Student Bulletin



RMGS UNIFORM BANK NEEDS YOU! PLEASE EMAIL STSCLARKE@RMGS.ORG.UK, IF YOU'RE INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING DURING FORM TIME TO BRING ABOUT POSITIVE SOCIAL CHANGE IN OUR SCHOOL. WE ARE STILL TAKING DONATIONS, IN THE BIG BLUE BOX BY THE MAIN HALL







CLICK HERE FOR INFORMATION ABOUT UPCOMING RMGS SPORTS FIXTURES



Thursday 9th November – 23rd November 2023 Year 11 Mocks

SCHOOL UNIFORM

CLICK HERE TO FILL OUT YOUR UNIFORM REQUEST FORM, ORDERS WILL BE DELIVERED TO THE OFFICE WHENEVER YOU CHOOSE AND ENTIRELY FREE OF CHARGE!

CLICK HERE FOR YOUR LAST OPPORTUNITY TO SIGN UP FOR ROCK N ROLL! HERE'S THE AUDITIONS FORM, LAST WEEK BEFORE CUT OFF! CLICK HERE TO FILL OUT THE CANTEEN SURVEY, SO THE CANTEEN CAN STOCK UP ON ALL THE FOODS YOU LIKE!



SIXTH FORM MODEL UNITED NATIONS SIGN UP <u>HERE</u>



HOUSE POINTS

1ST L: 7925

2ND P: 7662

3RD S: 7532

N: 7407

R:7394

A: 6713

B: 6614

F: 6089

Please
donate your old carrier
bags and coat hangers
to RMGS Uniform Bank,
in the blue box by the
main hall!

THE BRING A BOX BARGAIN IS NOW ON! SICK OF PAYING 60P FOR A TAKEAWAY BOX? BRING IN A TUPPERWARE (OR OTHER) BOX FROM HOME FOR THE CANTEEN MAIN MEAL, AND RECEIVE A STAMP ON YOUR UGLY MUG LOYALTY CARD EACH TIME – GOING TOWARDS YOU FREE HOT DRINK! DON'T FORGET A BOX FOR DESSERT...

ECO CLUB RUNS EVERY TUESDAY
LUNCHTIME FOR THE WHOLE OF LUNCH
FEEL FREE TO DROP BY D2 AND SEE
WHAT'S GOING ON... EMAIL
S7SCLARKE@RMGS.ORG.UK FOR MORE

Brand new Canteen
Loyalty Card now
available! Use a mug or
thermos 6 times to get
your 7th hot drink free...
limited cards available!

Flu vaccinations

15th-16th November

The all new UPCYCLING
CLUB has now begun!

Available from the main

hot food hatch, stay posted

Email
p7stremain@rmgs.org.uk
for more info

BOOK OF THE MONTH



LITTER CRITTER CREW RUNNING
THIS WEEK, JOIN TODAY! R3'S FOR
ATTENDING 3 TIMES, RUNS 3 FORM
TIMES A WEEK. MEETING IN QUAD
AFTER REGISTERING IN FORM





KEY MESSAGES

LAST WEEK, RMGS OPENED ITS DOORS FOR SIXTH FORM OPEN EVENING, AN OPPORTUNITY THAT SAW YEAR 11 STUDENTS FROM RAINHAM MARK AND OTHER SCHOOLS ACROSS MEDWAY, VISITING THE SCHOOL SITE AS THEY PREPARE TO CHOOSE WHERE THE NEXT TWO YEARS OF THEIR EDUCATION WILL TAKE PLACE. IT WAS INCREDIBLE TO SEE SO MANY VISITORS FINDING OUT JUST HOW PROFESSIONAL, EFFICIENT AND SKILFUL RMGS SIXTH FORM IS, MOST IMPORTANTLY DUE TO THE PARTICIPATION AND DEDICATION OF ALL THOSE YEAR 12 & 13 STUDENTS THAT VOLUNTEERED ON TUESDAY EVENING. WE'D LIKE TO EXTEND OUR THANKS TO ALL OF YOU FOR SHOWCASING THE INCREDIBLE WORK YOU DO, AND HOW PASSIONATE YOU ARE FOR BOTH YOUR ACADEMIC SUBJECTS AND THE SCHOOL COMMUNITY — WE COULDN'T HAVE DONE IT WITHOUT YOU! THANKS ALSO GOES TO ELLA AND OTTILIE WHO PERFORMED DURING THE TALKS, THE STUDENT TECHNICIAN TEAM, THE PREFECTS, MR MCDOWELL AND MRS HART FOR MAKING IT A SPECIAL OCCASION.

