



# RMGS NEWS

11<sup>th</sup> July 2025

## Key Messages

### Key Dates

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July**

Year 12 Personal  
Development Drop  
Down Day

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July**

Expressive Arts CCP -  
ABFL

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> July**

Year 12 - Enrichment trip  
&  
Expressive Arts CCP -  
NPRS

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July**

Library Renaming Alumni  
event

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July**

Box House Theatre  
workshop  
&  
The Big Walk

[Please click here  
to view:  
Safeguarding  
Bulletins](#)

### Headteacher's Message:

As we approach the end of term, I am delighted to take this opportunity to reflect on and celebrate some of the recent highlights at RMGS.

We recently held our annual Year 9 Prize Giving Ceremony, a wonderful event that allowed us to recognise the outstanding achievements and contributions of our students across the school. I would also like to congratulate Year 9 on completing Key Stage 3—a significant milestone in their educational journey. A heartfelt thank you goes to the Year 9 pastoral team Mrs Robbins (Assistant Headteacher – KS3), Mr Lawrence (Head of Year 9) and Mrs Jeffrey (Pastoral Support Assistant) and team of tutors for their unwavering support and dedication throughout the year.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to the Year 12 pastoral team Ms Gooding (Assistant Headteacher – KS5) Ms Tappous (Assistant Headteacher Personal Development), Mr Twizell (Head of Year 13), Mrs Wilson (Head of Year 12), Mrs Fox (Pastoral Support Assistant) and Mrs Williams (Careers Co-Ordinator) for organising a highly successful Post-18 Day. The event equipped our students with essential skills and insights into their future pathways, and it was incredibly encouraging to see the maturity and ambition shown by our Sixth Formers.

Our MFL department deserves special thanks for their fantastic efforts in organising enriching overseas trips this term. The Spanish Trip to Madrid led by Mr Szczerbicki (Head of MFL) gave students a valuable opportunity to immerse themselves in Spanish culture and enhance their linguistic skills. Similarly, the German trip to the Black Forest led by Ms Brodkorb offered a range of activities that not only broadened students' cultural understanding but also supported their language development. Thank you to all staff involved in making these memorable experiences possible.



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A huge congratulations to The Accidental Geniuses, who recently triumphed in a general knowledge quiz, impressively beating more experienced quizzers. The team—comprised of students from Years 9, 10, and 12—represented RMGS with great pride and skill. A very proud moment for the school.

I had the pleasure of hosting a celebratory breakfast with our Under-14 Cricket Team, who were recently crowned Kent County Champions. It was a joy to hear them speak passionately about their strategies and the teamwork that led them to victory. This is just one example of what has been an incredibly successful year of sport at RMGS. I would like to thank our entire P.E. department for their tireless efforts in providing such a wide range of sporting opportunities for our students throughout the year.

As ever, thank you for your continued support of the school.

Warm regards,

Mrs Hart  
Headteacher





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### Wall of Sound

#### RMGS Celebrates Favourite Albums and Tracks



The RMGS community has been celebrating its musical passions. Staff and students were recently asked to nominate a favourite album, alongside a standout track from that album, with a personal reflection on why their chosen music resonates with them.

These thoughtful and heartfelt contributions are now featured in an eye-catching display located in the Music corridor. It showcases and celebrates our school community's diverse tastes, and the meaningful connections we make with music—from timeless classics to modern masterpieces.

The playlist for those specially chosen tracks can be found by following this [link](#) or scanning the QR code.





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### National Gallery Trip

On Wednesday the 9th of July Art Students ranging from Y9 to Y12 enjoyed a trip to the National Gallery followed by a visit to the Royal Academy Summer Show in London. We were keen to buy some of the artwork, which ranged from fifty pounds to hundreds of thousands, so instead came home with plenty of postcards. It was a great opportunity for students to experience artwork in a gallery setting.



### Last day of term arrangements

School will close to students at 13:20 on Tuesday 22nd July, with the school buses scheduled to depart RMGS at 13:30.

Students are reminded that they need to empty their lockers and remove their padlocks during form-time on that day, although this can, of course, be done earlier if convenient.

Best regards,

Mr A Smith



### HOMEWORK CLUB NOTICE

The last day for homework club this term will be Wednesday the 16th of July.

Homework Club will recommence on Monday the 8th of September.



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### THE NATIONAL CAREERS CHALLENGE FINAL 2025

Two Year 8 groups attended the National Careers Challenge on Tuesday 8th July at The Barbican in London.

