



RMGS News



Important Dates:

**Tuesday 22nd
September -**

**Maths Olympiad for
Girls**

**Thursday 24th
September -**

**Chatham Dockyard
Trip – Year 7 ABFL**

**Thursday 24th
September -**

**True Adventure
Borneo Expedition –
parents Info.**

**Friday 25th
September -**

**Chatham Dockyard
Trip – Year 7 NPRS**

**Wednesday 14th
October -**

**Open Evening for
Year 7 - 2027**

Headteacher's Welcome

We have had a brilliant week of launching our wide enrichment offer for our students. We are incredibly proud of our Personal Development and Enrichment offer at RMGS and this week allowed us to see all of the wonderful clubs there are for students to join.

Our year 7 students threw themselves in and have signed up to different opportunities, demonstrating that they are already showing our ARCH value of Curiosity.

Our PE fixtures started, as did auditions for this year's musical: The Adamms Family.

A highlight of this week for the launch of our SACS Cricket Scholarship Programme at post 16. Our Cricket scholars had their Induction day at Kent Cricket ground earlier this week and we are looking forward to seeing their progress.

We were thrilled to host True Adventure who spoke to Year 9 and 10 students about the 2028 expedition to Borneo. It was inspiring to hear our year 12 students talk about their recent trip to Nepal and how the experience has shaped them.

We are also excited to share that our RMGS Music department has been awarded the **Music Mark of Recognition** by Kent and Medway Music Hub demonstrating our a commitment to music-making and musical development. Our music department is a wonderfully inclusive department, where students thrive and belong.

Thank you to the parents and carers who attended our year 10-13 information evenings. It was a good opportunity to share both our aspirations for your children, and the ways we are going to support them throughout their GCSE and A level studies. It is crucial that we work together with families, so thank you for your continued support.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.



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Celebrating Success: Year 7

2nd to 16th September

Congratulations to **Aviraj M** in **P7** who has been named 'Student of the Fortnight'. Aviraj has achieved 29 reward points – well done, Aviraj!

The Form with the most reward points was **Mrs Murphy-Saffet's P7** with **411 points**. Keep up the excellent work!

Ms Chow's A7 had the best attendance with 100%. Outstanding!

Best in Form

A – **Jake D**

B – **Daisy P**

F – **Emmanuel O**

L – **Joana K**

N – **Shashwathi N**

P – **Aviraj M**

R – **Sienna L**

S – **Hugo M-S**



Well done!

Mr D Coker, Head of Year 7.

BEYOND

YEAR 8 WEEKLY EXCELLENCE

Celebrating achievement, attendance and success



YEAR 8 ACHIEVEMENT CHAMPIONS



Mahasvin A 8P

-

140 Achievement Points



Evangeline R 8L

-

49 Achievement Points



Arwin T

-

13 Achievement Points



Amaya B 8L

-

11 Achievement Points



Olivia H 8L

-

11 Achievement Points



FORM ATTENDANCE CHAMPIONS



8L

-

99.31% Attendance



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To celebrate European Day of Languages 2026 we will again be running our Great MFL Bake Off!



Simply bake a 'language' themed cake by Thursday 24th September and bring it to the MFL office in the Morning of the 24th September. RMGS staff choose the winners!



There will be 3 categories:

Best decorated cake

Best foreign cake (typical from a different country)

Best tasting cake

Remember: strictly no nuts in cakes

Tarta de Santiago

Thursday 24th of September 2026

Well done to everyone who auditioned for **'The Addams Family'** this week - we are so proud of you all for showing Aspiration in the audition room! **For anyone who missed this session, please come along after school on Monday 21st September to the Recital Hall.**

The full cast list will be announced after this ...

The **first Music rehearsal** will be on **Wednesday 23rd** in the **Recital Hall**, with **Drama and Choreography** starting the week beginning **28th September**.

Be there or be 'scare'!

Mrs Macken
Head of Expressive Arts



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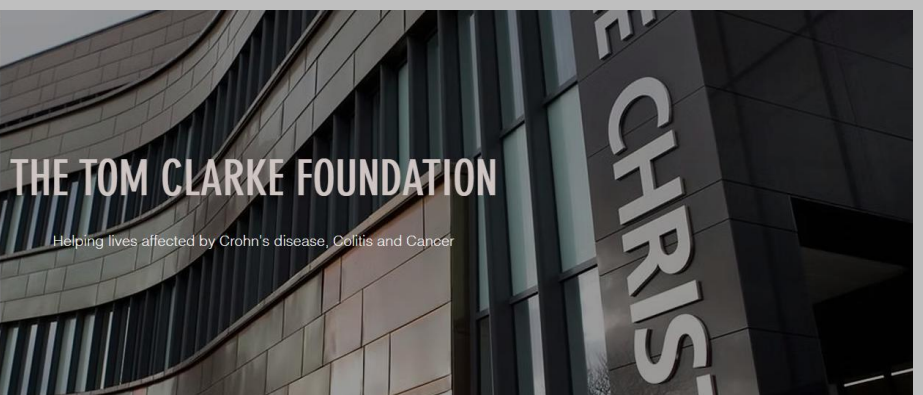
Well done Ollie – 13L!



