



Headmaster's Weekly Bulletin

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Introduction

Dear students, staff, colleagues and parents,

Today has been an absolutely joyous occasion at Palmer Park, with the whole school celebrating their House identity and the remarkable skills of so many of our students. New school records have been set, and throughout the day students have offered exceptional contributions to both track and field. All the striving, stretching and cheering illustrates the strength of will, the power of perseverance and the indomitable nature of the human spirit.

I'm grateful to those parents who came to support their sons for increasing the 'festival' atmosphere. I salute all of those students who took part today, and I thank our incredible team of PE, sports and associate staff for making this day happen. I would also like to thank our pastoral leaders, and each Head of House for the work they do to nurture a culture of belonging in the school.

Today we'll allow photos to tell the story, and offer these very brief quotes as an encouragement to those who want to participate next year, and to those who tried their best this year:

"Run when you can, walk if you have to, crawl if you must; just never give up." Dean Karnazes

"In a race everyone runs, but only one person gets the prize: So run to win!" St Paul

"The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step." Lao Tzu

"The secret of getting ahead is getting started." Mark Twain

"You don't have to see the whole staircase, just take the first step." Martin Luther King Jr.

With very best wishes,

Chris Evans
Headmaster



Key information

All Years

End of Term Arrangements – Wednesday 17th July 2024

Please see the end of term timings below. Students will be able to get food from the 'Grab and Go' area only on this day. Boarding dismissal will be from 12:15pm, and the boarding houses closed at 12:45pm.

08:20	Tutor Time				
08:30	Lesson 1				
09:20	Lesson 2				
10:10	Lesson 3				
11:00	Laud Chapel	Break	Tutor time	Tutor Time	Break
11:15	Tutor Time	County Chapel	Tutor time	Tutor Time	Break
11:30	Tutor Time	Tutor Time	East Chapel	Break	Tutor Time
11:45	Break	Tutor Time	Break	West Chapel	Tutor Time
12:00	Depart	Depart	Depart	Depart	School Chapel
12:15					Depart

Uniform - with effect from Monday 24 June 2024

As the weather warms up, and with forecasts for a sustained period of high temperatures, students are not required to wear blazers to school, whilst at school or on their way home. If students do choose to wear an outer layer, however, it should be their blazer.

Students are still required to wear ties, tuck their shirt in and have top buttons fastened.

School shoes must also be worn, apart from in PE and Games sessions, when trainers are to be worn. Caps or sunhats may be worn outside when sunny, but should not be worn inside. All students should bring a named refillable water bottle to school and fill it up between lessons.

These rules will apply until the end of term.

Years 7 & 8 only

Please [click here to access details](#) for a trip to Finland in September 2024.

Years 9 & 10 only

Please [click here to access details](#) for a trip to Finland in September 2024.

Year 10 only

Please [click here to access details](#) for a trip to Finland in September 2024.

Years 11 and 12 only

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Safeguarding

From 15th July 2024, the #SaferSummerTogether campaign will be launching and will share tips and activities for parents and carers in order to support them to keep their children safer online during the summer and beyond. The six-week campaign will include information around online gaming, socialising online, sharing pictures and videos, protecting personal privacy, harmful online content along with valuable guidance and signposting. Please follow [@CEOPEducation](#) on Facebook to stay up to date.

Current Vacancies

Do you know a talented individual who would like to join and be part of an exciting and leading educational institution? Below is a selection of teaching and associate staff roles currently available:

Teacher of PE and Head of Cricket – for more details [please click here](#).

Teacher of PE – for more details please [click here](#).

Student Support Assistant – for more details please [click here](#).

Library Assistant – for more details please [click here](#).

Kendrick School Vacancies

Music and Drama Technician – 10-15 hours a week, term time only

School Caretaker – full time, 10am to 6pm

More information [can be found here](#).

