



RMGS News



Important Dates:

28th April -
Morocco – True
Adventure Meeting

28th April -
Nepal – Meet the
Leader Event

29th April-
Maths Challenge –
Yr 7 & Yr 8

30th April -
Unicorn Theatre

1st May-
Culture Day

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a very positive start to Term 5. The sun has been shining, and the school fields are now fully open. It has been wonderful to see our students enjoying the sunshine and making the most of the great outdoors.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our site team, led by Mr Barron, Premises Manager, for overseeing the site development work currently taking place. Over the Easter break, we completed a full electrical rewire of the D Floor classrooms, including our Geography and Computing rooms. This was a successful project and has enabled us to continue with the remaining rewiring in our Computing classrooms, ensuring we stay on schedule. Thank you to our students for managing the temporary room changes with maturity, and to our staff who have adapted so positively by relocating to different classrooms while the work is carried out. We also appreciate the continued efforts of our contractors as we work together to improve and modernise our school site.

During my learning walks this week, I visited a Year 7 computing lesson where our students were developing their coding skills using the software package Kodu. I had the pleasure of playing Oliver's new game, which he had created using the coding techniques he has been learning. It was exciting, engaging, and definitely gave Mario Kart a run for its money! Well done, Oliver, for your creativity and enthusiasm—an excellent example of the innovative work taking place in our classrooms.

A huge thank you to Ms Lee (Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator) and Ms Wayte (Duke of Edinburgh Verifier) for leading the DofE celebration event on Thursday. It was an honour to be part of the event and celebrate the achievements of our students across Years 10–13 who have completed their Bronze Award.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award provides students with valuable opportunities to develop new skills, strengthen friendships, and challenge themselves beyond their comfort zones. We are incredibly proud of all the students who have demonstrated perseverance and courage in achieving such a prestigious award. Thank you to parents who have supported their young person through the D of E programme and for attending the celebration event. Thank you also to the staff who generously volunteer their time to ensure our young people can participate in this programme.

I am also delighted to share that Zeon in Year 13 has secured a degree apprenticeship in Aeronautical Engineering with BAE Systems. This is a fantastic achievement—well done to Zeon for pursuing his chosen career path. This is an exciting, yet understandably stressful, time for our Year 13 students, and we continue to wish them every success in their examinations and next steps.

I would also like to shine a spotlight on Darcy C, who recently flew to Florida with her teammates from MCDA – Thunder to compete in the All-Star World Championships for cheerleading. After competing on the first day, the team progressed to the finals on the second day, where they performed again and achieved an outstanding result—winning a bronze medal and placing 3rd in the world. This is a remarkable accomplishment, and Darcy has worked incredibly hard alongside her teammates to achieve this success.

We are always proud to celebrate the achievements of our students and their ongoing commitment to embodying our school motto *be the best version of yourself*.

We wish you an enjoyable weekend and look forward to welcoming our students back on Monday.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Hart

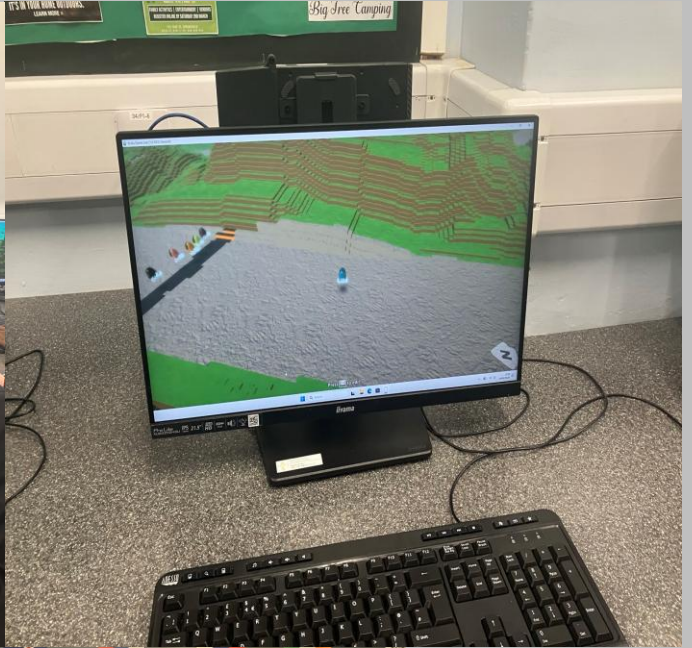
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Last Monday, **Darcy C** flew to Florida with her teammates from MCDA - Thunder to compete in the **All Star World Championships for cheerleading**. They competed on the first day and got through to the second day finals. Performed again for the second day, bagging themselves a **bronze medal** and **3rd in the world**. This is a massive achievement and she has worked very hard along with her teammates to achieve this result. **Congratulations Darcy, we are all very proud of you!**



