



# RMGS NEWS

12<sup>th</sup> December 2025

## Key Messages

### Key Dates

GCSE/A Level Presentations

15<sup>th</sup> Dec  
2.45pm-6.30pm

Rock n Roll  
16<sup>th</sup>-19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025

Last day of term  
Early Finish 1.20pm  
19<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025

First day back for all  
Students  
6<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026

Year 9 Options Evening  
8<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026  
4pm-7pm

This week has been a delightful celebration of the festive season! I had the wonderful opportunity to attend the Christmas concerts, where our talented students showcased an incredible range of music, from Classic 80's Rock to orchestral pieces. It was truly amazing to listen to their performances!

A heartfelt thank you to Mrs Smallwood and Mr Holeyman for all their hard work in organising these events. We truly appreciate the effort that goes into creating such memorable experiences.

Thank you also to all the staff and students who participated in Christmas Jumper Day! Everyone looked so festive while celebrating the Christmas Dinner. A special thanks to our prefects, who spread joy and kept the festive spirit alive with their singing!

And let's not forget the fabulous Christmas dinner prepared by Mrs Wallis and the catering team! The meal was absolutely delicious, complete with all the trimmings. A big thank you to the senior leadership team for helping with serving as well.

I hope you are all looking forward to next week's Rock 'N' Roll!

We wish you a thoroughly enjoyable weekend!

Yours sincerely

Mrs A Hart

Headteacher





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## Top 5 Students – Year 7

**7B - Noah S – 419 – Well done!**

**7A – Joshua J – 365**

**7L – Celeste W – 314**

**7B – Theodore N – 282**

**7B – Sienna O – 217**

**Well done to 7R with the highest attendance last week – 95.86%**

## 🏆🌐 Girls' Football – Kent Cup Semi-Finals! 🌐🏆

Both our U14 and U15 girls' football teams have reached the Kent Cup semi-finals after fantastic quarter-final performances. The U14s secured a strong 2–0 win over Canterbury Academy, with two excellent goals from Olivia P, and now move on to face Sir Roger Manwood School on Wednesday 21st January 2026.

The U15s battled to an exciting 5–3 victory against Dartford Grammar School for Girls and will head to Bullers Wood School for Girls on Saturday 17th January 2026 for their semi-final clash.

A huge well done to both teams—an amazing achievement and good luck in the next round! 🌟👏🌐





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We are thrilled to congratulate all the Year 12 students who participated in this year's **Bebras Computing Competition!** Your enthusiasm, creativity, and problem-solving skills truly shone through as you tackled challenging tasks designed to test logical thinking and computational concepts.

The Bebras challenge is not just about coding—it's about thinking like a computer scientist: breaking down problems, spotting patterns, and finding efficient solutions. By taking part, you've demonstrated resilience, curiosity, and a passion for technology that will serve you well in the future.

Whether you scored high or simply enjoyed the experience, you've taken an important step toward mastering the digital world.

Keep exploring, keep learning, and remember—every great innovation starts with a single idea!



Congratulations to all Year 7 who received awards in the Year 7 Celebration Assembly on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December. A special shout out to Joshua Jinks and Noah Smith who have shown outstanding commitment to their studies and for demonstrating RMGS ARCH values consistently. Well done Mrs Mayes and the Pastoral Team!





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The Drama department were delighted to welcome Lyrici Arts and the BAC Beatbox Academy for a beatbox workshop this week. Year 9 students were taught the basic beat sounds and created their own beatbox orchestras and duos. Much fun was had by all! Students will form part of the Community Chorus for the upcoming production 'Pied Piper' at the Glassbox Theatre in 2026 forming part of our Schools Partnership work with Lyrici Arts. We are already looking forward to welcoming Conrad and Alex back for our second workshop in the new year!





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# MACBETH. MACBETH. MACBETH. MACBETH. MACBETH.

