas Geothermal Village
- Hot springs, fumaroles and botanical gardens
- Tea plantation visit – grown in the mineral rich volcanic soils
- Whale watching trip
- Lago de Fuego caldera lake
- Caldera Velha hot spring
- Geothermal power plant visit and Salto do Cabrito Waterfall
- Sete Cidades and caldera lake
- Ponta Delgada town exploration
- Walk through the Gruta do Carvao lava tube and caves
- Pineapple plantation visit

The cost of this trip is expected to be £1093. This price is based on 30 students attending the trip. In the event that the trip is oversubscribed, students will be randomly selected.

The price includes:

- Return airport transfers by coach
- ATOL protection
- Full board accommodation
- Professional guides
- All excursions, evening activities, entrance fees and coach transfers whilst in the Azores



This is an enrichment trip and it is not a compulsory element of either the GCSE or A level geography course. However, it would undoubtedly aid your son's understanding and appreciation of some of the key geographical issues connected with plate tectonics, hazards and energy issues.

Once places on the trip are allocated, a deposit payment of £150 will be requested to confirm the intention for your son to participate in this trip and are a commitment to full payment. Deposits are non-refundable.

Once the number of participants on the trip have been confirmed you will be notified should there be any adjustments to the cost and in the event of a significant increase in the cost, be given the option to withdraw.

The trip is being booked through an experienced tour company, [Discover the World Education](#). They work closely with us during the whole tour planning process to ensure that your child will get the very best learning experience whilst away.

If you would like your son to take part in this trip, please complete [this expression of interest form](#) no later than Friday 13 October 2023. For detailed visa and travel information, please [click here](#).

We hope your son will be able to join us on this exciting trip to one of Europe's most beautiful areas. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact Teacher of Geography, Mr Luteijn, by emailing [kluteijn@reading-school.co.uk](mailto:kluteijn@reading-school.co.uk).

## Current Vacancies

### Teacher Vacancies

Teacher of Mathematics - [click here](#) for further details.

### Associate Staff Vacancies

Finance Officer - [click here](#) for further details.

Catering Assistant - [click here](#) for further details.

# Events – Dates for diaries

## Year 7 only



### Year 7 Music Concert - Thursday, 12 October 2023

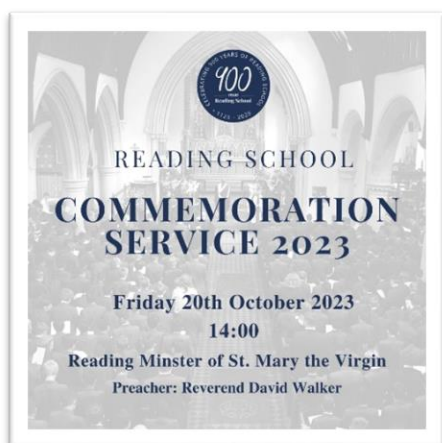
**Big School, Reading School**  
**18.30 - 19.30**

Further to the letter sent out earlier this week, tickets are now available to book for the Year 7 concert. Music plays a significant role in education at Reading School, both within the curriculum and beyond the classroom. Organised by Mr O Griffin (Director of Music), the Music Department is proud to invite you to the first Year 7 Concert of the year to showcase the diverse talent of the students as they perform a piece of music they have prepared.

This event is **exclusively open to parents of Year 7 students – 1 ticket per family to allow us to accommodate one member from each family due to limited capacity.** Tickets for this concert are priced at **£6 per person**. Click here for more details and to [RSVP](#). To give you at least one parent/carer the opportunity to see their child in concert, tickets should be booked by **Monday 9 October**. After this date, we will release the remaining spaces on a first come first served basis. So far, 113 tickets have been booked.

There is a small number of parents who have experienced issues when booking. Thank you to those who have emailed and been patient as we investigate these issues with the support team and sought alternative ways to make the booking. If you have experienced difficulties please let us know by emailing [events@reading-school.co.uk](mailto:events@reading-school.co.uk) before Monday.