ON FRIDAY WE HELD THE FIRST EVER RMGS MODEL UN MEETING, WITH OVER 65 PARTICIPANTS AND AROUND 40 NATIONS REPRESENTED! A TRULY ASTOUNDING TURNOUT, SO THANK YOU TO ALL THOSE THAT WERE THERE, AND FOR YOUR INTEREST IN THIS NEW INITIATIVE THAT HOPEFULLY, WILL BE GREATLY BENEFICIAL TO YOU ALL. IN THE MEETING, KEY INFORMATION REGARDING HOW THE SIMULATION WILL WORK, THE RULE OF PROCEDURE AS WELL AS OUR FOCUS TOPIC FOR THE NEXT TERM WERE ALL GIVEN. FOR ANYONE INTERESTED TO JOIN, THE FORM IS STILL ACTIVE ON BOTH THE YEAR 12 AND 13 TEAMS PAGES. I LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU ALL IN TWO WEEKS' TIME FOR THE NEXT MEETING.

AUDITIONS FOR THE ROCK N' ROLL 2023 ARE STILL OPEN FOR THE LAST WEEK, GIVING YOU AN OPPORTUNITY TO PERFORM AND POTENTIALLY WIN OUR TRADITIONAL END-OF-YEAR SHOW. POSTERS WITH A LINK TO THE FORM FOR SIGNING UP HAVE BEEN PASSED TO ALL FORMS AND YOU CAN ALSO FIND IT ON THE FIRST PAGE OF THIS BULLETIN. A REMINDER TO ALSO FILL OUT THE OTHER FORMS SUCH AS THE FOOD SURVEY ONE ON P1 IF YOU'RE INTERESTED.

THIS SATURDAY WAS ARMISTICE DAY, MARKING THE 105TH ANNIVERSARY SINCE THE END OF THE FIRST WORLD WAR EMBODIED IN THE ARMISTICE THAT WAS SIGNED ON THE 11TH OF NOVEMBER 1918 BETWEEN THE ALLIES AND GERMANY. THIS DAY AND ITS CLOSEST SUNDAY ARE COMMEMORATED IN THE UK AS REMEMBRANCE DAY, WHICH EXTENDS THE NATION'S THOUGHTS TO ALL THOSE WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES SERVING THEIR COUNTRY, ITS FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES AND PEOPLE. FROM THE WORLD WARS TO KOREA, AFGHANISTAN, IRAQ AND UNFORTUNATELY, MANY MORE, WE REMEMBER THEM ALL, DURING THIS TIME. THEIR SACRIFICE, BOTH PAST AND PRESENT, MEANS THAT WE MAY LIVE FREE FROM TYRANNY, OPPRESSION AND FORCEFUL CONTROL WHICH UNFORTUNATELY WASN'T AND STILL ISN'T THE CASE FOR MANY PEOPLE, ACROSS HISTORY AND OUR WORLD. OUR THOUGHTS SHOULD ALSO EXTEND TO ALL WHO CURRENTLY SUFFER AS A RESULT OF CONFLICTS; CIVILIANS, SOLDIERS, MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN, ARE, STILL TODAY, DESTROYED BY CONSTANT WAR. ESPECIALLY IN NOVEMBER THEREFORE, IT IS CRUCIAL WE REMEMBER THE ENDLESS SACRIFICES AND PREVENT THEM FROM BEING NECESSARY AGAIN.

PEACE MUST TRIUMPH OVER WAR, GOOD OVER EVIL, LIGHT OVER DARKNESS, JUST AS MILLIONS OF HINDUS AND INDEED OTHER
FAITHS, CELEBRATE DURING THIS TIME, IN THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHT: DIWALI. WE'D LIKE TO WISH ALL THOSE WHO CELEBRATE THIS IMPORTANT
FESTIVITY, A HAPPY DIWALI, AND STRONGLY ENCOURAGE MANY MORE TO INFORM THEMSELVES REGARDING THIS MUCH-NEEDED BEACON OF
POSITIVITY, JOY AND HOPE ROOTED IN THE CLASSICAL DICHOTOMY OF GOOD AND EVIL, AND THE CONSTANTLY AWAITED VICTORY OF THE FORMER
OVER THE LATTER.

THE HEAD STUDENTS

The Key Messages are written each week by Marco, while the edition itself is put together by Steph- we hope you enjoy it!

