



# RMGS NEWS

Week Beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024

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**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April**  
Yr10 Mocks Begin

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April**  
Yr7 Film Night

### Extra Curricular Activities

**30<sup>th</sup> April – 3<sup>rd</sup> May**  
Yr7 Extra Curricular  
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### STUDENT NEWS

Please click below to see what our students have been up to in our weekly Student Bulletins:

**STUDENT  
BULLETIN**

It has been a fun and busy start to the summer term, staff and students have engaged in a range of activities this week from Multicultural Day led by our Diversity Group to the visit we had from 25 Belgian students organised by Ms Carpentier (Teacher of MFL). It has been good to see our young people playing on the fields and enjoying being outside at break and lunch time.



We would like to thank the Diversity Group led by Mrs Gooding (Head of MFL) for the wide range of activities they led such as the identity and belonging panel discussion, sharing of the Irish folk story depicted in the movie Songs of the Sea, the celebration of music from different cultures and the Ska event led by Tom in Year 13. We would also like to thank Mrs Wallis (Catering Manager) and the catering team for the wide selection of food on offer such as Hungarian ribs, Jamaican jerk chicken, Greek salad, and churros.

I would also like to congratulate Joshua in Year 8 for achieving an exceptional Black Belt award in karate. The award that Joshua achieved has not been bestowed to someone as young as he is before by his karate club. This is an amazing achievement and shows what determination and hard work can achieve. On behalf of the RMGS community a huge well-done Joshua.



The theme for assembly this week focused on belonging through celebrating the history of RMGS and the connection the school has to Medway and the dockyards. It was a chance for us to reflect on our journey as a school and our future.



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## Key Messages Continued

We will be celebrating our RMGS spirit through a carnival titled ANVIL (the name of the old school newsletter when it was Gillingham Technical High School) giving students the opportunity to develop their creativity and embrace new challenges through a range of art forms. I will be writing to parents shortly outlining the event and the wide range of activities that are on offer. We want ANVIL to celebrate the RMGS spirit. In the words of Dr Keen the longest serving Headteacher "We are builders of ourselves and our environment. If you want a kinder and more compassionate world for our children to grow up in be kind and compassionate today."

We wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

Mrs A Hart



### Medway Young Musician of the Year - Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April



Good luck to Thomas in Year 12 who has made it through to the final of the Medway Young Musician of the Year competition.

This is an annual event open to all people in Medway under the age of 18 who are playing or singing to at least a Grade 7 standard. The standard of the concert is always very high, with a variety of instruments and styles on display. Thomas will be playing the alto saxophone, alongside other students on the piano, violin, marimba, clarinet, and trumpet.

Tickets are on sale via Ticket Source [here](#), with the final being held at the GlassBox Theatre in Gillingham. If you are free do come along to support the performers in recognition of all the hard work they have put in to prepare for this competition.

We wish Thomas every success in his performance.





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## BELGIAN STUDENT VISIT

Our Belgian visitors picked the most perfect day to come and visit RMGS: On Culture Day! Promoting cultural diversity helps us recognize, appreciate and respect "ways of being" that are not necessarily our own.



This is precisely what happened between our 68 yr9 students studying French and a group of 25 yr9 students from Liège from the Collège Sainte Véronique, in Belgium. Our guests were ever so grateful and gave us a hundred "mercis" for greeting them so warmly: they absolutely loved it!



I would like to thank everyone who took part on the day: Our yr9 students were real ambassadors and I was extremely proud of their perfect behaviour, participation to activities, curiosity and, of course, willingness to speak French.

A specific shout out to Pratik R and George G for their PPT and superb presentation of our life at RMGS: Our guests were so impressed by our school. Another shout out to our six yr12 prefects for giving them an excellent tour of the school.

A final shout out to all the staff who helped me out put this incredible day of cultural fun together (Ms Gooding, Ms Moore, Mr Barron, the IT team, Mrs Hart and many more).

Ms Carpentier.







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## Key Messages Continued

### Our Head of PE, Mr O'Neill is running the London Marathon 2024 - Fundraising for the NSPCC

Read his story here:

As a teacher, I am acutely aware of the vulnerability of children and the importance of safeguarding their well-being. The NSPCC is an organisation that works tirelessly to protect children from abuse and neglect, providing essential services such as helplines, counselling, and support to vulnerable families.