## All years



### Commemoration Service - Friday, 20 October 2023

**Reading Minster of St. Mary the Virgin, Reading**  
**14.00 - 15.25**

Our traditional and annual Commemoration Service is an important event when we celebrate the founding of Reading School and its historic ties with the Borough of Reading by holding a service at the Reading Minster of St. Mary-the-Virgin. We are delighted that **students, staff, governors, and esteemed guests** unite to extend a warm welcome to those joining our Redingensians community for the first time. This collective assembly pays a heartfelt tribute to the School's founders and benefactors. This year, we are delighted to

welcome Reverend David Walker, Vicar at Greyfriars & New Hope, as our guest preacher. This will take place on **Friday 20 October at 14.00pm and should be finished by approximately 15.00**. We regret that, due to space limitations, we are unable to accommodate parents or carers at the service. We would nevertheless value your co-operation in ensuring your son is in his smartest possible uniform for this occasion, and are pleased to inform you of the logistics of the event:

### Year 7, 8, 10, 12 and 13 students ONLY

- All students will have lessons as normal until Period 4.
- Mr O Griffin (Director of Music) has notified musicians involved in the ceremony. These students need to be excused from Period 3 so that they can meet at Music School for 10.00 to be escorted to the Minster for rehearsals. Students should email teachers of lessons and politely request to be excused.
- Lunch serving arrangements:
  - Year 7, 8 and 10 – from 12:00 to 12:20
  - Year 12 and 13 – from 12:20 to 12:40
- After registration and form time, junior students will be escorted **to and from** the Minster by staff and senior students (Sixth Form Prefects and senior students assisting will be notified separately via Teams).
- All other sixth formers will be allowed to make their own way to the Minster with registration taking place at the Minster and will be dismissed from the Minster after the service.
- Students should be **smartly dressed in full school uniform**. If they have games that morning, they must bring their uniform to change into.
- **It should be noted that students are not permitted to take bags with them to the Minster as there is simply not enough space for bags to be stored safely. Therefore, bags should be left in lockers at School or in the Chapel (for those who do not have lockers).**
- **All students must return to school with staff and senior students after the service to collect their belongings before we begin half term.**
- Please note that lunchtime and after school clubs will **not** take place on this day.
- Except for religious exemptions, all students in the year groups above will be participating in this event. However, if you **do not** wish your son to attend, arrangements have been made so that he will be supervised at school during the afternoon. If this is the case, please email [events@reading-school.co.uk](mailto:events@reading-school.co.uk) providing your son's name and form with your request **by no later than Friday 13 October**.
- Photography/videography will take place during this service for Reading School marketing purposes to be included on the website and school social media. If you **do not** wish for your son to be included, please email your son's name and form to [events@reading-school.co.uk](mailto:events@reading-school.co.uk).

### Year 9 and 11 ONLY

- Due to the capacity of the Minster, the whole school cannot attend this service, therefore, students in **Year 9 and 11 will be remaining at school**.
- Year 9 and 11 students will have lessons as normal until Period 4.
- Lunch for students in Year 9 and 11 will be served from 12.40 to 13.00.
- Year 9 students will be undertaking supervised HPQ work in rooms E1, E2, E3, E4 and the LRC and JKB. They should line up outside the LRC to be registered by Mr J Ginger, Mr J Clack and the HPQ supervision team. School will finish at 15:25 as usual.
- Year 11 students will be undertaking an English Language GCSE mock exam in Big School and other classrooms. They should line up outside on the terrace at 13:00 to be registered by Mr R Baldock and his invigilation team. School will finish at 15:25 as usual.



## All Years



### Old Redingensians Remembrance Day Service - Sunday, 12 November 2023

#### Chapel, Reading School - From 10.30am

We will be holding a service to remember the service and sacrifice of all those that have defended our freedoms and protected our way of life. Especially those fallen Old Redingensians.