Congratulations to **Ollie 13L** who took part in the **Great North Run** on Sunday running **13.1 miles from Newcastle to South Shields** to raise vital funds for **The Tom Clarke Foundation**.

Despite rolling his ankle between 10 and 11 miles, he battled on to complete his first half marathon in a fantastic time of 2hrs 12mins.

Well done Ollie, we are very proud of you!

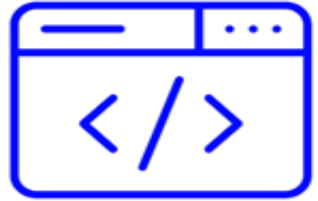




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CODING CLUB



STARTING 22nd SEPTEMBER

When?

Tuesday Lunch

Where?

D1 *



Email b5jbarnes@rmet.org for more details and questions

*may be moved to D3 but come to D1



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“Rainham Mark Grammar School has demonstrated a commitment to music-making and musical development, and as a valued partner of Kent Music, your school has qualified for the **Music Mark of Recognition.**”

The mark shows that we **understand the importance of music education and are dedicated to finding ways to embed consistent and inclusive provision.**

Congratulations to the Expressive Arts Faculty!

Borneo Expedition 2028!

We launched this amazing expedition to Y9 and Y10 students during their assemblies this week. It will be organised by True Adventure, whose Trip Leaders, Louise and Katherine, gave us a short presentation about Borneo, a typical itinerary and what will make it an extraordinary school trip. We also heard from four of our Y12 students who went on the terrific True Adventure expedition to Nepal in July this year, who told us why it was worth going and what the Nepal expedition gave them.

We are looking forward to seeing Y9 and Y10 students with their parents/guardians at the Parents Information Evening taking place at 6-7pm next Thursday, 24th September in A3, Drama Studio.

In the meantime, please check out full details of the expedition at True Adventure’s [Borneo landing page](#).

See you on the 24th!





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TRUE ADVENTURE



Rainham Mark Grammar School

Borneo Expedition

July 2028

Find out more!
Parent & student information evening
Thursday 24th September 6pm



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DANCE CLUB!

STARTING

14TH OF SEPTEMBER!



EVERY
MONDAY
AFTER SCHOOL

3:15-4:15

Run By

SCARLETT
& MADDIE



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How to help at home with

Getting back to school

Notice effort rather than just results. "You kept going even though you were tired today" can be more motivating than focusing solely on grades, behaviour points or test scores.

1

2

Break difficult periods into smaller milestones. Instead of "There are seven weeks until half-term," try "Let's concentrate on getting through this week, then we'll see how things feel."

Keep school conversations balanced. Try not to make every conversation about homework, attendance or what went wrong. Ask about friends, funny moments, favourite lessons and what they enjoyed too.

3

4

Celebrate progress. Getting through a full week, independently organising their bag, attending a lesson they dislike or asking a teacher for help are meaningful achievements.

Don't expect everything to fall back into place immediately. Secondary school can feel tiring after six weeks away, and some young people will need more time than others to readjust.

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STEM RACING

Formally F1 in Schools 

**RMGS is coming back bigger than ever for a
chance at the regional trophy!**

We have 5 teams this year, so we have a good chance!

**If you would like to be a team sponsor, please scan
the QR code to access the MS Forms. You can choose
which team(s) to sponsor.**



Sponsorship rates:

Bronze £25	Silver £50	Gold £75	Platinum £100
<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ 1 post on social media✓ 1 post in School newsletter	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ 2 posts on social media✓ 2 post in School newsletter✓ Small logo on Team shirts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ 3 posts on social media✓ 3 posts in School newsletter✓ Medium logo on Team shirts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ 5 posts on social media✓ 5 posts in School newsletter✓ Large logo on Team shirts✓ Logo on the competition car



