



Headmaster's Weekly Bulletin

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Introduction

Dear students, staff, colleagues and parents,

I am excited today to have the opportunity, and enormous privilege, to step into Dr Evans' shoes as Headmaster of Reading School. This unique day has given me a greater appreciation for the dedication and hard work that goes into running our school. From early morning meetings to ensuring the school runs smoothly throughout the day, it's been both an insightful and rewarding experience.

Throughout this day, I have been reminded of the importance of leadership, responsibility, and community. It has been a privilege to see first-hand the passion and commitment of all our teachers and staff, and how they aim to enhance the experience of every student at this school, to help all of us achieve our potential.

I also had the chance to welcome visitors from China with whom we have been fostering a relationship with, to further develop our goals as a school. Partnerships are a valuable part of our school's ethos, tying in to community as one of the four Reading School pillars. Programmes such as Future Stories work to benefit both our school community and the whole of Reading at a broader scope through providing opportunities for as many people as we can.

Today our school will also be hosting Senior Prize Giving, an annual event not just about celebrating academic excellence, but also about recognising the outstanding attitude towards learning that students bring to our own classrooms. It is a moment to honour those who have done incredibly well in their exams, and also to acknowledge those who have demonstrated remarkable qualities of perseverance, resilience and reflection.

We must always remember that excellence comes in many forms, not just through top grades, but also through having an inspiring attitude and contributing positively to the school environment, and each of us has the potential to shine in our own way.

Congratulations to all of you who will receive Prizes today, or at Junior Prize Giving in the coming weeks. To all of my fellow students, from Year 7 to Year 13, I encourage you to keep striving for your best and embrace every opportunity to learn and grow.

"Excellence is not a singular act but a habit. You are what you do repeatedly." - Shaquille O'Neal

I would like to finish by saying a massive thank you to the Vice Captains of the school: Armaan C, Mani S, Milan G and Yusef Z, for supporting me throughout the day, as well as former School Captain, Josha G. Lastly, to Dr Evans, thank you for giving me the privilege to act as Headmaster for the day, and the opportunity to address the school community.

With very best wishes,

Paarth G (12JP)
School Captain



Key information

Year 7 only

Grandparents & Relatives Day 2024

As originally communicated in the Headmaster's Bulletin dated 14 June 2024, this notice is to inform Year 7 parents and carers that the planned Grandparents & Relatives event is being postponed until further notice due to unforeseen circumstances.

All Years

Parental Survey 2024

In our efforts to listen to all views of our community in order to continue to improve outcomes for our students and school, please can parents and carers take a moment to complete the short Reading School Survey 2024 by [clicking this link](#).

End of Term Arrangements – reminder

Please see the end of term timings below for Wednesday 17 July. 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 close 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

Safeguarding

Resources for parents and young people

'[Stay True to You](#)' has been developed by the Thames Valley Violence Prevention Partnership in association with The Ben Kinsella Trust, and takes a deliberately positive approach to empowering young people and those who work to support them, whether as their parent, other family member or carer, or as an education professional, youth worker, sports coach, or community group volunteer.

The website, which has been co-designed with young people, provides a comprehensive set of free resources to help start a conversation with a young person about safety and can be [accessed by clicking here](#).

Staff Gratitude

Expressing gratitude to teachers and staff in schools is of significant value as all staff play crucial roles in shaping the lives of students and the overall effectiveness of schools. From a cleaner who will ensure classrooms and the refectory are clean and hygienic, to teachers who go the extra mile for their students and others. At Reading School, we pride ourselves on creating and maintaining a positive school culture, where appreciation and respect for others is integral to who we are. With this in mind, consider passing on your thanks to a member of staff, whether you are a student, parent, carer or member of the wider community, by [clicking this link](#).

MCAS

As we near the end of the school year, we kindly request that all parents review and update their child's MCAS account. Please ensure that all medical information, family circumstances, contact details, and any recent bereavements in the immediate family are up to date.