We remember the Armed Forces, and their families, from Britain and the Commonwealth, the vital role played by the emergency services and those that have lost their lives as a result of conflict

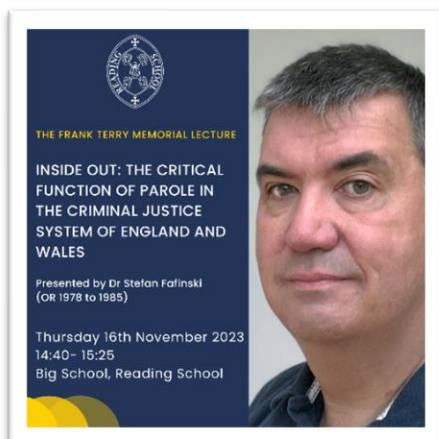
or terrorism.

Light refreshments will be served after the service in the School Refectory from 11.30 to 13.00.

Thank you to Mr Chris Widdows (1955-1962) Membership Secretary, Old Redingensians Association for organising this important event.

The Reading School family is cordially invited to attend. Click here for more details and to [RSVP](#).

## By invite only



### Frank Terry Memorial Lecture - Thursday, 16th November 2023

#### Inside out: the critical function of parole in the criminal justice system of England and Wales

#### Big School, Reading School - 14.40 - 15.25

The Frank Terry Memorial Lecture is an annual lecture series in memory of the late Frank Terry (History Teacher and Boarding Headmaster from 1946-1982).

This year, we are delighted to have Dr. Stefan Fafinski JP DL (OR1978 to 1985) as our esteemed guest speaker. Dr. Fafinski will be delivering a lecture on the critical function of parole in the criminal justice system of England and Wales. Refreshments will be served at the Refectory after the event.

Stefan Fafinski JP DL (1978-85) is a Deputy Lieutenant for Berkshire, assisting the Lord Lieutenant in representing HM The King in the County. Following school, Stefan read Natural Sciences (Physics and Theoretical Physics) at St John's College, Cambridge, before spending the first 15 years of his career in the IT industry. He then studied for a law degree as a mature student, which led on to his completing a PhD in technology law at the University of Leeds. He is currently a Chair at the Parole Board for England and Wales and a Thames Valley Family Magistrate. He is Past Master and Chair of the Charitable Trust at the Worshipful Company of Information Technologists, and has further trustee appointments at Priors Court Foundation, The Inside Out Trust, and Red Trousers Day. He is a keen pilot and member of West London Aero Club, White Waltham and enjoys music and most sports.

Students who have been encouraged to attend this event have already completed a form to express their interest and they can attend. However, students are reminded to email teachers of lessons and politely request to be excused from period 8.

Thank you to the Old Redingensians Association and Professor Francis Terry for arranging this event together with the Society Office.

## All Years



### Service of Nine Lessons & Carols - Monday, 11 December 2023

**Chapel, Reading School**  
**From 19.00pm**

We look forward to welcoming the Reading School family to an evening filled with the magic of nine lessons and carols. Expect enchanting singing, captivating music, and moments of reflection. Following the service, join us for a delightful reception in the Refectory, where you can enjoy mince pies and non-alcoholic mulled wine.

As part of our tradition of giving back, there will be a retiring collection at the end of the service. Your contributions will make a meaningful impact on these worthy causes.

To confirm attendance please [RSVP here](#). We look forward to seeing you at our Carol Service and sharing this special time with our school community.

# Excellence, Belonging & Community

## Excellence in Poetry



Following our search for a new Poet Laureate for 2023/24, we are delighted to announce that Edward Y (9W) has been chosen as our new Poet Laureate after his winning submission, 'Revolutionist Rally'. Edward got to perform his exceptional poem during Reading School's annual 'Poetry on the Stairs' event in the LRC, which coincided with this year's National Poetry Day, an annual event celebrating and encouraging all to make, experience and share poetry with family and friends.

We look forward to reading more of Edward's poems later this year as one of the roles of the Reading School Poet Laureate is to pen a poem every half-term that is shared with the whole school community. Poems may be linked to school, local or national events, current affairs or be on a topic that the poet wishes to explore further.

