



RMGS NEWS

16th January 2026

Key Messages

Key Dates

Y13 Mocks
19th – 23rd Jan 26

Y9 Careers Fair
28th Jan 26

Y9 Parents Evening
5th Feb 26

Early Finish Whole School
1.20pm
5th Feb 26

Dear Parents and Carers,

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to the Geography Department, led by Mr Staiano (Head of Geography), for successfully leading the recent Year 11 Geography field trip. It has been reported that our Year 11 students conducted themselves exceptionally well; they were polite, studious, and fully engaged throughout the visit. Mr Coker (Head of Year 11) commented on how proud he was of our students, and I wholeheartedly echo his sentiments.

Thank you to our Year 11 students for demonstrating such maturity, resilience, and determination. As a year group, they are applying themselves with focus and commitment as they prepare for their upcoming examinations. I was also extremely pleased with how attentively and respectfully students listened during the recent Year 11 Study Skills Assembly—this positive attitude will undoubtedly support them in the weeks ahead.

I would like to offer a huge thank you to our catering team, led by Mrs Wallis (Catering Manager), for continuing to provide a wide variety of hot food for our students during this busy time of year. It has been particularly encouraging to see students making healthy choices, such as ordering freshly made carrot and coriander soup.

Our Year 8 students have now begun their work experience placements with our office team. They have provided valuable administrative support and, where needed, assistance to our senior leadership team. It has been a pleasure to see them demonstrating the professional skills required to work effectively in an office environment. Thank you to Mrs Williams (Careers Co-ordinator) and Mrs Pettit (Office Manager) for leading and supporting this initiative.

Finally, I would like to wish you all an enjoyable and restful weekend with your family and loved ones.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs A. Hart
Headteacher



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YEAR 7 TOP STUDENTS FOR R-POINTS

Tuesday, 6th - Friday, 9th January

KANDA R- 7N- 246

TEDDIE O- 7N- 202

AMRITA S- 7N- 50

ISABELLE H- 7N- 49

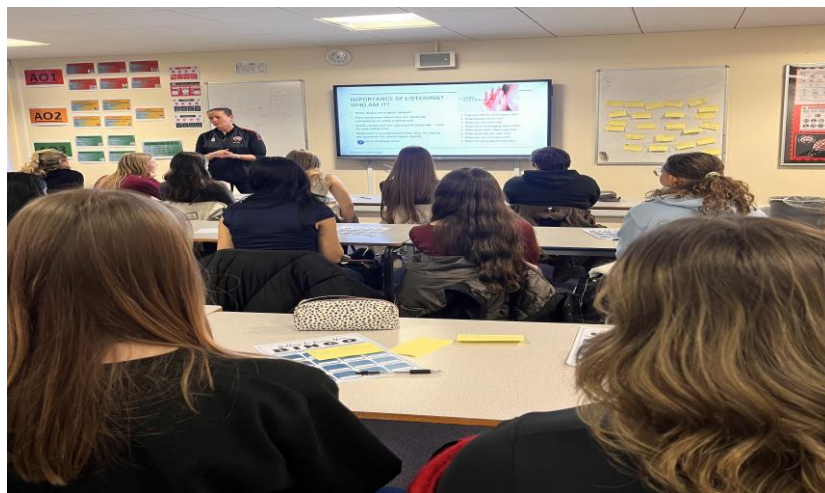
AVANI U- 7N- 49

**WELL DONE TO 7N FOR THE HIGHEST
ATTENDANCE FOR LAST WEEK!**

Mentorship Role – Year 12

It was wonderful to see so many Year 12 students sign up to undertake a mentorship role for some of our KS3 students. RMGS are passionate about ensuring all of our students feel supported and this programme enables students to have access to a support network that includes both staff and students. Today our Year 12 mentors received some training from Mrs Robbins which provided guidance, advice and tips on how to effectively and safely mentor students.

Thank you, Year 12, for supporting the RMGS vision of nurturing our young people.





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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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AGES 5 – 18

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Online Music Technology Sessions

- Open to pupils in Year 5 - 13
- Tuesdays 5:30pm - 6:30pm
- Term time only

SIGN UP NOW

www.medwaymusicassociation.co.uk



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.





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How to help at home with

Handwriting

Desk Space- make sure there is a clear space to work and not cluttered

1

Make sure your young person is sat squarely at the desk with feet flat on the floor

2

Knees should be at 90 degrees and elbows at the height of the desk top

3

Your writing hand should be in a comfortable position and your non-writing hand supporting the paper or book

4

Pen toppers look cool and exciting but they add extra weight to the pen and will affect the style

5



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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/>

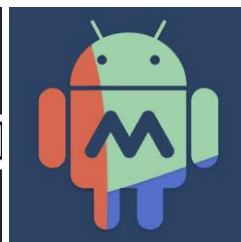
'**Macrodroid**' is our newest sponsor being Smooth OperRacers sixth sponsor and Light Speed's third. It is an organisational app for Android which can aid with organising files and sending automated responses to messages etc. Visit them at: <https://www.macroid.com/>