CAREERS CORNER

Contact Mrs Williams for any help with your Career
ewilliams@rmet.org

Year 7

Introduction to careers: Unifrog; PSHE; Trips

Year 8

Understanding Careers : Unifrog ; Career Talks; Career Fair; linking subjects to careers; Careers assembly; Trips; PSHE

Year 9

Linking Subjects to Careers : Career Fair; GCSE Choices; Unifrog; Career Talks; Careers assembly; Trips; PSHE

Year 10

Research Post 16 Career Options : Work Experience; Career Fair; Career 1-2-1 meetings; Career Talks; Careers assembly; Trips; PSHE

Year 11

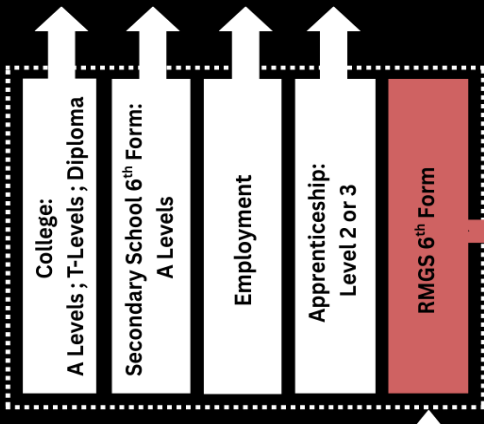
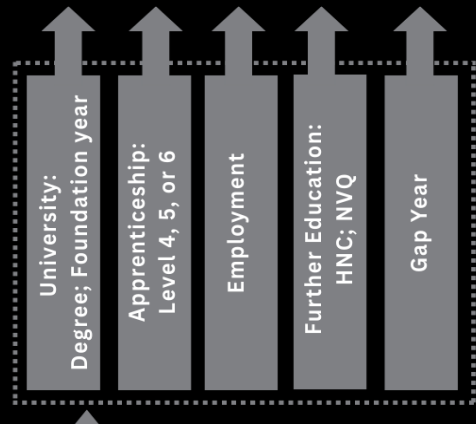
Post 16 Choices: GCSE Exams; Career Fair; Career 1-2-1 meetings; Career Talks; Careers assembly; Trips; PSHE

Year 12

Post 18 Career Choices: Work Experience; Career Fair; Career 1-2-1 meetings; Career Events & Trips; Career Talks; Careers assembly; PSHE

Year 13

Post 18 Career Decision: UCAS; Open Days; Career Fair; Career 1-2-1 meetings; Career Events & Trips; Career Talks



Your Career Journey & Options



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**Get Ahead:
What Can You
Do NOW**



The Post 18 Careers Progression Hub is open

The 6th Form block F3 now hosts an area dedicated to helping guide, support and motivate 6th Form Students with career options, pathways and opportunities. This area will continue to be updated but is now free for students to navigate. This area further supports the range of careers provision across the whole school.



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Supporting next steps: a parent and caregivers' guide to post-18 options

[Click here to join the Webinar](#) hosted by our Careers Platform Unifrog to help Support your child with their post-18 choices. In this session, we're busting the common myths around university, apprenticeships, and internships. Hear directly from universities and employers to get clear advice on the pros and cons of each pathway, plus practical ways to guide your child through their decision-making.

Meet the employer : Apprenticeships

Start exploring apprenticeship employers and career options that match your interests here. Meet the Employer is the perfect platform to help you research employers, understand application processes and discover what makes a workplace a good fit for you. [Click here](#)

HE Guidance: A Guide to University for Parents/Carers

If you're supporting a young person with applying to university, you might find the world of higher education confusing. This webinar will provide parents and carers with an introduction to university, helping you to better understand the process and be able to help your young person make a successful application. [Click here to find out more](#)

Getting your child prepared

Regardless of what year your child is going into in September – it is never too early (or late) for your child to start exploring their career pathways and options.

Each Year group has a designated crib sheet which is packed with simple steps to help your child explore different career options, build a stronger understanding of different career pathways and how their subjects link to careers. By working through each step they'll further: develop personal skills; gain a clearer understanding of career and education pathways; improve their organisation; strengthen their sense of purpose; and raise aspirations.

Don't worry – this is not about your child having their entire future mapped out now. It's about exploring options, discovering what interests them, and gaining the confidence and clarity to make informed decisions when the time comes.

If you or your child are struggling with any of this or would like help please email me ewilliams@rmet.org

[Year 7 Careers Crib Sheet.docx](#)

[Year 8 Careers Crib Sheet.docx](#)

[Year 9 Careers Crib Sheet.docx](#)

[Year 10 Careers Crib Sheet.docx](#)

[Year 11 Careers Crib Sheet.docx](#)

[Year 12 Careers Crib Sheet.docx](#)



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Job of the Week

The “Job of the week” aims to: further support our career provision by raising awareness of the huge range of jobs across all sectors; raising student aspirations; and helping to link subjects to careers.

