



# STUDENT NEWS

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## Key Dates

### NATIONAL SKILLS CHALLENGE Y12:

This week Year 12 completed the National Skills Challenge run by the Inspirational Learning Group! Some brilliant presentations and business ideas were made- good luck to the finalists and well done to everyone who took part!

**Culture Day- Tuesday  
16<sup>th</sup> April**

### School Nurse Drop-in Dates:

18th April 2024  
16th May 2024  
13th June 2024  
11th July 2024

**Earth Day Tag Day -  
Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**

## ♪ Musical Maestros... ♪

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Well done and thank you to all the talented musicians who performed in this year's Spring Soirée! It is always such a privilege to be a part of these concerts, and they wouldn't be possible without the Tech Team and Prefects behind the scenes. Thank you to Mr Holeyman and Miss Smallwood for all of your hard work that goes into the Soirée: we couldn't do it without you.

The Spring Soirée is always a bittersweet time: a time to say farewell to the Year 13s, whose last concert this was. All the best for the future- we'll miss you!

## Spring Soirée 2024



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## Key messages

It's the last week of term! Hope you have all had a great Term 4. Wishing all students who are currently doing any mock exams before exam season the very best of luck before the real thing!

A link to the Rainham Mark RMET Instagram page: keep updated on any big events and notices here: [https://www.instagram.com/rmet\\_rmgs?igsh=MWViejNycXd3OGZsMA==](https://www.instagram.com/rmet_rmgs?igsh=MWViejNycXd3OGZsMA==)

- The **Cabinet Meeting** on Wednesday was very successful. The key issues discussed were the current rewards system, including the ClassCharts Rewards shop, the need for more awareness of which toilets are open at what times, and the creation of Microsoft Teams pages for whole year groups.
- As a result of this meeting:
- We will be creating posters showing which toilets are open available at what times, which will be visible around school.
- Year Parliament Representatives will be gathering suggestions from form groups about what kind of rewards and prices students would like, and Otilie and I will have a meeting with Mrs Horstrup and Mr Smith to discuss the current rewards system soon.

Thank you to all the cabinet members who prepared for and attended the meeting. ☺

- The next Form representatives for Parliament will be elected next term. Please do put yourself forward if you are interested in having an active role in improving the school and developing key skills such as leadership and communication. We need parliament representatives to be able to effectively collect and convey the ideas of their whole form. Looking forward to seeing some new faces at the meetings next term!
- On the **22<sup>nd</sup> April**, there will be a **tag day** to celebrate **Earth Day**. Students may come into school wearing as much green as possible and bringing a **£1** donation which will be put towards funding the Eco Club and their initiatives.

- Our new **Press Team** is looking for any students who would like to be involved in gathering news and information about achievements and events. This is a great opportunity for any aspiring journalists, photographers and for those interested in careers in media. Anyone interested can email Hannah ([p8hames@rmgs.org.uk](mailto:p8hames@rmgs.org.uk)).

**Culture day** is a special occasion where students can learn about and celebrate each other's cultures. We encourage you to come into school on **Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April** wearing cultural clothes, a unique opportunity which doesn't always present itself! On this day there will be a special menu and a range of diverse activities including watching cultural films, listening to cultural music and a panel discussion about 'intersectionality'- which will be hosted in the music recital hall. We're looking forward to it!

Keep an eye on the new **display boards in the corridors adjacent to the Main Hall** in the coming days and weeks! The full Prefect Team will be displayed there, and our aim is to be open to any new suggestions and ideas from all of you. **Remember you can find which prefect is best to talk to about any suggestions in the "Meet the Prefects" section of the weekly Student News.**

Kiran



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## MEET THE PREFECTS!

Environment  
Creativity

Tutoring  
Charity

Wellbeing  
Community

Sport  
Diversity

 Kacie Atkinson DHS	 Daisy Britton F7/ F8	 Jaiden Chuong Tutoring	 Eleanor Clarke R7/ R8	 Erin Doherty N7/ N8
 Ruby Doherty S7/ S8	 Thomas Evans DHS	 Nat Goldsbrough Charity	 Jake Harlow N	 Ottillie Horstrup HS
 Anneliese Hoyte Creativity	 Hannah James Community	 Jessica Jee L7/ L8	 Kiran Karumathy HS	 Patience Kimani Diversity
 Freddie Lawrence B7/ B8	 Jaryn Lorenzo A	 Charlotte Maycey B	 Lucy Moylan L	 Corbin Newbury S
 Janai Ossei DHS	 Matei Pera-Hall A7/ A8	 Neriah Reazon R	 Elizabeth Sharp P	 Rebecca Shave Sport
 Emma Smith Environment	 Bony Thankachan DHS	 Karan Vassa F	 Grace Vosper P7/ P8	 Juliette Weatherley Wellbeing

A warm welcome from your 2024-2025 prefect team! We're looking forward to leading initiatives within school (and most importantly, creating the best Rock 'n' Roll of all time)

On this grid, your Head Student Team (HST) is indicated by the titles HS (Head Students) and DHS (Deputy Head Students).