School Community News

Summer Coding Club



Exciting news! FunTech, renowned experts whose coding and tech camp courses have been featured on the BBC, are back for their second year at Reading School. With over 28 years of experience in teaching children, we are thrilled to announce that these courses are available for our parents to book this summer at Reading School, reinforcing our commitment to exceptional educational opportunities.

Camp courses at Reading School:	
FunTyper (Touch Typing) (7-16 yrs)	Python OOP (11-16 yrs)
Minecraft Mod Developer (7-10 yrs)	Unity Game Coder (11-16 yrs)
Minecraft Redstone Engineer (9-12 yrs)	Roblox Game Designer (7-10 yrs)
Minecraft Game Coder (9-12 yrs)	Roblox Lua Coder (11-16 yrs)
3D Game Design Developers (10-14 yrs)	Hackathon Cyber Security (12-16 yrs)
Python Coder (10-16 yrs)	

FunTech are a local company that specialise in coding and tech camps for children and they will be returning to Reading School this summer. FunTech, who has been featured on the BBC, prepare children for a digital future and have a 1:6 tutor pupil ratio with a structured day of course learning, regular screen breaks, lunch and activities. It is also Ofsted registered and founder, Sheineez Barber, shares:

“At FunTech, we’re excited to return to Reading School, bringing our coding and tech camps for another year of innovation and learning. As technology continues to advance, it’s clear that it will play an even greater role in shaping our children’s future. From artificial intelligence to automation and robotics, these digital breakthroughs are reshaping industries at an unprecedented pace.

With our engaging and educational camps, we aim to empower children to actively learn valuable skills that will prepare them for the digital landscape that lays ahead.”

Camp courses that will be available are:

- **FunTyper (Touch Typing)** for 7 – 16 year old
- **Minecraft Mod Developer** for 7 – 10 year olds
- **Minecraft Redstone Engineer** for 9 – 12 year olds
- **3D Game Design Developers** for 10 – 14 year olds
- **Python Coders** for 10 – 16 year olds
- **Python OOP** for 11- 16 year olds
- **Unity Game Coders** for 11-16 year olds
- **Roblox Game Designer** for 7 – 10 year olds
- **Roblox Lua Coder** for 11 – 16 year olds
- **Hackathon Cyber Security** for 12 – 16 year olds

The summer camps launch on 29 July and run for 4 consecutive weeks, with each camp starting from 09:00 – 17:00 daily (Early drop off and late pick-up times available).

To book or find out more, please visit www.funtech.co.uk/camps

Learning Resource Centre (LRC)



We have had a problem with our LRC email notices. We think the problem has been resolved but we recommend all students check their Oliver account to ensure that their books are up to date and to ensure that they do not miss out on their reservations.

[Click here](#) to access Oliver, our library catalogue and students can login to their Oliver account using their school Office 365 details.

Holiday Reading

Non-fiction vacation loans will start on Wednesday 19th of June and fiction vacation loans will start on Wednesday 3rd of July. Books borrowed or renewed from these dates will be due back in September.

Reading Inspiration

We have been working with staff and students to create a feast of reading recommendations! Our Level Up recommendations take students on the journey from fiction to young adult fiction. Our Power Boost books sign-post senior fiction titles for those who enjoy young adult books. We also have a brilliant range of recommendations from staff taking part in our Euro Book Battle. Students can visit the LRC to see which books are battling it out at the Euros each day!

[Level Up your Reading Posters](#)

[Power Boost your reading](#)

[Euro 2024](#)

Finally, we would like to remind you that your child has access to [ePlatform](#), our ebook and audiobook library which can be accessed using your school Office 365 login.

The full range of LRC eResources can be found by [clicking here](#).

RSPA



Fancy winning a £1000 Amazon voucher then look no further:

On Saturday 29th June, one lucky winner will walk away with a £1,000 Amazon voucher: stock up on smart home tech, fill your shelves with books, get your garden (or your wardrobe!) summer-ready – the choice is yours. Nothing you need online right now? Spend it your way, with the £1,000 cash alternative!

