



# RMGS NEWS

Week Beginning 11<sup>th</sup> December 2023

## Key Messages

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### Key Dates

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
**RMGS Christmas Dinner**

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December  
**Y11 Flu Vaccinations**

Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December  
**Last day of term – early finish for students**

### SIXTH FORM APPLICATION LINK:

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

Dear all,

It has been a deeply moving week, our school community have really come together to show an outpouring of care and support for one another. I am so thankful for our students as they have supported each other through the extremely sad news. We will be sharing the different ways our students and staff will remember and commemorate. The Christmas concert has been a chance for us to remember and celebrate the love that our student in Year 13 had for music. In the words of Ms Smallwood (Head of Music), "he would not want the music to stop." Our students and staff have shown the very best version of themselves, it has been a humbling week for all of us.

I encourage you all to enjoy the weekend, find moments of joy in the little things.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs A Hart

### Stakeholder voice

It is important to us that we are able to collate the views of our staff, students and parents/carers. You are all an important part of our school community, and we want to work with you to gain a wider understanding of how we continue to move forward as a school community. With this in mind we kindly ask that parents and students complete the links below to share your views.

[Parent and carer survey](#)

[Student survey](#)

Thank you in advance,

Mrs A Hart



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## Steel Pan Workshops



On Thursday 30th November we hosted Steel Pan workshops in the Recital Hall. Steel Pan and Calypso music are part of the Music GCSE syllabus so this was a valuable experience for the students, enabling them to play and hear the instruments.



Steel Pan music originated in Trinidad and Tobago, and the instruments themselves are made from oil drums discarded as a result of the shipping trade. Students learnt typical Calypso rhythms and chord sequences, and put together performances of "Hot Hot Hot" by Arrow and "Uptown Funk" by Mark Ronson & Bruno Mars.





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### Science Club

Our students have been showing off their curiosity and creativity in Science Club this term. Our first project involved building mechanical cardboard hands. We used string and straws to allow the fingers to flex and grab objects. This week, we investigated the reaction between acids and alkalis. We completed an experiment where the students combined different volumes of acid and alkali with universal indicator to reproduce the colours of the pH scale. As you can see, the students got fantastic results. Next week, we will be busy making coloured glass. Science Club is open to all students, every Tuesday 3:15-4:15 pm.

Dr Squillaci and Miss Perkins







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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 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)

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### Year 7 Shout outs!

#### Highest Positive Points — Per Form

- **7A CHAIM-AARON H — 119**
- **7B SOPHIE E — 129**
- **7F FINN A — 134**
- **7L FAITH U — 154**
- **7N ERIN N — 127**
- **7P ISAIAH W — 144**
- **7R MIEKE M-A — 132**
- **7S ETHAN N — 143**



# RMGS SPORT



## RMGS PHYSICAL EDUCATION EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

### TERM 2



| TIME                               | MONDAY  | TUESDAY  | WEDNESDAY   | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY   |
|------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| <b>BREAK</b><br>10:55 – 11:15      | BASKETBALL SHOOTING CLUB<br>Y7 / 8<br>(sports hall)<br><b>(DUTY STAFF)</b>                                    | BASKETBALL SHOOTING CLUB<br>Y7 / 8<br>(sports hall)<br><b>(DUTY STAFF)</b>   | BASKETBALL SHOOTING CLUB<br>Y7 / 8<br>(sports hall)<br><b>(DUTY STAFF)</b>  | BASKETBALL SHOOTING CLUB<br>Y9 / 10 / 11 / 6 <sup>TH</sup><br>(sports hall)<br><b>(DUTY STAFF)</b> | BASKETBALL SHOOTING CLUB<br>Y9 / 10 / 11 / 6 <sup>TH</sup><br>(sports hall)<br><b>(DUTY STAFF)</b> |
| <b>LUNCH</b><br>1:30 – 2:00        | BASKETBALL CLUB<br>Y7 / 8<br>(sports hall)<br><b>GRA</b>  | BASKETBALL CLUB<br>Y9 / 10<br>(sports hall)<br><b>GRA</b><br><br>TABLE TENNIS CLUB<br>ALL YEARS<br>(top gym)<br><b>CON</b> | FITNESS CLUB<br>Y7 / 8<br>(sports centre)<br><b>ALO</b><br><br>BADMINTON CLUB<br>Y11 GCSE<br><u>invite only</u><br>(sports hall)<br><b>SP / CON</b> | ORIENTEERING CLUB<br>KS3<br>(sports hall)<br><b>MAL</b>  | BADMINTON CLUB<br>Y7 / 8<br>(sports hall)<br><b>JWI</b>  |
| <b>AFTER SCHOOL</b><br>3:05 – 4:30 | TRAMPOLINING CLUB<br>Y7 / 8<br><b>SP</b><br><br>FITNESS CLUB<br>Y9 / 10 / 11<br>(sports centre)<br><b>ALO</b> | NETBALL SQUAD TRAINING Y 7-10<br>(optional Y11)<br><b>SP / KNO</b><br><br>Y7 RUGBY CLUB<br>(Field)<br><b>CON</b>           | CROSS COUNTRY & FITNESS CLUB<br>(ALL YEARS)<br><b>KNO</b>   | NETBALL 4 ALL<br>Y7 / 8 / 9<br><b>MAL / JWI</b>  |  |

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.**



# RMGS CLUBS



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



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## Term Dates 2023-2024

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



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## Safeguarding and Wellbeing



### Key personnel with responsibility for Safeguarding

#### Trust Executive Responsibility



Ms Hurtado  
CEO, RMET  
Safeguarding Lead



Mr Brockman  
Trustee with Safeguarding  
responsibility



Mrs Wilmer  
Director of Education  
and Trust Inclusion  
Lead

#### Rainham Mark Grammar School Designated Safeguarding Leads



Mrs Horstrup, DHT  
Designated Safeguarding  
Lead



Mrs Hart, HT  
Deputy Designated  
Safeguarding Lead



Mr Smith, AHT  
Deputy 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 4466   |
| Consultation Line (AM only)   | (01634) 33 1662   |
| Fiona Veitch/ Kate Barry<br>Medway Education Safeguarding Officer   | 01634 331464 / 07970 345622 (9:30-11:00am and 2:30-4:00pm) <a href="mailto:fiona.veitch@medway.gov.uk">fiona.veitch@medway.gov.uk</a> or <a href="mailto:kate.barry@medway.gov.uk">kate.barry@medway.gov.uk</a> |
| Police  | 999* / 101 [non-emergency] PCSO Cheryl Hendrie  |
| LADO Medway   | (01634) 331065  |
| Kent County Council Social Services                                 | 0300 041 11 11  |
| Prevent Referral  | <a href="mailto:channel@kent.pnn.police.uk">channel@kent.pnn.police.uk</a>  |
| FGM Trained Staff   | Mrs Horstrup, Mr Smith and Mrs Curtis   |
| Medway Young People's Wellbeing Service (YPWS)<br>Consultation line | 07976 742812  |
| NSPCC Whistleblowing Helpline                                       | 0800 0280285 <a href="mailto:help@nspcc.org.uk">help@nspcc.org.uk</a>   |
| National Teachers Helpline for Operation Encompass                  | 0204 513 9990   |
| Cyber Prevent & Protect Officer                                     | (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.