CHARITY TUTORING WELLBEING MENTORING ENVIRONMENT COMMUNITY LITERACY DIVERSITY



Keeping safe and happy in school

We want RMGS to be a place where everyone feels safe and happy; however, we know that sometimes things are hard and you need advice. The pastoral team and all teachers and prefects are here for you to talk to but sometimes it's awkward making that first contact. In response to a suggestion from the School Cabinet, we have set up two "buttons" on the website to report any worries you may have: one is for any bullying worries you may have about you or a friend; the other is for safety or wellbeing worries you have about yourself or another student. The buttons take you to a form that is seen by the senior pastoral and safeguarding team only and they will treat it seriously and follow up on your concerns. The best way to get support is by talking to staff in school, but if you really feel you can't then use this system. It goes live on 20 November.

SUNSHINE CORNER!

"MASSIVE SHOUTOUT TO AISHAH MALIK FOR BEING AMAZING!!!!!!" - SECRET STUDENT (YR13)

'WELL DONE TO B7 AND R7 FOR THIS WEEK AS EVERYONE HAS ARRIVED ON TIME TO SCHOOL AND THEIR LESSONS!' – SECRET STAFF MEMBER

'ELISE P IN 9N READ THE REMEMBRANCE POEM TO START OFF OUR TWO MINUTES SILENCE. THIS WAS READ WITH CLARITY AND SINCERITY, I WOULD LIKE TO COMMEND ELISE FOR READING THIS OUT AND LEADING OUR TWO MINUTES SILENCE.' – MRS HART

'WELL DONE TO ELLA AND OTTILIE FOR THEIR SPECTACULAR PERFORMANCES ON OPEN EVENING, AMAZING AS EVER AND YOU'RE GOING TO BE FAMOUS ONE DAY!' – SECRET STUDENT

'THANKS TO EVERYONE MAKING USE OF THE CANTEEN LOYALTY CARD SCHEME, WELL DONE FOR MAKING THE GREENER CHOICE!' – STEPH ECO LEAD

HAVE SOMETHING TO CONTRIBUTE? GIVE SHOUT

OUTS, SHARE ACHIEVEMENTS, OR EVEN TELL US ABOUT YOUR FAVOURITE HOBBY!

PLEASE EMAIL <u>S7SCLARKE@RMGS.ORG.UK</u> WITH YOUR ITEM, AND WITH A PHOTO

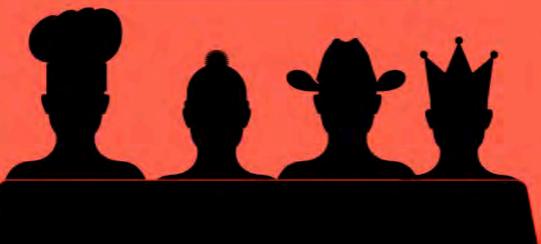
IF YOU HAVE ONE!











ROCK N ROLL 2023



RMGS PHYSICS CELEBRATES GENDER EQUALITY!

"WE ARE VERY PLEASED TO REPORT THAT OUR CURRENT YEAR 12 IS THE BEST GENDER BALANCE WE HAVE EVER SEEN AT A-LEVEL PHYSICS IN RMGS – 42% OF THE COHORT ARE FEMALE. TO PUT THIS IN PERSPECTIVE, THE NATIONAL AVERAGE IS AROUND 20%, AND THE CURRENT YEAR 13 IS AROUND 10%. MRS HART WAS ALSO DELIGHTED TO HEAR THE NEWS, SO WE INVITED HER DOWN FOR SOME PHOTOS WITH THE YEAR 12S. THE 6th Formers made her feel welcome, and she was really interested in hearing why our pupils had chosen physics; as they spoke eloquently about the Jobs They are aiming for in the future.

THE RMGS PHYSICS DEPARTMENT IS PASSIONATE ABOUT DIVERSITY, BECAUSE WE BELIEVE THAT THE OPPORTUNITIES THAT THIS HIGHLY SOUGHT-AFTER QUALIFICATION CAN OFFER, SHOULD BE FREELY AVAILABLE TO ALL THAT SEEK THEM, IRRESPECTIVE OF THEIR GENDER AND BACKGROUND.

RESEARCH FROM THE INSTITUTE OF PHYSICS HAS FOUND THAT WHILST GIRLS ENJOY PHYSICS AND ARE FASCINATED BY IT, THEY ARE RELUCTANT TO CHOOSE IT BEYOND GCSE BECAUSE IT OFTEN ISN'T CLEAR TO THEM HOW IT CAN INFORM THEIR CAREER CHOICES GOING FORWARD. AS SUCH WE ARE PLANNING TO DO SOME MORE WORK WITH ALL THE PUPILS AT RMGS TO EXPLORE THE VARIED AREAS IN WHICH PHYSICS IS DESIRABLE (SUCH AS MEDICINE, FINANCE, ENGINEERING, ARCHITECTURE ETC.)

