



Key Dates

Monday 31st March

Y12 Work Experience begins

Tuesday 1st April

Belgian Student Visit

Connections National
Theatre in school – Y10

Thursday 3rd April

Y7 Parents Evening (NPRS)

Friday 4th April

Last day of term 4

**Please click
here for Term
Dates**



RMGS NEWS

28th March 2025

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We have had a week of enterprise and creativity; year 8 and year 12 students took part in a careers and business project run by Inspirational Learners. Our students had the opportunity to create and design their own business model. It was good to see the buzz and excitement generated by our students and staff. Thank you to Mrs Purcell (Head of Business) and Mrs Williams (Careers Co-ordinator) for leading on this. Thank you to all year 8 and year 12 students who took part in the event and demonstrated our core values – aspiration, respect, curiosity, and happiness (ARCH).

I am pleased to announce that Ms Stewart (year 8 pastoral support assistant) has won the Kent Teacher of the Year Award for support staff. Ms Stewart was nominated by a parent for the support she has provided the family and student. Thank you Ms Stewart for the care and support you give our young people.

We would like to shine a spotlight on one of our alumni students Keelan Carew who is currently presenting on BBC Radio 4.

Please see the image included - Keelan is the person sitting down at the piano, alongside the trombonist Carol Jervis. Keelan was an avid musician and thoroughly engaged in the enrichment opportunities

provided at RMGS. We would like to remind all our students of the importance of taking part in a wide range of clubs and activities available at RMGS as this could open doors to a possible career path.

We wish all the mothers within our community a Happy Mother's Day.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A Hart





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Basketball Achievements

Shaunna & Gabby have been named in the top 18 in the Super South Region for U13 Basketball!

The girls have one more trial on the 27th April, following this the team of 12 will be picked to compete in the All-Star weekend at the end of July.

Well done and the best of luck to the girls!

FREE BASKETBALL FOR BEGINNERS - CALLING ALL GIRLS IN YEAR 5-7 SUPPORTED BY THE UPNOR HONEY CO



#GIRLSGOTGAME



@KENTCRUSADERSBB

FIRST 35 SPACES FREE

VENUE: CHATHAM GRAMMAR

TIME: 17:30-19:00

DAY: THURSDAY

RUNS; 24TH APRIL - 17TH JULY

SESSIONS WILL OFFER GIRLS A POSITIVE OUTLET DELIVERING SKILLS BOTH ON & OFF THE COURT INCLUDING GREATER CONFIDENCE, INCREASED FOCUS, ENHANCED TEAM WORKING SKILLS, RESILIENCE AND IMPROVED MENTAL HEALTH.

SIGN UP HERE TO THE SPOND GROUP TO GET INVOLVED



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On Thursday 20th March RMGS hosted its internal heats for the KMGSA Symposium competition. Symposium is a public speaking competition open to Y9 students in all Kent and Medway grammar schools. We were blown away by the quality of the speeches delivered and the passion with which our students spoke, discussing challenging, personal and current topics. A huge well done to all involved. Congratulations to Dylan S and Imogen S who will be representing our school in the regional heats. Thank you to our judges, Mrs. Hart, Miss. Partner and Mrs. Starr.

Dodgeball Success for Year 7 Teams! 🏆

A huge congratulations to our Year 7 boys' and girls' dodgeball teams for their fantastic performances at the Medway Schools Dodgeball Competition!

Our Y7 girls' team 🌟 showed incredible determination, finishing 4th overall after losing just one match all day – an impressive effort!

Meanwhile, our Y7 boys' team 🏆 dominated the competition with an undefeated run, earning them a well-deserved 1st place finish! 🏆

Both teams demonstrated great teamwork, skill, and sportsmanship – we couldn't be prouder! 🏆 Well done, everyone! 🏆





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YEAR 7 STUDENTS WITH THE MOST POINTS LAST WEEK!

