



RMGS NEWS

Week Beginning 4th December 2023

Key Messages

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Key Dates

Wednesday 7th and
Thursday 8th December
Christmas Concerts

Wednesday 7th December
Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 15th December
RMGS Christmas Dinner

SIXTH FORM APPLICATION LINK:

<https://rmgs.applicaa.com/sixthform>



It is December and the festive season is in full action. Our student and staff body are preparing a range of enrichment events that are key to the RMGS spirit. A huge thank you to the whole school community for the work and commitment that goes into this.

Thank you to Councillor George Perfect for visiting RMGS, it was good to discuss RMGS with Councillor Perfect and raise important issues such as our concerns with the MY7 bus and the impact this is having on our students. We will keep you updated with the progress of this. We are hoping to invite Councillor Perfect back to meet with our politics students to discuss local and national issues.



I also had the pleasure of sharing ideas with our student led technicians' team. Maddie, Sophie and Peter put forward a convincing case to enhance our performances and events. I think we have politicians in the making. We will share the progress of this with all stakeholders.



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ECO Club and the Litter Picking Crew

Our students continue to show their leadership skills. Our Eco club have led assemblies this week on the importance of actively engaging in initiatives both at school level and outside of school to protect our environment. Well done to Steph, George, Bryony, Thomas and others involved for your passion and commitment to such an important issue in the 21st century.



I would also like to shine a light on our Litter Critter Crew, they volunteer to clear litter around the school site. This is an amazing example of student leadership as well as demonstrating our core values of RESPECT. Our student body often show acts of kindness and responsibility that I feel demonstrate what it means to be a student at RMGS. I want to also thank tutor groups for taking part in the duty rota each lunch time to support with litter picking and promoting the importance of respecting or community.

We wish you all an enjoyable weekend full of festive cheer!

Yours faithfully,

Agnes Hart
Headteacher





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Brayden in Year 11 was our first recipient of a book from the book vending machine in the English block. He was rewarded this due to his excellent effort in English this academic year and rapid progress. You can earn a token for the vending machine by doing impressive work in your English lessons.



Revision Drop Down Sessions for Year 13

On Monday 27th November, Mr McDowell and Mr Twizell delivered a drop down morning to tackle revision skills for year 13.

In an interactive session, involving mini-whiteboards, group work discussions and plenty of tea, coffee and biscuits (with thanks to our canteen staff for providing refreshments!), we ran through the following:

- Barriers to Revision
- Self-discipline and Revision
- Preparing for the exam 'Marathon'
- Approaches to Mock Exams
- External and internal factors that impact on revision
- Effective revision strategies.



Year 13 will be completing their mock examinations on January 5th 2024. We know that the students will feel a degree of stress with these, but hope that they can find the right balance between festive fun and their studies. Our mantra is that regular, small chunks of revision along the way is the best preparation for the mocks in January and the real things in May/June. This will help with their workload. We encourage students to use their study periods to revise too.

Mr Twizell and Mr McDowell would like to thank students for their attention and engagement during the 1 hour session.

The following link from the charitable organisation 'Mind' provides tips and guidance on exam stress: <https://www.mind.org.uk/for-young-people/feelings-and-experiences/exam-stress/>



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School Uniform Bank

It's with great pleasure that the Eco Club invites all parents, carers and guardians to browse the items available from our school Uniform Bank, on Thursday 14th December from 14:05 until 14:45pm! This is a fully student-led, green initiative aiming to reduce unnecessary waste and bring the shift to thrift to RMGS, so please do come along to browse the rails and see what you can find. All items will be free, but if you wish to we will be taking cash donations to put towards our Green Fund, so bring along some coins if you can. Parking will be available on the tennis courts, and students will guide you to the Recital Hall where the event is taking place. We look forward to seeing you there! (Steph- Eco Lead)



We're very excited to have received so many Uniform Requests, it's great to see people using the new scheme and choosing the greener alternative to buying new! Just a reminder that students/ parents/guardians can pick up uniform orders from the main reception, and to please allow ten school days for orders to be processed when filling in the pick-up date on the form. If these items are not picked up over the next week, we will have to put them back on the rails ready for the Uniform Bank Open Afternoon on Thursday 14th December (2:05-2:45, in the Recital Hall). Thanks (Steph- Head Student, Eco Lead)



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!



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Year 7 Shout Outs – Positive Points

Shout out to A7 for excellent attendance this week

Top 5 Boys

Ethan N – 7S – 139

Finn A – 7F – 128

BarnaBy B – 7A – 101

calvin N – 7R – 100

Ethan C – 7N – 96

Top 5 Girls

Faith U – 7L – 129

Summer S – 7N – 118

Andromeda J – 7L – 104

Seren B – 7B – 101

Freya M – 7N – 98

Year 9 Student and Form of the Fortnight

Congratulations to Adela G in L9 who has been named as 'Student of the Fortnight' in Year 9 for 20th November-1st December. Adela achieved an impressive 59 reward points over the fortnight, receiving a Half Colour in Art and also excelling in History, Maths and Drama.

The Form of the Fortnight is A9, as they have been given the lowest amount of negative behaviour points over the last two weeks.