Any ticket holder can invite their friends and family using the new Refer a Friend process. For every person that signs up using their unique referral link, BOTH of you will get an entry into the exclusive £200 prize draw. There's no limit to the number of entries you can submit, either-the more people you refer, the more entries into the Draw!

Joining the lottery is very easy and one RSPA participant wins a guaranteed prize every Saturday night. Tickets cost £1 each and can be bought as a one-off or on a regular basis. [It's easy to buy a ticket all you have to do is click here.](#)

We have raised an incredible £8000 so far and would like to thank all those who have entered for their support.

The 'Classlist' App - a game changer

How many of us regularly use the 'Classlist App' and how many of us know the benefit of this App?

Described as, 'the largest school parent community app in the world', the app allows parents to connect, share helpful information and fundraise from one app. The app also allows parents to share school runs, view lost property, check the latest events, school announcements, groups to join, announcements and much more. There is no more un-moderated WhatsApp Groups with a GDPR-safe way for parents to share contact details and to connect with other like-minded parents safely.

In order to benefit from Classlist, we ask parents and carers to become an RSPA member, after which you will be assigned to a group containing other members of your child's form class. Members can then send messages to others within the group or individually. This facilitates the discussion of school-related matters including shared carpools, students travelling together to school, homework and lost property. Please [click this link in order to register](#).

Payment details:

Account Name: Reading School Parents' Association
Sort Code: 60-17-21
Account Number: 04619919

Preloved Uniform Shop

The opening dates of the Pre-Loved Uniform Shop for this term are:

- Friday 5th July - 3.30pm to 5.00pm
- Saturday 6th July - 10.30am to 12.30pm
- Saturday 27th July 10.30am to 12.30pm
- Saturday 31st August 10.30am to 12.30pm

No parking is available on site on the Friday openings.

Location: The Pre-Loved Uniform Shop can be found at the back of the Walled Carpark (opposite the school Chapel).

Thank you.

The RSPA Team

Summer Term – Week 9

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

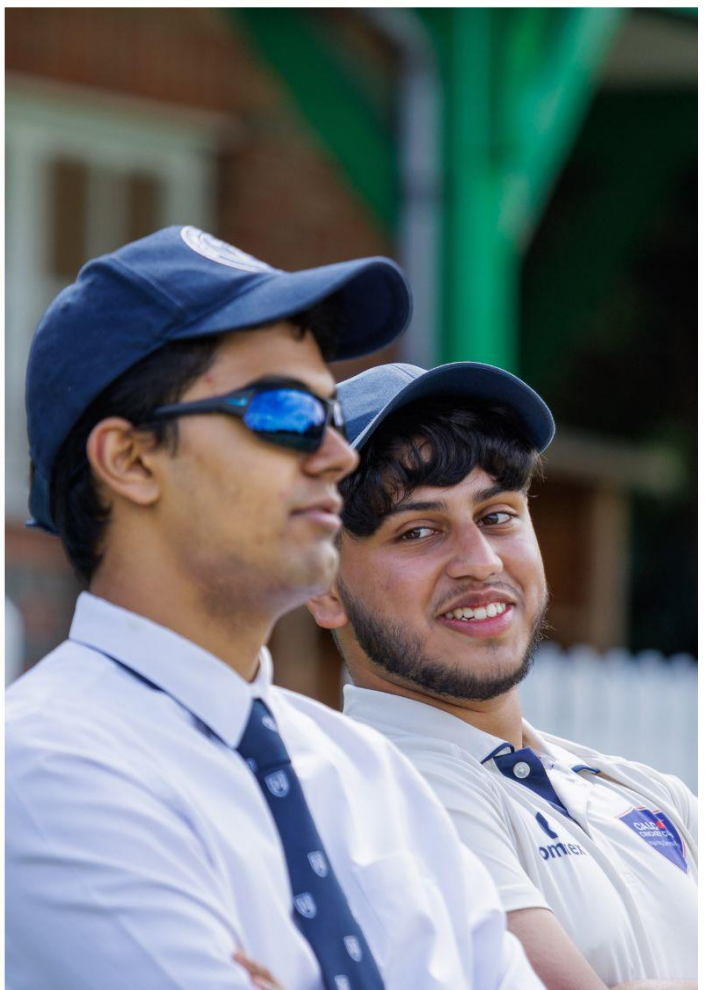


Reading School vs Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC)