A - CHLOE L & IRIS S - 8
B - EOIN L - 19
F - LUCAS O, TESSA S & GEORGE W - 1
L - ISLA G - 19
N - FLETCHER C - 12
P - MODESOLA M - 49
R - OLIVIA M & JOSEPH N - 3
S - PAIGE B, DANIEL L & VANESSA P - 3

YEAR 7 STUDENTS WITH THE MOST POINTS TERM 4!

A - ANYA S - 141
B - VISHWAK - 96
F - DEIMJANAS - 150
L - DANIEL F - 105
N - DANIEL K - 43
P - MODESOLA M - 74
R - GRACE T - 56
S - BEA H - 98

WELL DONE! 😊

Well done to A7 with 98.57% closely followed by L7 and N7 with 98.33%!

Congratulations

Amber-Rose competed in the Kent RFU Rugby 7s at the weekend and her team won the Bowl Trophy!





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Engaging, inspiring and motivating RMGS students to succeed!

This week we were fortunate to welcome The Inspirational Group to RMGS for four days. The first two days were sponsored by BA and involved giving our Year 8 students the challenge of designing their own airline. Each team were tasked with coming up with a name, design, brand, inflight menu and safety video for their airline. Eight teams were chosen to present on stage and then one winning team was chosen from each day. All teams were amazing and all showed creativity and team work. Both winning teams will now be invited to compete in the final in London later this year. Well done to "Lord of the Skies" with Sophia S (8F), Faye S (8F), Dhara S (8F), James S (8F), Jacob T (8F) and Lila V (8F) and then "Birds View" with Jamie P (8S), Harrison P (8S), Edie M (8S) and Mia N (8S).

The latter two days were sponsored by Natwest and involved Year 12 spending the day designing their own business that would serve to solve a problem they face in today's world. Some truly amazing ideas from both days which made judging incredibly difficult. However after 8 teams presented on each day the winning teams were "Independency" with Samuel H (12A), James H (12A), Nav S (12A), Christian W (12A), Alex J (12A) and Talha T (12A) and then "OBB" with Liam E (12X), Arthur P (12X), Duane D (12X), Zech C (12X), Sivahaash U (12X), Papa B (12X). The winning teams will now go on to present at the finals in London later this year.

This annual initiative helps provide students with the skills required to begin their journey to career success and enables them to develop skills for the future world of work and bridge the global growing skills gap.

Well done to all students who took part – you are a credit to the school and to yourselves!



"DID MY HEART LOVE 'TILL NOW?"

Romeo & Juliet
by Rainham Mark Grammar School
at The Woodville Theatre, 12th March 2025
appraised by Lisa Ors

It is my great pleasure to congratulate you, Rainham Mark Grammar School, on your brilliant performance of Romeo & Juliet as part of Shakespeare Schools Festival this spring. It was a joy to watch you shine on your performance night, and I'd like to spend some time now highlighting all the aspects of your production that I loved the most.

I loved the creative opening to your production. It was original how you combined the use of recorded voices in the prologue with symbols presented onstage that represented key elements of the play. You delivered an engaging and professional scene that brought the audience in.

The fight scenes were well choreographed and performed with intense attitude and control. I particularly loved the dramatic brawl between households to the music 'Kung Fu Fighting' and later the demise of Tybalt, which portrayed tension and emotion.

Your voices were vocally expressive, energised and full of character intention, showing a clear understanding of Shakespeare's language. You showed confidence and commitment to your storytelling, with wonderfully developed characters. Romeo and Juliet is one of Shakespeare's most famously tragic plays and you handled this subject matter with great maturity and composure.

The space was used in a dynamic way with great lighting and sound choices. This was a fabulous team effort including the fantastic contributions made by your student directors and student technicians - great job!

Congratulations on a remarkable production of Romeo and Juliet from a mature and committed cast.

We are in awe of all your passion, hard work and creativity! What you have accomplished is something truly special, and we are already looking forward to reimagining Shakespeare with Rainham Mark Grammar School again next year.

RAINHAM MARK GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Shakespeare's Schools Festival: Student Experiences.....

