



RMGS NEWS

Week Beginning 2nd October 2023

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Key Dates

Wednesday 4th October
RMGS Open Day

Thursday 5th October
Inset Day

Friday 6th October
RMGS Uniform Exchange
open to parents 14:05-
14.45

Key Messages

Dear parents, carers and students,

It has been a week full of cake, creativity and learning. The famous MFL Bake Off came back to RMGS with a bang. Thank you to Mrs Brodkorb (Teacher of MFL) for organising a fun filled event. Our senior leadership meeting came to life with cake made and designed by our students. We were so impressed by the quality and standard of what our students created. You each deserve a Paul Hollywood handshake.



We would like to thank the whole school community for their contribution to the Open Evening on 4th October from 16.30 – 20.00. This event comes to life because of the care and commitment from staff and students. I am always so taken back by how much our students want to support their school and share their experiences of learning and growing at RMGS.

In line with our whole school mantra this year our students continue to be the best version of themselves.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs A Hart
Headteacher

The RMGS Eco Group cordially invites all RMGS parents to their Uniform Exchange on Friday 6 October in the Recital Hall (please enter by the fire door). This is a student run initiative that aims to reduce waste and recycle school uniform, so please come and take what you need and give what you can. All proceeds will go towards student devised and led initiatives in school.



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European Day of Languages activities

To celebrate the European Day of Languages, we had many activities across the school, from form time quizzes, to lesson starters, to Y7 and Y8 quizzes. And most successful was our MFL Bake Off.

A big thank you to all who participated!

European Day of Languages MFL Bake off



The MFL Bake of 2023 was a resounding success. We had over 30 fantastic entries, showcasing the creativity and skills of our pupils. Choosing the winners was an almost impossible task, as we all thought everyone was a winner.

The effort and talent of our bakers from Years 7 to 10 deserve a big applause. Well done everyone!





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The Winners

Best decorated cakes:

1.  Betsy ,
Imogen
A8

2.  Florence,
Eden,
Sadie
B9



3.  Annabel,
Seren,
Verity
B7

Special Mentions:
Roman A7
Barnaby A7
Dexter S9

Best foreign cakes:

1.  Elise N9,
Amelia A9

2.  Eva P9

3.  Ethan N7
3.  Amelie F7

Best tasting cakes:

1.  Fin F7

2.  Lydia S7

3.  Joshua L7





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Key Messages Continued

Congratulations to Elizabeth who has been shortlisted as part of Coram's 'What You Will' competition. In Term 6, KS3 students worked on a speech inspired by one of Shakespeare's plays reimagining a new Folio of work. Lizzie worked incredibly hard on her creative entry for this National competition and the Drama department are incredibly proud of her achievements! We wait with baited breath to see if she places in the Grand Final ... !

(Having dismissed Catesby, Richard turns to the audience. Around him, the battle freezes. The audience are alone with him in this moment.)

You know me as the hunchbacked, wretched King.

The tyrant laid beneath the tyres and tar.

Your William's ever-praised propaganda

Hast through the years transformèd me to thus.

Know ye not the man that I once lived as

Before the fated day 'pon Bosworth field.

I was no nobler than the young Welsh

Prince, who found my crown laid on a bush of

Thorns, and so then claimed it for Lancaster.

The story changèd, I was cast to

The hounds of hist'ry, judged by men who

Only beauty judge by. And accursed

Richard was not born as Welsh or pretty!

Instead born in a way that men abhorred me.

My visage taken, twisted, I was mocked

My features are not monstrous, nor am I.

Yet, swallowed by the time-tides, truths are lost.

My arm, my back, seem to speak for my mind.

Why do you feel comfortable with that?

Hear my voice; I beg you, tell my story.

The truth will out, damn spotted Richmond

Revealèd as a man and not a saint.

As we were let those on stage portray us

And give of me my all-important horse!

