



RMGS NEWS

Week Beginning 19th February 2024

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Monday 19th February

First day of term

21st – 22nd February

Yr8 HPV Vaccinations

Thursday 7th March

World Book Day

Upcoming Extra Curricular Activities

19th – 23rd February

Chess Tournament



Thank you to the RMGS community for an action-packed term. We have had a range of activities from the careers fayre, Year 8 Open Morning, Poetry Live trip, and our recent football success. Our staff and students have worked tirelessly to ensure that we continue to celebrate the RMGS spirit and nurture curiosity.

Please take a moment to view the creative art piece designed by Evy W (Year 12) reminding us all the importance of taking time to create o manage our wellbeing in recognition of Children's Mental Health Awareness Week.



We wish you all an enjoyable half term break.

Yours Sincerely,
Mrs A Hart



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Poetry Live

I am currently in Year 11 and was lucky enough to secure a place on the Poetry Live trip to London last week to enhance my studies for GCSE English Literature. I was able to hear directly from the poets about their work as they added a powerful personal insight. Throughout the day, not only was I provided with a new, insightful outlook on the works I had studied, but also a newfound appreciation for the hauntingly beautiful art of poetry. I felt inspired by the wonder and passion with which the poets spoke as they exhibited countless perspectives on a plethora of topics; ranging from relationships to identity to even slightly more controversial issues such as social conflict.

My personal highlight of the trip was hearing Simon Armitage recite his piece 'Mother Any Distance' and Carol Ann Duffy perform 'Valentine' - I remember studying these poems in Year 7 where my interest in poetry first came about. Alongside hearing live poetry, an Unseen Poetry session was also provided where I was given useful advice on how to confidently approach this section of my exams. I thoroughly enjoyed the trip and have even entered an original piece into The Simon Powell Poetry Prize. For more information please use the link <https://poetrylive.net/competition/>

I would like to thank Mr Holmes and the English Department for this privilege and such a unique opportunity, I loved it! Phoebe Year 11



The English Department took over 150 Year 11 students to the Dominion Theatre on Friday 2nd February to attend Poetry Live. Students heard from former Poet Laureate Carol Ann Duffy, current Poet Laureate Simon Armitage, the insightful Imtiaz Dharker and the always entertaining John Agard along with a representative from the examination board who gave tips to students for their examination.

During the readings and question and answer sections our students were a credit to the school and listened attentively and respectfully. I know that it was some students first ever experience of being in a theatre in London and it is lovely that we were able to provide that experience for them. I hope that students not only found the trip useful, but also enjoyable.

Mr Holmes



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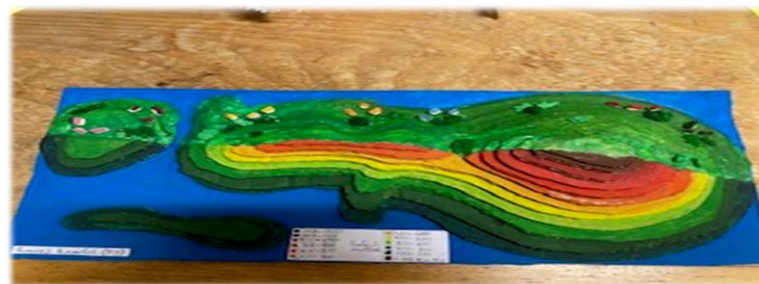
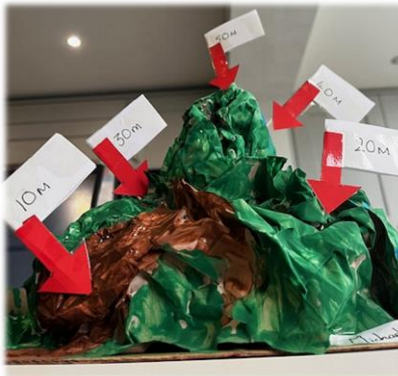
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Year 7 Geography project work

In Geography year 7 have been learning about contours, spot heights and changes in the terrain. They were given the opportunity to make their own model to demonstrate these points and they did not disappoint. Lots of amazing models were made and they were awarded with reward points for their efforts. If they made the model on their own they were awarded with a half colour in Geography. Ms Nott

Congratulations to those who made models;

Olivia P, Neve N, Ethan C, Zak D, Lacey B, James S, Michael S, Joshua R, Lucas K, Seren B, Barnaby B, Bibor S, Hollie R, Clare K, Zara O, Verity B and Sophie E.