ISLA:

I have thoroughly enjoyed every single part of Shakespeare, since the beginning of year 7. I have done Shakespeare for three years and I'm so sad that I am unable to participate next year, it's addictive! I am so proud of the performance me and my fellow directors have created and how we and the actors have all improved one another. The entire cast and crew have been amazing, despite however much they've annoyed me, I wouldn't change anything if I could do it all over again. These will be memories for life, and I am so thankful to everyone else who has made this possible. If you are wondering whether to do it or not, go for it, it's one of the best experiences I've ever had, it's been a blast!

ANTHONY:

I'm glad that I got to be part of this experience, this was honestly an amazing journey, and I still think about it to this day. Shakespeare schools helped me to improve my confidence while performing on stage and taught me a lot of skills about acting!

GEORGE:

I started Shakespeare schools in year 7 and I had no idea I would be doing it for 3 years straight, it has been an amazing experience and it has gotten me to love drama even more than I already did doing 3 different performances back to back has also helped me see just how much I have improved over the short but amazing time I have had doing Shakespeare schools, I would like to send my heartfelt thanks to Mr Birkitt, Mrs Macken and Miss Barry for helping my passion in drama become even bigger. I could not stop appreciating the work every teacher and director has put into these projects. I will be forever grateful for all of the work that everyone has put into these projects.

CONNOR:

I have only done one year of SSF, but it was great I highly encourage it as if you enjoy drama or not it is a good experience. When I did it sure I may have been nervous, but I loved it, a nice change to show your true acting potential while making friends from year 7 to 9. It was so fun while it may have been a lot of work it was so worth it and thank you to all the friends I have made on my way of the beautiful Romeo & Juliet.

FAYE:

Shakespeare schools was a fun experience that brought me closer to multiple people and was an exciting experience to participate in and I would 100% do it again.

THOMAS:

Over the past 3 years, I have truly been astonished by not only the participation by different schools, but by the quality and passion for Shakespeare by young students in our school. Since working as Head of Tech from Year 8 to now being in Year 9, it is interesting to understand the technical side of these performances and watching the actors (from Years 7,8 and 9) work together to put on this abridged, but outstanding, play of Romeo & Juliet. As a Technician on Lighting at the back of the theatre, I was amazed that I could perfectly see and hear all the actors, including those in Year 7 and those with smaller roles. Everyone put their full focus and heart into this performance, and I'm sure that this will continue for years to come.

LAYLA:

Shakespeare schools is one of the best experiences of my life, not only did I get to perform in a theatre, but I also made so many friends along the way. To anyone thinking of doing it next year I would tell them to go for it.



WEDNESDAY 23RD APRIL



**Bangers & Mash (Vegan available)
Cornish Steak Slice**



OR

Cheese & Onion Pastie



**Mashed Potatoes
Garden Peas
Glazed Carrots**



Apple Pie & Custard





MULTI CULTURAL DAY MENU

WEDNESDAY 30TH APRIL

**Paella
Chicken Yassa
or
Zeljanica (Cheese & Spinach Pie)**

**Italian Tomato Salad
Tex Mex Sweetcorn Salad
Seasoned Wedges**

**Tart Au Citron served with
Chantilly Cream**



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CAN YOU HELP?

Can you - or anyone you know - offer a
Work Experience Placement to a student please?

Work Experience is an enriching and rewarding opportunity for our students, and we encourage students to have work experience in order to deepen their understanding of the work-place environment, and develop an interest in their aspirations. Work experience is something we are incredibly passionate about

Please contact ewilliams@rmet.org

Kent Music Summer School

Kent Music Summer School courses are exciting and engaging, perfect for giving students an ensemble experience outside of their music lessons. They offer the opportunity to build on their love for music while expanding social and musical horizons.

The focus of the Summer School music courses is for young people to have fun while being encouraged and motivated to improve, supported by professional tutors and an experienced pastoral team. From new starters to experienced players, it's a place for everyone to enjoy themselves and enrich their summers, making friends and memories to last a lifetime!