YEAR 9 Students

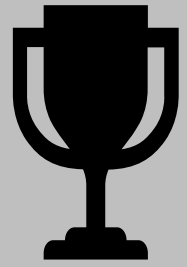
If you are interested in taking part in the **Symposium competition** please come along to **R2 Thursday 23rd May** at lunchtime where Mr Holmes and Dr Sutton will be there.

You can talk through what your speech is about and get any support that you need. It will also be an opportunity to ask any questions and practice your speech with other students.

These sessions will be taking place **every Thursday lunchtime in R2 until the internal heat which is Monday May 11th.**



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We are incredibly proud of **Ollie, Ho-Yin and Ryan** from **Year 10**, who travelled to **Foshan, China** with their football team, Hempstead Valley FC U15, during the Easter holidays (10–16 April). 🏆 🌐

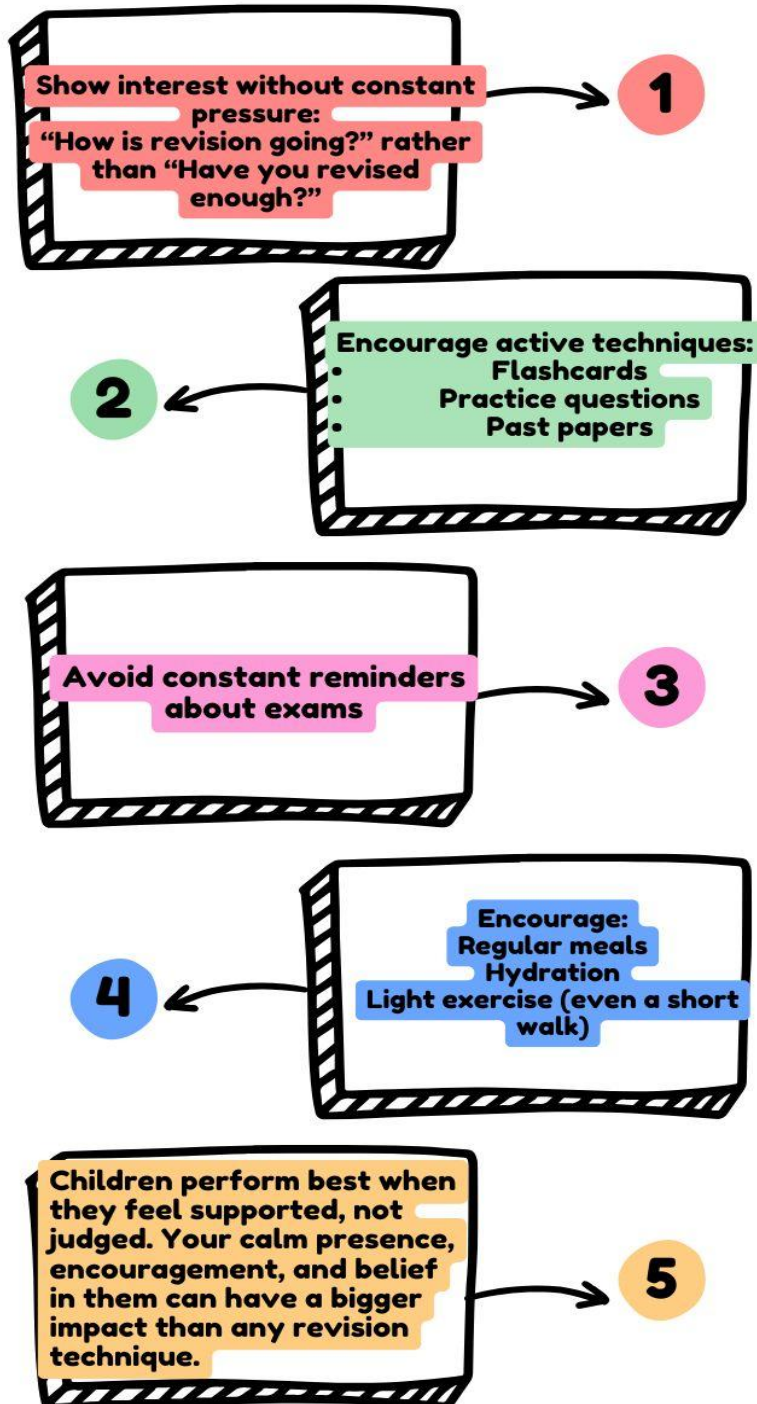
The team took part in a football exchange with two schools in Foshan, including Foshan Experimental School, which has a valued link with Rainham Mark Grammar School. As part of the visit, Rainham Mark Grammar School presented Foshan Experimental School with a painting and a selection of branded gifts, and in return received some wonderful gifts and a beautifully framed picture.

