



RMGS NEWS

Week Beginning 9th October 2023

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Key Dates

RMGS Open Mornings
9th – 13th October 2023

World Mental Health Day
10th October 2023

Year 11 Information Evening
17th October 2023

Key Messages

Dear all,

This week has been full of lots of fun and excitement. Firstly, I would like to thank the entire RMGS community for their contribution to the Open Evening. We had a significant number of parents and prospective students visit us to find out about the RMGS spirit. It was a pleasure to see our students and staff share what it means to be part of the RMGS community. I delivered my first Open Evening speech and was supported by the energy of RMGS. Our student tech team led by Maddison in Year 13, used their knowledge and expertise to ensure the sound was pitch perfect. Our Head students Marco and Steph delivered their last Open Evening speech sharing their RMGS journey. We also had Zara and Owen in Year 7 share their experience of what it is like to transition to RMGS from primary school. The evening was full of musical entertainment by our Big Band with their wonderful rendition of Watermelon Man, thank you to Ms Smallwood for organising this. We also had amazing solo performances from Ella in Year 13 and Otilie in Year 12 (it was like being at a musical festival). I was taken back by how many of our students came back to guide and did so with enthusiasm. Our staff did what they do best and shared their passion and love for their subjects. It was a thoroughly enjoyable evening and I want to thank the entire community for being the best version of themselves.

Yours Faithfully,

Mrs A Hart

Year 7 Shout Out!

R7 were a fraction off 100% for attendance (99.66)!

S7 had no late marks this week!

Both forms have been issued with Reward Points.

Well done to Year 7 who are top of the school for attendance this week & overall to date!

Keep up the good work!



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Key Messages Continued

Rainham Mark Community Awards

I am so pleased to share that our very own Head student Steph won the Eco Hero of the year award from the Rainham Mark Community Awards celebration event that took place on Saturday 30th September. Steph has demonstrated so much passion and commitment to the environment and inspiring the next generation to get actively involved in becoming more environmentally friendly. This award not only reflects her hard work and commitment but also symbolises the impact we have as individuals to lead positive social change. Steph, on behalf of the Rainham Mark community we salute you!

I would also like to shout out George, James, Amber and Thomas who also attended the Rainham Mark Community awards; you have demonstrated the important role that young people have in advocating for the environment and holding adults and communities to account. I had such an enjoyable time watching our young people symbolise our CHARACTER values.

Mrs A Hart



World Mental Health Day

As you know, the wellbeing of our students is important to us at RMGS and our mental health and pastoral teams are always here to support. Next Tuesday is World Mental Health Day and we will be raising awareness of the need for students to be open about any mental health issues and talking through the support they can access. This site is really accessible and the tips for talking about mental health are super helpful.

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/our-work/public-engagement/world-mental-health-day>

Mrs E Horstrup



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Online Safety and Wellbeing

Keeping safe and well online is vital and all parents and carers can become members of the National Online Safety platform (see attached letter on how to sign up and activate your account). Attached is a top tips guide for keeping young people safe online to give you an idea of the resources available.

Black History Month

Throughout this week the following students in KS3 Gabriella, Betty, Foaziat, Zaneta, Wunmi, Nelli, Jayden, Aaron, Zayan, Kamilah, Lilly, Vanessa and Deborah have delivered assemblies for years 7, 8 and 9 to learn more about Black History Month. Students celebrated inspirational people of African and Caribbean heritage both in history and today.

At Rainham Mark, we believe every child is special no matter their ethnic background and the aim of the assemblies is to celebrate our difference and to educate our school community on a range of different cultures.

The assembly celebrated one of our key priorities as a school – belonging and inclusion.

If you wish to learn more about Black History Month,
<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/curations/black-history-month>

Many thanks to Mrs Bourne – Chair of the Academy Committee for coming to listen to our assembly.

We hope you find this link helpful.

Written by Gabriellea– Yr 8



Year 7 Basketball Team Trials

These will be held on Wednesday 18th October 3.15-4.30pm in the School sports hall.
Students need to bring in PE kit for the trials.



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Sixth Form Students Visit Clifford Chance offices

Mr McDowell and Mr Price would like to say a massive well done to the 30 students who attended the offices of the prestigious law firm, Clifford Chance on Tuesday 3rd October. They were fantastic ambassadors for the school.