They had to present a pitch to a panel of judges for a new Airline to be launched by British Airways. The presentations lasted for 3.5 minutes and both teams succeeded in giving 'perfect pitches' in this time frame confirmed by Mr Adkins (Head of Y8) and Miss Purcell (Head of Business and Economics). It was a fantastic day out, with lots of businesses and organisations that the students could talk to and activities to participate in. The main event was loud, vibrant and full of fun with special guest appearances by DJ Chicken Nugget and Viggo Venn (BGT winner 2023). With over 100 schools in attendance, there was only room for one winner overall. Our teams 'Birds View' and 'Lord of the Skies' worked so hard to prepare giving up many lunchtimes and working brilliantly with each other. All students and teachers shared a memorable experience and did RMGS proud! Well done to both teams!

Lord of the Skies: Harrison P, Edie M and Mia N

Birds View: Sophia S, Faye S, Dhara S, James S





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### Celebrating Student Success

In June, Bryn entered the NATD London Theatrical Scholarships Heats in Hammersmith, London in Ballet and Modern. Bryn was successful in both categories and is going to the finals in Birmingham in October to compete in the National Finals in Ballet and Modern dance.



Last weekend, Bryn danced in his dance school's ballet show entitled Swan Lake. (Blubell School of Dance and Performing Arts).

Bryn won the J. G. Senior Trophy for Show Endeavour Award.



### Sports day stalls

The F1 in Schools team are raising money for the competition by selling Icelollies and refreshment as well as games such as guess the driver, how many sweets in a jar, face painting and temporary tattoos.

Bring change with you onto the field to take part!

Miss.Spinola

## Cygnets School Audition, 14 September 2025

New Adventures is looking for young people with energy, passion, and a strong interest in dance to join us for our Cygnets School Audition Day.

We are especially keen to welcome young people from a global majority background, as well as those who have experienced less opportunities in dance and may face barriers to access due to cost.

Sunday 14 September, 11am-1pm or 2.30pm-4.30pm at the Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury

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### What is [Cygnets School](#)?

A year-long programme for dancers aged 12-18 providing fun, engaging opportunities to develop their dance and creative skills through the work and methodology of the New Adventures unique storytelling style, in a safe and fun environment.

The Cygnets company meets monthly at our partner home, the [Marlowe Theatre in Canterbury](#), where they take part in games, contemporary and ballet class, fitness and conditioning and creative sessions.

Mentored by leading artists and teachers from New Adventures, the dancers are supported throughout and there are also opportunities to engage with the company, watch performances and learn about the many other roles and careers that are possible within the arts.

### Who is [Cygnets School](#) for?

- Those aged 12-18, or up to the age of 24 if d/Deaf or disabled
- Those who have some dance experience (all styles welcome)
- People who are passionate about movement and acting



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### How to get involved?

Please scan the QR code to sign up to the audition:

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### Cygnets School Dates

Before attending the Cygnets School Audition, please check that you are available for all the Cygnets School dates below:

Sun 19 October 2025, Sun 9 November 2025, Sun 14 December 2025– (London), Saturday 24 and Sunday 25 January 2026, Sun 22 February 2026, Sun 22 March 2026, Sun 19 April 2026, Sun 17 May 2026, Sun 14 June 2026, Mon 27 – Fri 31 July 2026

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### Access

The Cygnets School programme is fully subsidised (meaning it is free to attend, lunch is provided, and Sunday travel is paid for by Cygnets School for the Cygnets and one parent/carer). New Adventures is committed to ensuring our workshops are accessible to people of all backgrounds. If you have any problems/issues/questions or need support with this application and programme, please write to us in confidence at [cygnetschool@new-adventures.net](mailto:cygnetschool@new-adventures.net) with the subject line 'Cygnets School Audition 2025 (your name)'.



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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**

### 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](#)



The Medway Music Association Summer courses are now open for booking.

There are opportunities for musicians of all standards, from beginner up to grade 8.

Please follow [this link](#) to find out more and for an application form.

The courses are all held here at RMGS, with the exception of the Music Technology course which is online.

# Summer Music Courses 2025

24<sup>th</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> July

Rainham Mark Grammar School



All abilities  
welcome

For more details and to apply visit  
[www.medwaymusicassociation.co.uk](http://www.medwaymusicassociation.co.uk)

For any enquiries

[info@medwaymusicassociation.co.uk](mailto:info@medwaymusicassociation.co.uk)

**Dynamics**  
Making Music in Medway



> MMA

summer.hols

> Online

> Music Technology Courses

28th July 2025

For ages 9-18

Beginner and Intermediate Courses

Learning production techniques and how to make music electronically

For full details and to apply visit

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

**Dynamics**  
Making Music in Medway





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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**



# Careers Corner



## Does your child need career guidance?

### Read on...

If you think your child would benefit from independent careers advice then please get in touch. These are available for ANY school year.

