



RMGS NEWS

Week Beginning 15th January 2024

Key Messages

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Key Dates

Monday 22nd January
Y9 Options Evening

Tuesday 23rd January
Y8 Open Morning

Friday 9th February
Last Day of Term

SIXTH FORM APPLICATION LINK:

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

Dear all,

It has been a busy and productive start to term 3. Our theme for assembly this week has been to welcome the new year with a focus on the old Scottish folk song Auld Lang Syne. We asked our students to remember to be the best version of themselves, and to do so with a cup of kindness as it says in Auld Lang Syne.

Our Year 13s have approached their mock exams with resilience and determination. A huge thank you to the Sixth Form team for supporting Year 13 to prepare for their exams.

Our Year 12 have stepped up to support the prefect team. A large number of students in Year 12 supported the Year 7 tutor meeting event at the start of term. It was cold, wet and windy but in true RMGS spirit our students and staff welcomed parents. Thank you to the Year 12 students who navigated traffic and braved the wintry conditions to ensure the event was a success. Thank you to Year 7 parents for also braving the wintry conditions; it was nice to meet more Year 7 parents and to celebrate the achievements of their child completing the first two terms of secondary school.





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Thank you to the Geography department and teachers who supported them on the Year 11 field trip. We know how valuable trips and visits are to enhancing the curriculum. It was nice to receive a message from a member of the public complimenting the behaviour of our students on the train whilst returning from their trip.

We wish you all an enjoyable weekend and look forward to the week ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Hart
Headteacher



The Hero Project

Year 12 students welcomed guest speakers from the charity Anthony Nolan on 15th December, to deliver an education programme entitled 'The Hero Project'.

Anthony Nolan saves and improves the lives of people with blood cancer by matching them with remarkable donors willing to give blood stem cells for potentially life-saving transplants.

The Hero Project works in collaboration with NHS Blood and Transplant to deliver presentations to 16 to 18 year olds about stem cell, blood and organ donation.

The presentation is aimed to dispel common myths, explain the importance of donation for sick patients and arm students with the facts about what is involved. Enabling them to make an informed decision about becoming a donor in future.

If you would like to find out more about Anthony Nolan, or what is involved in donating stem cells, please visit www.anthonynolan.org

You can also scan the QR code below.





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RMGS Eco initiatives and projects

As we start 2024 I would like to remind parents and students about some exciting eco initiatives and projects happening at RMGS this year, and take the opportunity to encourage all members of our school community to get involved! Small changes add up, so please have a read and see what you could do to support these student-led initiatives.

1. The canteen loyalty card- every time students bring their own thermos or ask for a mug (instead of a single-use cup) they receive a stamp. When 6 stamps have been obtained they get their 7th drink free! This has recently been extended to include the 'Bring a Box Bargain' in which students can bring their own Tupperware boxes for hot food and dessert (instead of buying a takeaway box for 60p) receiving a stamp each time to go towards their free hot drink. Want a way to cut costs and unnecessary waste? Get your canteen loyalty card today!
2. Plastic bottle greenhouse- the Eco Club are collecting plastic bottles to build their very own greenhouse for our school garden. Start saving your bottles today, and students can drop these off by the main hall in the big blue box. We will need several hundred!
3. Uniform Bank- we are no longer taking donations for the Uniform Bank, as this term we will be trialling new ways to make the scheme more efficient. This may change, so please stay posted! Students who wish to get involved can drop by the backstage room on Tuesday and Thursday form times after registering with their form tutor.
4. Litter Critter Crew- runs three times a week: Monday, Wednesday, Friday form times. Students meet in the quad after registering in form (runs during form time).
5. Eco Club- runs Tuesday lunchtimes in D3

Please don't hesitate to email me if you have any questions about any of these initiatives (s7sclarke@rmgs.org.uk), and make the greener choice today!

Best wishes,
Steph Clarke (Head Student, Eco Lead)





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ECO GALLERY

PLANTING:



CUT YOUR CARBON:



We are collecting unwanted confectionary/biscuits/crackers tubs left over from Christmas and New Year, to donate them to Greene King who recycle the plastic to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

These can be dropped off along with everything else, in the blue box by the main hall. Here's the link if you'd like to find out more and see the guidelines:

<https://www.tub2pub.co.uk/tub2pub/>

PLASTIC BOTTLE GREENHOUSE:





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YEAR 10 GCSE DRAMA VISIT TO RMET PRIMARY SCHOOLS

The Year 10 GCSE Drama class took their Theatre in Education performance of 'The Lion Inside' to Riverside Primary School and Twydall Primary School. They performed to Year 2 students and helped to run drama and puppetry workshops. Students loved the opportunity to work with younger students with the RMET community. The class worked incredibly hard to devise and prepare for the performance; this has been a real turning point in their journey to becoming expert GCSE students. We learnt much about working with younger students as well as how to prepare for an end performance.



YEAR 7 'THE WITCHES' TRIP

Mrs Macken, Mr Birkitt and a team of RMGS staff thoroughly enjoyed taking a group of Year 7 students to see 'The Witches' on the last day of term two. We enjoyed visiting the Sherling Backstage Walkway with the opportunity to see first hand set, props and costumes in construction for upcoming performances. The cast of 'The Witches' wowed us with their comic timing and catchy songs. We even had the opportunity to meet a cast member who will be joining the RMGS community in September. Well done to all students in attendance for their impeccable behaviour!





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Year 7 Shout Outs!

Positive Behaviour Points

Faith U — 7L 193

Calvin N — 7R 175

Sophie E — 7B 171

Lucas K — 7B 161

Mieke M-A — 7R 160

Year 7 students have received a total of 18,269 Positive Points to Date!
Well Done!

Year 7 Competition



'Being Free' Competition



- Draw or Paint a Picture
- Write a Poem
- Write a Song

...about what it means to you to be free and to belong!

Bring your entry to Student Services — Closing Date: Monday 5th February



All entries will receive reward points and there will be a prize for each category!





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Year 9 Student and Form of the Fortnight

Congratulations to Tayiba C in L9 who was named as 'Student of the Fortnight' in Year 9 for 4th-15th December. Tayiba achieved an impressive 55 reward points over the fortnight, receiving a Bronze Arts Award and also excelling in Maths, History and Drama.

The Form of the Fortnight at the end of Term 2 was S9, who were awarded 350 reward points over those two weeks.

Moving on to the start of this term, congratulations to Matey K in R9 who was named as 'Student of the Fortnight' in Year 9 for the opening fortnight of Term 3. Matey achieved 46 reward points over the fortnight, particularly excelling in Maths.

The Form of the Fortnight for the start of Term 3 is F9, for their very low number of negative points (only seven).

Best wishes,
Mr D Coker - Head of Year 9



Celebrating Success

Congratulations to Marcus in N10 who has been named as 'Student of the Fortnight' in Year 10 for 4th December to 20th December.

Marcus achieved an excellent 50 positive points over the last weeks of Term 2.

The Form of the Fortnight is S10 who were awarded a total 373 reward points in this period, well done!

P10 had the best attendance!



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- > Free easter.hols
- > Online
- > Music Technology Courses

Friday 5th April 2024

For ages 9-18

Beginner and Intermediate Courses

Learning production techniques and how to make music electronically



For full details and to apply visit

www.medwaymusicassociation.co.uk



Easter Music Courses 2024

2nd - 4th April

Rainham Mark Grammar School

For more details and to apply visit
www.medwaymusicassociation.co.uk

For any enquiries

info@medwaymusicassociation.co.uk





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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
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 invite only (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>Sparx Club - N6</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