**AN NT CONNECTIONS PLAY  
PERFORMED BY KS4&5 STUDENTS**



***Scan to purchase tickets***

Gulbenkian Theatre

Wed 22 April @ 6pm

*Festival Performance Day 1, with  
RMGS and FSG*

Please be aware that this play contains depictions of anxiety, and references to colonialism; age recommendation 14+

**National  
Theatre**

RMGS NT Connections  
Cast & Company



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## Reminder

The last session of homework club for this term is Tuesday the 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025.

Homework club will resume on Tuesday the 6<sup>th</sup> January 2026

## Lost Property

A little reminder that we have lots of lost property. If a child has lost anything please can they come and check at the site team office.





# RMGS NEWS

New Science Club starting in the new year

**KS3  
SCIENCE  
CLUB**

**STARTING  
JANUARY**

**SCIENCE  
BLOCK  
M5**

**INTRODUCTION  
TO ASTRONOMY**

**VARIOUS  
STEM  
PROJECTS**

**MONDAYS  
AFTER  
SCHOOL  
3.15 - 4.15**

**LEARN NEW SKILLS:**

- Problem-solving**
- Teamwork**
- Creativity**
- Scientific thinking**

The poster features several science-related icons: two beakers with orange and green liquids, an atom model, a rocket launching, a lightbulb, a DNA double helix, and a flask with green liquid and bubbles.



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## F1 in Schools sponsor shoutout!

Smooth OperRacer's would like to give a huge thank you to '**Lucas First Aid Training**' for being our first sponsor with a very generous donation towards the team. We are very proud to be sponsored by a company who do so much good in the community, educating others on how to save lives. Visit them at <https://lfat.co.uk/>

We would also like to give a massive thank you to '**Hodsall Data & Security**' for being Smooth OperRacer's second sponsor and Light Speed's first sponsor. Hodsall Data & Security is run and managed by engineers with an emphasis on providing bespoke security and data solutions. Visit them at <https://www.hodsall.com/>

We are very excited to announce '**Phinia**' have joined us as a sponsor for Smooth OperRacers as their third sponsor! Phinia are advancing sustainability today by creating a fuel-efficient, premium quality portfolio to constantly move towards greater sustainability. Visit them at: <https://www.phinia.com/>

Smooth OperRacers are on a roll with their fourth sponsor! '**PG platforms**' are a power access company providing hiring services across Kent and Medway with even some self-drive options as well as IPAF operators. Visit them at: <https://www.pgplatforms.co.uk/>

'**La Bella Boutique**' is Light Speed's second sponsor and Smooth OperRacers fifth. They are locally based in Gillingham providing prom and evening dresses with fittings. They are currently taking bookings for prom so Year 11 and 13's, take a look! They only provide 1 dress style per school so you will be one of a kind. They are also currently advertising for students to leaflet for the business in return for a discount! Find them on Facebook and Instagram: <https://www.facebook.com/p/La-Bella-Boutique-100093228790088/> and <https://www.instagram.com/labellaboutique.1/>

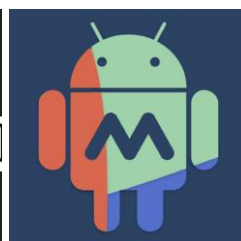
'**Macrodroid**' is our newest sponsor being Smooth OperRacers sixth sponsor and Light Speed's third. It is an organisational app for Android which can aid with organising files and sending automated responses to messages etc. Visit them at: <https://www.macroid.com/>



Lucas First Aid Training



**HODSALL**  
DATA & SECURITY





# RMGS NEWS



**RMGS is competing in our first ever  
STEM Racing event, sponsored by  
Formula 1.**

**If you would like to be a team sponsor, please fill  
in the form below. Sponsorship rates are on the  
following page.**

**<https://forms.office.com/e/1sdpzjbzeN>**

**Follow our teams progress on Instagram**



**@LIGHT\_SPEED.F1**



**@SMOOTHOPERRACERS**



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## STEM RACING

Formally F1 in Schools

[Click here](#) to find out more about the competition!