It looks like they had an unforgettable experience, both on and off the pitch—what a fantastic opportunity! 🌟 ✨ 🌟



How to help at home with ...

Supporting your child during exam season





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WANTED

If you have any
empty
cereal boxes
please bring
them to the
art department



Thank you ♥



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Culture Day

Friday
1st of May 2026



Join us for a fashion show in

A3

where we will play cultural
music of your choosing



Come to

A2

for a cultural
bake sale during lunch, email
r0jwill@rmet.org
if you wish to participate.



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Menu

Culture day
Friday 1st May

- **Golden Battered Cod**
 - **Jerk Chicken Drum Sticks**
 - **Jollof Rice**

 - **Chips**
 - **Garden Peas**
 - **Corn on the Cob**

 - **Pastel de Nata**
(Portuguese custard tart)
- Year 7 & 8 will have lunch at 1pm**





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ANVIL Carnival 2026 (Procession and Summer Festival)

Following the Carnival procession, **celebrating myths and legends** from around the world and our school community, there will be numerous **stalls offering a range of food, drink, crafts, and goods.**

There will also be stalls, games, and activities run by our students, music, and entertainment. **Although some stalls will accept card payment, it would be advisable to bring cash.**

Monday 13th July

12:00 - 16:00

**2 x tickets available per student,
under 5's will not require a ticket**



Free Event



Order your tickets below through Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1988068631795?aff=oddtcreator>



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YEAR 7 TOP STUDENTS FOR R-POINTS LAST WEEK

Monday 30th March - Thursday, 2nd April

EMILY B - 7A - 48

RIYAAN K - 7N - 48

ARWIN T - 7A - 46

JACK C - 7A - 45

ETHAN A - 7P - 22

WELL DONE TO 7A FOR THE HIGHEST
ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK!

We are absolutely delighted to share some wonderful news about **Poppy B** in Year 7, who has been selected to represent England at the upcoming Home Nations competition in Double Mini Trampoline (DMT). This is an outstanding achievement and a true reflection of her dedication, hard work, and talent in the sport.

To be chosen to compete at this level is a remarkable accomplishment, and it highlights not only her commitment but also the many hours of training and perseverance she has shown.

Representing her country is something to be incredibly proud of, and it is a fantastic milestone so early in her sporting journey.

We are all incredibly proud of Poppy and wish her every success in the competition. We look forward to hearing all about her experience and cheering her on as she takes on this exciting challenge. **Good luck, Poppy!**

Mrs Sherwood





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WIN A 3D PRINTER

On TinkerCAD, Fusion or your own preferred method of 3D modelling, design and model a solution to storing school supplies. What you choose is your decision.