## REVOLUTIONIST RALLY

Edward Y, Poet Laureate

*I went to hear them speak,  
Fumbling through the darkness lit  
By flaming torches borne by those  
Who came to Hear as well.*

*One's words were fast and sharp -  
Like bullets piercing through our skulls,  
Embedding splinters of Thought  
Deep within our minds.*

*One's speech rang in the frigid air;  
His banner waving to and fro,  
Stirring the turbulent waters of Change,  
Inviting us to swim.*

*The last one did not speak to us -  
Instead he threw up his scarred arms  
And hearing the cheers of the crowd,  
His slashed face broke into a grin*

*It was at that moment, we understood:  
For it is not words alone that start the revolution,  
But the meaning of these words to those  
Who take them as their Voice.*





# Belonging & Community

## Harvest Festival



The Charity committee will be supporting a local charity for our annual Harvest Festival. The charity of choice is ReadFood – Reading's Food Bank. We would like to support our local community and those in need by providing ReadFood with priority food items listed [on the poster](#).

If you are able to, we would welcome donations of food items which can be dropped off by students to Chapel on **Friday 13 October** between **7.45am to 9am**. Please check [the poster](#) for priority needs and ReadFood asks all food items are within "use by date".

Last year our school community collected 252kg in food aid and we thank Yaman E (Year 13 Charity Prefect) for leading this charitable initiative.

## Inspire Lecture 2023

### Starting a career in Law with a Biological Sciences Degree! By Oliver Taylor (OR 2016)

On Thursday 5 October, over 50 students (from Reading School, Kendrick School and the Abbey School) heard first-hand from Old Redingensian, Oliver Taylor, during a lecture on the diverse pathways into the field of law and the importance of securing vac schemes and competitive training contracts. This enlightening event left an indelible mark on the students, shedding light on the myriad opportunities within the legal profession and offering invaluable insights into the journey towards becoming a solicitor.





Oliver's personal journey is a testament to the fact that there is no single formula for entering the legal profession. A former student of Reading School for sixth form, Oliver pursued an undergraduate degree in Biological Sciences at the University of Oxford. This unconventional academic background showcased that a non-law degree does not deter one's prospects in the legal world. His story resonated with students, inspiring them to pursue their passions while considering a legal career.

The highlight of Oliver's lecture was his account of securing a training contract with a prestigious City law firm during his final year at Oxford. This achievement highlighted the significance of early preparation and dedication in the competitive legal job market. Students were keen to learn about the practical steps he took to stand out in the application process and gain a foothold in the legal world.



Moreover, Oliver's experience included a six-month secondment to Sydney, demonstrating the global reach and international opportunities within the legal sector. His journey highlighted the value of adaptability and seizing opportunities for personal and professional growth and picking up early transferrable skills from opportunities offered at school and university such as running events or being a part of a Society.

Oliver's recent admission as a Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales in September 2023 served as a testament to his dedication and commitment to the profession. His upcoming role as a newly qualified associate at another City law firm further underscored the immense potential for career advancement and specialisation within the legal field.

Students left the lecture with a newfound appreciation for the versatility of legal career paths. Oliver's story illuminated the fact that tenacity, a diverse skill set, and a strategic approach to career planning can open doors in the legal world, regardless of one's initial academic pursuits.

In conclusion, the lecture by Oliver was a resounding success, offering students a glimpse into the dynamic and multifaceted world of law. It encouraged them to pursue their aspirations with determination and seize opportunities to embark on their own remarkable legal journeys. The event was a reminder that, with the right mindset and preparation, the legal profession can be accessible to anyone willing to work hard and persist in their pursuit of excellence.

Student feedback included:

*"Oliver's talk was highly informative, particularly for those exploring the diverse paths into law. It was enlightening to hear from a highly accomplished OR who had taken an unconventional route. Not only did Oliver clarify much about the somewhat daunting process to become a lawyer, but he also gave the avid Reading, Abbey and Kendrick students valuable advice on admissions. I was inspired by his academic journey through Oxford, and his completion of a training contract to secure a city firm position. His first-hand experiences and helpful guidance offered food for thought, personally opening my eyes to different degree courses that can still ultimately lead to a successful career in law. "*

**By Milan G (Year 12)**

*"I thought it was an incredibly engaging and informative presentation. It was great to hear about Oliver's participation in legal vacation schemes at university, his advice as to how you might subsequently go about getting a training contract, and also his in-depth description of the various fields and roles a "lawyer" can specialise in. A focus on transferrable skills and*

*commercial awareness in the interview process and beyond was very interesting to hear about, as well as of course an overall message that to become a lawyer, it is not mandatory to do a degree in law. In fact, broadening your horizons with a different degree may be of benefit to you in the profession, and give you different qualities to other aspiring lawyers.”*

**By James T (Year 12)**

In the spirit of fostering academic excellence and nurturing the aspirations of our young minds, we invite parents who are leaders in their respected careers to consider a pivotal role in shaping the future of our students.