This week it's : <https://youtu.be/3qOgcNRNToY?si=NZz3ArvkfJMrd7rs>



Spot Light on...Languages.

This week we shine the light on Languages and share just some of the career pathways AND Post 16 and 18 options that are out there. Whether it's a Apprenticeships, College course or Further Education...[click here to find out](#) heaps more where a passion for Languages can take your child



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Helping the next generation hit the ground running.
Let's make it work.



Let's Make it work - Giving your children a workplace experience to remember

RMGS is working with **Kent & Medway Careers Hub** to encourage more local businesses to get involved and give our pupils the opportunity to have an unforgettable workplace experience. One that gives them the skills and contacts that might one day help them get a rewarding career. **Can you help?** Wherever you work, and whatever the size of the business, **we** would love to talk to you — or one of your colleagues — about offering flexible workplace experiences to the children of **RMGS** and others in the area. So please reach out to **Mrs Williams** ewilliams@rmet.org to find out more

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](#)

unifrog

Parents and Carers – Get on board with your child using Unifrog

All students now have access to our online Careers Portal Unifrog and now Parents and Carers can too.

Unifrog offers a huge range of career resources, quizzes, opportunities, tips, advice and students can work through at their own pace. Please feel free to watch this short video which details a little more about

Unifrog <https://cdn.unifrog.org/video/45v2970bm9/720.mp4>



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Career Support after Year 11 & 13

Careers support does not stop once your child leaves school.
If your child would like a Careers 1-2-1 meeting with our in house
Careers Adviser Mrs Williams after they finish Year 11 or Year 13
then please just 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. [Click here](#) to find out more
- 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

www.rainhammark.com



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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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+%26amp%3B+KS5&pid=371>



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Calling any local businesses, parents & carers; Alumni or members of the local community

In addition to their existing PSHE provision, our 6th Form students have one Enrichment session every other week. Within this we are keen to offer a programme of practical life skills that students can take out into the wider world.

This is where we would love your help.

We are looking for any local businesses, Alumni or members of the local community who would be happy to volunteer 1 hour to come in after school and talk to our students on specific areas such as: car maintenance; budgeting & money; basic cooking skills; how to use social media professionally; how to switch off; health & wellbeing; basic maintenance such as changing a lightbulb; basic first aid etc

You do not have to be business or even a professional speaker - just someone who is keen to support our students as they start to navigate their next steps

Please get in touch with ewilliams@rmet.org if you are interested



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Extra-Curricular Clubs



RMGS PHYSICAL EDUCATION EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE - TERM 1

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BEFORE SCHOOL 7:30 – 8:15	BASKETBALL CLUB Y7 / 8 (SQUAD) (sports hall) GRA	NETBALL TRAINING Y9 / 10 / 11 (SQUAD) (sports hall) JSH	INDOOR CRICKET NETS (INVITE ONLY) (sports hall) CON	NETBALL TRAINING Y7 & Y8 (SQUAD) (sports hall) JSH	BASKETBALL CLUB Y9/10 (SQUAD) (sports hall) GRA
BREAK 10:55 – 11:15	BASKETBALL SHOOTING CLUB Y7 / 8 (sports hall) GPR	BASKETBALL SHOOTING CLUB Y7 / 8 (sports hall) JSH	BASKETBALL SHOOTING CLUB Y7 / 8 (sports hall) ALO	BASKETBALL SHOOTING CLUB Y9 / 10 / 11 / 6 TH (sports hall) CON	BASKETBALL SHOOTING CLUB Y9 / 10 / 11 / 6 TH (sports hall) MAL
LUNCH 1:30 – 2:00	BASKETBALL CLUB Y7 / 8 (sports hall) GRA FITNESS CLUB ALL YEARS (sports centre) ALO	VOLLEYBALL CLUB ALL YEARS (sports centre) MAL TABLE TENNIS ALL YEARS (top gym) CON	TABLE TENNIS ALL YEARS (top gym) CON FITNESS CLUB ALL YEARS (sports centre) JWI	BASKETBALL CLUB Y9 / 10 / 11 (sports hall) GRA FITNESS CLUB ALL YEARS (sports centre) MAL	BADMINTON CLUB Y7-10 (sports hall) JWI FITNESS CLUB ALL YEARS (sports centre) ALO
AFTER SCHOOL 3:05 – 4:30	FOOTBALL CLUB Y7 BOYS & Y7/8 GIRLS CON/ALO/GRA/JWI CROSS COUNTRY & FITNESS CLUB (ALL YEARS) JSH DANCE CLUB Y7 / 8 / 9 Maddie & Scarlett (CON) DUKE OF EDINBURGH CLASSROOM TRAINING MAL	KENT CCC SACS ACADEMY TRAINING SACS Scholars (sports hall) 3-5pm Kent CCC Staff NETBALL FOR ALL KS3 MAL		KENT CCC SACS ACADEMY TRAINING SACS Scholars (sports hall) 3-5pm Kent CCC Staff DUKE OF EDINBURGH CLASSROOM TRAINING MAL	