Key: HST Pillar prefects  
House captains Form prefects





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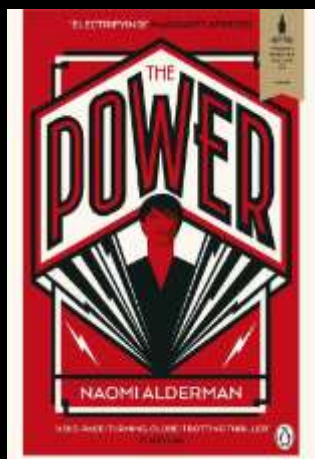


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### 6<sup>th</sup> form book club



An extract from the blurb...

*"All over the world women are discovering they have the power.*

*With a flick of the fingers, they can inflict terrible pain- even death.*

*Suddenly, every man on the planet finds they've lost control.*

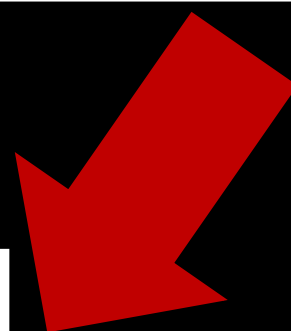
*The day of the girls has arrived- but when will it end?"*

Recently, Mr. Holmes' 6<sup>th</sup> form book club met to discuss Charlotte Perkins Gilman's short story, "The Yellow Wallpaper". The next book we are reading is "The Power" by Naomi Alderman, which will be discussed next term.

Book club isn't just for English Literature students! We'd love to welcome any 6<sup>th</sup> Form student who is interested to come and read and chat about books. 😊

For more information, please see Mr. Holmes.

Check out the other books we've read so far!



### BOOK CLUB'S BOOK SHELF SO FAR...





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## Eco club notices



### Earth Day

Hi everyone, **Earth Day** is coming up on the **22nd of April** and to celebrate we are having a **tag day!** In keeping with the environmental theme, we are asking everyone to **wear as much green as they can.** To participate we are asking you to bring in **£1 donations** – the funds raised will be used to support eco club.

We have some exciting ideas and projects to look forward to, including our plastic bottle greenhouse that is being built this week, planting pollinator friendly plants at RMGS and even a bug hotel! We would love as many of you to get involved as possible. We are keen for sixth form to participate and show their support as well, as any help you can offer is very appreciated.

We are also running a **garden competition.** We invite you all to submit pictures of gardens, greenhouses, window boxes and whatever plants you look after at home. **Email submissions to [f8katkinson@rmgs.org.uk](mailto:f8katkinson@rmgs.org.uk) or [l8jossei@rmgs.org.uk](mailto:l8jossei@rmgs.org.uk)** – there are prizes to be won!

**Are you fed up of paying 60p for a takeaway box? Bring in your own lunch box from home – it saves you money and reduces unnecessary waste! Use it for the canteen main meal and get a stamp on your canteen loyalty card 😊**

**Get your Canteen Loyalty Card today! Use a mug or thermos 6 times and get your 7<sup>th</sup> hot drink free! Cards available from the main hot food hatch.**

**Reward points available for attending eco club, litter critter crew and getting involved with eco projects**

**Do you care about the environment? Then join eco club today! Come along to D2 on a Monday lunchtime to get involved. For more info email [f8katkinson@rmgs.org.uk](mailto:f8katkinson@rmgs.org.uk)**

**Join Litter Critter Crew today! Help our planet and keep the school looking great. We meet Monday, Wednesday and Friday form times in the quad – remember to get registered first. R3's for attending 3 times!**

**Get involved in UPCYCLING CLUB! Email [p7stremain@rmgs.org.uk](mailto:p7stremain@rmgs.org.uk) for more info**



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## Student-led programmes

### UNIFORM BANK

If you would like to access the services of the uniform bank, please use the link below.

Come along to the uniform bank during Tuesday form times!

Meet us at the backstage room (the door next to the site manager's office)

For more info email  
f8katkinson@rmgs.org.uk or  
l8jossei@rmgs.org.uk

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)

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=IATPn5tpiUKZVpOK0W6ID0tJJo65VttGuTWJmzcobMFUMDIMUzFIMTNSUkcXNTJXWVhPVEc2M1JYVS4u>



### RMGS MODEL UN

This term, the student delegates of Model United Nations (MUN) have been faced with a new topic: 'The Use and Effect of Chemical Weapons', regulating their production and creating a safer world. Delegates have begun their research into their respective countries' views on the matter and discussions are now taking place!

The goal is to come to agreeable solutions in the form of a resolution which the general assembly will vote on towards the end of term.

Lastly, MUN owes a massive thank you to Marco, who has been a crucial part of MUN during his head student tenure; we wouldn't be here without his hard work.



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## Shout outs!

Well done to all our **sports** teams who played this week, including:

U13 Girls Netball Team (16-10 W vs Rainham Girls)

U13 Girls Football Team (7-3 W against Leigh Academy – Nancy L x 2, Kate M x 5)

U12 Boys (2-1 L vs Howard School)

Good luck for all your future fixtures!

### Year 7 Shout Outs!

#### Top Reward Points

Sophie E – 7B = 415

Owen M – 7N = 327

Faith U – 7L = 340

Lucas k – 7B = 321

Calvin N – 7R = 331

Shout out to B7 who are the winners of the  
Celebration breakfast and for the highest attendance  
this week at 98.97%

Well Done to all students!





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## 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>  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 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.





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# RMGS CLUBS



## 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 Airengineers (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>