### Sponsorship rates:

Bronze £25	Silver £50	Gold £75	Platinum £100
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ 1 post on social media</li><li>✓ 1 post in School newsletter</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ 2 posts on social media</li><li>✓ 2 post in School newsletter</li><li>✓ Small logo on Team shirts</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ 3 posts on social media</li><li>✓ 3 posts in School newsletter</li><li>✓ Medium logo on Team shirts</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>✓ 5 posts on social media</li><li>✓ 5 posts in School newsletter</li><li>✓ Large logo on Team shirts</li><li>✓ Logo on the competition car</li></ul>

Follow our teams progress on Instagram



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# CAREERS CORNER

## Linking your students subjects to careers

Each week we will be shining the spotlight on different subjects at RMGS and looking at which careers relate to these

**Love Art & Design?**

*Where can it lead you?*

**Post-16**  
 Courses:  
 • A-level Art and Design  
 • A-level Fashion & Textiles  
 • Level 3 Graphic Design & Photography  
 • Level 1-3 Art and Design  
 Apprenticeships:  
 • Community Arts  
 • Fashion Studio Assistant

**Post-18**  
 Courses:  
 • BA (Hons) Fashion Design  
 • BA (Hons) Drawing  
 • BA (Hons) Commercial Photography  
 Apprenticeships:  
 • Junior Animator  
 • Photographer

**Future Careers**  
 • Animator  
 • Art Therapist  
 • Architect  
 • Art Director  
 • Fashion Designer  
 • Illustrator  
 • Interior Designer  
 • Photographer  
 • Photographic Stylist

This subject links to regional growth job sectors in:

- Creative Industries
- Construction
- Digital & IT

**Careerpilot**  
careerpilot.org.uk



**Next Steps South West**  
nextstepsw.ac.uk



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**Intrigued by a Job but want to find out more about it for your child?**

Use this to explore a wide range of job profiles for your child. Each job is presented as a short video so you can explore a little about each job. The videos give you a quick insight and overview but we encourage you to find out more! Speak to Mrs Williams for support on where to find more information.

<https://www.mypathcareersuk.com/a-z-of-jobs>


## **Reminder : Year 10 and Year 12 Work Experience deadlines**

This is a reminder about the forthcoming deadline for students in Year 10 and Year 12 to get their Work Experience Placements entered onto Unifrog. The deadline for Year 12 is the 16<sup>th</sup> December and the deadline for Year 10 is 12<sup>th</sup> January. All students have been encouraged to arrange their own work experience by using the range of resources on our website; speaking to friends and family and contacting connections or local businesses. If all these resources are exhausted, students can get support and guidance from the Head of Year and the Careers Coordinator:

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

## **Career Support is available for ALL students in ALL years**

- ALL students can book a Career 1-2-1 meeting by emailing [ewilliams@rmet.org](mailto:ewilliams@rmet.org)
- Resources can be found on our website for parents/carers & students : <https://www.rainhammark.com/page/?title=Careers&pid=223>
- What can my child do post 16? <https://www.rainhammark.com/page/?title=Post+16+Choices&pid=386>
- What can my child do Post 18? <https://www.rainhammark.com/page/?title=Post+18+Career+choices+%2D+what+to+do%3F&pid=375>
- Why is it so important for me to know about Labour Market Information? Understanding Labour Market Information (LMI) helps our students be aware of where different job roles are needed in different regions and which types of jobs may need more people in the future. This can help shape or influence career pathways and choices : <https://www.rainhammark.com/page/?title=Labour+Market+Information&pid=370>
- The Career Teams page enables all students to keep up to date with news and opportunities