Did you know that the Reading School vs Marylebone Cricket Club (Lord's Cricket Ground) annual 1st XI fixture has been taking place since 1898?









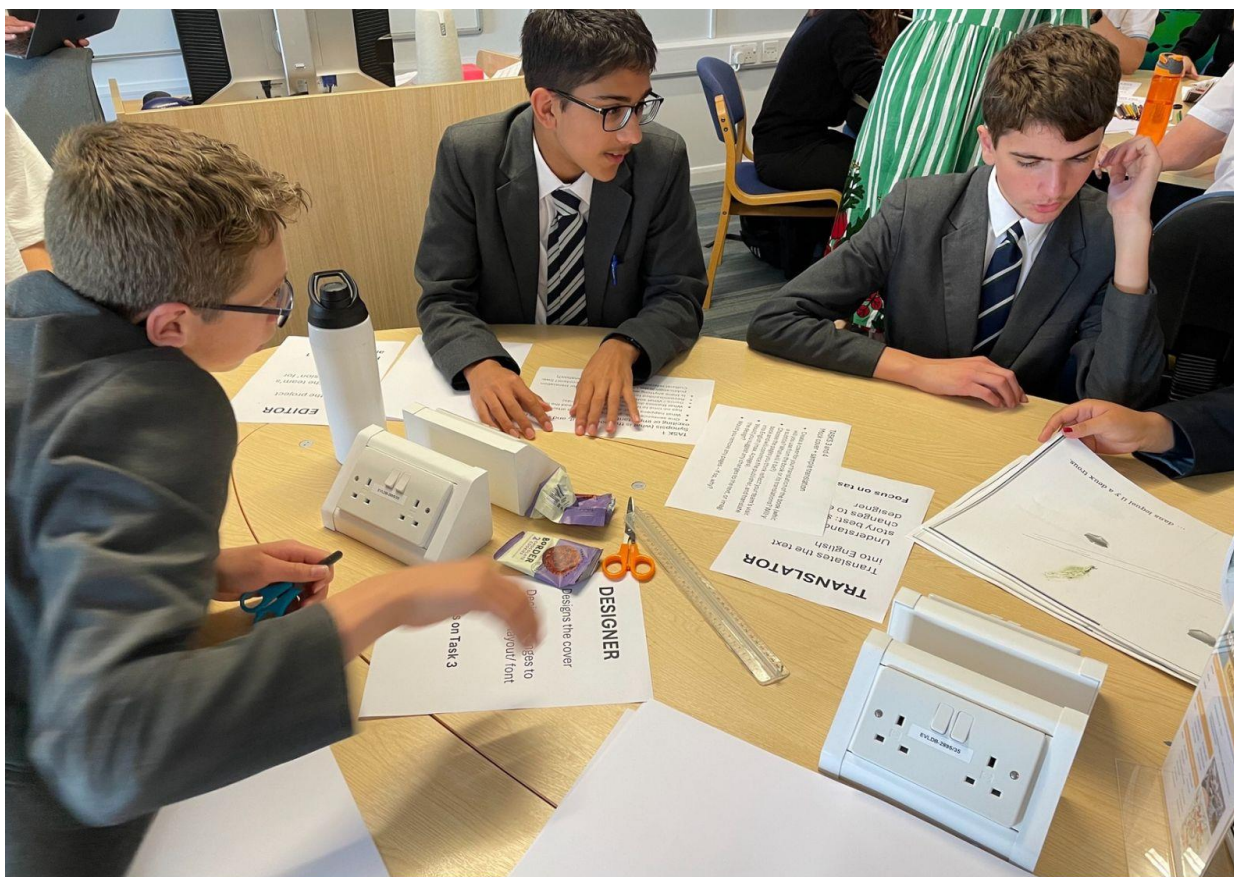


MFL Participation Day Event

The MFL department recently had the pleasure of participating in an inspiring event organised by the University of Reading. A selected group of Year 10 students studying French and Spanish had the unique opportunity to join the two-day project "Stories on the Move", led by Dr Sophie Heywood from the Department of Languages and Culture at the University of Reading.