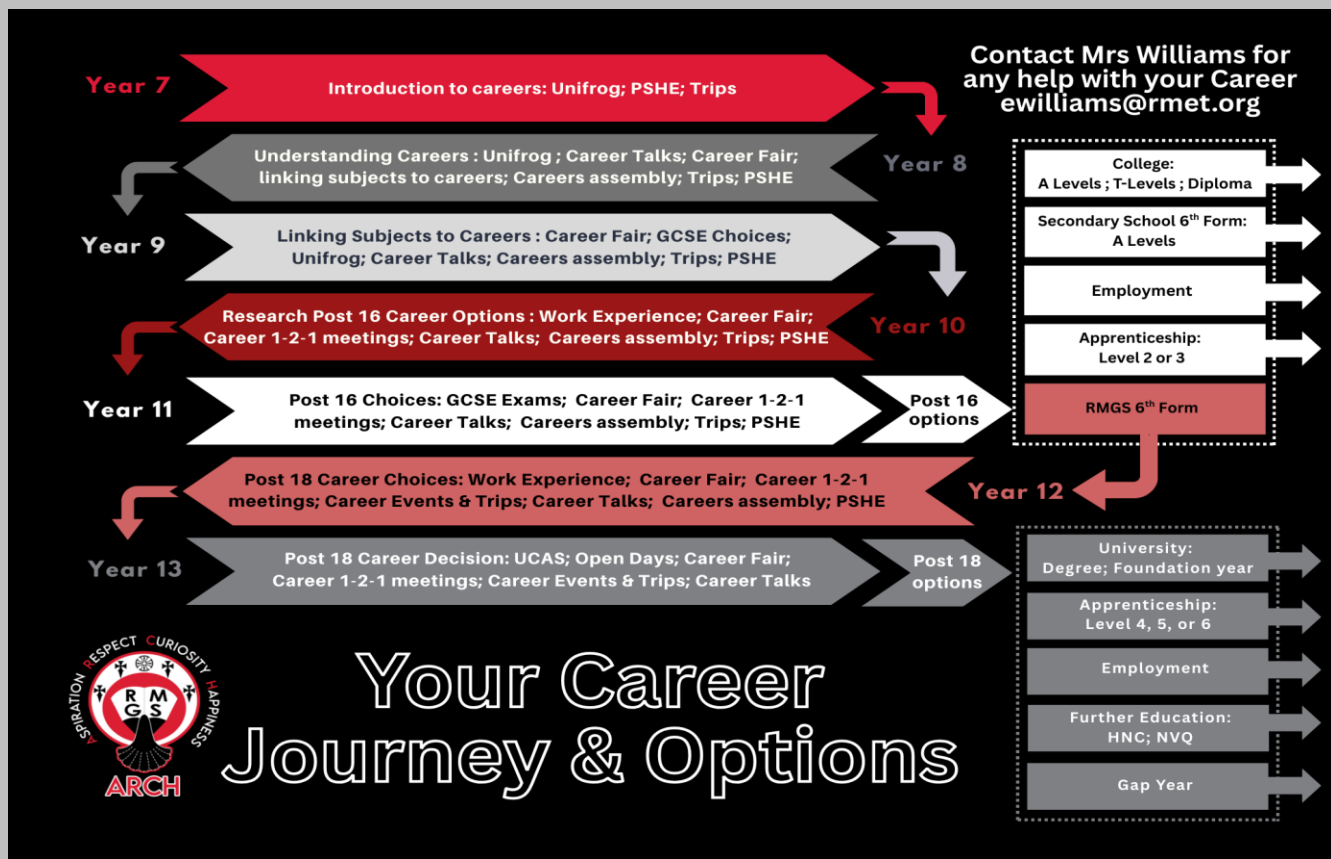
- ✓ Win a Creality Ender 3
- ✓ 1 winner for 11-14
- ✓ 1 winner for 15-18

Email Miss.Spinola your entry by 29th of April. Winners announced 30th of April.





