RMGS NEWS

Week Beginning 20th November 2023

Key Messages

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Key Dates

Thursday 9th November – 23rd November 2023

Year 11 Mocks

Tuesday 21st November

Year 13 Parents Evening

SIXTH FORM APPLICATION LINK:

https://rmgs.applicaa.com/sixthform

Happy Diwali to members of our community who celebrate Diwali. Diwali is a time when Hindus and Sikhs come together to reflect on the triumph of good overcoming evil, light over coming darkness and hope. During a time when there is global unrest it is important that we take time to reflect on the importance of peace. Our core value 'respect', helps us to remember what it means to have respect for yourself, respect for others and respect for our environment. Diwali recognises the power that knowledge has over ignorance. The more we understand and have information about the world around us, we can respect and recognise the value in others. During Religious Education lessons over the next two weeks students will explore a short clip made by The Day tackling the dangers of inaccurate information around the Palestinian and Israeli war. I met with Diya (Year 13) who outlined the importance of assisting young people to ascertain the accuracy of the information they receive. We are pleased that our students want to learn and understand the world around them.

Week beginning 13th – 17th November marked the annual anti-bullying week, the theme for this year is make a noise about bullying. This week we have launched the student voice process for our new anti-bullying policy in order to ensure the policy reflects the needs of our students and our practice as a school. We are also launching our new online bullying report button which will be located on our website. We want all members of our school community to feel that they belong. A big part of this is supporting our students to feel that our school community reflects who they are and where there are concerns that young people know where to go for support. I would like to thank Mr Smith (Assistant Headteacher) and Mrs Horstrup (Deputy Headteacher) alongside student parliament for working collaboratively to promote our core values.

Agnes Hart
Headteacher

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I am delighted to present one of the many highlights this week. Annice in Year 10 arrived to school bright and early on Monday morning with a cake decorated as a brain. The science themed cake formed part of her Food Technology lesson that incorporated Halloween. Annice's cake was a marvel, full of technical accuracy both in terms of the human brain and her baking skills. It is moments like this that remind me of just how creative and intelligent our students are.

A huge congratulations to Annice for her baking skills, I think this deserves a Paul Hollywood handshake!

Mrs Hart

RMET STAFF ATTEND THE CORAM SHAKESPEARE SCHOOLS' FESTIVAL TEACHER WORKSHOP

On Thursday 9th November, Mrs Macken RMGS), Miss Symons (TPS) and Miss Paterson (RPS) attended a teacher workshop with the Coram Shakespeare Schools' Festival team. All three schools are participating in the Festival this year and staff came away extremely excited about the project ahead. Coram staff led a series of workshops about how to bring Shakespeare alive for a modern audience. The famous Rik's One Stop also made it into the workshop as a setting for a scene in Romeo & Juliet! Staff also met the founder or Coram SSF! Keep your eyes peeled for ticket information ...

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Artistic success in the Sixth Form

Lily A has her work displayed amongst the greats!

Lily A (year 13) entered the nationwide competition 'Reworking Manet' set by the prestigious Courtauld gallery.

Lily was one of the winners of the competition, having her work displayed in the gallery, having a Rembrandt removed from its frame, and replaced with her artwork, to facilitate this no less!

We are incredibly proud of Lily and her achievement. She has recounted her experiences, below.

Mr McDowell – Head of Sixth Form

In Lily's words:
In May, I entered a nationwide competition set up by the Courtauld gallery in London to create a piece inspired by a well-known Manet painting 'A Bar at the Folies-Bergère' to be displayed as part of an exhibition in the gallery. Amazingly my piece - centred around feminist ideas and themes - was selected to be part of the online exhibition and in the in-person one, so last weekend I was invited to the opening of the exhibit with the other successful students.

I travelled up the Courtauld Gallery in London with my parents, to the opening of the 'Reworking Manet', an event which all the students chosen to exhibit were invited to, with their guests. The event started with speeches from the gallery's curators and members, before progressing to speeches from a couple of other students whose work was part of the exhibition. We first visited the painting the whole competition and exhibition was centred around, 'A Bar at the Folies-Bergère', which was so much better viewed in person than online. Here, we got the opportunity to explore the painting with multiple senses, as the gallery had worked with a perfumiest to recreate the smells of the painting, such as oranges and alcohol, the woman's perfume, the man's cologne and even the smell of the fabric used back then. The student exhibition itself was also amazing to see – not only was it incredible to see my own work up in a gallery, but also see to the range of interpretations others had created based on the brief. There was such a range of responses, from paintings and photography to sculptures and clay work and even some textiles. I also found out that they had removed a Rembrandt from its frame to put my painting in!

Afterwards, we had the opportunity to explore the rest of the gallery further, as it has some incredible collections, featuring artists such as Van Gogh, Rubens, Monet and Renoir. Due to being part of an exhibition, we also got special access to a new exhibition from Claudette Johnson called 'Presence', in which she explores depictions of black women and men in complex, stunning ways.

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Year 9 Student and Form of the Fortnight

Congratulations to Antonia in L9 who has been named as 'Student of the Fortnight' in Year 9 for 6th-17th November. Antonia achieved an outstanding 103 reward points over the fortnight, receiving a Full Colour in Geography and also excelling in Maths and Chemistry.

The Form of the Fortnight is P9 who have been awarded 462 reward points in the first two weeks of Term 2. A great start, well done!

In aid of *Save the Children* - students are invited to wear their Christmas jumper under their blazer to help spread the Christmas cheer and raise some money for *Save the Children* on Thursday 7th December. Students can make a give-what-you-can cash donation if they wish to take part. Our prefects will collect donations at morning registration on the day. Staff can join in too - the more Christmassy the jumper, the better!