Lucas First Aid Training



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**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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[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">✓ 1 post on social media✓ 1 post in School newsletter	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ 2 posts on social media✓ 2 post in School newsletter✓ Small logo on Team shirts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ 3 posts on social media✓ 3 posts in School newsletter✓ Medium logo on Team shirts	<ul style="list-style-type: none">✓ 5 posts on social media✓ 5 posts in School newsletter✓ Large logo on Team shirts✓ Logo on the competition car

Follow our teams progress on Instagram



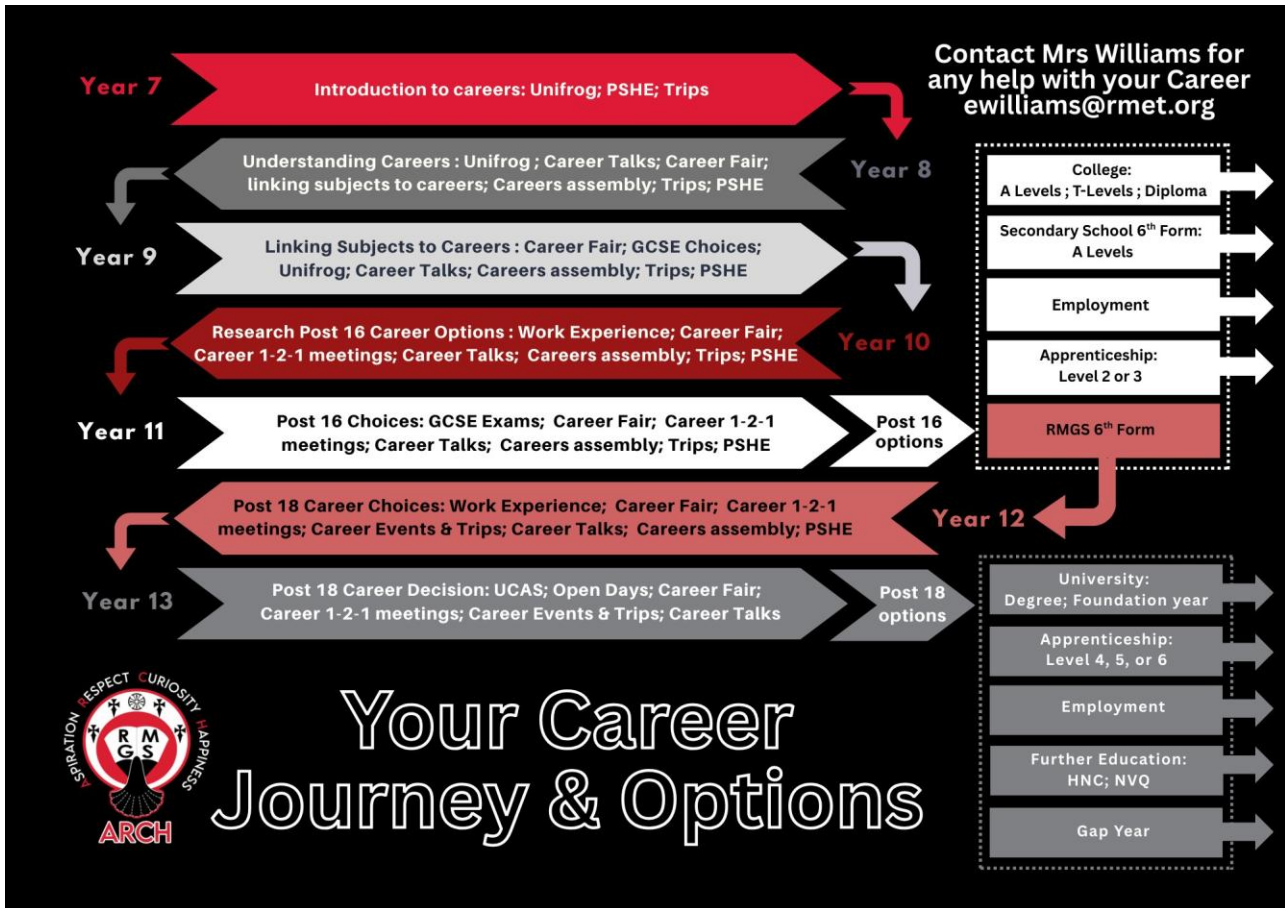
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CAREERS CORNER



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. 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>

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/>



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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>

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
- 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



Post 16 Career Choices - know your Levels

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

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

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

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

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

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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 28th
January - we would love to hear from you.

Email: ewilliams@rmet.org

www.rainhammark.com

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



CAREERS CORNER

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

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

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

BioClinic
6th 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
6th 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
6th Form – B2

 Maths Clinic
All – HY

 Politics Society
HZ

 Sociology Club
Week 1 Y13 – G5

 Just Dance
All – Dance Studio

Lunch



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

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.