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Your Career Journey & Options

Welcome back to a new term!

Summer Opportunities

Futures for All has just launched their Summer Schedule Planner – a live document showcasing what’s on throughout the summer term. [Click here](https://www.canva.com/design/DAG6WhtDCr8/3RBilm87tcDxjGXHiGa65g/view?utm_content=DAG6WhtDCr8&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&utm_source=uniquelinks&utm_id=he0510f7bc7) https://www.canva.com/design/DAG6WhtDCr8/3RBilm87tcDxjGXHiGa65g/view?utm_content=DAG6WhtDCr8&utm_campaign=designshare&utm_medium=link2&utm_source=uniquelinks&utm_id=he0510f7bc7



Unifrog Roll out for Year 7 and Year 8 students

All Year 7 and 8 Parents/Guardians will receive an email shortly detailing the roll out of our online Careers Platform Unifrog.

Unifrog is an online platform that supports secondary schools to deliver their statutory duty to provide students aged 4 to 18 with impartial and independent guidance on the full range of post-school career options. It helps students from Year 7 start to explore interests, subjects, pathways early so that they have a deeper awareness and understanding of all the post-school opportunities available.



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What's next?

- Over the coming weeks your child will receive an email from Unifrog detailing their log in details.
- Following that every Year 7 and Year 8 student will have time set aside in their Computing lesson to log on and start exploring the platform
- Please feel free to watch this short video which details a little more about Unifrog <https://cdn.unifrog.org/video/45v2970bm9/720.mp4>
- Please feel free to sign up to Unifrog yourself ONCE your child has completed their Unifrog session at school so that you can also access the resources and receive weekly summary emails
- Please also feel free to get in touch with our Careers Adviser ewilliams@rmet.org with any questions

Rochester Bridge Trust Harriott & Telford Scholarships

RBT are currently looking for students for this year's intake with the closing date for applications on Friday 1st May 2026. The students must be starting their A-Level studies in September 2026. If you are interested - please find the application [here](#)

<https://rbt.org.uk/grants-and-scholarships/harriott-engineering-scholarship/>

April 2026 Higher and Degree Apprenticeship vacancies

The latest Higher and Degree Apprenticeship opportunities is now live for Year 13 students : [click here](#)

<https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/wp-content/uploads/2026/04/April-HD-Listing-2026-MASTER.pdf>

Bioscience Work FREE Experience Week: 24 - 28 August

This week offers a wonderful opportunity for budding scientists to spend a week carrying out their own mini research project in our undergraduate teaching laboratory. In addition to this, students will be given the opportunity to compete in an agar art competition, listen in on research talks, and produce their own research poster. This opportunity is available to Y12/Y13 students from schools and colleges within Kent studying science. Considering there are limited places available, applicants who meet the university's widening participation criteria will be prioritised. [Click here](#)

https://data.he.ac.uk/event/apply/university-of-kent/bioscience-work-experience-week-2026?utm_medium=email&utm_term=N%2FA&utm_source=email&utm_content=Schools%20%26%20Colleges%20-%202026%2F27%20-%20April%20Newsletter%20for%20All%20Schools%20%26%20Colleges%20Copy&utm_campaign=Schools%20%26%20Colleges%20-%20Newsletter%20-%20April%202026#msdynmkt_trackingcontext=fa075af0-e9d3-4cbd-a79e-6fe659510200

Parents / Guardians of Year 11 students

If your student would like a Careers 1-2-1 meeting with our in house Careers Adviser Mrs Williams before or after the finish Year 11 then please email ewilliams@rmet.org

Career Support for SEND students

For Students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) RMGS have a range of support and resources in place to help support and guide them on their career pathway. We help SEND young people with things like; making choices about the future, getting into further education, getting into training, getting into work, finding out about appropriate support and funding for education/training and signposting and referrals to other agencies, where appropriate. To find out more including information on Supported Internships for students with an EHCP please click here :

<https://www.rainhammark.com/page/?title=Career+Support+for+young+people+with+SEND&pid=427>

Careers Facebook Group

Keep in the loop with all the latest Career Opportunities via our Private Careers Facebook Group "RMGS Careers"

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/25615966937989346/>

Intrigued by a Job but want to find out more about it for your child?