Thank you to the Society Office for arranging this Lecture.

### **Save the Date: Careers Convention on 1st February 2024**

On 1st February 2024, Reading School will host its much-anticipated Careers Convention, a pivotal gathering that serves as a beacon of inspiration for the brightest minds of the next generation. This event promises to be a platform where expertise meets enthusiasm, where wisdom ignites passion, and where your experiences can mould the aspirations of our students.

### **Opportunities Await You: Sponsorship, Speakers, and Delegates**

If you would like to share your expertise with our students please watch out for the further information to follow regarding our Careers Convention on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024. If you have any queries please email Mrs J Chhokar or Mrs E Chong in the Society Office at [events@reading-school.co.uk](mailto:events@reading-school.co.uk).

## Sporting Fixtures



**READING SCHOOL 1ST VS SALESIANS**

# STARTING XV

**WED 4 OCT / KO 2:30PM / HOME**

1. A MILNER	12. J AGER
2. J CROZIER	13. Y VERKASSYNOV
3. U CHAUDHARY	14. J LOAN-AMAECHI
4. A VASHISTA VC	15. N WILSON
5. H BARRY VC	
6. N L SMITH	SUB: B HEWAGAMAGE
7. O REID	SUB: A CHATTERJEE
8. R THOMAS	SUB: A CHOPRA
9. R LUO	SUB: M SHARMA
10. A WOODCOCK	SUB: H PILKINGTON
11. J LARKIN	SUB: H RUST-D'EYE
	SUB: N RANDHAWA

**NOTICE**

MEET TIME: 13:15 PICK-UP JERSEY / 13:30 CHANGED & ON FRONT FIELD  
MEETING PLACE: PAVILLION / KIT: BOOTS, GUMSHIELD & WATER  
WARM-UP: A WOODCOCK / COACHES: MR KEARLE & MR TETT

PLEASE LIKE THE POST TO CONFIRM YOUR AVAILABILITY - IF NOT, COMMENT BELOW.

### Tuesday 10 October

Cross Country - Yr7 - 9 at Highdown School

Rugby – Yr 7B v Maiden Erlegh and Willink (home) 4pm / Yr7A v Bohunt (away) 4pm / Yr11 v Maiden Erleigh (home) 4pm

### Wednesday 11 October

Rugby - Yr8B v Bulmershe (away) 4pm / Yr8A v Little Heath (home) 4pm / Yr10 v Little Heath (away) 4pm / 1stXVv Holyport (home) 2.30pm

### Thursday 12 October

Rugby - Yr9 v Maiden Erleigh and Forest (home) 4pm / 2ndXV v St Joseph's (away) 3.30pm

Football - Yr11 National Cup v Bradfield (away) 2.30pm

## Year 7 Disco



Get ready to put on your dancing shoes and let the good times roll! The Reading School Parents Association is thrilled to welcome our newest members of Year 7 to a spectacular [Disco Night](#). But that's not all - we're taking it up a notch!

We're excited to share that we've extended a special invitation to the Year 7 girls from Kendrick School. They're just as eager as our own students to hit the dance floor and make this night unforgettable.

Details for the Evening:

Date: 17 November 2023

Time: 7pm to 8.30pm

Location: Reading School, Refectory

For our Reading School Year 7 Parents (only), drop-offs will be at the refectory. From there, we'll lead you to our Meet and Greet event - a specially planned event for new year 7 parents where you'll have the

chance to connect with current parents, share experiences, and forge new friendships. And of course, there will be refreshments to keep the conversations flowing.

