



# RMGS NEWS

2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

## Key Messages

### Key Dates

**Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May**

**Bank Holiday**

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May**

**Careers Surgery**

**Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

**Final Day for Yr11**

**Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May**

**Geography NEA Trip to  
Reculver  
&  
Colour Run**

**Please click here  
to view:  
Term Dates**

**Please click here  
to view:  
Safeguarding  
Bulletins**

The RMGS spirit has shone through this week, the variety of school events and the atmosphere has echoed our mantra of belonging. Thank you to Mrs Horstrup (Deputy Headteacher) and the student led diversity group for leading multi-cultural day. Thank you to staff and students who dressed for the occasion. There were a wide range of outfits ranging from football kits representing different countries, traditional Albanian dresses that represent different regions to contemporary designs using Nigerian textiles. I was impressed by how our students and staff felt encouraged to represent their history and culture. Thank you to Mrs Wallis (Catering Manager) and the catering team for the variety of food on offer, the food was delicious.



Thank you to Ms Tappous (Assistant headteacher – Personal Development) for leading the Year 8 open event on Monday and Tuesday. I really enjoy this event as it is a chance for students to share an insight into their school world with their parents. It is also nice to hear parents taking a trip down memory lane with their child. Thank you to all the parents who attended the event, it was a pleasure to welcome you.



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Thank you to Mrs Robbins (Assistant Headteacher – KS3) who led the new year 7 transition event. We held our first quiz afternoon for our new year 7 intake. Thank you to Mr Twizell (Head of Year 13), Ms Tappous, Sara Gooding (Assistant Headteacher KS5) for supporting the event. It was good to see and hear the excitement from our new year 7 students and welcome them to our school community. Our sixth form prefects did what they do best and led them through the quiz with kindness and confidence. Thank you to our sixth form helpers.

Dr Sutton (Head of Art) and Mr Holmes (Head of English) did an amazing job of leading the first regional heat for symposium. Thank you to Mrs Atlee (Art Technician) for designing and making the symposium treats. We are pleased to announce that Dylan S is through to the final. Dylan's presentation on the importance of questions was thought provoking. Imogen S also delivered an inspiring presentation about girls with ADHD which encouraged the audience to think about how to support young girls who are neurodiverse. Thank you to Linda Bourne (Chair of the RMGS Academy Committee) for coming to support the event.

It was a pleasure to meet Keelan Carew (BBC Radio 3 presenter) ex-student at RMGS. Keelan gave a passionate and inspiring careers talk to our students interested in a career in Music. Keelan shared important information about university and next steps. Keelan was so grateful to the staff who have inspired him at RMGS, and it was moving to see him



speak to Ms Smallwood (Head of Music), Mr Holeyman (Head of PSHE), Mr Twizell, Mr Shibli (Teacher of Business and Economic) and Ms Purcell (Head of Social Science and Business). Thank you, Ms Smallwood for organising this event for our students.

Mr Brown (Assistant Headteacher- KS4) delivered an assembly on social media and addiction. This was a thought provoking assembly that encouraged young people to think about the importance of controlling their use of social media and not allowing social media to control them. It is important that all our young people think about their agency and how this can be compromised if they become overly reliant on social media and digital devices.

Have a thoroughly enjoyable weekend, we encourage our young people to enjoy the great outdoors.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Hart, Headteacher





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### RMGS Culture Day 2025





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### Symposium

On 25th April Dr Sutton, Mr Holmes and Mrs Hart attended the regional heat at Dartford Grammar school for the first ever Symposium speech competition.

The speech competition has been organised by Dr Sutton and Mr Holmes and is for Year 9 students in Kent and Medway grammar schools. There were 9 schools at this heat with two students from their school, who would have already won the opportunity to represent their school and there would be 5 winners selected by the judges to go through to the overall final. The schools at this heat were: Chatham Grammar School for Girls, Dartford Grammar School, Dartford Grammar School for Girls, Fort Pitt Grammar School, Gravesend Grammar School, Mayfield Grammar School, Wilmington Grammar School for Boys, Wilmington Grammar School for Boys and of course our school Rainham Mark Grammar School.