Use this to explore a wide range of job profiles for your child. Each job is presented as a short video so you can explore a little about each job. The videos give you a quick insight and overview but we encourage you to find out more! Speak to Mrs Williams for support on where to find more information.

<https://www.mypathcareersuk.com/a-z-of-jobs>



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Career Support is available for ALL students in ALL years

- ALL students can book a Career 1-2-1 meeting by emailing ewilliams@rmet.org
- Resources can be found on our website for parents/carers & students : <https://www.rainhammark.com/page/?title=Careers&pid=223>
- What can my child do post 16? <https://www.rainhammark.com/page/?title=Post+16+Choices&pid=386>
- What can my child do Post 18? <https://www.rainhammark.com/page/?title=Post+18+Career+choices+%2D+what+to+do%3F&pid=375>
- Why is it so important for me to know about Labour Market Information? Understanding Labour Market Information (LMI) helps our students be aware of where different job roles are needed in different regions and which types of jobs may need more people in the future. This can help shape or influence career pathways and choices : <https://www.rainhammark.com/page/?title=Labour+Market+Information&pid=370>
- The Career Teams page enables all students to keep up to date with news and opportunities

Career provision at Rainham Mark Grammar School

All students:

- Start to have access to Unifrog from Year 7 - 13.
- Embedded Careers Programme across all Years
- Access to Career 1-2-1 meetings with our Careers Adviser
- Access to Career Resources and updates via Website, After School Career Surgeries, Careers office, Careers Teams page, Lessons, Form Time and Assemblies
- Opportunity to become a Career Champion for their year
- Have one subject and one PSHE lesson per term which is Career specific.
- Opportunity to input into Career provision via annual audit
- Career Fair in January run until 4pm for all students
- Work Experience in Year 10 and 12
- Enrichment week in July with focus on careers
- School Wide designated Career Week in November
- Access to a programme of Talks after-school delivered by Businesses and Organisations on their Career Pathways and Industries.
- At least one Assembly from an Apprenticeship provider
- All SEND students offered priority careers 1-2-1 meetings with Mrs Williams

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Post 16 Career Choices - know your Levels

Level 3 :
A Levels * BTEC Diploma * NVQ Level 3 * Advanced Apprenticeship

Level 4 :
Year 1 University or * Certificate in Higher Education * Higher National Certificate * NVQ Level 4 * Higher Apprenticeship

Level 5 :
Year 2 University or * Diploma in Higher Education * Foundation Degree * NVQ Level 5 * Higher Apprenticeship

Level 6 :
Year 3 University or * Degree Apprenticeship * Degree with or without Honours * NVQ Level 6

Level 7 :
Masters Level * Masters Degree * NVQ Level 6 * Degree Apprenticeship

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Latest Career Opportunities

There have been some wonderful career opportunities this week – so please go and check these out by visiting our website :

<https://www.rainhammark.com/page/?title=Latest+Career+Opportunities&pid=369&action=saved>

Career Programme

Find out what Career Events we are planning this year via our Live Careers Calendar :

<https://www.rainhammark.com/page/?title=Our+Careers+Provision+KS3%2C+KS4+%26+KS5&pid=371>

Apprenticeships – information you need to know

If your child is interested or looking to apply for a Apprenticeship after their GCSE's or A Levels then this is for them. To help them we have put together a range of useful resources that they can use – including search platforms; CV help; Tracking template.

<https://www.rainhammark.com/page/?title=Post+18+Career+choices+%2D+what+to+do%3F&pid=375&action=saved>



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CAN YOU HELP?

Can you - or anyone you know - support our
Careers Programme please?