Best wishes,
Mr D Coker - Head of Year 9.

I would like to say well done to Otilie H (Year 12) for delivering an excellent presentation during F7 form time last week. She spoke extremely well and taught the students so much. Thank you Otilie. Mrs E Stewart





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PE Department Sport Website: <https://sports.rainhammark.com/>



Rainham Mark Grammar School Results Summary Mon 20 Nov 2023 - Fri 01 Dec 23

Action Netball						
Time/Date	Team	Venue	Opponent	Result	Type	Report
15:05 Tue 21 Nov 23	Girls-U16A	Away	Chatham Grammar School for Girls	Won : 18 - 6	League	
15:05 Tue 21 Nov 23	Girls-U12A	Away	Chatham Grammar School for Girls	Lost : 5 - 6	League	
15:05 Thu 23 Nov 23	Girls-U16A	Away	Brompton Academy	tbc -	League	
15:05 Thu 23 Nov 23	Girls-U13A	Away	Brompton Academy	tbc -	League	
09:30 Fri 24 Nov 23	Girls-U16B	Away	Rainham School for Girls	tbc -	Tournament Final	
15:40 Tue 28 Nov 23	Girls-U16B	Away	Thomas Aveling School	tbc -	League	
14:30 Tue 28 Nov 23	Girls-U14A	Away	Thomas Aveling School	tbc -	League	
14:30 Thu 30 Nov 23	Girls-U16A	Home	Fort Pitt Grammar School	tbc -	League	
15:30 Thu 30 Nov 23	Girls-U16B	Home	Fort Pitt Grammar School	tbc -	League	

Basketball						
Time/Date	Team	Venue	Opponent	Result	Type	Report
15:45 Wed 22 Nov 23	Mixed-U15A	Away	UTC	Won : 60 - 23	League	
14:30 Thu 30 Nov 23	Mixed-U12A	tbc	Maidstone Grammar School Boys-U12A	Won : 20 - 9	Regional Cup	

Football						
Time/Date	Team	Venue	Opponent	Result	Type	Report
14:30 Mon 20 Nov 23	Boys-U13A	Home	Wrotham School	Won : 2 - 0	National Cup - Round 4	
15:30 Mon 20 Nov 23	Boys-U12A	Home	Maidstone School of Science and Technology	Won : 3 - 0	County Cup	

14:30 Tue 28 Nov 23	Boys-U12A	Home	Fulston Manor School	Won : 5 - 1	County Cup	
14:30 Thu 30 Nov 23	Boys-U13A	Away	Kingsdale Foundation School	w/o -	National Cup - Round 5	

Handball						
Time/Date	Team	Venue	Opponent	Result	Type	Report
09:00 Thu 23 Nov 23	Boys-U15A	Away	Medway SSG Handball	Won		
09:00 Thu 23 Nov 23	Girls-U15A	Away	Medway SSG Handball	See report -		
09:00 Thu 23 Nov 23	Boys-U13A	Away	Medway SSG Handball	See report -		
09:00 Thu 23 Nov 23	Girls-U13A	Away	Medway SSG Handball	See report -		

Table Tennis						
Time/Date	Team	Venue	Opponent	Result	Type	Report
09:00 Wed 22 Nov 23	Boys-U13A	Neutral	tbc	See report	Tournament	Runners Up in the Consolation Cup Final, Silver Medalists!
09:00 Wed 29 Nov 23	Boys-U16A	Neutral	Kent Schools Team Table Tennis	See report	Tournament	4th Place overall.

PE FIXTURES						
Time/Date	Team	Venue	Opponent	Result	Type	Report
Tue 5 Dec 2023	15:30	Action Netball U16B	v Brompton Academy		H	
	16:00	Basketball Mixed U12A	v Canterbury High		A	
Wed 6 Dec 2023	15:15	Football U13A	v Meopham Secondary School		H	
	15:45	Basketball Mixed U14A	v Robert Napier School		A	
Thu 7 Dec 2023	15:30	Basketball Mixed U15A	v Maidstone Grammar School		A	
	16:00	Basketball Mixed U13A	v Canterbury High		A	



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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 – 2:00	BASKETBALL CLUB Y7 / 8 (sports hall) GRA	BASKETBALL CLUB Y9 / 10 (sports hall) GRA TABLE TENNIS CLUB ALL YEARS (top gym) CON	FITNESS CLUB Y7 / 8 (sports centre) ALO BADMINTON CLUB Y11 GCSE <u>invite only</u> (sports hall) SP / CON	ORIENTEERING CLUB KS3 (sports hall) MAL	BADMINTON CLUB Y7 / 8 (sports hall) JWI
AFTER SCHOOL 3:05 – 4:30	TRAMPOLINING CLUB Y7 / 8 SP FITNESS CLUB Y9 / 10 / 11 (sports centre) ALO	NETBALL SQUAD TRAINING Y 7-10 (optional Y11) SP / KNO Y7 RUGBY CLUB (Field) CON	CROSS COUNTRY & FITNESS CLUB (ALL YEARS) KNO	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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	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 Airingers (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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