



RISE BOARDING

Did you know that boarding is also an option at Regents? We have excellent facilities and a diverse extra-curricular programme that encourages students to be free-thinkers as well as diligent students!

Currently, we have two boys in senior boarding, who are also in the RISE programme.

Yaroslav has made huge strides with his English this year and is also the Regents' boarding school arm-wrestling champion!

Misha, another RISE student, is destined for IB next year due to his hard work and dedication. He has taken up Rugby, a sport completely foreign to him and he came a close second as 'most improved player'.

MESSAGE FROM THE RISE COORDINATOR

This year is the first ever RISE programme for Regents, with an aim to get non-native English speakers into IGCSE and IB courses. The success of the programme will be measured on how well the students do and I have been impressed by the level of commitment shown and the desire of the students to succeed. So far, there have been three important moments for the RISE students and their development:

1. Their first Mock Exam. This showed how much English they had acquired and helped them to build up realistic goals regarding their future test results.
2. Their team building day on ATV's (All terrain vehicles). This helped them to first get to know each other, and second, to work better in groups at school. After their first term, it was a well-deserved break from their usual hectic studies.
3. The time they felt most pressured was when they had their World War 1 and climate change presentations in front of

different members of the school's senior management team and the Principal Iain Blaikie. They were extremely nervous, but felt incredibly proud that they had done a great job and were congratulated for it.

However, there are also three big moments coming up that can and will define the rest of the RISE students' year:

1. Final exams are the most important for the students. This will decide if they are meant for IB/IGCSE. They are feeling the pressure, but are handling it remarkably well. I know they can achieve it, if they focus and work hard.
2. Obtaining their RISE certificates will be a great start to their long-deserved summer holiday and a great relief knowing that they have what's needed for their future IB studies.
3. Prom & Round Square week: school has to be fun too! The school prom is something every student looks forward to and gives them a chance to relax after a hard year's work.



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RISE PROFILE: NICOLAS (NICO) ORTEGA

This young man, from French speaking New Caledonia, changed to an English school to gain more opportunities – looking toward university. Both his parents have moved to Pattaya to support Nico and his siblings and he is really enjoying life in Thailand.

Nico has been a star pupil on the RISE programme, giving excellent presentations and oral examinations throughout the first two terms. He hopes to finish his exams and enter the International Baccalaureate (IB) programme next year.

“The RISE programme is completely different to the way I have learnt in the past. We teach ourselves to learn and Mr. Linne guides us along the right path. So far it has gone really well for me and I am looking forward to next year.”

Nico wants to take medicine at university, but is not sure where in the world he wants to study. “I love science so next year I will take Chemistry, Biology and Physics.”



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RISE STUDENTS GIVE INFORMATIVE PRESENTATION ON CLIMATE CHANGE

Eight students, who at the start of the school year had only the most basic understanding of the English language, are now giving presentations on how climate change is affecting the world we live in.

The research that went into each of the individual presentations was clear, concise and best of all scientifically accurate. All of the students read off notes, but also spoke to the audience and engaged them whenever possible.

The RISE programme has a number of different nationalities amongst the eight pupils and they all gave their separate ideas on what causes climate change and how we can manage it, so that future generations will be able to enjoy the world we live in.

One particular student, French speaking – New Caledonian resident Nico, gave an impassioned speech about the dangers of greenhouse gases and what will happen if this process continues. Coming from an island nation himself, he described the

possibility of rising sea levels aiding the disappearance of low-lying areas.

Another student, Yaroslav from Russia, also made some excellent points in regards to the heating of tropical, humid climate areas causing a rapid increase of insects such as mosquitos which can cause viral and infectious diseases.

All in all, the progress the students have made in the RISE programme has exceeded all expectations and continues to do so. The success of the course is being put down to expert tuition by course coordinator Mr. Alex Linne and an integration of mainstream subjects into the students' day-to-day study. This immersion helps them to add the real-world context to the English they are already learning. This is preparation for the International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma next year.



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