The range of topics covered in the speeches were varied such as; the corrupting influence of money, poverty, the importance of arts and even the importance of napping! (let's not forget that they are teenagers-napping is vital!) I loved listening to the speeches throughout the day and experienced a range of emotions: at times I was moved by the passion that these young people were displaying about things that they obviously care so much about, I was informed about a number of unique and interesting topics, I was entertained by the subject matter and performances and I was inspired by some thought-provoking ideas.



Our two Rainham Mark representatives were outstanding. Dylan's topic was a plea to ensure that we keep thinking and challenging with "Make questions great again" where he discussed the importance of asking questions and Imogen presented on a personal topic, which I found both informative and emotional, as she discussed "ADHD, Why gender matters?". We are so proud of them both.

We would like to congratulate Dylan as he was one of the five students selected as a winner to go through to the final on 2nd July at Queen Elizabeth's grammar school in Faversham. Dylan did a fantastic job and we are delighted for him. As Dylan values the importance of asking questions, we must ask, "How will he get on in the first ever final of Symposium?" We can not wait to find out.





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### Eco News

Switch off the lights campaign!

Students have been creating signs and then putting these next to light switches across the school to encourage people to turn off lights.

This saves energy, money and helps protect the environment.



RMGS is a CSSF (Coram Shakespeare Schools Foundation) Medal School!!



*Well done to all involved!*



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### Year 7

#### Term 5 Reward Points Per Form

Aylward – 228 (4785 to date)

Bronte – 126 (4292 to date)

Faraday – 220 (5001 to date)

Lovelace – 448 (6115 to date)

Newton – 90 (2717 to date)

Pankhurst – 76 (2687 to date)

Rutherford – 159 (3119 to date)

Scott – 142 (2327 to date)

Well done to P7 for 100% attendance!

Well done!

Which form will receive the most points during term 5?



Click here to view the latest copy of 'Student News'



Key Me



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**MMA's Free Online Music Technology Sessions**

**Open to ages 9-18**

Join our virtual sessions

**Tuesday 16:30 - 17:30 (term time only)**

For full details visit  
[www.medwaymusicassociation.co.uk](http://www.medwaymusicassociation.co.uk)

**MEDWAY MUSIC ASSOCIATION**

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### 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](https://strava.com/clubs/RMGS-Run)

**#GetRMGSRunning #RMGSFitness #ActiveSchool**





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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](http://www.medwaymusicassociation.co.uk)



# Careers Corner

## Former student inspires students at recent Career Surgery

We were fortunate to have former student Lucie visit us this week for our Careers Surgery. Lucie completely captivated the students while talking about her unconventional pathway into medicine. Lucie shared tips, advice and experiences from her journey through school and further education demonstrating that your pathway does not have to be perfect to reach your dream. Hugely inspiring and left a clear message for students : "Follow your passion, challenges and obstacles are there to overcome. Don't give up, even if your pathway takes a little longer than hoped." Thank you so much Lucie, we cannot wait to have you back!



## Design Drop-Ins

Design Drop in Sessions are being held on the 29<sup>th</sup> May run by the National Theatre's Skills Centre in collaboration with theatres across the UK. These wonderful sessions to kick off the 2025 Linbury Prize programme. The sessions are aimed at anyone interested in a career in stage design. Each session will be attended by mentor designers, Linbury Prize committee members and Skills Centre representatives. Please share with anyone that you think might be interested in coming along!

More information can be found here : <https://airtable.com/appEshuLLNF7TuZWT/pag0GVJA6xaiDo0Xd/form>

## 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=PLDIEghHJn9tclkhU7X\\_b1ThM1vPJldXZW](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDIEghHJn9tclkhU7X_b1ThM1vPJldXZW)

Careers in the Screen Industries

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

Careers in Media & Comms

: [https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDIEghHJn9tf3Q3\\_l6T\\_5DmT8bzAX6yri](https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDIEghHJn9tf3Q3_l6T_5DmT8bzAX6yri)

Careers in Pop Culture:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDIEghHJn9tcPjgdzhoqKXFywwb9FmmbM>

Careers in The Arts:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDIEghHJn9tfINy2AiRLOEyQjU6uZlVn>

## 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](mailto:ewilliams@rmet.org) Particular areas that we are always looking for are finance, law, engineering, medicine and creative arts.

