



# RMGS NEWS

Week Beginning 11<sup>th</sup> March 2024

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#### Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March

Yr9 Open Morning  
(A, B, F & L)

Big Band Workshop

#### Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March

Yr7 Parents Evening  
(N, P, R & S)

### Extra Curricular Activities

#### Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> March

Medway Education  
Business Partnership talk  
to Yr12

Dear all

There has been a range of fun and engaging activities this week. Our students, staff and parents have engaged in a wide range of activities such as the Year 11 Drama performance that was attended by staff and parents and led by Mr Birkitt (Teacher of Drama) and Ms Macken (Head of Expressive Arts). We have also had so much enjoyment from World Book Day led by Ms Owen (KS4 English Lead) and Mr Birkitt (Literacy and Reading Co-ordinator). Our staff and students dressed up as a range of characters that many of us would recall from our childhood stories. A massive shout out to the Year 7, 8 and sixth form who embraced WBD such as Jaydon who was dressed as Fred Flintstone. I attempted to be Scout Finch the insightful six-year-old narrator from *To Kill a Mockingbird*.



Mr Frost (Assistant Headteacher) delivered the assembly theme on STEAM week; this year's theme was connected to Time. The theme inspired students to think about what they are going to do with the time they have to live. Students were encouraged to think about how they can make positive contributions through scientific investigation and simply by making use of their time. I would like to thank Mr Pearson (Head of Design Technology and STEAM Co-Ordinator) for supporting four of our students to apply for the Arkwright engineering scholarship. We have had two of our students shortlisted. More details relating to this will be shared with you soon.



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I also want to shine a spotlight on International Woman's Day. Mrs Napier (Deputy Headteacher) led assembly last week celebrating women. The theme for this year is inclusion, Mrs Napier supported by a team of young women – Isla, Tilly, Kamillah, Zanetta, and Gabriella reminded us about the importance of the role women have played and continue to play to ensure their voices are heard. Mrs Napier reminded us of all the mothers, sisters, friends, cousins and aunties who inspire the communities they live in. I have included a picture of Mrs Napier and Mrs Horstrup as a representative of women in leadership, mothers, sisters, and friends to remind us of all the many men and women who inspire positive social change. I also want to shout out to all the men and women within our Rainham Mark community who work to promote inclusion and ensure the voices of our students are heard.



Have an enjoyable weekend and do enjoy Mothering Sunday.

Mrs Hart



### Year 8 Football Team

On Thursday, Mrs Hart and Mr O'Neill (Head of PE) attended a celebration breakfast with the Year 8 football team. The team were awarded Headteachers Award certificates for their contribution to RMGS sport. Well done to the boys!





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### World Book Day News

On Monday, students were engaging in the "Guess the Teacher's Favourite Book" competition. All students were given a form with a variety of teacher's names on it. Their task was to find the teachers around the school and ask for their clue as to what their favourite book is. As you can see, the competition was very popular at break time! Students lined up in the L block corridor to talk to their teachers about books.



The English department also gave lessons to KS3 about spoken word poetry in readiness for their workshop with Harry Baker during Period 1 on Thursday 7th March. Students were encouraged to discuss the similarities and differences between spoken word poetry and music. They also had the opportunity to watch a performance of Harry Baker's poem, "59".

### World Book Day: Teachers Dress Up!

Yesterday our English teachers transformed into their favourite book characters! Can you guess the characters?





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### Mathematic Mavericks!

This week our Maths department showed great enthusiasm for World Book Day! 🔍



### A for Effort... and Art!

Check out this brilliant trio from our Art department who dressed up as characters from Peter Pan for World Book Day! What a great effort!

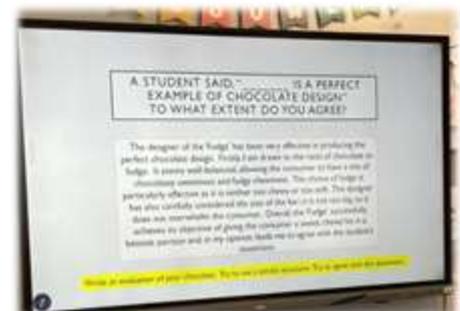


### A lesson by Mr McDowell on Boy by Roald Dahl

Mr McDowell delivered a spectacular lesson with Year 10 where he read an extract from Roald Dahl's book "Boy". In this extract, Dahl recounts a memory for his childhood where the chocolatier, Cadbury's, had sent his school samples of their new chocolates for students to try and give feedback on.

Mr McDowell gave all of his students a chocolate to taste with the intention of getting them to write an evaluative piece on the taste of the sweet.

Here, you can see an example of Mr McDowell's own evaluative writing as well as other photos from the lesson.





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### **Year 12 Book Tasting Task inspired by World Book Day**

Year 12 sampled several books in lesson today and filled in their menu as to what they thought about them. They explored the front cover, read the blurb and opening of several different stories and then had to evaluate their interest in the text. For their NEA students have to write about a piece of prose through a certain lens and the novels had been chosen to link in with these different ways of reading texts. It was wonderful to see that students were so engaging and have now been inspired to read something new.