By running the London Marathon to fundraise for the NSPCC, I hope to make a meaningful contribution towards their vital work. The marathon is a gruelling physical challenge that requires months of training and dedication, but it does compare to the struggles faced by children who have suffered abuse or neglect.



Through fundraising, I aim to raise awareness of the important work that the NSPCC does and to encourage others to support this worthy cause.

Every penny raised will help the NSPCC to provide a lifeline for children who need it most, and I feel honoured to be able to play a small part in their efforts to make a difference in the lives of vulnerable children.

So please dig in and support my journey to raise valued donations towards a truly worthwhile cause, any donation of any amount is much appreciated.

My fundraising link can be found here: [Fundraising Link](#)

Many thanks for your support!





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### Year 7 Shout Outs!

#### Top Reward Points

Sophie E — 7B = 431

Faith U — 7L = 348

calvin N — 7R = 348

LUCAS k — 7B = 336

Erin N — 7N = 328

### Resilience Shout Out!

Drake M — 7L

Well Done!

Shout out to F7 this week for having the highest attendance at 97.5%!

We are celebrating Year 7 attendance with the Movie Night next week

### HERBIE'S NEWS



Welcome back to term 5 and I hope everyone had a lovely holiday. I had some good trips out with my humans and met up with some doggy friends too. I am working towards my Cultural Passport and visited

exciting places with lots of new smells. The evenings are also much lighter now and we can go exploring after school. I would love to see some pictures of your Easter adventures with your pets so please send photos to my mum Mrs Mayes [jmayes@rmet.org](mailto:jmayes@rmet.org) so we can include in our next update. This is my annoying little brother photo bombing our picnic on a day out.





'We are such stuff as dreams are made on'

**The Tempest**  
**by Rainham Mark Grammar School**  
**at The Woodville Theatre, 7th March**  
**appraised by Jess Aquilina**

Congratulations Rainham Mark Grammar School for your fantastic reimagining of The Tempest as part of the Spring 24 Shakespeare Schools Festival. It was a thrilling night of theatre, and I'd like to shine a spotlight on some aspects I really loved.

From the very beginning you opened up the world of this fun and colourful island, with your larger than life Hawaiian shirts and glow sticks, showing the audience that this island was an island of fun, games and mischief. I loved how you continued to use costuming to differentiate between characters, using torches and finger lights for your team of Ariels and Calibans to distinguish them from the humans.

Using conga lines, dance parties and popular music showed that this Island was one that is never dull and made your transitions purposeful and slick. It was like the Island was just one big party that everyone, including the audience, was invited to.

I love how you used your ensemble throughout the performance. From pointing out characters, so the audience was aware who was who, to using physical storytelling to reenact Prospero's banishment. I particularly enjoyed when you all became Miranda and Ferdinand when they declared their love to one another. It was like you were saying this love story happens all around the world. It was moving and poignant and brought another level to the scene. I also loved how you used whispering, echoing and sound effects to highlight the action in the scenes, or to add to the very mysterious atmosphere of the island.

I thought all of you were so professional and patient whilst lights were being plotted and perfected and allowed the tech team and your student technician the time they needed to make sure everything looked and sounded perfect. You also all grew in confidence from the tech and dress to the final performance, taking on great direction from your assistant director and teacher-director and applying it to your final performance.

Congratulations to all of you for your hard work, dedication and focus on your production of The Tempest. You created a show that was fun, lively and full of foolery.

We're thrilled to have reimagined Shakespeare with you this year and have loved being with you on your journey from classroom to stage. We can't wait to work with Rainham Mark Grammar again in the next Festival!

**RAINHAM MARK GRAMMAR SCHOOL**





# RMGS INDIAN MENU

TANDOORI CHICKEN  
CHICKEN TIKKA MASALA  
RED LENTIL DAHL  
VEGETABLE SAMOSAS

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PILAU RICE  
BOMBAY POTATOES  
ONION BHAJIS

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KACHMBER SALAD  
POPPADUM  
MANGO CHUTNEY  
LIME PICKLE  
CUCUMBER RAITA

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INDIAN BANANA CAKE WITH CREAM

**THURSDAY 9TH MAY**



Nucleus Arts invites you to take part in

# Forget-Me-Not Medway

A community project supporting  
dementia awareness.