KMSS offers something for all young musicians. Ability, experience and finances needn't be barriers to entry. All courses are audition-free, and we can offer generous financial assistance to students who meet the criteria.

How to find out more

Visit the website:

[Kent Music Summer School - Kent Music](#)

- or have a look at the online brochure:

[Interactive-Brochure-KMSS-2025.pdf](#)





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RMGS Runs on Strava




 **Get RMGS Running – Join Our New Strava Group!** 

We are thrilled to introduce the **Rainham Mark Grammar School Strava Group** – a new way for **students, staff, and parents** to get active, stay motivated, and lead a healthy lifestyle!

Whether you're a keen runner, a casual walker, or just looking to move more, this group is for you! By joining, you'll be part of the RMGS community, working together to promote a **healthy, active lifestyle** through running, walking, and cycling.

 **WEEKLY CHALLENGES!**

To keep things exciting, we'll be setting **weekly fitness challenges** for all members to take part in. Push yourself, compete with friends, and see how far you can go!

-  **Track your activity**
-  **Stay motivated**
-  **Take on weekly challenges**

Let's make fitness fun and **get RMGS moving!** Join us on Strava today and help spread the word.

 Join here by scanning the QR code below:



**Scan to join Rainham
Mark Grammar School**



strava.com/clubs/RMGS-Run

#GetRMGSRunning #RMGSFitness #ActiveSchool



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Easter Music Courses 2025

5th-7th April

Rainham Mark Grammar School

For more details and to apply visit
www.medwaymusicassociation.co.uk

For any enquiries
info@medwaymusicassociation.co.uk



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TERM TIME ONLY

JOIN OUR SATURDAY MUSIC CENTRE

AGES 5 – 18

EVERYONE WELCOME

COMPLETE BEGINNERS TO
ADVANCED MUSICIANS

RAINHAM MARK GRAMMAR SCHOOL

**JUST £45
FOR THE YEAR**



DISCOVER MORE

www.medwaymusicassociation.co.uk



Careers Corner

Essex University support Career Surgery

A huge thank you to Caroline from Essex University for coming in to talk to students about University. The talk provided students – from years 7-13 – with a huge range of information and advice on every element of University including UCAS process, Budgeting, Clearing, Research and of course Uni life! The talk was incredibly informative and certainly provided students with a real insight into the process, Uni life and what to expect. Thank you Caroline 😊



Year 10 Work Experience

The Year 10 Work Experience will be taking place between the **19th - 23rd May**. All students have been notified in assembly and resources have been shared with them via Teams to help them. Please do think about where you would like to do your work experience and if you know any businesses, family, friends or organisations that might offer placements. Please ask your students to email ewilliams@rmet.org if they need any help at all. Please take a look at the resources available to help you find placements on our website via the link below (this contains business listings, email templates, resources etc) and start to make contact with businesses.

<https://www.rainhammark.com/page/?title=Work+Experience&pid=229>

Easter Law Work Experience - Tuesday 15th April, 10am - 3pm

Magic Circle Law Firm Linklaters are offering students a whole day of legal knowledge, workshops and insights to the sector for aspiring lawyers. This will be an immersive one day experience online via Zoom where you will get the chance to learn more about law, what it takes to make your way to the top in a law firm and take part in some legal case workshops to really put your skills to the test as a commercial lawyer.

If you would like to secure your place, please apply on the below link

: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/YP-GetintoLaw-WEx>

Join Professional Services firm, KPMG for their Virtual Work Experience Day on Monday 14th April, 10am – 3pm

If you are Year 11, 12, 13 student interested in gaining work experience with one of the world's leading professional services firms then this event during the Easter Break will explore career opportunities in business, finance, accounting, and professional services while developing key employability skills.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/KPMG-Virtual>

Can you help?

We are always on the look out for businesses, organisations or former students to come back to the school and talk to our students or offer work experience placements. If you can help in any way then please email ewilliams@rmet.org Particular areas that we are always looking for are finance, law, engineering, medicine and creative arts.



Careers Corner

Looking for a Creative Career?