This evening promises to be filled with laughter, new connections, and a whole lot of fun. Let's come together as a community to create memories that will be cherished for years to come.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Hand Uniform Shop

The 2nd Hand Uniform Shop will be open on the following dates:

- Friday 13 October 3.30pm-5pm
- Saturday 14 October 10.30am- 12.30pm

Please come along to purchase blazers, trousers, shirts, base layers, rugby boots, trainers, outdoor coats and more at the Shop.

The shop is located at the back of the walled car-park (opposite the Chapel). Please note the later start time on Friday. Buyers will not be admitted on site before the end of the school day.

- On Friday 13 October buyers are not allowed to drive onto site, access is via the pedestrian gates only.
- On Saturday 14 October buyers are allowed to drive onto site and parking is available on the right-hand side of the walled car-park or outside it.

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

- Small size blazers (up to 34")
- School ties
- Lab coats
- Safety goggles
- Macron kit
- Reading school hoodies
- Rugby boots and trainers
- KS3, GCSE or A level study guides and revision books



Donations can be sent into reception in a bag marked 'Uniform Donations' or handed in at the next opening.

Please email [shop@readingschoolparents.co.uk](mailto:shop@readingschoolparents.co.uk) for further information.

We look forward to seeing you there.

## **RSPA AGM**

We are delighted to invite you all to our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 18 October at 7pm (venue tbc).

At this meeting, the current trustees will stand down. Some will stand for re-election but we are looking for some new members to become involved with the committee. There are so many ways in which you can become involved depending on your interests and available time. You can view our current roles here <https://www.readingschoolpa.org.uk/meet-the-team-current>

If there is any aspect of our organisation that you would like to have a no obligation chat about, please do not hesitate

to email [contactus@readingschoolparents.co.uk](mailto:contactus@readingschoolparents.co.uk)

We wish you all a lovely weekend.