Please contact Miss Amy Coates at acoates@reading-school.co.uk for any queries.

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](#).

School Community News

Mock Election

On Monday 3rd of July, all students and staff at Reading School will have the chance to cast their votes in a Mock Election. Various parties have been campaigning over the past week to win votes for their respective parties who are being represented by:

Conservatives - led by James T (12RC) and James G (12EF)

Labour - led by Rohit L (12MJK) and Teo R (12SP)

Reform - led by Daniel L (12RC) and Ryan L (12LDO)

Lib Dems - led by Charles M (12EF) and Krish M (12EF)

Green - led by Ezra S (12BSA) and Bryn W (12VGG)

Worker's Party - led by Ben H (12MJK) and Avi G (12JTE)



Each party will present genuine policies on crucial issues related to the upcoming election and organiser of the event, Milan G (12MJK) shared, *“taking an active interest in politics and the state of the country is a vital part of our education. Eventually, every student will join the adult population and share the responsibility of deciding what is best for the nation. These decisions have significant impacts on people's lives, future generations, and global conflicts. As a Reading School student, it's essential to stay informed and engaged with current affairs.”*

To facilitate the election, two debates will be hosted in Big School on Monday 1st and Tuesday 2nd of July. All staff and students are welcome to attend after school on both days.

The leaders of the major UK parties, represented by Sixth Formers, will engage in a spirited debate, presenting their visions for the future. This event is particularly valuable for those studying humanities, as it will cover important contemporary topics like the state of the economy, climate policy, and geopolitics.

The school encourages everyone to participate fully. Opportunities like this are rare and can be both educational and entertaining. Milan G asks students to, *“Remember, your vote matters. Make an informed choice based on your own beliefs, not someone else's. Be open-minded and willing to reconsider your opinions.”*

Teen Creative Writing Workshops

‘Igniting Writing’ is a creative writing workshop for 11-18 year olds that will be taking place during the summer holidays. The workshops are a great opportunity for aspiring young writers to come together and share imaginative ideas, develop their writing skills and build friendships with others. Both experienced writers and beginners are welcome and a brief summary of each workshop is listed below:

Legends Unleashed, Saturday 27th July, 10:30am to 3:00pm, Wokingham Library

Myths and legends are some of the earliest forms of storytelling, full of incredible quests and larger than life characters that captivate readers. Join us to create mythical heroes, write your own adventure stories and explore how they fit into the modern world through urban legends and superheroes! [Book your place by clicking here.](#)

Utopian Worlds, Saturday 3rd August, 10:30am to 3:00pm, Wokingham Library

Utopias are all about escapism, exploring the problems we face in the real world and creating a fictional paradise to try and solve them. Join us to craft your own utopian world, write a story set within it and consider the balances and compromises that come with chasing perfection! [Book your place by clicking here.](#)

The workshops are available for all pupils in Years 7 - 13 and each workshop costs just £5 to attend (to be paid in cash on the day). Attendees will also need to bring a packed lunch, as there will be a lunch break for both workshops.

Summer Coding Club



[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.

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

Pause and Effect: A Session to Experience Immediate Calm



Reading School recently hosted an Art of Living workshop, a 3-day meditation and breath workshop which aimed to support people to enhance their wellbeing, improve sleep, increase focus and reduce stress and anxiety.

THE ART OF LIVING

This July, the Art of Living will be returning to The Wren School with a one-day course which will share practical methods designed to help people quickly find calm and clarity amidst the hustle and bustle of every day life.