We have access to some really useful and interesting videos for anyone looking for a creative career:

Introduction to Careers in the Creative Industries

: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDIEghHJn9tcIkhU7X_b1ThM1vPJdXZW

Careers in the Screen Industries

: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDIEghHJn9teM44GXoJF6uhgmy6CWqmE1>

Careers in Media & Comms

: https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDIEghHJn9tf3Q3_I6T_5DmT8bzAX6yri

Careers in Pop Culture

: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDIEghHJn9tcPjgdzhoqKXFywvb9FmmbM>

Careers in The Arts

: <https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDIEghHJn9tfINy2AiRLOEyQiU6uZlVn>

Linking subjects to careers

This tool can be useful for students who aren't sure what the subjects they study at school or college have to do with work and their career OR those that really enjoy a subject but wonder if there will be any future use for it in the workplace?

<https://yourskillsmap.com/>

CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR STUDENTS

Lloyds Banking Group Banking & Finance Event!

Are you curious about a career in Banking and Finance? Join the Lloyds Banking Group: Careers Live, an exclusive virtual event designed to give you insights into one of the UK's largest financial institutions and how to make build your career within the industry!

Event Details:

- Event: Lloyds Banking Group: Careers Live
- Date: Tuesday, 1st April 2025
- Time: 5:00pm - 6:00pm
- Location: Zoom (link provided upon registration)

Register here : <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LBG-Finance>

A guide to students finance

Join us to find out about the tuition fee and maintenance loans, how the repayment system works, and where to look for additional sources of funding. A Q&A will also be included at the end of the session.

<https://www.kent.ac.uk/whats-on/event/73096/a-guide-to-student-finance-livestream#msdyntrid=qSyygynqaBJlahXvXUOMZpfmMMDnrgBWYBFQrS80Fkc>



Explore 2,400 Higher and Degree apprenticeship vacancies from 80+ employers, including Accenture, AstraZeneca, British Army, Dunelm, EDF, IBM, KPMG, Network Rail, Nestle, Rolls-Royce, Siemens, Thames Valley Police, Vodafone and many more!

<https://www.rainhammark.com/page/?title=Latest+Career+Opportunities&pid=369&action=saved>

Our website houses lots of useful information and resources for both students and families – to help research, support and guide any Career pathway conversations across all school years.

We also welcome any feedback you have about the careers programme

We are passionate about ensuring all of our students have access to Careers guidance and support throughout their time with us here at RMGS. If you need any information or would like to book a 1-2-1 careers meeting for your child then please contact our Careers Co-ordinator Mrs Williams ewilliams@rmet.com

Medical Society

*For KS5 students aspiring to join
medical based careers*



Talks from medical professionals
Help with medical school application
Interview preparation
Understanding research articles
Ethical debates
UKAT preparation