We are passionate about providing a robust and fulfilling career programme to ALL students. Whether it's a Talk, Career Fair, Work Experience or workshop...if you can help support in any way we'd love to hear from you. Whether you are a sole trader, small business, large business or retired... your experiences might help shape our youngsters.

Please contact me for a chat or more information :

ewilliams@rmet.org

Linking subjects to careers : How does my child's subject link to a career?

It's important for students to recognise the link between the subject they are studying and potential career pathways. Each week we will feature a specific subject and show how this links to a career pathway. In addition this tool can be useful for students who aren't sure what the subjects they study at school or college have to do with work and their career OR those that really enjoy a subject but wonder if there will be any future use for it in the workplace? <https://yourskillsmap.com/>



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**Lunchtime – Tuesdays -
F1 in Schools Team
Members – N5**

**Lunchtime – Everyday –
All –
Computing Club**

Before School Clubs

8.35 - 8.55		
Tuesday - 8.35-8.55am		Year 7 Band Programme
Tuesday - 8.35-8.55am		Year 9 German Dual Linguists
Thursday – 8.35 - 8.55am		Year 9 French Dual Linguists
Thursday – 8.35 - 8.55 am		Year 9, 10 & 11 Spanish Dual Linguists
Friday - 8.35 - 8.55am		String Group – Selected Students
Friday – 7.30am		Basketball Squad



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Lunchtime Clubs		
Computing Club All - D1		
Maths Clinic All - HY		
Bio Clinic 6 th Form - Q1	Art Club KS4 & KS5 - R2	Business/Economics Support KS5 - J1
Christian Union All - A3	Creative iMedia Club Yr10 & Yr11 – D1	Chemistry Clinic Yr12 & Yr13 – M6
Crochet & Knitting All - L2	Engineering Society N5	Chess/Puzzle Club All – HZ
DT NEA Clinic All - N5	F1 in Schools Team Members – N5	Choir All – Recital Hall
Law Society L1	Geography Clinic All – D6	The Mark All – L6
Music Tech Club All - E2	Horribly Horrible History Club KS3 – F6	DT NEA Clinic Yr10-Yr13 – N5
String Group All - Recital Hall	LAMDA Yr7 & Yr8 – R3	Eco Club All – D2
Trombone Choir All - E1	MedSoc 6 th Form – Q1	LAMDA Yr7 & Yr8 – R3
KS4 Book Club Yr10 & Yr11 - R4	Philosophy Club Yr7 & Yr8 – H5	Level up Club Yr11 – R4
LAMDA Yr9 & Yr10 - R3	Take it Further Yr10 – R4	Music Support Session All – E2
	Wind Band All – Recital Hall	Psychology Support Week 2 Yr13 – G2
	Tech Tuesday – Young Technicians All -	RMGS Girls Right Society All – R2
	French Club – KS5	Scrabble Club All – L3
Afterschool Clubs		
National Theatre Connections KS4&5 – A3 - 3.15-4.15pm	LAMDA Yr 7&8 - R3	Arts Award Club All – A2 - 3.15-4.15pm
Jam Club All – Music Block - 3.10-4.10pm		GCSE Art Intervention Yr10&11 - 3.15-4.15pm
LAMDA Yr9&10 – R3		GCSE Astronomy Yr9,10&11 – M7 - 3.15-4.15pm
Italian Club All – 3.15-3.45pm		GCSE English Intervention
Science KS3 – 3.05		LAMDA Yr7&8 – R3
		Shakespeare Schools Festival KS3 – A3
		Tabletop Gaming Club All – R3 - 3.05-4.05pm



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Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime Clubs	
Computing Club All - D1	
Maths Clinic All - HY	
Black History Month Club All - R1	Bohemian Society All - E1
Book Club KS3 - R4	Carnival Club All - R2
Brass Group All - Recital Hall	Debate Club All - L2
Computer Science KS4 & KS5 - D5	Diversity Team All - C4
Creative Ambassador Week 1 - R1	DT NEA Clinic Yr10-Y13 - N5
Origami Club All - N1	German 6 th Form - B2
Public Speaking Yr9 & Yr12 - R2	Politics Society HZ
Psychology Support Week 1 Yr13 - G2	Sociology Club Week 1 Yr13 - G5
Quantum Physics Yr7-11 - M9	Just Dance All - Dance Studio
Ukulele Club All - E1	Symposium Club All - R2
Afterschool Clubs	
Big Band All - Recital Hall - 3.10-4.10pm	
Sociology Club Yr13 Week2 - G2 - 3.10-4.10pm	