## 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/>



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## CAREER OPPORTUNITIES FOR OUR STUDENTS

### **AI Meets Banking Brilliance – Explore Your Future with Lloyds Banking Group**

Are you curious about where a future in finance could take you – and how artificial intelligence is reshaping the industry? This exclusive virtual event with **Lloyds Banking Group** will give you the opportunity to discover exciting opportunities at the intersection of finance and technology.

**Event:** Lloyds Banking Group Careers Live: Gen AI

**Date:** Tuesday, 6th May

**Time:** 5:00pm – 6:00pm

**Location:** Online (tune in from anywhere!)

**Who Can Attend?** All students in school or college

**Register Now:** <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/LBG-Gen-AI>

### **Curious, ambitious, and ready to shape the future of clean energy? Apprenticeship opportunities**

Energus Nuclear Apprenticeships offer a paid, hands-on route into one of the UK's most exciting and vital industries. With real-world experience, nationally recognised qualifications, and no student debt – it's a powerful alternative to university. Earn while you learn - starting salaries of £20,774 + . Work with top UK nuclear employers and unlock incredible career progression. Build skills that power the future

: [https://energus.co.uk/careers/nrs-apprenticeships?gh\\_src=af0397a2teu](https://energus.co.uk/careers/nrs-apprenticeships?gh_src=af0397a2teu)

### **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=qSygyynqaBJlahXvXUOMZpfmMMDnrgBWYBFQrS80Fkc>

### **\*NEW\* Higher & Degree Apprenticeships Vacancy Listing**

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.amazingapprenticeships.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/10/Higher-and-Degree-Vacancy-Listing-January-2025.pdf>

**Please visit us online to find all the latest career opportunities for our students**

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





# Careers Corner

## Careers Resources and feedback

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.

<https://www.rainhammark.com/page/?title=Career+Resources&pid=366>

We also welcome any feedback you have about the careers programme

<https://www.rainhammark.com/page/?title=RMGS+Careers+Provision+Feedback&pid=373>

## Year 10 Work Experience update

The deadline for getting work experience placements entered onto Unifrog was the 29<sup>th</sup> April. However if a placement does come up for your child between now and the 8<sup>th</sup> May then please let us know asap. We can still allow this to take place assuming the Unifrog process is all completed by **the 8<sup>th</sup> May**. If your child's placement is on Unifrog but not yet authorised they have until **8<sup>th</sup> May** to get this authorised by their parent / guardian and placement employer. Please check that you have authorised your child's Unifrog placement as failure to do so will mean the placement cannot go ahead. If your child has any problems with their placement on Unifrog then please let me know asap – any applications that are not completed on Unifrog before 8<sup>th</sup> May cannot go ahead. Thank you [ewilliams@rmet.org](mailto:ewilliams@rmet.org)



## 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](mailto:ewilliams@rmet.org)

### Where can your child get Careers Advice?

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](mailto:ewilliams@rmet.com)



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# OPEN DAY 2025



**SATURDAY 10th MAY**  
**9:30AM - 15:00PM**

***Want to join the Merchant Navy?***

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**We offer a 3-year training programme leading to a university-level degree qualification, training allowance, and paid tuition fees!**

**CONTACT SSTG FOR MORE INFORMATION**

**+44 (0) 1634 820 820**

**training@sstg.org**

## **LOCATION**

**Ship Safe Training Group Ltd**  
**The Precinct Office**  
**The Precinct**  
**Rochester**  
**Kent**  
**ME1 1SR**





# Bioscience Work Experience Week

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> August

This week offers budding scientists the opportunity to experience what it is like to study bioscience at university. As part of this week, you will: carry out your own mini research project in our undergraduate teaching laboratories, compete in an agar art competition, listen in on research talks, and produce your own research poster.

This event is completely free to attend, and lunch will be provided throughout the week.

This opportunity is available to students who live in Kent and are studying biology at sixth form or college. Considering there are limited places available, applicants who meet the university's widening participation criteria will be prioritised.