Full details of the course can be accessed by [clicking here.](#)

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 10

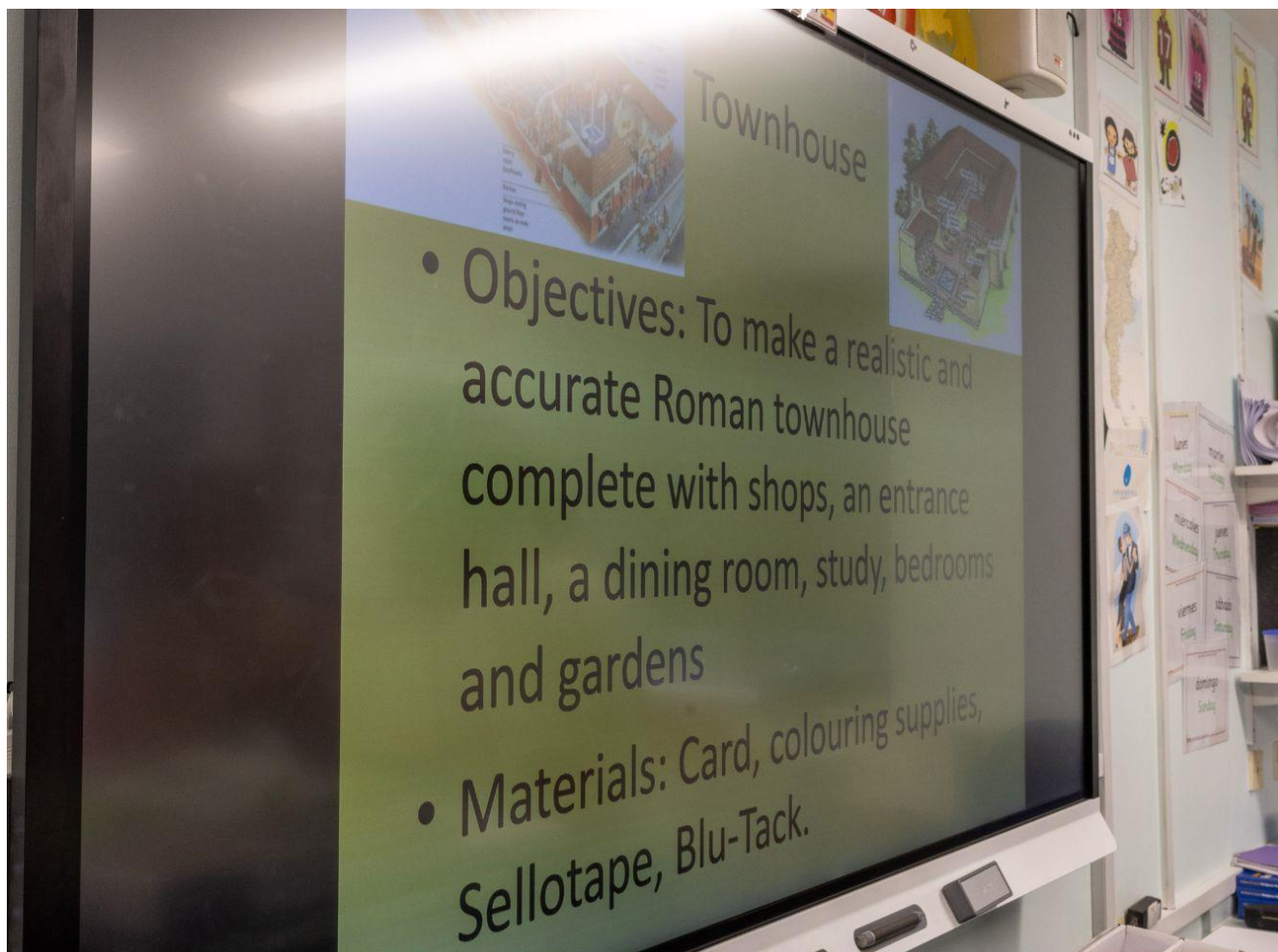
To keep up to date with student life at Reading School, click the icons below to follow, be part of and stay connected with the Reading School community.