The students were afforded the opportunity to tour the offices of Clifford Chance (including seeing the 25-meter swimming pool on one floor!), carousel with members of Deutsche Bank and Clifford Chance, and get advice on how to pursue a career in law in general, and Clifford Chance in particular.

It was lovely to catch up with an Alumni of RMGS, who played a pivotal role in organising the experience, Josh. He was generous with his time and an inspiration to the students.

Feedback from representatives of Clifford Chance and Deutsche Bank was glowing, with Luke from Deutsche Bank stating, "I thought today's group of students was very impressive in terms of their engagement, questions asked and their interactions with us and with each other." and Luke, also from Deutsche Bank commenting, "I agree they were an impressive bunch. The future of the legal profession looks very bright!"

Sofia stated that, "The Clifford Chance trip was a great opportunity to engage with the wide array of opportunities law presents. In an interactive and inclusive atmosphere, every member of staff answered our questions enthusiastically and provided necessary insight for us to all reflect on. This left a high impression of the firm and its work culture" and Dasha stated, "I'd like to begin by thanking everyone who organised this experience, both from Clifford Chance and RMGS. The insight and answers I gained from the interactions with real employees has really outlined for me the possible next steps and explained the field in a way I wouldn't have found otherwise".





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Sixth Form Students Visit Clifford Chance offices – continued

Numerous resources were shared with the students, which have been subsequently shared with all students in year 12 and 13. Of particular note are the following:

Ready Set Law - This is a virtual work experience that students (Years 11,12,13) can work through in their own time and they get a certificate from Clifford Chance once its completed. <https://careers.cliffordchance.com/london/what-we-offer/virtual-internships-and-work-experience-programme/ready-set-law.html>



ACCESS – Year 12 students can apply now for this social mobility programme, applications close in April – <https://careers.cliffordchance.com/london/what-we-offer/access.html>



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RMGS SPORT

As a department we utilise the SOCS platform to ensure communication is triangulated between School, Student and Parents. If you have any questions please ask. Keep up to date with fixtures and results via the PE Department Sport Website here:

<https://sports.rainhammark.com/>

The screenshot shows the Rainham Mark Grammar School Sports website. At the top, there is a header with the school's logo and name, and navigation links for School Home, Sports Home, and SOCS Login. Below the header is a sidebar menu titled 'SPORTS MENU' with links to Sports Home, Sports & Teams Fixtures & Results, Sports Calendar, News, Competitions & Events, Photos & Videos, In-House Sport, and Sports History. The main content area is divided into three sections: 'Fixtures', 'Results', and 'News'. The 'Results' section is currently active, showing a list of matches for 28 Sep 2023. The matches are: Basketball Boys-U14A v Maidstone Grammar School (Won), Basketball Mixed-U14A v Maidstone Grammar School (Won), and Football Boys-U12A v Brompton Academy (Won). To the right of the results is a 'Sports Calendar' section with a calendar for October 2023. The calendar shows dates from 1 to 31, with a link to 'Click a day for more details.' and a 'Full Calendar' button at the bottom.



Tuesday 10th
to
Friday 13th
October 2023

First Tour
09.05am – 09.45am

Second Tour
11.30am – 12:10pm



RMGS Open Morning



Throughout the morning you will have the chance to explore our school and find out about all the opportunities and experiences that make Rainham Mark Grammar School a warm and welcoming environment to learn and grow.

Book your tour via Event Brite which can be found at
rainhammark.com



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Rainham Mark Grammar School Results Summary

Thu 28 Sep 23 - Thu 05 Oct 23

Action Netball						
Time/Date	Team	Venue	Opponent	Result	Type	Report
09:30 Tue 03 Oct 23	Girls-U16B	Away	Rainham School for Girls	tb : -	Tournament	

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

Football						
Time/Date	Team	Venue	Opponent	Result	Type	Report
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	
14:30 Mon 02 Oct 23	Boys-U16A	Neutral	Aylesford School	Lost : 2 - 3	County Cup Rd 1	
15:30 Mon 02 Oct 23	Boys-U13A	Home	Maidstone Grammar School	Lost : 5 - 6	County Cup Rd 2	
15:30 Mon 02 Oct 23	Boys-U12A	Home	The Howard School	Post : -		
14:30 Tue 03 Oct 23	Boys-U14A	Away	The Lenham School	Won : 2 - 1	County Cup Rd 2	
15:30 Tue 03 Oct 23	Girls-U13A	Away	Trinity C of E	Won : 8 - 1	Area Cup Rd 1	

