



RMGS NEWS

Week Beginning 13th November 2023

Key Messages

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Key Dates

Thursday 9th November –
23rd November 2023

Year 11 Mocks

Wednesday 15th -
Thursday 16th November

Flu vaccinations



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 from 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 uncouth;

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





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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.





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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=IATPn5tpiUKZVpOK0W6IDztIYVcssFpMmkkkPxwIFgIUQ0g0OUw5QjZZSkxDUzBMOFdYNU85MFg0VC4u>



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



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Fixtures	Results	News
28 Sep 2023		
Basketball		
Boys-U14A	Won	
v Maidstone Grammar School		
Basketball		
Mixed-U14A	Won	
v Maidstone Grammar School		
Football		
Boys-U12A	Won	
v Brompton Academy		
27 Sep 2023		
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Sports Calendar

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October 2023						
M	T	W	T	F	S	S
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31					

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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 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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Sports Fixtures WB: 13th November 2023



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Results Summary
Fri 03 Nov 23 - Fri 10 Nov 23

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

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

					 Start Date 10 Nov 23 	
					Home List Month Week Today Today's Teams	
Mon 13 Nov 2023		15:00	Football U13A	v The Lenham School	A	
Tue 14 Nov 2023		15:05	Action Netball U16B, U14A	v Rainham School for Girls	A	
		16:00	Football 1st XI	v Gravesend Grammar School	A	
Wed 15 Nov 2023		16:00	Basketball Mixed U15A	v The Harvey Grammar School	A	
Thu 16 Nov 2023		14:15	Football U14A	v Oakwood Park Grammar School	A	
		15:15	Basketball Mixed U15A	v Valley Park	A	

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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 Safe-
guarding



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
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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