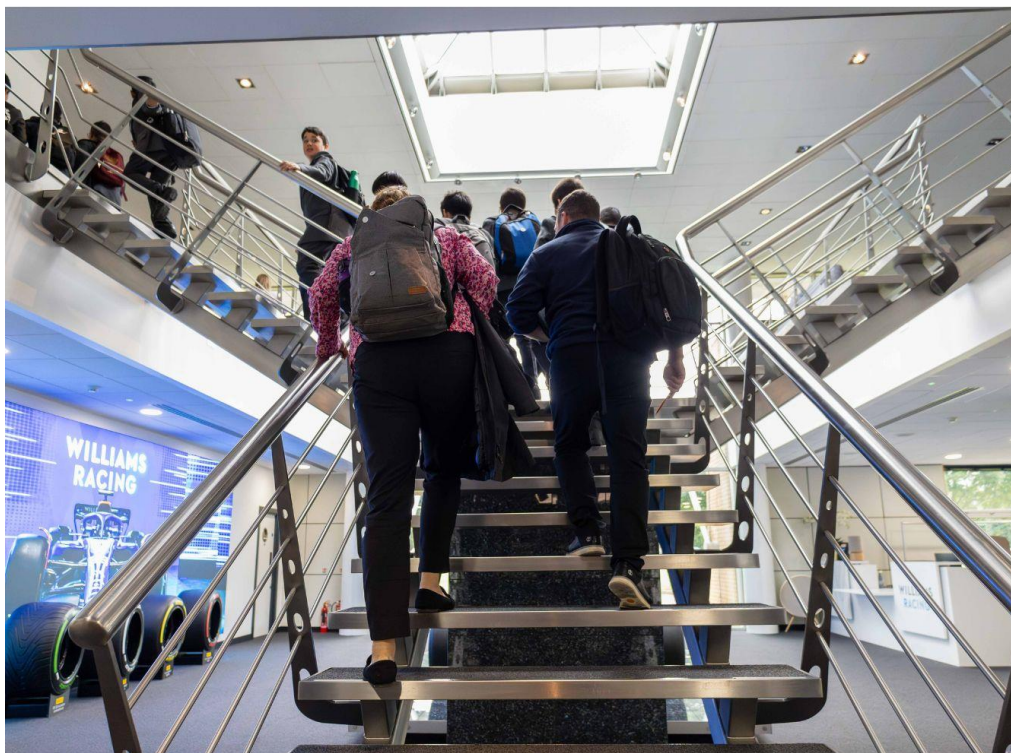
The RSPA Team

## Michaelmas Term – Week 5

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



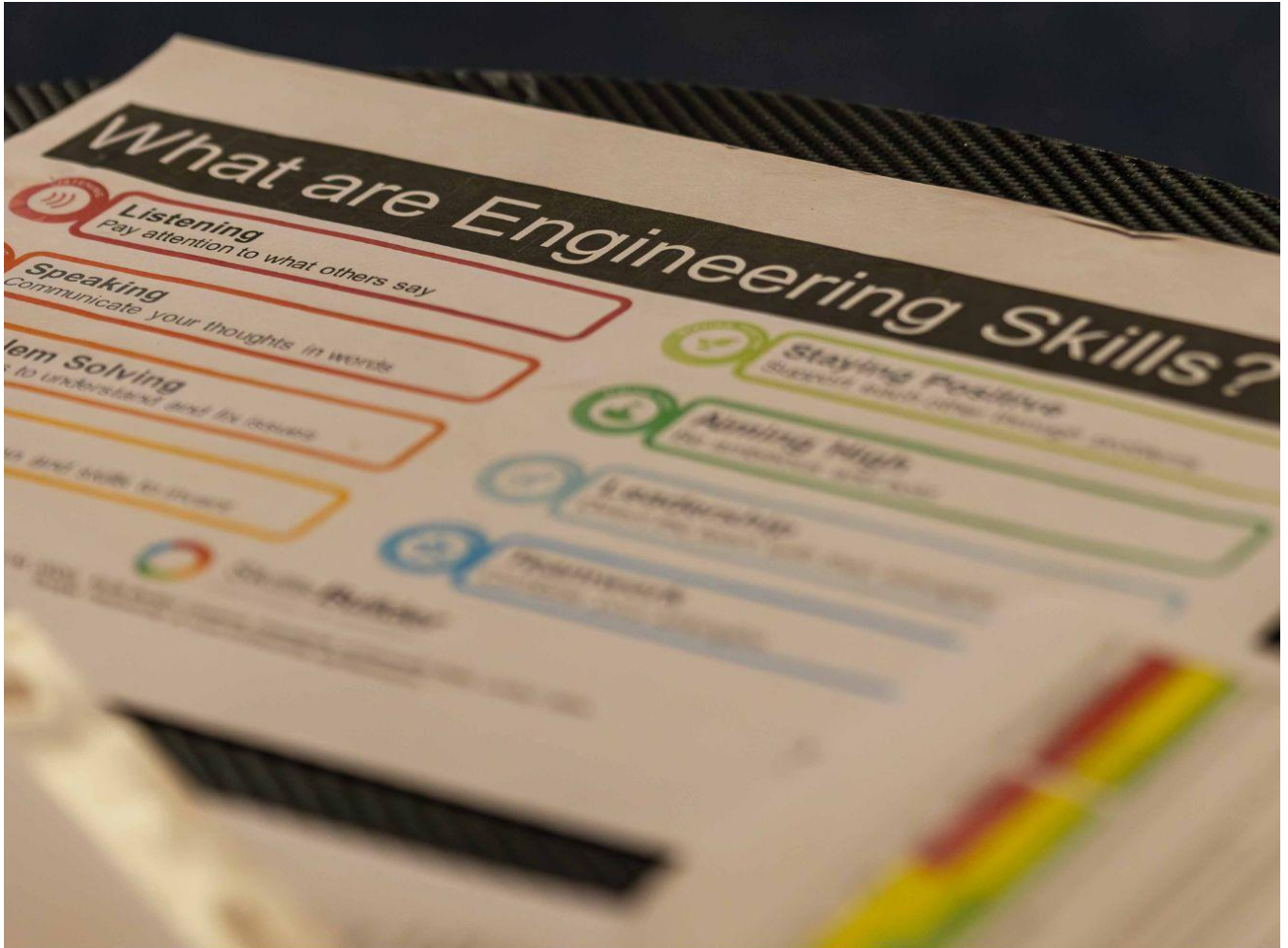
### Year 7 Enrichment Day at Williams Racing

















