

Monday 5th July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Below are the details of our induction day on Thursday 2nd September. Hopefully, we will be able to run the team building/talks and that these are not restricted by Covid19 regulations. If there are any changes due to this, we will inform you immediately.

We have had a record number of prospective **new entrants** apply to our school this year. Over 450. As such, to help us with the administration of this, it is essential that new students to RMGS who wish to accept their conditional offer, confirm this by sending an email to 6thformapplications@rmgs.org.uk.

The deadline for confirmation is Friday 20th August. We will have to assume that if you have not confirmed your offer by this date, that you have rejected our conditional offer and sought alternative post 16 educational arrangements. Oversubscription criteria can be found here: <https://www.rainhammark.com/6thformentryreq>

Year 12 INDUCTION, Thursday 2nd September 2021 from 8.15am – 12.40pm

The programme for the day is detailed below. There may well be changes to form groups in the first few days as we finalise numbers in year 12. Please do not request the names of those who are in your provisional form class or request changes to it at this stage as we cannot accommodate any changes at this time.

Time			
8.15am Reception	<p>New entrants will come to the school earlier to register with members of the data team. The 6th form team, prefects and some of students who were at RMGS last year, in year 11 will meet and greet them, addressing any worries or concerns they may have. We will have a student who was a new entrant last year speak to the group about their experiences. We will also have students available who have volunteered to help new entrants acclimatise to RMGS. We know it may seem daunting! But please don't worry!</p> <p>New entrants will need to bring with them proof of identification and evidence of their grades for registering with the school.</p> <p>New entrants will be guided to the main hall to join the rest of the year at 8.40am</p>		
8.45am – 9.00am Main Hall	<p>Returning RMGS Students and New Entrants will go to the main hall to sign into their form classes</p>		
9.00am – 9.10am Main Hall	<p><i>The Four Pillars of RMGS 6th Form. A Welcome Talk from Mr McDowell</i></p>		
9.10am-10.40am	<p>Form Time: Here, you will meet your form tutor, complete any necessary admin and take part in a form-time ice-breaker/team building exercise</p>		
10.40am-11.00am	<p>Break</p>		
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<p>Induction Day will end at 12.40pm. New entrants remain behind to have a well-being check, speaking to Mr McDowell/Mr Twizell/Miss Lacey in F3. There will be a final check that you have completed all of the necessary admin tasks. A short tour of the school will be provided.</p>			

What to bring and other important information

- **If you are new to the school**, you can complete the cashless catering system form electronically and send it to the main school office (office@rmgs.org.uk) by 31 August. You can bring this in paper form in induction day if you cannot email it. Of course, bring a packed lunch if you prefer!
- Bring your GCSE print out of results with you as proof of meeting entry requirements along with your passport or birth certificate. You will need to show these to a member of the data team in the morning/break.
- Please come to the school dressed appropriately (see dress code below). **However, please be aware that we have planned some team building activities that will require physical activity, so trainers/sportswear, PE style clothing would be advisable.**
- Do talk to us on the day or prior to the day if you have any special needs or concerns about this event.
- All of you should be aware that total point scores must be calculated using your best 8 GCSEs and the subjects that are required for entry into your chosen A Levels. You must have: an overall point score of 46 or above; have English Literature/Language or Maths at a level 5 or above; and must meet individual subject entry requirements.
- **Dress Code:** Sixth Formers in a school which they share with other younger students are in an unusual position. They have privileges and freedoms that are not granted to those in Years 7-11. Staff have different views on how students should look in the Sixth Form, but none of us wants to waste time on disputes over clothes, jewellery or hair. Very importantly we have a high local reputation which is precious; outsiders do make judgements on how our students look, whether we like it or not.
- Students should come to school dressed appropriately for study. Whilst we do not have a uniform or insist on smart office-wear, we do ask that students' dress does not cause offence to staff and other students. Therefore, the following items should not be worn:
 - Shorts
 - Jogging bottoms (unless taking part in a school sporting activity)
 - Inappropriately short skirts
 - Tops with thin straps
 - Cropped tops
 - Leggings worn without a top that covers bottoms
 - Baseball caps or other outdoor headgear worn inside
 - T-shirts / sweatshirts with inappropriate or offensive logos / images
 - Unnaturally coloured hair
 - Facial piercings

Yours sincerely

Mr M McDowell
Assistant Headteacher
Head of Sixth Form.
Head of English.

Mr J. Twizell
Deputy Head of Sixth Form.

Miss Lacey
Deputy Head of Sixth Form.

Consent to be registered on the school's Cashless Catering System

To: RAINHAM MARK GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Cashless Catering System:

RMGS operate a **cashless catering system** which eliminates the need for pupils to carry cash throughout the day. It is a card reading system, replacing the thumbprint system due to Covid 19 precautions. If there are any questions regarding the biometric system, please refer to the school website, alternatively please contact the School Finance Office.

Please note that cash will not be accepted at till points!

A daily "spend limit" of **£7.50** is programmed in to the system. This can be increased or decreased for an individual student by making a written request to the School Finance Office.

I would like to be registered on the School's Cashless Catering System.

Signature:

Print Name: (Parent/Carer)