### **Career provision at Rainham Mark Grammar School**

**All students:**

- Start to have access to Unifrog from Year 7 - 13.
- Embedded Careers Programme across all Years
- Access to Career 1-2-1 meetings with our Careers Adviser
- Access to Career Resources and updates via Website, After-School Career Surgeries, Careers office, Careers Teams page, Lessons, Form Time and Assemblies
- Opportunity to become a Career Champion for their year
- Have one subject and one PSHE lesson per term which is Career specific.
- Opportunity to input into Career provision via annual audit
- Career Fair in January run until 4pm for all students
- Work Experience in Year 10 and 12
- Enrichment week in July with focus on careers
- School Wide designated Career Week in November
- Access to a programme of Talks after-school delivered by Businesses and Organisations on their Career Pathways and Industries.
- At least one Assembly from an Apprenticeship provider
- All SEND students offered priority careers 1-2-1 meetings with Mrs Williams

[www.rainhammark.com](http://www.rainhammark.com)



### **Post 16 Career Choices - know your Levels**

**Level 3:**  
A Levels \* BTEC Diploma \* NVQ Level 3 \* Advanced Apprenticeship

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**Level 4:**  
Year 1 University or \* Certificate in Higher Education \* Higher National Certificate \* NVQ Level 4 \* Higher Apprenticeship

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**Level 5:**  
Year 2 University or \* Diploma in Higher Education \* Foundation Degree \* NVQ Level 5 \* Higher Apprenticeship

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**Level 6:**  
Year 3 University or \* Degree Apprenticeship \* Degree with or without Honours \* NVQ Level 6

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**Level 7:**  
Masters Level \* Masters Degree \* NVQ Level 6 \* Degree Apprenticeship

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## Careers Facebook Group

Keep in the loop with all the latest Career Opportunities via our Private Careers Facebook Group "RMGS Careers"

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/25615966937989346/>

## Latest Career Opportunities

There have been some wonderful career opportunities this week – so please go and check these out by visiting our website :

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

## Career Programme

Find out what Career Events we are planning this year via our Live Careers Calendar

: <https://www.rainhammark.com/page/?title=Our+Careers+Provision+KS3%2C+KS4+%26amp%3B+KS5&pid=371>

**RMGS Career Fair :**  
**Call for businesses  
& organisations**

If you are a business / organisation / Alumni / Sole trader etc and are interested in being involved in our Career Fair on the 28<sup>th</sup> January - we would love to hear from you.  
Email: [ewilliams@rmet.org](mailto:ewilliams@rmet.org)  
[www.rainhammark.com](http://www.rainhammark.com)

"My children are thriving at the school and are thoroughly enjoying school life."  
- Parent feedback survey.



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## Degree Apprenticeships – information you need to know

If your child is interested or looking to apply for a Degree Apprenticeship after their A Levels then this is for them. The process of finding and applying for Degree Apprenticeships is not as straight forward as it is for a Traditional Degree – there is no central hub such as UCAS. But do not let that put your child off. To help them we have put together a range of useful resources that they can use – including search platforms; CV help; Tracking template.

<https://www.rainhammark.com/page/?title=Post+18+Career+choices+%2D+what+to+do%3F&pid=375&action=saved>



## CAN YOU HELP?

Can you – or anyone you know – support our Careers Programme please?

We are passionate about providing a robust and fulfilling career programme to ALL students. Whether it's a Talk, Career Fair, Work Experience or workshop...if you can help support in any way we'd love to hear from you. Whether you are a sole trader, small business, large business or retired... your experiences might help shape our youngsters.

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

## Linking subjects to careers : How does my child's subject link to a career?

It's important for students to recognise the link between the subject they are studying and potential career pathways. Each week we will feature a specific subject and show how this links to a career pathway. In addition 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/>

## \*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, Vodaphone and many more! <https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/01/Higher-and-Degree-October-2025.pdf>