RMGS CHRISTMAS DINNER – FRIDAY 15TH DECEMBER

Please see the following Christmas dinner menus.
More information and details of the day will follow shortly.

THYME OUT

CHRISTMAS DINNER

ROAST TURKEY SERVED WITH PIGS IN BLANKETS, SAGE & ONION STUFFING & GRAVY

OR

BEETROOT WELLINGTON (VEGETARIAN & VEGAN)

ROAST POTATOES
ROAST PARSNIPS
GARDEN PEAS
GLAZED CARROTS

CHRISTMAS PUDDING SERVED WITH CUSTARD (GLUTEN FREE)

OR

CHOCOLATE FUDGE CAKE & CREAM (GLUTEN FREE & VEGAN AVAILABLE)

AND A CRACKER

£3.50

FRIDAY 15 DECEMBER

PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE ENOUGH MONEY IN YOUR ACCOUNT AS TICKETS MUST BE PURCHASED IN ADVANCE. THEY WILL BE ON SALE AT THE TILLS FROM TUESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER TO TUESDAY 5TH DECEMBER BREAK TIMES AND LUNCHTIMES. THERE WILL BE NO OTHER FOOD AVAILABLE ON THE DAY.

COMING TO THYME OUT

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Thyme Out Presents

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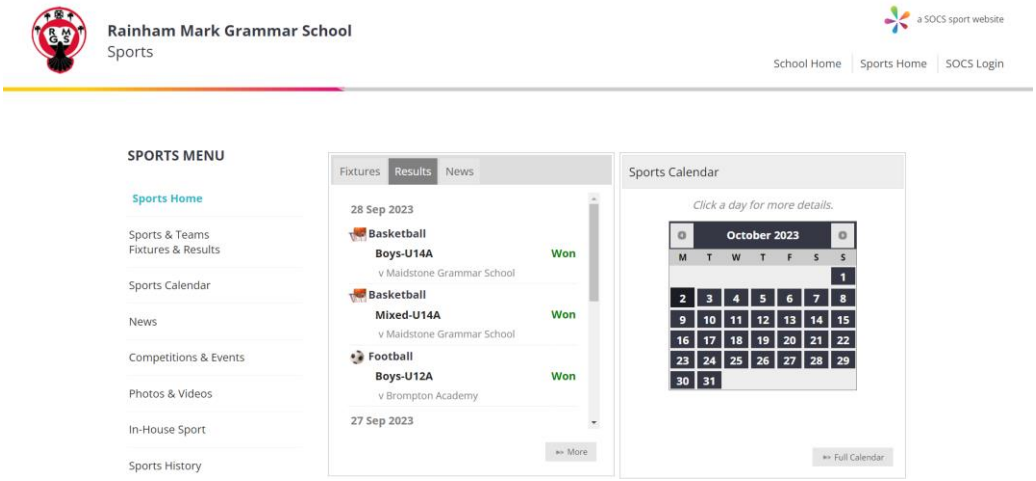
As a department we utilise the SOCS platform to ensure communication is triangulated between School, Student and Parents. If you have any questions please ask. Keep up to date with fixtures and results via the PE Department Sport Website here: https://sports.rainhammark.com/



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 / 6TH *(sports hall)* (DUTY STAFF)	BASKETBALL SHOOTING CLUB Y9 / 10 / 11 / 6TH *(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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PE Fixtures WB: 20/11/23

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Start Date 17 Nov 23

Mon 20 Nov 2023	15:30	**Football** U12A	v Maidstone School of Science and Technology
Tue 21 Nov 2023	15:05	**Action Netball** U12A	v Chatham Grammar School for Girls
Wed 22 Nov 2023	09:00	**Table Tennis** U13A	v tbc
	15:45	**Basketball** Mixed U15A	v UTC
Thu 23 Nov 2023	09:00	**Handball** U15A, U15A, U13A, U13A	v Medway SSG Handball
Fri 24 Nov 2023	09:30	**Action Netball** U16B	v Rainham School for Girls

Rainham Mark Grammar School
Results Summary
Fri 10 Nov 23 - Fri 17 Nov 23

Action Netball

Time/Date	Team	Venue	Opponent	Result	Type	Report
15:05 Tue 14 Nov 23	**Girls-U16B**	Away	Rainham School for Girls	**tbc** : -	League	
15:05 Tue 14 Nov 23	**Girls-U14A**	Away	Rainham School for Girls	**tbc** : -	League	

Basketball

Time/Date	Team	Venue	Opponent	Result	Type	Report
16:00 Wed 15 Nov 23	**Mixed-U15A**	Away	The Harvey Grammar School Boys-U15A	**Lost** : 43 - 85	Regional Cup	
15:15 Thu 16 Nov 23	**Mixed-U15A**	Away	Valley Park	**Won** : 31 - 21	Regional Cup	

Football

Time/Date	Team	Venue	Opponent	Result	Type	Report
15:00 Mon 13 Nov 23	**Girls-U13A**	Away	The Lenham School	**Won** : 4 - 1	Area Cup Rd 3	
16:00 Tue 14 Nov 23	**1st XI**	Away	Gravesend Grammar School	**Lost** : 2 - 4	County Cup	
14:15 Thu 16 Nov 23	**Boys-U14A**	Away	Oakwood Park Grammar School	**Lost** : 0 - 2	County Cup Rd 3	

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

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Safeguarding and Wellbeing

Rainham Mark
Education Trust

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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