*"It was a fantastic experience. We had learnt a lot of new things - even more about engineering! Both of us had a fun time playing eSports as well! That was the best. It was fascinating looking at the race cars from the olden days and we learnt about the tools. The structure of the car was also astonishing. Overall, we think that this trip was a 10/10. Everything was amazing and we had a perfect experience."*

Bilal M (7S) & Jun L (7S)













Reading School's annual Poetry on the Stairs event to co-incide with National Poetry Day 2023

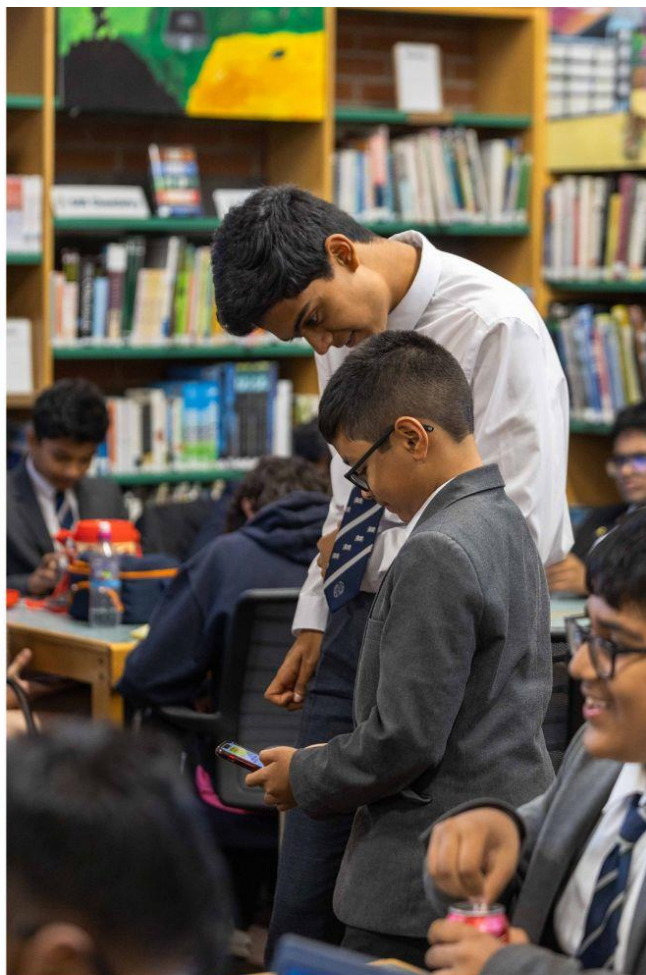
Thank you to Paarth G (Head Pupil Librarian), Yin-Chuan C and Kier W (Judging Panel for Juniors), Yadveer G (Compere), Taz B and Akshith A (Judging Panel for Seniors), Sid M (organiser of the event) and of course, Mrs L Kesteven (School Librarian)

































*“Our Combined Cadet Force School Staff Instructor, Captain Matthews, received recognition last week at the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. Due to his amazing leadership of Reading School’s CCFs military administration department, he was awarded the Lord Lieutenants Award for Distinguished Service. Captain Matthews has delivered major upgrades to our CCF stores and armoury management over the last two years through his work on Thursdays and countless hours of additional volunteering. He is warmly congratulated for this fantastic achievement.”*

J Flexman, Contingent Commander



In English this month, Year 8 students have been writing descriptions of Reading School's building, setting and residents using the gothic style. As one class toured the site, exploring for sensory inspiration, they came across a member of staff. This terrifying encounter made it into some of the subsequent pieces of creative writing.

*"A figure came out of the suffocating mist, like some nightmarish apparition. My heart quickened and my muscles tensed, but it paid no attention to me. As I breathed a sigh of relief, I could see that the figure was a man, clad in black and with an aquiline nose. As he solemnly paced down the throat-like corridor he seemed to fade into nothingness. The beast that was Reading School had swallowed him whole."*

Grigory Vayner 8E

Who was the member of staff?! Answers on a postcard please.



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