(He turns away, back into the scene as the world around him un-freezes)

Note: (è indicates a stressed vowel)



E-Scooters

At RMGS we do not allow pupils to travel to and from the school by e-scooter. I am sure you will be aware that it is only legal to use an e-scooter on private land with the permission of the land owner and we do not authorise this at RMGS; please refer to Kent police guidance here if necessary. For clarity, please be aware that we do not allow our pupils to travel on public roads to or from school. We do not allow or provide storage of e-scooters on the school site. We will be reiterating message to our students in assemblies and your co-operation in reinforcing this with your child/children is appreciated. Thank you.



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Key Messages Continued

This week the Diversity Group is launching a project about identity; we invite everyone in the school community to express what it means to be them- Who are you?, What defines you?, How do you view yourself? We are working with Jay Patel, a local community artist and will be displaying as many as possible in Rainham library. Come and find us outside the Hall at lunchtime every day between the 2nd and 10th October.

The RMGS Identity Project

- Who am I?
- Who are you?
- What defines you?
- What is your identity?
- How do you view yourself?

Submit your work by Tuesday 10th October 2023.

We will be outside the hall at lunchtime everyday until the 10th of October (near the money machine) to collect submissions. You can also create your piece there as we will provide resources.

Thank you!
~ The Diversity Group

We ask that you express your ideas through words. Spark your creativity; think outside the box!

U19 Netball County Tournament

On Thursday the 21st of September 8 Y12 and Y13 girls attended the County Netball Tournament at Rainham School for Girls. The best schools in Kent including private schools compete in this tournament so the standard of netball played is of a very high standard. The girls played five matches in their group winning 2 out of the five matches. All the games were very competitive with our losses being only by a couple of goals. The girls represented Rainham Mark exceptionally well in all the games playing with an excellent team spirit. Congratulations to the following girls:

Ruby, Erin, Isabelle, Emily, Amelie, Kate, Isabelle and Mia.

Mrs Prescott PE Department





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Rainham Mark Grammar School Results Summary Mon 25 Sep 2023 - Fri 29 Sep 2023

Action Netball						
Time/Date	Team	Venue	Opponent	Result	Type	Report
15:45 Tue 26 Sep 23	Girls-U14A	Home	Chatham Grammar School for Girls	Won : 20 - 10	League	
15:30 Tue 26 Sep 23	Girls-U13A	Home	Chatham Grammar School for Girls	Won : 9 - 1	League	

Basketball						
Time/Date	Team	Venue	Opponent	Result	Type	Report
15:30 Thu 28 Sep 23	Boys-U14A	Away	Maldstone Grammar School	Won : 48 - 41		
15:30 Thu 28 Sep 23	Mixed-U14A	Away	Maldstone Grammar School Boys-U14A	Won : 48 - 41	Regional Cup	

Football						
Time/Date	Team	Venue	Opponent	Result	Type	Report
15:30 Mon 25 Sep 23	Boys-U15A	Away	The Hundred of Hoo School	Lost : 0 - 2		
15:30 Tue 26 Sep 23	Girls-U16A	Away	Queen Elizabeth	Won : 4 - 0	Regional Cup	
15:30 Tue 26 Sep 23	Boys-U13A	Away	Brompton Academy	Canc : -	League	
15:30 Tue 26 Sep 23	Boys-U12A	Home	Thomas Aveling School	Won : 5 - 0	League	
15:30 Wed 27 Sep 23	Boys-U14A	Home	Brompton Academy	Won : 4 - 2		
15:30 Thu 28 Sep 23	Boys-U15A	Home	Robert Napier School	Post : -		
15:30 Thu 28 Sep 23	Boys-U12A	Away	Brompton Academy	Won : 5 - 0	League	