## 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)

## **Term Dates - September 2025 to July 2026**

### **Term 1**

Monday 1st September 2025 - Friday 17th October 2025

**INSET days:** Mon 01/09/25

**Half Term Break: Monday 20th October 2025 – Friday 31st October 2025**

### **Term 2**

Monday 3rd November 2025 – Friday 19th December 2025

**Early finish for students:** Friday 19th December

**Christmas Break: Monday 22nd December 2025 – Friday 2nd January 2026**

### **Term 3**

Monday 5th January 2026 – Friday 13th February 2026

**INSET days:** Mon 05/01/26

**Half Term Break Monday 16th February 2026 – Friday 20th February 2026**

### **Term 4**

Monday 23rd February 2026 – Thursday 2nd April 2026

**Easter Break Friday 3rd April 2026 – Friday 17th April 2026**

### **Term 5**

Monday 20th April 2026 – Friday 22nd May 2026

**(Bank Holiday Monday 4th May 2026)**

**INSET days:** Mon 20/4/26

**Half Term Break Monday 25th May 2026 – Friday 29th May 2026**

### **Term 6**

Monday 1st June 2026 – Friday 24th July 2026

**Early finish for students:** Wednesday 22nd July

**INSET days:** Thurs 23/07/26 & Fri 24/07/26



# RMGS Extra-Curricular Clubs 2025-26



## Monday

Lunch

**BigClinic**  
 6<sup>th</sup> Form -Q1  
 Christian Union  
 All -A3  
 Computing Club  
 All – D1  
 Crochet & Knitting  
 All – L2  
 DT NEA Clinic  
 Y10-13 -N5  
 Law Society  
 L1  
 Maths Clinic  
 All – HY  
 Music Tech Club  
 All – E2  
 String Group  
 All – Recital Hall  
 Trombone choir  
 All – E1  
 KS4 Book club  
 Y10 & 11 – R4  
 LAMDA  
 Y9 & 10 – R3

## Tuesday

Art Club  
 KS4 & KS5 – R2  
 Computing Club  
 All – D1  
 Creative iMedia Club  
 Y10 & 11 – D1  
 Engineering Society  
 N5  
 F1 in Schools  
 Team members – N5  
 Geography Clinic  
 All – D6  
 Horrifically Horrible History  
 Club  
 KS3 – F6  
 LAMDA  
 Y7 & 8 – R3  
 Maths Clinic  
 All – HY  
 KS4 & KS5 Art Club  
 Y10,11,12,13 – R2  
**MedSoc**  
 6<sup>th</sup> Form – Q1  
 Philosophy Club  
 Y7 & 8 – H5  
 Take it Further  
 Y10 – R4  
 Wind Band  
 All Recital Hall

## Wednesday

Business/Economics  
 Support  
 KS5 – J1  
 Chemistry Clinic  
 Y12 & Y13 – M6  
 Chess/Puzzle Club  
 All – HZ  
 Choir  
 All – Recital Hall  
 Computing Club  
 All – D1  
 DT NEA Clinic  
 Y10-13 -N5  
 Eco Club  
 All – D2  
 LAMDA  
 Y7 & 8 -R3  
 Level Up Club  
 Y11 – R4  
 Maths Clinic  
 All – HY  
 Music Support Session  
 All – E2  
 Psychology Support  
 Week 2 Y13 – G2  
 RMGS Girls Rights Society  
 All – R2  
 Scrabble Club  
 All – L3  
 The Mark All – L6

## Thursday

Black History Month Club  
 All – R1  
 Book Club  
 KS3 – R4  
 Brass Group  
 All – Recital Hall  
 Computing Club  
 All – D1  
 Computer Science  
 KS4 & KS5 – D5  
 (after Oct half term)  
 Creative Ambassadors  
 Week 1 – R1  
 Maths Clinic  
 All – HY  
 Origami Club  
 All – N1  
 Public Speaking  
 Y9 & 12 – R2  
 Psychology Support  
 Week 1 Y13 – G2  
 Quantum Physics  
 Y7-11 – M9  
 Ukulele Club  
 All – E1

