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### **Key Dates**

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November – 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2023

Year 11 Mocks

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> -Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November

Flu vaccinations



### RMGS NEWS

Week Beginning 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023 Key Messages

#### Thank you,

It has been another busy week in school with lots of exciting initiatives happening. The **Sixth Form Open Event** left me feeling elated and proud of our school community. We have had such positive feedback form parents and students. Thank you to the whole school for the work you do to support the running of these events.

Elise P in 9N read the remembrance poem today to start off our two minutes silence. This was read with clarity and sincerity, I would like to commend Elise for reading this out and leading our two minutes silence. Mrs Wilkins (Head of Year 10) led an assembly this week on the power of words and linked it to remembrance. At times there are no words to articulate profound events. The two minutes silence is that occasion, it gives us the time to reflect and remember the immense loss of men, women and animals all over the world who lost their lives and sacrificed their way of life to protect ours.

In the words of Laurence Binyon

#### For the Fallen

They went with songs to the battle, they were young,

Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.

They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted;

They fell with their faces to the foe.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning

We will remember them.

Lest we forget.

Mrs Hart







### Key Messages Continued

Aiming High: 'Making yourself a Strong University Applicant' Talk for Year 12.

It was our pleasure to welcome Charlotte Armstrong from Queens College, Cambridge to our podium to speak to year 12 today (20th October).



Charlotte took the students through a number of ways to prepare for university course applications. She explained how students can develop strong personal statements and an ability to eloquently talk about their subject so that they are in a good position to apply to universities or degree apprenticeships. This builds on the talk delivered in September by Chris Targett from CXK, which gave the students advice on apprenticeships, jobs and university applications.

In the Sixth Form at Rainham Mark Grammar School, we encourage students to be curious about their subject: to read widely and to deepen their knowledge of things they are interested in. We want them to be able to confidently discuss their subject, and to explore the facets of it and to read 'beyond the specification'. We want them to aspire to be the very best they can be. Charlotte gave practical advice on how to do this, and we will share these resources with the students in term two

Charlotte also took the time to offer advice to our Oxbridge candidates in a workshop format. These students gained valuable insights into the Oxbridge selection process.

I want to publicly thank Mr Twizell, Deputy Head of Sixth Form, for his work in making this happen! Mr McDowell – Assistant Head Teacher.







Key Messages Continued

### **UNIFORM REQUEST**



The RMGS Uniform Request Form is now live! A reminder that all items are free of charge, and students or parents can pick them up from the office when they're ready. Donations of uniform, coat hangers, and plastic bags would be very gratefully received and can be dropped off either at the main office or in the big blue box by the main hall. Make the greener choice today!

https://forms.office.com/pages/responsepage.aspx?id=IATPn5tpiUKZVpOK0W6IDztlYVcss FpMmkkkPxwIFglUQ0g0OUw5QjZZSkxDUzBMOFdYNU85MFg0VC4u





A huge thank you to everyone involved in this year's Poppy Appeal!

### Year 7 Shout out!



Well done to B7 and R7 for this week as everyone has arrived on time to school and their lessons!

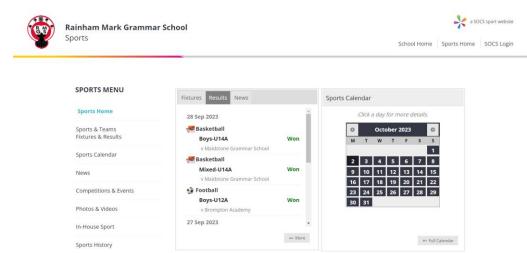


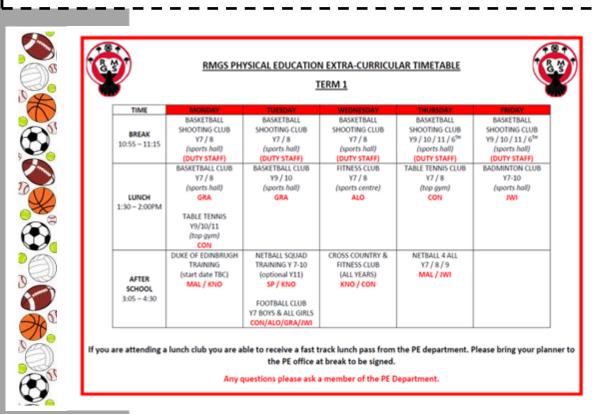


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#### **RMGS SPORT**

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: <a href="https://sports.rainhammark.com/">https://sports.rainhammark.com/</a>