Every Tuesday at
13:40 in Q1

First meeting for year 12
students on January 7th



RMGS Extra-Curricular Clubs 2024-25



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

LUNCH

Level Up Club
Y11 – R4

BioClinic
6th Form – Q1

String Group
All – Recital Hall

Music Tech Club
All – E2

Crochet & Knitting
All – L2

Maths Clinic
All - HY

Open Access Computing
All – D1

DT NEA Clinic
Y10-13 – N5

Take It Further Club
Y10 – R4

MedSoc
6th Form – Q1

Wind Band
All – Recital Hall

Geography Clinic
All – D6

Creative iMedia club
Y10-11 – D1

Christian Union
All – A3

Psychology Support
Y13 – G2

Open Access Computing
All – D1

Philosophy club
Y7-8 – H5

**Horribly Horrible
History Club** KS3 – F6

Maths Clinic
All - HY

DT NEA Clinic
Y10-13 – N5

Eco Club
All – D2

Scrabble Club
All – L3

Chemistry Clinic
Y12-13 – M6

Arts for Wellbeing Club
All – R2

KS3 Art Club
Y7-9 – R1

Music Support Session
All – E2

Ukulele Club
All – E1

Sparx Club
Y7-11 – N6

Open Access Computing
All – D1

Chess/Puzzle Club
All - HZ

Choir
All – Recital Hall

Maths Clinic
All - HY

The Mark
All – L6

Origami Club
All – N1

Quantum Physics Club
All – M9

KS3 Book Club
Selected Pupils – R4

KS4 / 5 Art Club
Y10-13 – R2

**Black History Month
Club**
All – R1

Brass Group
All – Recital Hall

Maths Clinic
All - HY

Open Access Computing
All – D1

German Lunch
6th Form – B2

Bohemian Society
(Folk music session)
All – E1

Debate Club
All – L2

Maths Clinic
All - HY

Percussion Club
All – Recital Hall

Computer Science
KS4 & KS5 – D3

Open Access Computing
All – D1

DT NEA Clinic
Y10-13 – N5



RMGS Extra-Curricular Clubs 2024-25



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

**BEFORE
SCHOOL**

Geography Soc Exec
Committee
Y12 – D6
During Registration

**AFTER
SCHOOL**

Tabletop Gaming Club
All – S1

Homework Club
All - Library

Grease
Company rehearsals
All – A1 & A3

Sociology Support
Y13 – G5

Science Club
KS3 – M3

Jam Club
All – Music Block

Sparx Club
Y7-11 – M8

Homework Club
All – Library

Connections Rehearsals
Y10 GCSE Drama
A3

Geography Exams Clinic
Y11 & 13 – D6

The Shakespeare Schools
Festival Rehearsals
KS3 – A3

Grease
Company music rehearsal
All – Recital Hall

Homework Club
All - Library

Grease
Company rehearsals
All – A1 & A3

Y11 German Speaking Club
for GCSEs Plus
B2

Big Band
All – Recital Hall

Paper Club
Y11 & 12 - HY

Homework Club
All - Library

Grease – Band Rehearsal
Invitation Only
Recital Hall

Homework Club
All – Library



RMGS PHYSICAL EDUCATION EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

TERM 3



TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
BEFORE SCHOOL 7:30 – 8:15					BASKETBALL CLUB Y7 / 8 / 9 SQUADS (invite only) GRA
BREAK 10:55 – 11:15	BASKETBALL CLUB Y7 / 8 (sports hall) (DUTY STAFF)	BASKETBALL CLUB Y7 / 8 (sports hall) (DUTY STAFF)	BASKETBALL CLUB Y7 / 8 (sports hall) (DUTY STAFF)	BASKETBALL CLUB Y9 / 10 / 11 / 6 TH (sports hall) (DUTY STAFF)	BASKETBALL CLUB Y9 / 10 / 11 / 6 TH (sports hall) (DUTY STAFF)
LUNCH 1:30 – 2:00	FITNESS CLUB ALL YEARS (Fitness Suite) JWI BASKETBALL CLUB Y7 / 8 (sports hall) GRA	FITNESS CLUB ALL YEARS (Fitness Suite) ALO TABLE TENNIS CLUB ALL YEARS (top gym) CON	FITNESS CLUB ALL YEARS (Fitness Suite) JSH VOLLEYBALL CLUB Y11/12/13 (sports hall) CON / ALO	FITNESS CLUB ALL YEARS (Fitness Suite) MAL BASKETBALL CLUB Y9 / 10 / 11 (sports hall) GRA	FITNESS CLUB ALL YEARS (Fitness Suite) ALO BADMINTON CLUB Y7-10 (sports hall) JWI
AFTER SCHOOL 3:05 – 4:30	CROSS COUNTRY & FITNESS CLUB (ALL YEARS) JSH DANCE CLUB KS3 (dance studio) CON	NETBALL SQUAD TRAINING Y7 & 8 MAL BADMINTON CLUB KS3 (sports hall) GRA / ALO	NETBALL SQUAD TRAINING Y9 / 10 / 11 JSH	6TH FORM BADMINTON (sports centre) ALO ORIENTEERING CLUB ALL YEARS MAL RUGBY CLUB YEAR 10 (Field) CON	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.