## Friday

Bohemian Society  
 All – E1  
 Carnival Club  
 All – R2  
 Computing Club  
 All – D1  
 Debate Club  
 All – L2  
 Diversity Team  
 All – C4  
 DT NEA Clinic  
 Y10-13 -N5  
 German  
 6<sup>th</sup> Form – B2  
 Maths Clinic  
 All – HY  
 Politics Society  
 HZ  
 Sociology Club  
 Week 1 Y13 – G5  
 Just Dance  
 All – Dance Studio



# RMGS Extra-Curricular Clubs 2025-26



Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Before School

After School

National Theatre Connections  
KS4 & KS5 – A3  
3.15pm-4.15pm

Jam Club  
All – Music Block  
3.10pm-4.10pm

LAMDA  
Y9 & 10 – R3

French Cine Club

LAMDA  
Y7 & 8 – R3

Arts Award Club  
All -A2  
3.15pm-4.15pm

GCSE Art Intervention  
Y10 & 11  
3.15pm-4.15pm

GCSE Astronomy  
Y9, Y10 & y11 – M7  
3.15pm-4.45pm

GCSE English Intervention

LAMDA  
Y7 & 8 – R3

Shakespeare Schools  
Festival  
KS3 – A3

Tabletop Gaming Club  
All – R3  
3.05pm-4.05pm

Big Band  
All- Recital Hall  
3.10pm-4.10pm

Sociology Club  
Y13 Week 2 – G2  
3.10pm-3.40pm



## RMGS PHYSICAL EDUCATION EXTRA-CURRICULAR TIMETABLE



### TERM 1

TIME	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>BEFORE SCHOOL</b> 7:30 – 8:15					BASKETBALL CLUB Y7 / 8 / 9 / 10 SQUADS <b>GRA</b>
<b>BREAK</b> 10:55 – 11:15	BASKETBALL SHOOTING CLUB Y7 / 8 <i>(sports hall)</i> <b>(DUTY STAFF)</b>	BASKETBALL SHOOTING CLUB Y7 / 8 <i>(sports hall)</i> <b>(DUTY STAFF)</b>	BASKETBALL SHOOTING CLUB Y7 / 8 <i>(sports hall)</i> <b>(DUTY STAFF)</b>	BASKETBALL SHOOTING CLUB Y9 / 10 / 11 / 6 <sup>TH</sup> <i>(sports hall)</i> <b>(DUTY STAFF)</b>	BASKETBALL SHOOTING CLUB Y9 / 10 / 11 / 6 <sup>TH</sup> <i>(sports hall)</i> <b>(DUTY STAFF)</b>
<b>LUNCH</b> 1:30 – 2:00	BASKETBALL CLUB Y7 / 8 <i>(sports hall)</i> <b>GRA</b> FITNESS CLUB ALL YEARS <i>(sports centre)</i> <b>JWI</b>	TABLE TENNIS CLUB Y7 / 8 / 9 <i>(top gym)</i> <b>CON</b> FITNESS CLUB ALL YEARS <i>(sports centre)</i> <b>MAL</b>	TABLE TENNIS 10 / 11 / 6 <sup>th</sup> <i>(top gym)</i> <b>CON</b> FITNESS CLUB ALL YEARS <i>(sports centre)</i> <b>JSH</b>	BASKETBALL CLUB Y9 / 10 / 11 <i>(sports hall)</i> <b>GRA</b>	BADMINTON CLUB Y7-10 <i>(sports hall)</i> <b>JWI</b> FITNESS CLUB ALL YEARS <i>(sports centre)</i> <b>ALO</b>
<b>AFTER SCHOOL</b> 3:05 – 4:30	FOOTBALL CLUB Y7 BOYS & ALL GIRLS <b>CON/ALO/GRA/JWI</b>  NETBALL SQUAD TRAINING (ALL YEARS) <b>JSH/MAL</b>	DofE FITNESS CLUB <b>MAL</b>	CROSS COUNTRY & FITNESS CLUB (ALL YEARS) <b>JSH</b> RUGBY CLUB Y7 & Y8 <b>CON</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> FORM BADMINTON <b>GRA/ALO</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.**