



# RMGS NEWS

Week Beginning 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023

## Key Messages

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### Key Dates

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,

We have had a week of festive fun, to lift our spirits and remind us of the true meaning of Christmas, faith, love and hope. I had the joy of delivering our Christmas assembly this week and the title was RMGS and the spirit of Christmas. It is important that we remember the opportunity that Christmas provides for us to reflect and reconnect with our family and loved ones. However, as a school community we identified that Christmas can also be a difficult time of year for some people. I have asked our RMGS community to look after themselves this Christmas and each other.

### Together we'll fight the festive fear

There are many reasons why lots of people don't look forward to Christmas, but when the world is telling you to enjoy yourself, trying to hide the fact that you're struggling, can add to the pressure.

I'm feeling **obliged** to spend money I don't have



I dread letting my family down



**Presents, food, decorations, travelling to relatives; how will I afford it all?**



Everyone says I should be **happy at Christmas**, so why aren't I?



I feel **guilty** that I'm **not** in the **Christmas spirit**



I'm being **pressured** to spend time with others when I'd rather be **alone**



I'm spending it **alone**, when I want to be with **others**



It's my **first Christmas** after the **loss** of a **loved one**



Christmas isn't just for the kids, you matter too. With support, you can fight the festive fear and get your Christmas back. Visit our website for a list of free resources available around the clock: [www.willmott-dixon.com/how-we-do-it/all-safe-minds](http://www.willmott-dixon.com/how-we-do-it/all-safe-minds) #AllSafeMinds





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### Christmas comes to RMGS

Jude and Ava in Year 10 came to see the RMGS Christmas tree located in the reception area at the front of the school. It really does feel like Christmas has arrived.



Mr Brown (Assistant Headteacher) had the important job of placing the star on the Christmas tree.



The Senior Leadership and wider staff body have donned their Christmas colours and outfits to serve Christmas dinner to our students. It was a lunch filled with the trimmings of Christmas dinner and the joy that comes with sharing a meal with loved ones.







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The SEND department did their annual tackiest Christmas decoration competition. This year's winner went to Ms Robinson.



Mr Birkitt's (Teacher of Drama and Reading and Literacy Co-ordinator) Christmas outfit fills you with the spirit of Christmas.



### Our Christmas heroes

We would like to shout out two students in Year 8 who supported a student from Twydall Primary School. Ryan and Thomas demonstrated our core values and were truly the best version of themselves. Their quick thinking and empathy meant that the student received first aid and support. To Thomas and Ryan we salute you.

Many thanks,

**Agnes Hart**  
Headteacher





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### Christmas Concerts – 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023



Congratulations to all the students who performed in this year's Christmas Concerts. We were treated to two nights of musical and memorable performances. Performances ranged from beginners in their first concert to experienced students playing challenging repertoire. Performers were from all year groups, with a wide variety of instruments and musical genres.

School ensembles also took to the stage – Big Band, Ukulele Club, Brass Group, and Junior Wind Band.

Each concert was brought to a lively close with a performance by the year 7 massed choir of a medley of popular Christmas songs. This gave them the experience of performing to wider audience, and also the chance to hear high-quality live musicians.

Student-led technical and stage management teams ensured the performances were presented in a professional manner. The prefect team were a picture of efficiency and organisation, providing a warm and welcoming front of house team.

This year we were raising money for Guide Dogs, and a final tally of how much we raised will be published in the new year.

In aid of



Many thanks to all who came to support the concerts, and to all the students involved.



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### CELEBRATION BREAKFAST WINNERS

Next week, the winning forms from each year group for terms 1 and 2 will enjoy a celebration breakfast treat with their Form Tutors.

The winning forms have been selected by the Heads of Year based on a combination of reward points, consequence points and attendance.



Mrs Mayes chose B7 (Term 1) and N7 (Term 2)

Mr Holeyman chose L8 (Term 1) and B8 (Term 2)



Mr Coker chose L9 (Term 1) and P9 (Term 2)

Ms Wilkins chose L10 (Term 1) and R10 (Term 2)

Mr Adkins chose L11 (Term 1) and A11 (Term 2)

Mrs Wilson L12 (Term 1) and A12 (Term 2)

Mr Twizell chose P13 (Term 1) and X13 (Term 2)

Well done and congratulations to all winners. Keep up your great work.  
Mr A. Smith.







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### Christmas Card Competition Winners

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Edie S7



2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Mia S7



3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Penny B7



All entrants received reward points!

Congratulations to the winning entries, please collect your prize from Student Services.



### **Year 7 Shout Outs – TOP 5 Positive Points!**

**Faith U 7L – 164**

**Isaiah W 7P – 148**

**Ethan N 7S – 148**

**Sophie E 7B – 138**

**Finn A 7F – 137**

**Well done to B7 with highest attendance  
last week 97%**



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## Celebrating Success

Congratulations to Aleeza in R10 who has been named as 'Student of the Fortnight' in Year 10 for 20<sup>th</sup> November to 1st December.

Aleeza achieved an excellent 62 positive points over the fortnight.

The Form of the Fortnight is R10 who were awarded a total 439 reward points in this two-week period, well done!



P10 had the best attendance

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Well done to everyone who took part on Thursday 7 December: we raised £290 for *Save the Children*.





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



## RMGS PHYSICAL EDUCATION EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

### TERM 2



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



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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 &amp; 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 (1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every term) L1</p>	<p>Chess Club 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 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 &amp; 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&amp;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 &amp; 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

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

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