Every day after school 3.05pm - 4pm



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RMGS PHYSICAL EDUCATION EXTRA-CURRICULAR

TIMETABLE

TERM 5&6



TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BEFORE SCHOOL 7:30 – 8:15		Netball Club Y7 <i>(invite only)</i> JSH		SQUAD CRICKET NETS Y7/8/9/10 <i>(invite only)</i> CON	BASKETBALL CLUB Y7 / 8 / 9 SQUADS <i>(invite only)</i> GRA
BREAK 10:55 – 11:15	BASKETBALL CLUB Y7 / 8 <i>(sports hall)</i> GRA	BASKETBALL CLUB Y7 / 8 <i>(sports hall)</i> JSH	BASKETBALL CLUB Y7 / 8 <i>(sports hall)</i> ALO	BASKETBALL CLUB Y9 / 10 / 11 / 6 TH <i>(sports hall)</i> CON	BASKETBALL CLUB Y9 / 10 / 11 / 6 TH <i>(sports hall)</i> MAL
LUNCH 1:30 – 2:00	BASKETBALL CLUB ALL YEARS <i>(sports hall)</i> GRA FITNESS CLUB ALL YEARS <i>(Fitness Suite)</i> JWI	VOLLEYBALL CLUB ALL YEARS <i>(sports hall)</i> MAL	CRICKET CLUB Y7/8/9 <i>(sports hall)</i> CON FITNESS CLUB ALL YEARS <i>(Fitness Suite)</i> JSH	BASKETBALL CLUB ALL YEARS <i>(sports hall)</i> GRA	BADMINTON CLUB Y7-10 <i>(sports hall)</i> JWI FITNESS CLUB ALL YEARS <i>(Fitness Suite)</i> ALO
AFTER SCHOOL 3:05 – 4:30	GOLF CLUB Y7 & Y8 GRA CRICKET CLUB Y7/8/9/10 <i>(sports hall & Field)</i> CON/JSH	ATHLETICS CLUB ALL YEARS GRA/JWI/ALO DUKE OF EDINBURGH FITNESS CLUB <i>(Fitness Suite)</i> MAL	ATHLETICS CLUB ALL YEARS JSH/GRA/JWI/ALO	ROUNDERS CLUB ALL YEARS JWI/MAL	STAFF FOOTBALL <i>(sports hall)</i>

If you are attending a lunch club, you can 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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Term Dates - September 2025 to July 2026

Term 1

Monday 1st September 2025 - Friday 17th October 2025

INSET days: Mon 01/09/25

**Half Term Break : Monday 20th October 2025 – Friday 31st
October 2025**

Term 2

Monday 3rd November 2025 – Friday 19th December 2025

Early finish for students : Friday 19th December

**Christmas Break : Monday 22nd December 2025 – Friday 2nd
January 2026**

Term 3

Tuesday 6th January 2026 – Friday 13th February 2026

INSET days: Mon 05/01/26

**Half Term Break Monday 16th February 2026 – Friday 20th
February 2026**

Term 4

Monday 23rd February 2026 – Thursday 2nd April 2026

Easter Break Friday 3rd April 2026 – Friday 17th April 2026

Term 5

Monday 20th April 2026 – Friday 22nd May 2026

(Bank Holiday Monday 4th May 2026)

INSET days: Mon 20/4/26

**Half Term Break Monday 25th May 2026 – Friday 29th May
2026**

Term 6

Monday 1st June 2026 – Friday 24th July 2026

Early finish for students : Wednesday 22nd July

INSET days: Thurs 23/07/26 & Fri 24/07/26