### **The Final Flick by India G, 7F**

A great book, hard to find,  
The last page, there's no rewind.  
What now? Don't frown,  
You've got the crown!  
What now? The last page,  
No need to age,  
Don't feel rage,  
Get your head out of the cage.  
What now? 1, 2, 3, 400 pages in a book.  
Now you only need to look,  
For a new amazing story.  
Read it and take in all the glory.





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### Amazing Achievement!

Macey A has been selected for the London City Lionesses Under 21 Academy for two seasons to play football. This is a fantastic opportunity and well deserved. What a fantastic opportunity. Well done Macey, we wish you the very best of luck.

Abigail R has been selected to compete for Kent in the English Schools Cross Country Championships on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2024 in Yorkshire.

A fantastic achievement, well done. Good luck.



## Food! Glorious Food!

**WELL DONE!**

A big shout out to all the Year 11 Food Preparation and Nutrition Students! They have been doing their GCSE assessed practical this week and have been amazing!

The standard of dishes that have been produced have been incredibly high!

Mrs Wilkins and Mrs Mannerson are very proud 😊  
Have a lovely weekend all of you.





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### Year 7 Shout Outs!

#### TOP 5 Positive Reward Points

Sophie E – 7B = 385      Calvin N – 7R = 316  
Faith U – 7L = 312      Lucas K – 7B = 300  
Andromeda J – 7L = 271

### Resilience Shout Outs!

Leo T, Lydia F, KayCi W & Shayaan J!

Well Done to R7 who this week had 99.31 attendance!

Well Done Everyone! 😊

## YEAR 8 SHOUTOUTS

**Kamilah and Zaneta (R8)** for their brilliant work all week with the assemblies on International Women's Week, including Zaneta's incredible singing

**William (L8)** for earning a Full Colour tie for representing Kent in the javelin

**Otto (A8)** for outstanding effort and achievement in Maths, consistently going above and beyond expectations, including earning an Academic Half Colour

**Kate (F8)** for consistently excellent effort across all subjects, being one of the highest R-points earners across Year 8 last week

## WELL DONE!



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## Celebrating Success

Congratulations to Sean M in A10 who has been named as 'Student of the Fortnight' in Year 10. Sean achieved an impressive 189 reward points for attitude, progress and his half and full colour in Sport From 26th February to 8th March . A massive Well Done!!



The Form of the Fortnight A10 who were awarded a total of 441 reward points.

P10 had the best attendance with 98.1%.  
Excellent!

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### RMGS Uniform Bank

The RMGS Uniform Bank is up and running with a rail of free uniform available for students to browse in the library (along with a paper request form if students can't find the item they hoped for!), we are also taking **donations of coat hangers** again so any contributions are most gratefully received. These **can be dropped off as usual in the blue box by the main hall**. For more info

email [s7sclarke@rmgs.org.uk](mailto:s7sclarke@rmgs.org.uk)  
(Steph Clarke- Eco Lead)





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## EASTER HOLIDAY

# MUSIC VIDEO WORKSHOP

Work with industry professionals to make a music video.  
Learn how to storyboard, film and edit.



Open to autistic, learning disabled or neurodivergent  
young people aged 14 - 25

The Sunlight Centre, Gillingham

Wednesday 3rd April  
Thursday 4th April  
Friday 5th April  
10 am - 2pm

Friday 12th April  
11am - 12pm

To book or find out more contact us.  
Email: [assistant@squarepegsarts.com](mailto:assistant@squarepegsarts.com)  
Phone: 07415128885

Limited spaces available.

**£25 for the 4 sessions**

Subsidised places available





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*RMGS Music Department presents:*

## THE SPRING SOIRÉE 2024

*Performances by students in Years 7 to 13 as soloists  
and ensemble members*

SPRING SOIRÉE - THURSDAY 21 MARCH



MAIN SCHOOL HALL, 7PM

TICKETS AVAILABLE THROUGH PARENTPAY



## Easter Music Courses 2024

2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> April

Rainham Mark Grammar School

For more details and to apply visit  
[www.medwaymusicassociation.co.uk](http://www.medwaymusicassociation.co.uk)

For any enquiries  
[info@medwaymusicassociation.co.uk](mailto:info@medwaymusicassociation.co.uk)





# RMGS SPORT



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



## RMGS PHYSICAL EDUCATION EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE



### TERM 4

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>	FITNESS CLUB Y7 / 8 (sports centre) <b>ALO</b>	ORIENTEERING CLUB KS3 (sports centre) <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>  GIRLS CRICKET CLUB Y7 / 8 / 9 <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.**



# RMGS CLUBS



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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>Sparx Club - N6</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

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### Term 4

**Start:**

Monday 19/02/24

**Finish:**

Thursday 28/03/24

**Easter break: Friday 29/03/24 – Friday 12/04/24**

### Term 5

**Start:**

Monday 15/04/24

**Finish:**

Friday 24/05/24

**Bank Holiday: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024**

**Half term break: Monday 27/05/24 – Friday 31/05/24**

### Term 6

**Start:**

Monday 03/06/24

**Finish:**

Friday 19/07/24

Tuesday 02/07/24 - INSET Day

**PLEASE CLICK HERE TO VIEW THE TERM DATES FOR SEPTEMBER 2024 TO JULY 2025**