Careers 1-2-1 meetings with Mrs Williams can help provide guidance, reassurance, direction or advice in an informal setting.

Career 1-2-1 meetings can be booked with Mrs Williams directly via [ewilliams@rmet.org](mailto:ewilliams@rmet.org)

### Investing in Careers



## ALUMNI EVENT

Are you are an RMGS Alumni who was either a student or former employee at the school during the time when Dr Keen was here?

If so we'd love to invite you to our forthcoming "Library Naming Celebration". This invite only event will be an opportunity to hear about the exciting plans for our school library, meet fellow Alumni staff and students and discover the new name for our school Library.

Please contact [ewilliams@rmet.org](mailto:ewilliams@rmet.org) for more information

### 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)



# Ready to explore post school opportunities?

## CAREER COMPASS

### What to Expect:

- Explore career options across industries
- Learn about college, university & apprenticeship
- Meet real employers & training providers
- Get expert advice on CVs, interviews, and next steps

This is **your future.**

Find **your path.**

SCAN ME



**October 21<sup>st</sup> 2025 @  
MidKent College**

For more information contact:  
[media@cc-cousins.co.uk](mailto:media@cc-cousins.co.uk)

# 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>

# 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:





# Kent Police

## Education Leavers: Pathways into Policing Event

This August Kent Police is hosting an exclusive event for school and college leavers who are searching for their dream career.

Whether you are interested in a public-facing policing role as a police officer, or playing your part behind the scenes to help keep our communities safe, this is a chance to explore a range of exciting career options available to you.

**Tuesday 12 August 2025**  
**9am-1pm**  
**Maidstone, Kent**

## Ready to take the first step?

Please note this event is invite only, so please register your interest to secure your place



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



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# Gillingham

YOU **TOGETHER**  
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## YOUTH MUSIC STAGE

Aged 11 - 18

Ever Wanted to perform on stage?

Sign up to the Youth Music Stage at Love Gillingham

20th July 2025, 11 - 4pm

Sign up here by scanning this QR code





# 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

**Diversity Club**  
All – C4

**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

**DofE**  
Expedition Training and e-  
DofE drop- in sessions

**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 <i>(invite only)</i> <b>GRA</b>
<b>BREAK</b> 10:55 – 11:15	<b>BASKETBALL CLUB</b> Y7 / 8 <i>(sports hall)</i> <b>JSH</b>	<b>BASKETBALL CLUB</b> Y7 / 8 <i>(sports hall)</i> <b>JSH</b>	<b>BASKETBALL CLUB</b> Y7 / 8 <i>(sports hall)</i> <b>ALO</b>	<b>BASKETBALL CLUB</b> Y9 / 10 / 11 / 6 <sup>TH</sup> <i>(sports hall)</i> <b>CON</b>	<b>BASKETBALL CLUB</b> Y9 / 10 / 11 / 6 <sup>TH</sup> <i>(sports hall)</i> <b>MAL</b>
<b>LUNCH</b> 1:30 – 2:00	<b>FITNESS CLUB</b> ALL YEARS <i>(Fitness Suite)</i> <b>ALO</b> <b>BASKETBALL CLUB</b> Y7 / 8 <i>(sports hall)</i> <b>GRA</b>	<b>FITNESS CLUB</b> ALL YEARS <i>(Fitness Suite)</i> <b>CON</b>	<b>FITNESS CLUB</b> ALL YEARS <i>(Fitness Suite)</i> <b>JSH</b> <b>VOLLEYBALL CLUB</b> Y11/12/13 <i>(sports hall)</i> <b>CON/ALO</b>	<b>FITNESS CLUB</b> ALL YEARS <i>(Fitness Suite)</i> <b>MAL</b> <b>BASKETBALL CLUB</b> Y9 / 10 <i>(sports hall)</i> <b>GRA</b>	<b>BADMINTON CLUB</b> Y7-10 <i>(sports hall)</i> <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 <i>(sports hall)</i> <b>CON</b> <b>CRICKET CLUB</b> Y7/8/9 Girls and Boys <i>(sports hall)</i> <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> <i>(sports centre)</i> <b>ALO</b> <b>ROUNDERS CLUB</b> ALL YEARS <b>MAL/JWI</b>	<b>STAFF FOOTBALL</b> <i>(sports hall)</i>

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.