Applications are currently open and will close midnight on Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> of May. To apply, please scan the QR code below:





# Space School

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> August

Ever wanted to design, build and launch your own rocket? Then this event is for you!

Join us as we plan an exciting mission to Mars, taking you through a condensed mission life cycle. You will get to programme rovers to navigate an obstacle course, research and propose a cubesat mission, and more!

This event is completely free to attend, and lunch will be provided throughout the week.

This opportunity is available to students who are between 14 and 17 years old and live in Kent. Considering there are limited places available, applicants who meet the university's widening participation criteria will be prioritised.

Applications are currently open and will close midnight on Sunday the 18<sup>th</sup> of May. To apply, please scan the QR code below:



# 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 7<sup>th</sup>





# RMGS Extra-Curricular Clubs 2024-25



## MONDAY

## TUESDAY

## WEDNESDAY

## THURSDAY

## FRIDAY

### LUNCH

**Level Up Club**  
Y11 – R4

**BioClinic**  
6<sup>th</sup> 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**  
6<sup>th</sup> 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**  
6<sup>th</sup> 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

**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

**Homework Club**  
All - Library

**Y11 German Speaking Club  
for GCSEs Plus**  
B2

**Big Band**  
All – Recital Hall

**Paper Club**  
Y11 & 12 - HY

**Homework Club**  
All - Library

**Homework Club**  
All – Library



## RMGS PHYSICAL EDUCATION EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE

### TERM 5&6



TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>BEFORE SCHOOL</b> 7:30 – 8:15					<b>BASKETBALL CLUB</b> Y7 / 8 / 9 SQUADS (invite only) <b>GRA</b>
<b>BREAK</b> 10:55 – 11:15	<b>BASKETBALL CLUB</b> Y7 / 8 (sports hall) <b>JSH</b>	<b>BASKETBALL CLUB</b> Y7 / 8 (sports hall) <b>JSH</b>	<b>BASKETBALL CLUB</b> Y7 / 8 (sports hall) <b>ALO</b>	<b>BASKETBALL CLUB</b> Y9 / 10 / 11 / 6 <sup>TH</sup> (sports hall) <b>CON</b>	<b>BASKETBALL CLUB</b> Y9 / 10 / 11 / 6 <sup>TH</sup> (sports hall) <b>MAL</b>
<b>LUNCH</b> 1:30 – 2:00	<b>FITNESS CLUB</b> ALL YEARS (Fitness Suite) <b>ALO</b> <b>BASKETBALL CLUB</b> Y7 / 8 (sports hall) <b>GRA</b>	<b>FITNESS CLUB</b> ALL YEARS (Fitness Suite) <b>CON</b>	<b>FITNESS CLUB</b> ALL YEARS (Fitness Suite) <b>JSH</b> <b>VOLLEYBALL CLUB</b> Y11/12/13 (sports hall) <b>CON/ALO</b>	<b>FITNESS CLUB</b> ALL YEARS (Fitness Suite) <b>MAL</b> <b>BASKETBALL CLUB</b> Y9 / 10 (sports hall) <b>GRA</b>	<b>BADMINTON CLUB</b> Y7-10 (sports hall) <b>JWI</b>
<b>AFTER SCHOOL</b> 3:05 – 4:30	<b>GOLF CLUB</b> Y7 & Y8 <b>GRA</b> <b>SQUAD CRICKET NETS</b> Y7/8/9/10 (sports hall) <b>CON</b> <b>CRICKET CLUB</b> Y7/8/9 Girls and Boys (sports hall) <b>JSH</b>	<b>ATHLETICS CLUB</b> Y7 & 8 <b>JSH/CON/GRA/JWI</b> <b>ALO/MAL</b>	<b>ATHLETICS CLUB</b> Y9 & 10 <b>JSH/CON/GRA/JWI</b> <b>ALO</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> FORM BADMINTON</b> (sports centre) <b>ALO</b>  <b>ROUNDERS CLUB</b> ALL YEARS <b>MAL/JWI</b>	<b>STAFF FOOTBALL</b> (sports hall)

If you are attending a lunch club, you can 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.