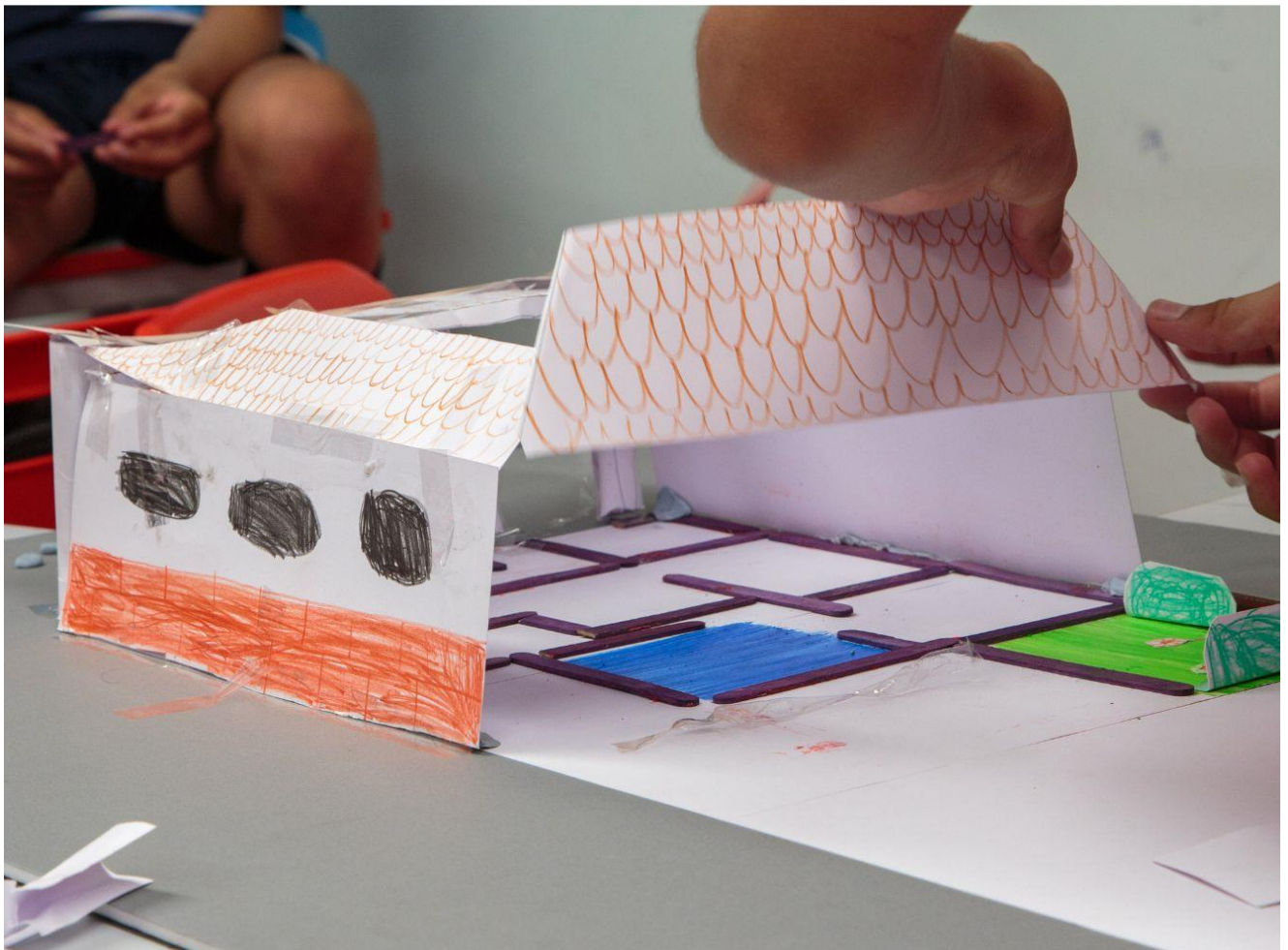
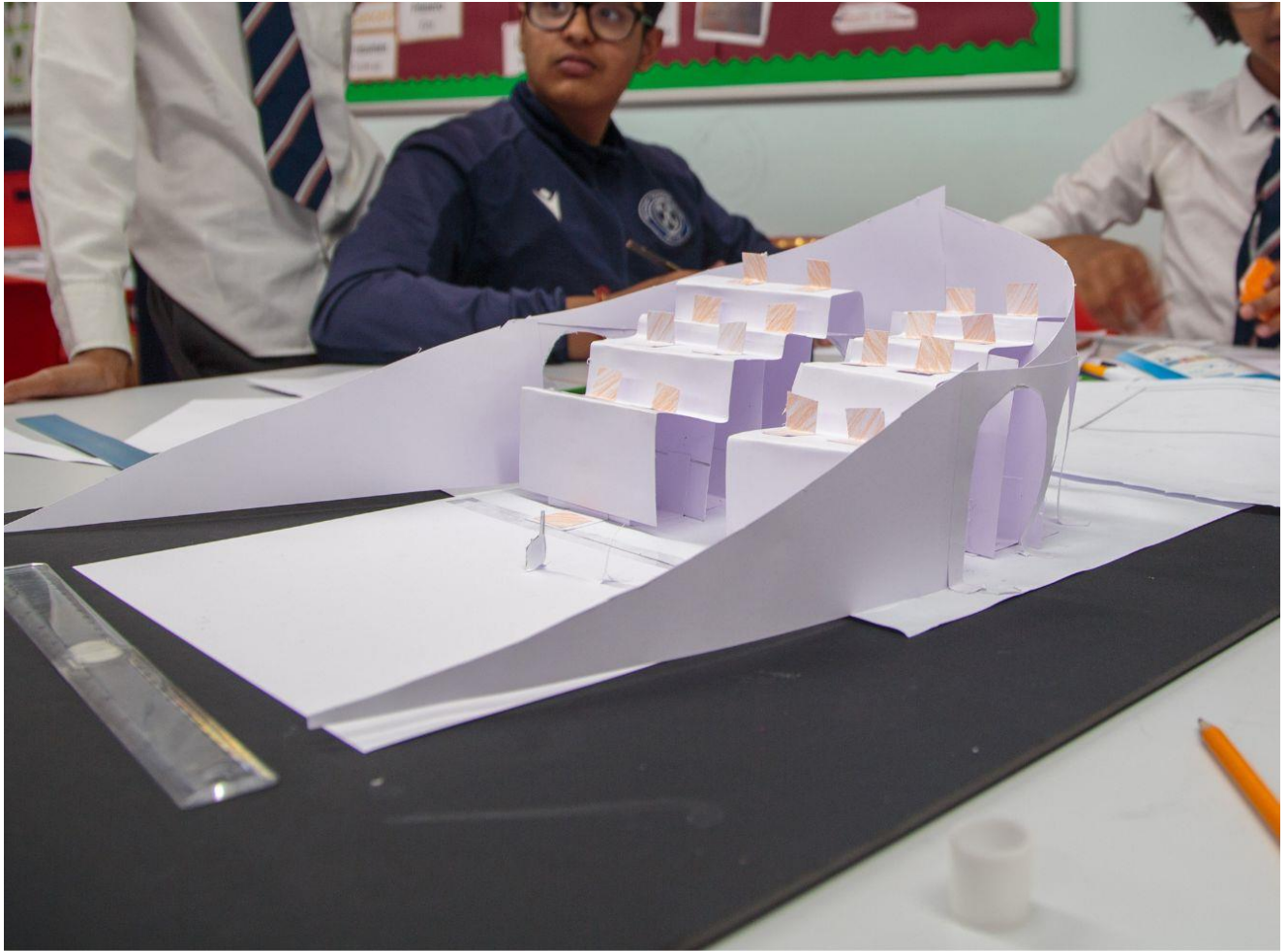
Romans Day

Click the thumbnail below to hear from James F (13EF) who shares what Roman's Day, led by Year 8s, at Reading School was all about. Special thanks to Emlyn L-J (11S) for the creation of the video and Prabhav B (12BSA) for photography support.





















Sports Day 2024 – Part 2

Credits: Guest Student Photographer Yicheng L (10S)













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.