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.

Homework Club

Open Monday – Friday

3.05pm – 4.00pm

In the Library





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LUNCHTIME CLUBS				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
A Level Bio Clinic Year 12 & 13 Q1	MedSoc Year 13 – Sept-Dec Year 12 – Jan-July Q1	Chess Club All H9	Brass Group All Recital Hall	Debate Club All L2
GCSE Bio Clinic Year 9,10 & 11 Q3	Ukulele Club All E1	Chemistry Clinic Year 12 & 13 M6	Costumes & Props Creative Team All R1	Bohemian Society All E1
LAMDA Public Speaking Year 8,9,10 & 11 R3	Wind Band All Recital Hall	Choir All Recital Hall	Big Band All Recital Hall	Diversity Club All C4
GCSE & A Level Art Club All R2	Drama Club National Theatre All A2	Music Tech Club All E2	KS3 History Club Year 7,8 & 9 F8	Fundraising Community All N Block
Art for Wellbeing All R2	Young Technicians Theatre Club All A3	Eco Club & Gardening All Garden/D2		
Crochet & Knitting Club All L2	Public Speaking Year 9 & 12 R1	Engineering Society Year 12 & 13 N Block		
Christian Union All A3	Philosophy Club Year 7,8 & 9 H5			
Irish Society – Week 2 All J3	Coding Club All D1/D3			
Economics Club – Week 2 Year 7,8 & 9 J1				

**Clubs
start from
Monday!**



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BEFORE SCHOOL CLUBS				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
	Year 7 Band Programme (Paid) Year 7 – Recital Hall 8.00am – 8.35am		French Dual linguists Year 9 – C6 8.35am – 8.55am	String Group All – Recital Hall 8.00am – 8.35am
	German Dual linguists Year 9 – C2 8.30am – 8.55am		Spanish Dual Linguists Year 9 – C2 & C5 8.35am – 8.55am	
AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
HOMEWORK CLUB – EVERYDAY – ALL – 3.05PM – 4.00PM				
KS3 Science Club Year 7,8 & 9 3.15pm – 4.15pm		Tabletop Gaming Club All - R3 3.30pm – 4.00pm	Shakespeare Schools Festival Year 7,8 & 9 – A3 3.05pm – 4.00pm	
Jam Club All – Recital Hall 3.05pm – 4.00pm		LAMDA Public Speaking Year 8,9,10 & 11 R4	KS3 Science Club Year 7,8 & 9 - M5 3.15pm – 4.15pm	
Italian Club All – C9 3.15pm – 3.45pm		GCSE & A Level Art Club Year 10,11,12 & 13 R2	Stage Management All – Main Hall 3.15pm -4.00pm	
			Costumes & Props Year 10, 11, 12 & 13 - R1 3.05pm – 3.50pm	
THE ADDAM'S FAMILY				
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Band Rehearsal All – Recital Hall Lunchtime		Vocal Rehearsals All 3.05pm – 4.00pm		



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Term Dates

September 2026 to July 2027

Term 1

Tuesday 1st September – Friday 16th October

**Tuesday 1st September is an INSET day*

Wednesday 2nd September – Only Year 7 & Year 12 students

Thursday 3rd September – All students return as normal

Term 2

Monday 2nd November – Friday 18th December

***Friday 18th December - students leave at 1.20pm**

Term 3

Monday 4th January – Friday 12th February

***Monday 4th January is an INSET day.**

Term 4

Monday 22nd February – Thursday 25th March

Term 5

Monday 12th April – Friday 28th May

Term 6

Monday 7th June – Wednesday 21st July

***9th July is an INSET day.**

** Wednesday 21st July students leave at 1.20pm*

**Thursday 22nd & Friday 23rd July are staff INSET days -
students are not in school.**