Goals:
MVP(s)
Michael Sullivan



RMGS PHYSICAL EDUCATION EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

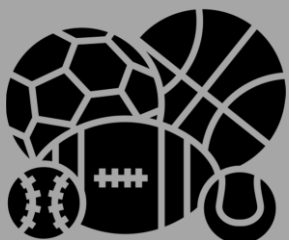
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TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BREAK 10:55 – 11:15	BASKETBALL SHOOTING CLUB Y7 / 8 (sports hall) (DUTY STAFF)	BASKETBALL SHOOTING CLUB Y7 / 8 (sports hall) (DUTY STAFF)	BASKETBALL SHOOTING CLUB Y7 / 8 (sports hall) (DUTY STAFF)	BASKETBALL 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 – 2:00PM	BASKETBALL CLUB Y7 / 8 (sports hall) GRA	BASKETBALL CLUB Y9 / 10 (sports hall) GRA	FITNESS CLUB Y7 / 8 (sports centre) ALO	TABLE TENNIS CLUB Y7 / 8 (top gym) CON	BADMINTON CLUB Y7-10 (sports hall) JWI
AFTER SCHOOL 3:05 – 4:30	DUKE OF EDINBURGH TRAINING (start date TBC) MAL / KNO	NETBALL SQUAD TRAINING Y 7-10 (optional Y11) SP / KNO FOOTBALL CLUB Y7 BOYS & ALL GIRLS CON/ALO/GRA/JWI	CROSS COUNTRY & FITNESS CLUB (ALL YEARS) KNO / CON	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	Arts for Wellbeing (All years) - R2 Year 7 & 8 Airlineers (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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For your information

The Shakespeare Schools' Festival

- **WHAT IS IT?** Each year thousands of young people from primary, secondary and SEND schools across the country unite in the world's largest youth drama festival.

RMGS, alongside our Trust primary schools, will again be participating by working as a theatre company to perform a 30 minute abridged Shakespeare play at The Woodville Halls in Gravesend.

- **WHEN?** Every Thursday, 3:15pm-4:15pm
- **WHERE?** A3 Drama Studio

- Participation in SSF will also help you to complete a Half Colour



KS3 Bronze & Silver Arts Award Club

- **WHAT IS IT?** The Arts Award develops your artistic abilities alongside your research and communication skills.
- The award involves you in the arts as creators and audience members, and encourages you to take your first steps towards leadership by sharing your learning with others.
- This nationally recognised qualification develops your art form knowledge and creativity alongside reflective practice, problem-solving skills and confidence.
- You will complete a portfolio as your Arts Award journey progresses, explaining what you've seen, done and learned along the way.

- **WHEN?** Every Wednesday, 3:15pm-4:15pm
- **WHERE?** A3 Drama Studio

- Completing your Arts Award will also help you to complete a Half Colour





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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



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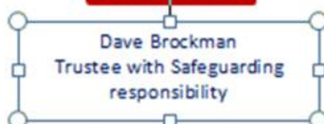
Safeguarding and Wellbeing



Key Personnel with Responsibility for Safeguarding



Ms Hurtado
CEO, RMET
Safeguarding Lead



Dave Brockman
Trustee with Safeguarding
responsibility



Mrs Hart
Headteacher
Rainham Mark

Rainham Mark Grammar School Designated Safeguarding Leads



Mr Smith, AHT &
Deputy Designated Lead
Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Horstrup
DHT & Designated
Safeguarding Lead



Mr McDowell,
AHT &
Deputy Designated
Safeguarding lead



Mrs Curtis, Safeguarding
Officer & Deputy Designated
Safeguarding lead

Additional contacts in emergencies or urgent safeguarding situations:

Duty Officer/Medway First Response Service	(01634) 33 44 66
Consultation Line (AM only)	(01634) 33 16 62
Fiona Veitch /Kate Barry Medway Education Safeguarding Officer	01634 331464 / 07970 345622 (9:30-11:00am and 2:30-4:00pm) fiona.veitch@medway.gov.uk or kate.barry@medway.gov.uk
Police	999*/ 101 [non-emergency] PCSO Cheryl Hendrie
LADO Medway - Sally-Anne French	(01634) 331065
Kent County Council Social Services	0300 041 11 11
Prevent Referral	channel@kent.pnn.police.uk or sally.green2@kent.gov.uk
FGM Trained Staff	Mrs Horstrup, Mr Smith and Mrs Curtis
Medway Young People's Wellbeing Service (YPWS) Consultation line	07976 742812
NSPCC Whistleblowing Helpline	0800 0280285 help@nspcc.org.uk
National Teachers Helpline for Operation Encompass	0204 513 9990
Cyber Prevent & Protect Officer - Aimee Payne	(01474) 366633/07870 252485

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