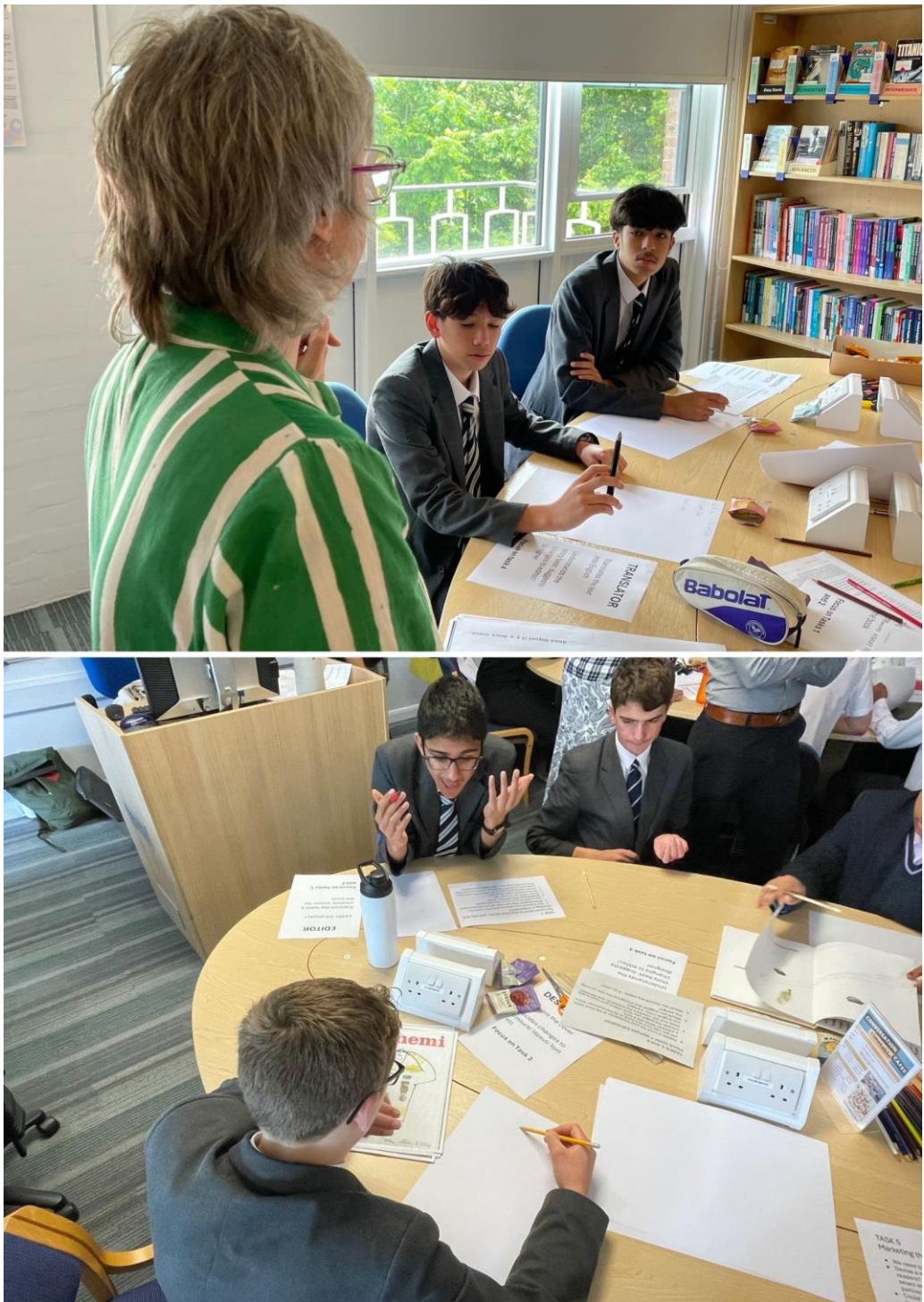


In this engaging project, our students were introduced to the fascinating world of book translation, editing, and publishing. Working in teams with peers from other local schools, the students learned how to organise and manage the editing and translation processes of a book. This collaborative environment not only enhanced their language skills but also provided valuable insight into the publishing industry.



The project culminated in an exciting competition where each group pitched their translation and editing suggestions, simulating real world publishing scenarios. This competitive element added an extra layer of excitement and motivation for the students.