See overleaf for  
a forget-me-not  
knitting pattern



## ABSOLUTELY NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

Make one or make one hundred. Be part of something  
big by making something tiny. Forget-me-nots will be  
displayed in The Halpern Gallery 16 - 29 May 2024.



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## Forget Me Not's

Join Arts Award Club to knit  
and crochet flowers for  
dementia awareness

Wednesday 24th April  
3:15pm-4:15pm - A3

Materials provided - but bring  
your own if you have them





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## Useful Links

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[40-off-the-historic-dockyard-chatham/](#)

## 40% off The Historic Dockyard Chatham

1st April - 30th April



The Historic Dockyard Chatham has been an important part of the lives of Medway residents for over 400 years. During the 40th anniversary year of the closure of the working dockyard, we want as many local people as possible to be able to enjoy a day out with us, to experience climbing aboard our historic warships, seeing the last remaining operational ropewalk, getting hands on in our galleries and connecting with the stories of the past.

Local residents will be able to receive 40% OFF the walk-up price of entry tickets from 1 to 30 April 2024.

### Child-friendly Medway: Creative arts and cultural activities and events

[child-friendly medway creative arts and cultural activities and events](#)

### Child-friendly Medway: Health, wellbeing and sports activities and events

[child-friendly medway health wellbeing and sports activities and events](#)



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



## RMGS PHYSICAL EDUCATION EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

### TERM 5 & 6



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 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>  BENCHBALL CLUB 6 <sup>th</sup> Form <b>CON</b>	BADMINTON CLUB Y7 / 8 (sports hall) <b>JWI</b>
<b>AFTER SCHOOL</b> 3:05 – 4:30	GOLF CLUB Y7 & 8 (lower field) <b>GRA</b>  SQUAD CRICKET NETS Y7 / 8 / 9 / 10 (sports hall) <b>CON</b>	ATHLETICS CLUB Y9 & 10 <b>SP / ALO / JWI / MAL</b>  CRICKET CLUB Y7 / 8 / 9 Boys & Girls (sports hall) <b>CON</b>	BADMINTON CLUB 6 <sup>th</sup> Form <b>ALO</b>	ATHLETICS CLUB Y7 & 8 <b>CON / SP / ALO / GRA</b>  ROUNDERS CLUB ALL YEARS <b>MAL / JWI</b>	STAFF FOOTBALL (sports hall)

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	Buzz Club 1:40pm - 2:05pm The Well  String Group Recital Hall  Music Technology - E2  KS4 iMedia 1:20pm - 1:40pm D1  KS3 Computing 1:20pm - 1:40pm D1	MedSoc (Year 13 until Jan) 1:40pm - 2:05pm Q1  Junior Wind Band Recital Hall  KS4 & KS5 Art Club - R2  KS4 iMedia 1:20pm - 2:05pm D1  Eco Club 1:30pm - 2:00pm - D2  KS3 Computing (HW and catch up) 1:20pm - 1:40pm D1  Sixth Form Book Club (1 <sup>st</sup> Tuesday of every term) L1	Chess Club 1:20pm - 2:05pm - HZ  Ukulele Club - E1  Year 11 D&T NEA support clinic  KS3 Art Club - 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  Scrabble Club - L3  Music Support - E2  Sparx Club - N6	Arts for Wellbeing (All years) - R2  Year 7 & 8 Airingers (Drone club) - DT  Brass Group - 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  Quantum Physics 1:35pm - 2:05pm - M9	KS4 iMedia 1:20pm - 1:40pm D1  Diversity Group 1:35pm C4  KS3 Computing (HW and catch up) 1:20pm - 1:40pm D1  Debating Society 1:30pm - 2:00pm L2
AFTER SCHOOL	Homework Club 3:15pm - 4:15pm Library  Tabletop Gaming Club (formerly D&D) 3:15pm - 4:30pm F3	Homework Club 3:15pm - 4:15pm Library  Science Club 3:15pm - 4:15pm M5  Jam Club 3:15pm Music block	Homework Club 3:15pm - 4:15pm Library  GCSE Astronomy 3:15pm - 4:45pm M7  Bronze & Silver Arts Award Club 3:15pm - 4:15pm	Homework Club 3:15pm - 4:15pm Library  Big Band 3:15pm Music Block  Shakespeare Schools' Festival 3:15pm - 4:15pm	Homework Club 3:15pm - 4:15pm Library



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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**