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Out with old and in with the new!

On the last day of Term, we said our fond farewells to the outgoing Year 13 prefect team. They have been the most wonderful ambassadors to RMGS and leaders within our school community. From food bank drives, to eco initiatives to mentoring, our prefect team have set the bar high! Our new team of Year 12 prefects start their tenure after the February half term break and wish them all the best with their future endeavours in this role.



Frantic Assembly's 'Metamorphosis' & Lemn Sissay Q&A

On Thursday 8th February, the A Level Drama students visited The Lyric Theatre Hammersmith to see Lemn Sissay and Scott Graham's reimagined stage production of Kafka's novella. We thoroughly enjoyed a pre-show Q&A with the OBE poet where we listened to his life story and creative vision for the show. Discussion centered around the black diaspora, the power of writing and storytelling as a witness.





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U16 Kent Table Tennis Success

Congratulations to Maxwell A (11A) for his outstanding performance in the U16 Kent Schools Individual Table Tennis Championships on Tuesday 6th February 2024.

Maxwell played exceptionally well taking home 2nd place for RMGS after a tight game in the final.

Well done Maxwell!



Celebration Breakfast Winners

A huge well done to the following tutor groups who have won the celebration breakfast for this term!

13F

12A

8R

11N

10R

7L

9R



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#BE MORE RMGS - Year 8 Boys Football

We are pleased to announce that our Year 8 boys football team have been playing brilliant football this term. Their most recent tightly contested match that went to penalties after the game finished 5-5 after extra time. After what felt like an enormous amount of time, our team eventually came out victorious by winning 9-8 on penalties.

The Year 8 boys football team have been placed in the quarter finals against Northampton School for Boys.

A massive congratulations to Harry N, Liam C, Zach A, Harry J, Madham B, Ben C, Luca V, Logan M, Alexander S, Luca F, Dara A, Oscar S, Zayan M, Samuel A.

We are proud of their hard work their commitment to the team.



PLAYSTATION U13 SCHOOLS' CUP FOR BOYS QUARTER-FINAL DRAW TIES TO BE PLAYED ON OR BEFORE To Be Announced	
MEOLE BRACE SCHOOL	Vs.
THOMAS TELFORD SCHOOL OR ARDEN	
GARFORTH ACADEMY	Vs.
DRONFIELD HENRY FANSHAW SCHOOL	
SHENFIELD HIGH SCHOOL	Vs.
KINGS' SCHOOL	
NORTHAMPTON SCHOOL FOR BOYS	Vs.
RAINHAM MARK GRAMMAR SCHOOL	

Year 9 Student and Form of the Fortnight (and Term 3)

Congratulations to Daisy B in R9 who was named as 'Student of the Fortnight' in Year 9 for 29th January-9th February. Daisy achieved an incredible 159 reward points over the fortnight, earning a Sport Full Colour for representing Kent in hockey, receiving a Citizenship Half Colour for being a Student Parliament member and also excelling in French, Art and Drama.

The Form of the Fortnight for 29th January-9th February is A9 – 98% of the points A9 received over the last fortnight have been positive with 318 reward points recorded and only six negatives. Well done, A9!

The Form of the Term, however, is R9 who achieved a fantastic reward points haul of 1,104 points over the term. Huge congratulations – R9 were rewarded with a celebration breakfast on the last day of term.

Best wishes,
Mr D Coker, Head of Year 9





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Year 7 Shout Outs!

Positive Reward Points – Top student per form

7A – Chaim-Aaron H – 207

7B – Sophie E – 263

7F – Neve E – 195

7L – Faith U – 265

7N – Erin N – 228

7P – Alfie G – 177

7R – Calvin N – 284

7S – Edie M – 221

Well Done to F7 this week with highest attendance at
96%

Well Done Everyone!

Well done to our Term 3
competition winner:

Anjali 7R



Easter Character Competition

Task: Choose a value from CHARACTER & design an Easter Egg.