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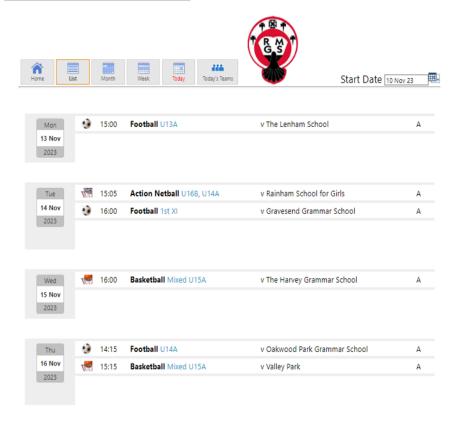
#### Sports Fixtures WB: 13th November 2023



Rainham Mark Grammar School Results Summary Fri 03 Nov 23 - Fri 10 Nov 23

Action Netball						
Time/Date	Team	Venue	Opponent	Result	Туре	Report
09:30 Thu 09 Nov 23	Girls-U14A		Rainham School for Girls	See report : -	Tournament	

Football						
Time/Date	Team	Venue	Opponent	Result	Туре	Report
14:30 Thu 09 Nov 23	Boys-U13A		Dover Grammar School for Boys	Won : 7 - 1	National Cup - Round 3	



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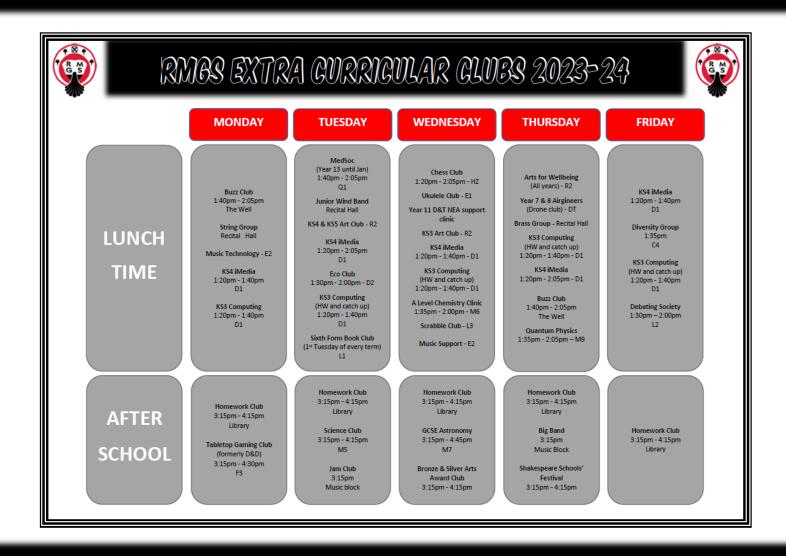
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Term Dates 2023-2024

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Term	INSET -Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> August 2023 – no students			
1	INSET – Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2023 – no students			
	Start Monday 4 September 2023			
	Finish: Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2023			
	INSET – Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October – no students			
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	October break (2 weeks):			
	Monday 23/10/23 – Friday 03/11/2023			
Term	Start: Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> November 2023			
2	Finish: Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2023			
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	Christmas break:			
	Thursday 21/12/23 – Tuesday 02/01/24			
Term	Start: Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2024			
3	Finish: Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024			
	INSET – Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2024 – no students			
	Half term break:			
	Monday 12/02/24 – Friday 16/02/2024			
Term	Start: Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024			
4	Finish: Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024			
	Easter break:			
	Friday 29/03/2024 – Friday 12/04/2024			
Term	Start: Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024			
5	Finish: Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024			
	Bank Holiday: Monday 06/05/2024			
	Half term break:			
	Monday 27/05/2024 – Friday 31/05/2024			
Term	Start: Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024			
6	Finish: Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024			
	INSET – Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024 – no students			



### Safeguarding and Wellbeing



#### Key Personnel with Responsibility for Safeguarding



Ms Hurtado CEO, RMET Safeguarding Lead



Dave Brockman Trustee with Safeguarding



Mrs Wilmer Director of Education and Trust Inclusion Lead



Mrs Hart RMGS Headteacher

#### Rainham Mark Grammar School Designated Safeguarding Leads



Mr Smith, AHT & Deputy Designated Lead Safeguarding Lead



Mrs Horstrup OHT & 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) flona.velich@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

\*If you phone 999 but can't make a noise through fear of being found, it will go to the Police Voice Response System. You will then hear a recorded message which tells you that you are through to the Police and to press 55 if you need an emergency service. The message lasts 20 seconds and if the caller presses 55, the operator will know it's a genuine emergency. If 55 is not pressed, the 999 operator will NOT be notified.