



# STUDENT NEWS

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## Key Dates

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April- Earth Day & Y10 mocks begin

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April- 6<sup>th</sup> Form Dress Smartly Days

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

30<sup>th</sup> April – 3<sup>rd</sup> May- Yr7 Extra Curricular Fayre

School Nurse Drop in:  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May 2024  
Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2024



## CULTURE DAY 2024!

RMGS Student News is compiled by Otilie and Kiran. Please send any material you would like to feature in the Student News to [R8Ohorstrup@rmgs.org.uk](mailto:R8Ohorstrup@rmgs.org.uk) and [F8KKarumathy@rmgs.org.uk](mailto:F8KKarumathy@rmgs.org.uk).

"Throughout culture day, Rainham Mark Grammar School witnessed a wide range and variety of cultures. In particular, I found interest within the different clothing around the school. It is extremely important that culture day is celebrated, as it not only allows people to represent their culture but for others around the school to learn about it."

JAIME H. Y12



Thank you to everyone involved, in particular Mrs Gooding and the Diversity Group, for your hard work in organising this fantastic event. ☺

"As you already know, culture day took place on the 16th of April. I took part in many of the culture-based activities; I wore a traditional, Ankara dress to display my Nigerian culture and I attended the open panel discussion which tackled a lot of questions which aren't commonly talked about- such as what the question 'where are you from?' made us feel. I think that culture day is an incredibly important day to embrace as it allows people to express themselves through cultural clothing of their choice and serves as a reminder that everyone is unique. Culture Day lets people educate themselves and others about different cultures, which is an important concept to understand to be able to be a supportive member of society. It also leaned to consider cultures that aren't considered to be 'cultures'. The most common connotation of the word 'culture' is where a person is from, and whilst this is true, culture also extends past geographical boundaries; it encompasses our live experiences, how we view the world, what we create, what we do and our values. It would be a disservice to simply refer to culture as your origins; culture is the heartbeat of our identity, pulsing throughout actions, thoughts, and connections. Although I saw people in sarees, dhotis and ashokes, I also encountered people representing other cultures such as gothic culture. My favourite part of culture day was the cultural food. It was refreshing to see a variety of different cultures being displayed through food, and I enjoyed the churros! "

HANNAH A. Y10



Thank you to Madame Carpentier for organising a visit from a group of Belgian students- what a perfect day to visit RMGS!

During Culture Day, students were offered the chance to try foods from many different countries, including Greece, Germany, Hungary, Jamaica and many more! A huge thank you to all the kitchen staff for all your hard work!

On Culture Day 2024, we were delighted to see so many students celebrating their cultural identity through wearing cultural dress and taking part in the various cultural activities going on around school. Such events included: a panel discussion on intersectionality, a menu of foods from all over the world at lunchtime, a Ska music session, and a cultural twist on RMGS' film club, with "Song of the Sea" (a film produced by the Republic of Ireland, Belgium, Denmark, France, and Luxembourg) being shown. It was a wonderful start to the term, and such a joyous celebration of culture that students feel proud to have been a part of.

I saw many different cultures around the school mainly African and Asian traditional wear it fascinated me because it cleared the misconception I previously had that people of certain continents typically wore the same clothes, but on the day I saw different cultural clothing that made up different parts of different continents which was interesting. One thing I enjoyed about the day was seeing my close friends represent their culture as it made me appreciate the cultural diversity of the school and how many different people from different backgrounds can come together. I believe Nigerian culture should be celebrated as Nigerian culture has been influential in many different fields such as music.

Davina O. Y12



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## Key messages



Any Year 11/13 Students who would like to use a white school shirt for leavers' shirt signing can pop along to the uniform bank and ask for a shirt there. ☺

## Book recommendations!

If anyone has any books that they are interested in that they would like to recommend, please email **Anneliese (A8Ahoyte@rmet.org)** with the book name, the author, and the reason why you like the book. You could even include a short summary of the story! Your recommendation will be displayed as part of the book display outside L1.

We look forward to hearing about what you've been reading!

Hello to all,

I hope you have all had a great first week back after the Easter holidays.

Here is 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==)

**Parliament Representative Elections** should be happening in form times this week. The role would consist of two terms of service with one termly meeting. The benefits of the role include having the opportunity and platform to drive positive change in our school in areas that you feel passionate about, ranging from sports and arts to the environment and school facilities. Furthermore, assuming a role as form rep would greatly improve your 'soft' skills; your ability to talk to a wide range of people and develop effective communication and leadership. I would also like to remind you that there are incentives to becoming a Form representative in parliament, including R points that could be spent at the Class Charts shop! If you are interested in this, please let your form tutors know.

Thank you to all the people that made **Culture Day** a great success! It was great to see so many people expressing their own cultures and identities in a variety of different ways and reminded me of how culturally diverse and appreciative the Rainham Mark community is. The accounts and photos of Culture Day for this bulletin were provided by our new **Press Team**, who are 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 those interested in careers in media. **Anyone interested can email Hannah (p8hjames@rmgs.org.uk).**

A special **thanks to our Diversity prefects and the Diversity group**; we look forward to more similar events in the future!

On **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> of 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, which can be found later in the Bulletin.

Good luck to all the Year 10 students who will be starting mock exams on Monday. I hope you all have a great week,

Kiran Karumathy





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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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## BOOK



## CORNER

### 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.

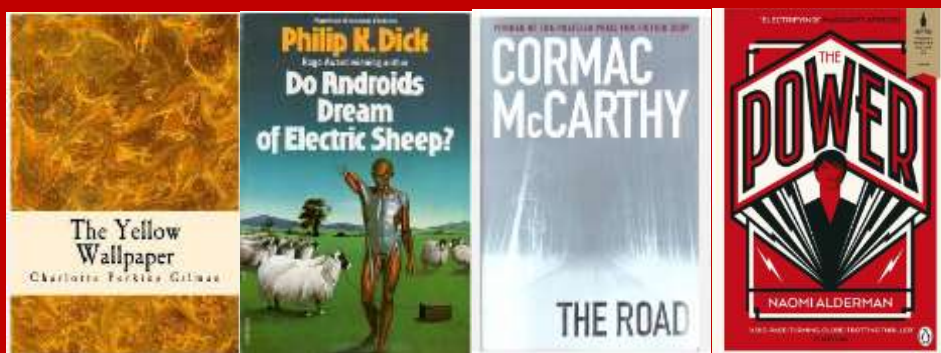
Book club isn't just for English Literature students! We'd love to welcome any 6<sup>th</sup> Form student who is interested to come and read and chat about books. 😊

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



### Springtime planting!

This week, eco club have been getting planting: primroses, broad beans and sweet peas are some beautiful additions to our school garden, and we can't wait to see them in the summer months! The vegetables in the garden are also coming along nicely: the Swiss chard in particular! Well done to everyone who helped out, and a big thank you to Dr T. for volunteering your time and expertise in the garden. 😊



**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!

### 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.



### 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!

Prake 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

## THE MARK'S WRITING COMPETITION 2024

A student led competition judged by Year 13 writers for The Mark.

### Winners:

Best Poem - Olivia B. 8A and Nedum A. 10B

Best Story - Emmanuel T. 7P and Michael W. 12B

Best Article - Lucas G. 9L

### Honorable Mentions:

Poem - Mr McDowell's Year 10X/En 4 class for their poetry collection

Story - Kate M. 7F

Article - Chizaram E. 7R

Winners received prizes and certificates with all entries receiving R points.

**Winning entries will be published in the next edition of The Mark, so keep an eye out!**





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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>