RMGS is a school with values founded on character education

- Curiosity - to celebrate scholarship
- Happiness - to strive for a positivity
- Aspiration - To have high expectations of themselves and others
- Respect - for our whole school community
- Community - to create a strong feeling of belonging
- Teamwork - to work collaboratively
- Equality - to promote equality of opportunity and celebrate diversity
- Resilience - to bounce forward when things are challenging

CHARACTER



Closing date:
Tuesday 26th
March



Mrs Stewart's example



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ECO NOTICES



PLASTIC BOTTLE COMPETITION



- COLLECT UP YOUR CLEAR PLASTIC BOTTLES (ANY SIZE!) AND ASK YOUR FORM TUTOR TO KEEP TALLY OF HOW MANY YOU COLLECT BETWEEN NOW AND WEDNESDAY 21ST FEBRUARY.
- FINAL TALLIES WILL BE CHECKED WITH FORM TUTORS AND COMPARED ON FRIDAY 23RD
- A FREE BREAKFAST (PASTRY AND HOT DRINK BEFORE FORM TIME) AND TEN REWARD POINTS FOR THE TOP 20 STUDENT WINNERS WILL BE AVAILABLE ON FRIDAY 29TH FEBRUARY.
- YOU CAN DROP OFF YOUR PLASTIC BOTTLES (ONCE THEY'VE BEEN RECORDED BY YOUR FORM TUTOR) IN THE BLUE BOX BY THE MAIN HALL, (NEAR THE TOP-UP POINT) SO THAT FORM ROOMS DON'T FILL UP WITH PLASTIC BOTTLES!

STEPH CLARKE (HEAD STUDENT, ECO LEAD) CONTACT S7SCLARKE@RMGS.ORG.UK WITH ANY QUESTIONS

There is now a rail of uniform available for students to browse in a quiet corner of the school library, with a range of sizes and items available. You can access the rail at break and lunch, with volunteers replenishing the stock so that there's always plenty of uniform available. All items are completely free! Please take a look at what we've got, and make the greener choice today!

The Mark's Student Writing Competition

Unleash your creativity and submit a piece of writing to The Mark's first ever student-led competition

Your entry must be a maximum of 1000 words in the form of either a:

- Poem
- Short Story
- Article

Entries will be judged by our student writers and awarded Best in each form for Junior (Year 7-10) and Senior (Y11-13) sections

Winners will be published in 'The Mark's' next edition and receive **prizes**, including **R points** for all entries

Deadline: 18/02/24

Email submission with name, form and title of the piece to
TheMark@rmet.org

Questions: f7mcapolupo@rmgs.org.uk





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- > Free easter.hols
- > Online
- > Music Technology Courses

Friday 5th April 2024

For ages 9-18

Beginner and Intermediate Courses

Learning production techniques and how to make music electronically



For full details and to apply visit

www.medwaymusicassociation.co.uk



Easter Music Courses 2024

2nd - 4th April

Rainham Mark Grammar School

For more details and to apply visit
www.medwaymusicassociation.co.uk

For any enquiries

info@medwaymusicassociation.co.uk





RMGS SPORT



PE Department Sport Website: <https://sports.rainhammark.com/>



RMGS PHYSICAL EDUCATION EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

TERM 4



TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BREAK 10:55 – 11:15	BASKETBALL SHOOTING CLUB Y7 / 8 (sports hall) (DUTY STAFF)	BASKETBALL SHOOTING CLUB Y7 / 8 (sports hall) (DUTY STAFF)	BASKETBALL SHOOTING CLUB Y7 / 8 (sports hall) (DUTY STAFF)	BASKETBALL SHOOTING CLUB Y9 / 10 / 11 / 6 TH (sports hall) (DUTY STAFF)	BASKETBALL SHOOTING CLUB Y9 / 10 / 11 / 6 TH (sports hall) (DUTY STAFF)
LUNCH 1:30 – 2:00	BASKETBALL CLUB Y7 / 8 (sports hall) GRA	BASKETBALL CLUB Y9 / 10 (sports hall) GRA TABLE TENNIS CLUB ALL YEARS (top gym) CON	FITNESS CLUB Y7 / 8 (sports centre) ALO BADMINTON CLUB Y11 GCSE <u>invite only</u> (sports hall) SP / CON	ORIENTEERING CLUB KS3 (sports centre) MAL	BADMINTON CLUB Y7 / 8 (sports hall) JWI
AFTER SCHOOL 3:05 – 4:30	TRAMPOLINING CLUB Y7 / 8 SP FITNESS CLUB Y9 / 10 / 11 (sports centre) ALO	NETBALL SQUAD TRAINING Y 7-10 (optional Y11) SP / KNO GIRLS CRICKET CLUB Y7 / 8 / 9 CON	CROSS COUNTRY & FITNESS CLUB (ALL YEARS) KNO	NETBALL 4 ALL Y7 / 8 / 9 MAL / JWI	

If you are attending a lunch club you are able to receive a fast track lunch pass from the PE department. Please bring your planner to the PE office at break to be signed.