FIXTURES



Start Date 05 Oct 23

Home	U1	Month	Week	Today	Today's Teams
Fri 6 Oct 2023	14:15	Football U13A	v St Augustine Academy	A	
Mon 9 Oct 2023	15:30	Football U14A	v Robert Napier School	H	
	15:30	Football U12A	v Leigh Academy Rainham	A	
	15:45	Football U14A	v The Westlands School	A	
Tue 10 Oct 2023	14:30	Action Netball U12B	v Chatham Grammar School for Girls	A	
	15:05	Action Netball U16A	v Chatham Grammar School for Girls	A	
	15:30	Football U15A, U15A	v Fort Pitt Grammar School	H	
	15:30	Football U13A	v Leigh Academy Rainham	A	
	15:40	Action Netball U16B	v Chatham Grammar School for Girls	A	
Wed 11 Oct 2023	15:30	Football U12A	v The Towers School	H	
Thu 12 Oct 2023	14:00	Football U16A	v Darrick Wood School	A	
	15:30	Football U14A	v Leigh Academy Rainham	A	



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RMGS PHYSICAL EDUCATION EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

TERM 1



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 TABLE TENNIS Y9/10/11 (top gym) CON	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 EDINBRUGH 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	<p>Buzz Club 1:40pm - 2:05pm The Well</p> <p>String Group Recital Hall</p> <p>Music Technology - E2</p> <p>KS4 iMedia 1:20pm - 1:40pm D1</p> <p>KS3 Computing 1:20pm - 1:40pm D1</p>	<p>MedSoc (Year 13 until Jan) 1:40pm - 2:05pm Q1</p> <p>Junior Wind Band Recital Hall</p> <p>KS4 & KS5 Art Club - R2</p> <p>KS4 iMedia 1:20pm - 2:05pm D1</p> <p>Eco Club 1:30pm - 2:00pm - D2</p> <p>KS3 Computing (HW and catch up) 1:20pm - 1:40pm D1</p> <p>Sixth Form Book Club (1st Tuesday of every term) L1</p>	<p>Chess Club 1:20pm - 2:05pm - HZ</p> <p>Ukulele Club - E1</p> <p>Year 11 D&T NEA support clinic</p> <p>KS3 Art Club - R2</p> <p>KS4 iMedia 1:20pm - 1:40pm - D1</p> <p>KS3 Computing (HW and catch up) 1:20pm - 1:40pm - D1</p> <p>A Level Chemistry Clinic 1:35pm - 2:00pm - M6</p> <p>Scrabble Club - L3</p> <p>Music Support - E2</p>	<p>Arts for Wellbeing (All years) - R2</p> <p>Year 7 & 8 Airengineers (Drone club) - DT</p> <p>Brass Group - Recital Hall</p> <p>KS3 Computing (HW and catch up) 1:20pm - 1:40pm - D1</p> <p>KS4 iMedia 1:20pm - 2:05pm - D1</p> <p>Buzz Club 1:40pm - 2:05pm The Well</p> <p>Quantum Physics 1:35pm - 2:05pm - M9</p>	<p>KS4 iMedia 1:20pm - 1:40pm D1</p> <p>Diversity Group 1:35pm C4</p> <p>KS3 Computing (HW and catch up) 1:20pm - 1:40pm D1</p> <p>Debating Society 1:30pm - 2:00pm L2</p>
AFTER SCHOOL	<p>Homework Club 3:15pm - 4:15pm Library</p> <p>Tabletop Gaming Club (formerly D&D) 3:15pm - 4:30pm F3</p>	<p>Homework Club 3:15pm - 4:15pm Library</p> <p>Science Club 3:15pm - 4:15pm M5</p> <p>Jam Club 3:15pm Music block</p>	<p>Homework Club 3:15pm - 4:15pm Library</p> <p>GCSE Astronomy 3:15pm - 4:45pm M7</p> <p>Bronze & Silver Arts Award Club 3:15pm - 4:15pm</p>	<p>Homework Club 3:15pm - 4:15pm Library</p> <p>Big Band 3:15pm Music Block</p> <p>Shakespeare Schools' Festival 3:15pm - 4:15pm</p>	<p>Homework Club 3:15pm - 4:15pm Library</p>



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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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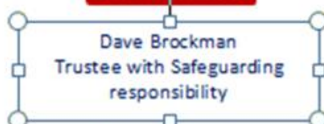
Safeguarding and Wellbeing



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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