WE HOPE THAT ALL THE GIRLS AND BOYS IN THE RMGS COMMUNITY WILL BE INSPIRED TO TALK TO THESE 6TH FORMERS (OR EVEN THEIR TEACHERS!) ABOUT WHAT PHYSICS IS, AND WHAT IT CAN OFFER. WE'D ALSO LIKE TO THANK ALL THOSE YEAR 12 AND 13 PUPILS WHO CARE PASSIONATELY ABOUT EQUALITY, BECAUSE THEY HAVE HELPED RMGS PHYSICS BE ITS BEST VERSION OF ITSELF!"

- MR WILKINSON, MISS PERKINS, AND MR BARTY.



CLICK HERE FOR THE GUARDIAN RECOMMENDED READING LIST



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IN THE RAIN
notes to A Tribe
Called
Quest
by Hanif
Abdurraqib

B:M2023

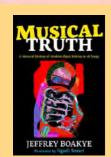
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THE SOURCE OF SELF-REGARD

Selected Essays, Speeches, and

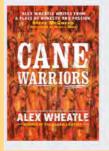
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Alex Wheatle

Cane Warriors

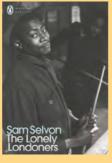
Based on the true story of a slave uprising in 1760, this is a gripping read for older readers. When fourteen-year-old Moa learns of the revolt led by Tacky, he finds himself committing to the cause and becoming a Cane Warrior – fighting for freedom, But time is tight, and not everything will unfold as planned. An unforgettable and eye-opening read, this is a story of courage and bloodshed.



Chinua Achebe

Things Fall Apart

Set in Nigeria during the 19th century, Achebe's bestselling novel offers key insight into the impact of colonialism on African communities, as well as resistance to and the impact of British political and religious forces. First published in 1958, this book is the first of the classic novel series known as The African Trilogy.





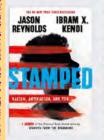




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Ibram Kendi Jason Reynolds

Stamped: Racism, Antiracism, and You

This book is an adaptation of Ibram X Kendi's adult book Stamped for young people, it explores the history of racism in America right up to the present day, taking readers on a journey and empowering young people to work towards a better, antiracist future.



THE LITTER CRITTER CREW RUNS MONDAY, WEDNESDAY
AND FRIDAY FORM TIMES. R3'S FOR <u>ALL</u>ATTENDEES FOR
3 SESSIONS! DON'T MISS OUT, JOIN TODAY—NO REGULAR
COMMITMENT REQUIRED. MEET IN THE QUAD AT 8:40 ON
GIVEN DAYS







WELLBEING LOCATIONS WITHIN SCHOOL

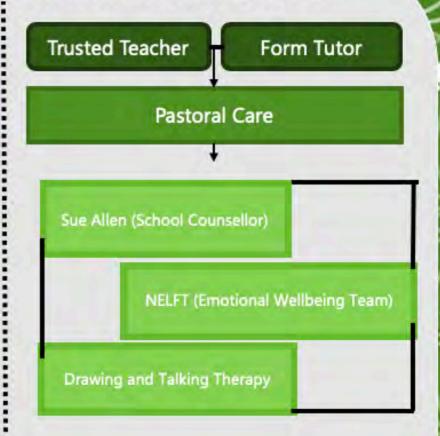
LEVEL ONE

LEVEL TWO

LEVEL THREE

Level One: Initially, talk to your Form Tutor (or any other trusted teacher) about any problems you have

Level Two: If you need extra support aside from your form tutor (or want someone different to talk to), find Pastoral Care and talk to them – they will be there for any kind of wellbeing support. Level Three: The Pastoral Care will direct you to one of these outlets: go through Pastoral Care before going to any of these.



Pastoral Care – The Main Block (Turn left as you enter the Quad from the stairs, go up the first flight of stairs and go through the door on the right)

Drawing and Talking Therapy – A11 (Friday Only)

> NELFT (Emotional Wellbeing Team) – B2a (Tuesday Only)



Sue Allen (School Counsellor) -Pastoral Care will give you a well-being form to fill out: when an appointment becomes available, the school counsellor will contact you with your appointment time and location.



IT'S YOUR YEAR TO... GET INVOLVED!























NOW RECRUITING

Students wanted!