Any questions please ask a member of the PE Department.



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RMGS EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS 2023-24					
	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
LUNCH TIME	Buzz Club 1:40pm - 2:05pm The Well String Group Recital Hall Music Technology - E2 KS4 iMedia 1:20pm - 1:40pm D1 KS3 Computing 1:20pm - 1:40pm D1	MedSoc (Year 13 until Jan) 1:40pm - 2:05pm Q1 Junior Wind Band Recital Hall KS4 & KS5 Art Club - R2 KS4 iMedia 1:20pm - 2:05pm D1 Eco Club 1:30pm - 2:00pm - D2 KS3 Computing (HW and catch up) 1:20pm - 1:40pm D1 Sixth Form Book Club (1 st Tuesday of every term) L1	Chess Club 1:20pm - 2:05pm - HZ Ukulele Club - E1 Year 11 D&T NEA support clinic KS3 Art Club - R2 KS4 iMedia 1:20pm - 1:40pm - D1 KS3 Computing (HW and catch up) 1:20pm - 1:40pm - D1 A Level Chemistry Clinic 1:35pm - 2:00pm - M6 Scrabble Club - L3 Music Support - E2 Sparx Club - N6	Arts for Wellbeing (All years) - R2 Year 7 & 8 Airingers (Drone club) - DT Brass Group - Recital Hall KS3 Computing (HW and catch up) 1:20pm - 1:40pm - D1 KS4 iMedia 1:20pm - 2:05pm - D1 Buzz Club 1:40pm - 2:05pm The Well Quantum Physics 1:35pm - 2:05pm - M9	KS4 iMedia 1:20pm - 1:40pm D1 Diversity Group 1:35pm C4 KS3 Computing (HW and catch up) 1:20pm - 1:40pm D1 Debating Society 1:30pm - 2:00pm L2
AFTER SCHOOL	Homework Club 3:15pm - 4:15pm Library Tabletop Gaming Club (formerly D&D) 3:15pm - 4:30pm F3	Homework Club 3:15pm - 4:15pm Library Science Club 3:15pm - 4:15pm M5 Jam Club 3:15pm Music block	Homework Club 3:15pm - 4:15pm Library GCSE Astronomy 3:15pm - 4:45pm M7 Bronze & Silver Arts Award Club 3:15pm - 4:15pm	Homework Club 3:15pm - 4:15pm Library Big Band 3:15pm Music Block Shakespeare Schools' Festival 3:15pm - 4:15pm	Homework Club 3:15pm - 4:15pm Library



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Term Dates 2023-2024

Term 1	INSET - Thursday 31st August 2023 – no students INSET – Friday 1st September 2023 – no students Start Monday 4 September 2023 Finish: Friday 20 th October 2023 INSET – Thursday 5th October – no students October break (2 weeks): Monday 23/10/23 – Friday 03/11/2023
Term 2	Start: Monday 6 th November 2023 Finish: Wednesday 20 th December 2023 Christmas break: Thursday 21/12/23 – Tuesday 02/01/24
Term 3	Start: Thursday 4 th January 2024 Finish: Friday 9 th February 2024 INSET – Wednesday 3rd January 2024 – no students Half term break: Monday 12/02/24 – Friday 16/02/2024
Term 4	Start: Monday 19 th February 2024 Finish: Thursday 28 th March 2024 Easter break: Friday 29/03/2024 – Friday 12/04/2024
Term 5	Start: Monday 15 th April 2024 Finish: Friday 24 th May 2024 Bank Holiday: Monday 06/05/2024 Half term break: Monday 27/05/2024 – Friday 31/05/2024
Term 6	Start: Monday 3 rd June 2024 Finish: Friday 19 th July 2024 INSET – Tuesday 2nd July 2024 – no students