Our students thoroughly enjoyed the discussions and workshops, finding the experience both educational and enjoyable. This event not only broadened their understanding of the language and culture but also sparked a deeper interest in the fields of translation and publishing. Special thanks to Miss Fondu, Mrs Humphries, Mr Sanchez and Mrs Head from the MFL department for their support and dedication which made this enriching experience possible. We look forward to participating in more valuable opportunities in the future.



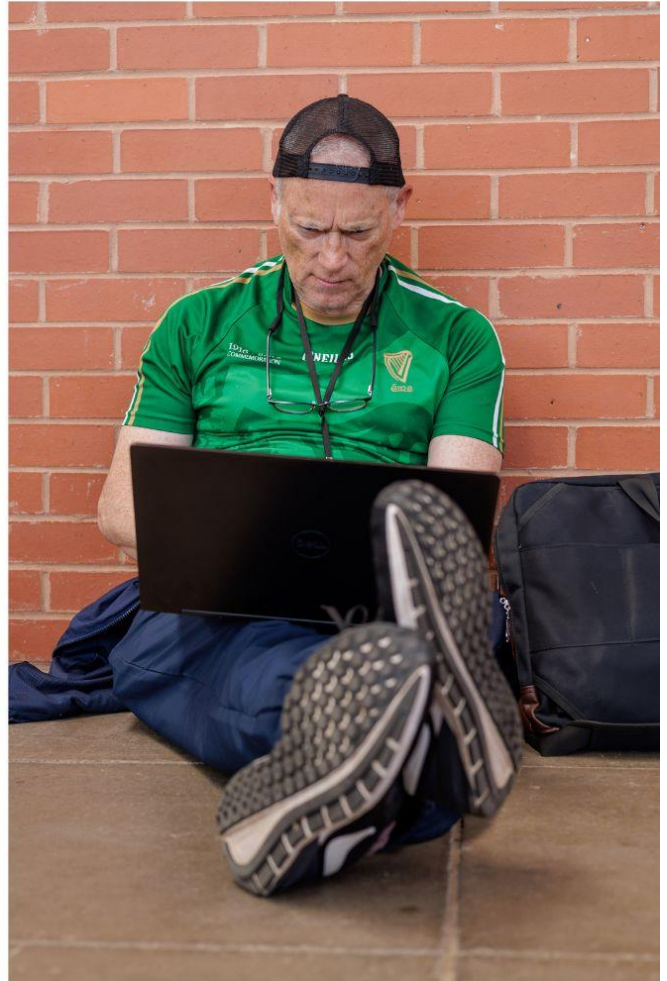
Reading School Sports Day 2024

Part 2 will be featured in next week's Bulletin





















Feedback is important to us and if you have any positive news, comments or suggestions, please contact the Community Relations Office by emailing communityrelations@reading-school.co.uk.