NOW IS THE TIME TO GET INVOLVED IN EXCITING NEW PROJECTS AT RMGS, YOUR HELP IS NEEDED AS WE ROLL OUT AND DEVELOP THESE SCHEMES FURTHER. THE RMGS UNIFORM BANK WILL NEED COMMITTED STUDENTS TO TAKE THE LEAD, THE LITTER CRITTER CREW NEEDS CAPTAINS, AND ECO CLUB NEEDS SIXTH FORM SUPPORT. HAVE YOU GOT WHAT IT TAKES? ELEVATE YOUR PREFECT APPLICATION AND PERSONAL STATEMENT WHILE MAKING A VALUABLE CONTRIBUTION TO OUR SCHOOL. THERE IS A ROLE FOR EVERYONE, GET IN TOUCH TODAY! THIS IS THE PERFECT OPPORTUNITY FOR YEAR 12S IN PARTICULAR

→ EMAIL STSCLARKE@RMGS.ORG.UK FOR MORE INFORMATION REGARDING POSITIONS AND INVOLVEMENT, ALL AGES WELCOME ←



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 V9 / 10 / 11 / 6 TH (sports hall) (DUTY STAFF)	BASKETBALL SHOOTING CLUB Y9 / 10 / 11 / 6 TH (sports hall) (DUTY STAFF)
LUNCH 1:30 – 2:00PM	BASKETBALL CLUB Y7 / 8 (sports hall) GRA TABLE TENNIS Y9/10/11 (top gyrn) 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.

	School hours	Afterschool
Monday	 Litter Critter Crew form time (meet in Quad) Buzz club 1.40- 2.05 (the Well) String group lunchtime (Recital Hall) KS4 iMedia 1:20- 1.40 (D1) KS3 Computing 1.20-1.40 (D1) Music Technology Club lunchtime (E2) 	 Homework Club 3:15-4:14 (library) Table-top Gaming Club (formerly D&D) 3:15-4:30 (F3)
Tuesday	 MedSoc (Year 13 until Jan) 1:40pm - 2:05pm (Q1) Junior Wind Band Lunchtime (Recital Hall) KS4 & KS5 Art Club Lunchtime (R2) KS4 iMedia 1:20pm - 2:05pm D1 KS3 Computing (HW and catch up) 1:20pm - 1:40pm (D1) Eco Club lunchtime (garden) 	Homework club 3:15-4:15 (library) Science Club 3:15-4:15 (M5) Jam Club 3:15pm (Music block)
Wednesday	 Litter Critter Crew form time (Quad) Chess Club 1:20pm - 2:05pm (HZ) Ukulele Club Lunchtime (E1) Year 11 D&T NEA support clinic Lunchtime (DT) KS3 Art Club Lunchtime (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) 	Homework Club 3:15pm - 4:15pm (Library) GCSE Astronomy 3:15pm - 4:45pm (M7)
Thursday	 Arts for Wellbeing (All years) Lunchtime R2 Year 7 & 8 Airgineers (Drone club) Lunchtime (DT) Brass Group Lunchtime (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) Upcycling Club 	 Homework Club, 3:15-4:15 (Library) Big Band 3:15pm (Music Block)
Friday	 Litter Critter Crew form time (Quad) KS3 Computing (HW and catch up) 1:20pm - 1:40pm (D1) Diversity Group 1:35 (C4) Debate Society (L2) KS4 iMedia 1:20-1;40 (D1), 	• Homework Club, 3:15-4:15 (Library)





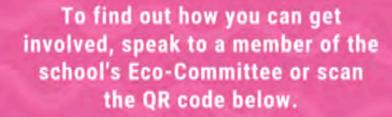
WE'RE TAKING PART IN

CARBON













IT'S TIME TO CUT YOUR CARBON!











E-scooters — are you breaking the law?



Can I ride my e-scooter to school or work?

No, it's Illegal...

E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles and are required to be taxed and insured. It's not possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters, which means it's illegal to use them.

Can I ride my e-scooter on the pavement?

No, it's Illegal...

You cannot use e-scooters on public footpaths, cycle lanes or roads.

What happens if I'm caught using my e-scooter in public spaces?

The scooter may be seized and as a result, destroyed.

If stopped by an officer, you may be asked to complete a breath and drugs test. You also risk a £300 fine and six penalty points on your licence for no insurance.



Think before you buy:

The number of electrical scooters being used on our streets has risen, as well as reports of serious injury and fatalities.

For more information and advice on the use of e-scooters visit www.kent.police.uk/road-safety