



RMGS NEWS

30th January 2026

Key Messages

Key Dates

Y9 Parents Evening
5th Feb 26

Early Finish Whole School
1.20pm
5th Feb 26

Dear Parents, Carers, and Members of our School Community,

This week's assembly theme was *Curiosity*, and I had the honour of delivering the assembly alongside two Year 10 students, Imogen S and Dylan S. Both students demonstrated great courage in being curious and in sharing their curiosity with the wider school community.

Imogen's thoughtful speech focused on ADHD and its impact on girls, raising awareness and encouraging empathy and understanding. Dylan spoke passionately about the importance of asking questions and being curious about the world around us. It was an inspiring assembly that encouraged everyone to think deeply, share ideas, and question thoughtfully.

I am also delighted to share that Emmanuel A in Year 7 (pictured below) has become a member of Mensa. Emmanuel's curiosity and his ability to ask and answer complex questions have enabled him to achieve Mensa membership at such a young age. We are incredibly proud of this achievement.

My thanks go to Mrs Williams, our (Careers Co-ordinator), and Ms Tappous (Assistant Headteacher – Personal Development) for leading this year's Careers Fayre. A wide range of local businesses attended, generously sharing their skills, knowledge, and experiences with our students. It was particularly refreshing to welcome former students back as alumni, supporting and inspiring our current school community.

Thank you to the English Department, led by Mr Holmes (Head of English), and the wider staff team for leading the Year 11 *Poetry Live* trip. This trip is always extremely well received and plays an important role in preparing our young people for the poetry component of their upcoming GCSE English examinations.

A huge well done to our Year 13 students for completing their A Level mock examinations. They approached the mock season with determination and focus. My sincere thanks also go to Mrs Murray (Exams Officer) and the Exams Department, along with the exams team and invigilators, for their hard work in ensuring we are able to support our students effectively through the examination period.

We wish you an enjoyable weekend and look forward to welcoming our school community back on Monday.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs A Hart





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YEAR 7 TOP STUDENTS FOR R-POINTS LAST WEEK

Monday, 19th – Friday 23rd January

ETHAN A – 7P – 72

EVALYN B – 7F – 50

ESEOSA A – 7B – 47

TYLER M – 7B – 46

RISHIKA S – 7S – 46

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

ARTISTS OF THE MONTH

CONGRATULATIONS TO

KS3

SOFIA A
FRANKIE E
ISLA D

KS4

CHLOE W
EVA S

SIXTH FORM

FLORRIE M
ABIGAIL H

JANUARY



RMGS NEWS

Fantastic first session in our new **Leadership Skills Programme** today. Students exploring the key elements of what makes a convincing speech and the craft of public speaking.

Thank you to **Mr Chishti** for leading this amazing opportunity.





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Education Trust

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**PASSIONATE ABOUT EDUCATION? READY TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE?
JOIN US AS AN ACADEMY COMMITTEE MEMBER.**

We are seeking committed and motivated individuals to join our Academy Committee at Rainham Mark Grammar School. This voluntary role offers a valuable opportunity to positively influence students' education, safety and wellbeing.

All Academy Committee members serve a 4 year term. You will act as a 'critical friend', working voluntarily to support the strategic leadership, accountability and engagement of the Trust Board.

Working collaboratively with school leaders, they provide support and constructive challenge across key educational and safeguarding priorities, helping to ensure every pupil has the equal opportunity to thrive.

For further information, please email Clerk@rmet.org or download an application form from our website www.rmet.org

The key areas of focus for the Academy Committee include:

- Safeguarding and Prevent
- Attendance and Exclusions
- Behaviour and Attitudes to Learning
- Quality of Education
- Curriculum
- SEND and the Disadvantaged
- Premiums
- Equality Duty and Objectives of the School
- Student Health, Wellbeing and Physical Literacy
- Engagement with the Community

In looking to fill these vacancies we are particularly interested in applications from people with education experience. Although, please do not be put off if you do not have these skills. What is more important is enthusiasm, interest and the willingness to learn.





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🌟 Celebrating Our Kent Schools Swimming Champions 🌟 📸

Congratulations to all of our swimmers who represented Rainham Mark at the Kent Schools Swimming Championships on Saturday 18th January 2026! 🙌❤️

It was a pleasure to give up a Sunday to watch and cheer you all on. The commitment, effort and sportsmanship shown throughout the day were a credit to you and to the school. 🏠🔦

It was fantastic to see personal bests and medals achieved 🏅🏅, but most importantly, the resilience shown in a highly competitive environment. Overcoming challenges and learning from setbacks are just as valuable as results. 🏊🗣️

For those who may feel underwhelmed by their performance, remember that stepping up to compete takes courage. As Roy T. Bennett reminds us:

“The one who falls and gets up is stronger than the one who never tried. Do not fear failure but rather fear not trying.”

🌟🏅 Special Mentions 🏅🌟

A huge congratulations to our standout swimmers for their fantastic achievements: 🙌❤️

🏅 Luis C – an impressive 6th place finish in a highly competitive field. 🗣️🏊

🏅🏅 Harrison O – a brilliant performance, winning two Bronze Medals in the 100m Butterfly and 200m Individual Medley (IM). 🏊💧

Thank you to parents for your continued support 🙌 and well done to all swimmers for representing Rainham Mark with pride. 🙌❤️🙌

Mr C O'Neill





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The Mark

<https://www.rainhammark.com/attachments/download.asp?file=940&type=pdf>

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 part 3

Good handwriting relies on fine motor dexterity. Choose activities that fit around your young adult's favourite subjects:

1

2

PE:
Badminton
Catching and Juggling
balls
Table Tennis

Music:
Drumming
Piano
Guitar
Trumpet

3

4

DT:
Lego Building
Origami
Textiles (Sewing)
Knife Skills (Food)

Art:
Drawing
Painting
Cutting
Clay work

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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 forth 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/>

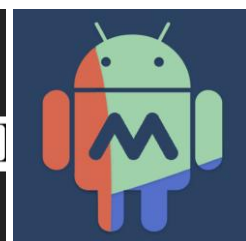
'**Macrodroid**' is our newest sponsor being Smooth OperRacers sixth sponsor and Light Speed's third. It is an organisational app for Android which can aid with organising files and sending automated responses to messages etc. Visit them at: <https://www.macrodroid.com/>



Lucas First Aid Training



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DATA & SECURITY





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STEM RACING

Formally F1 in Schools

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/1sdpzjzbeN>

Follow our teams progress on Instagram



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@SMOOTHOPERRACERS



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
✓ 1 post on social media ✓ 1 post in School newsletter	✓ 2 posts on social media ✓ 2 post in School newsletter ✓ Small logo on Team shirts	✓ 3 posts on social media ✓ 3 posts in School newsletter ✓ Medium logo on Team shirts	✓ 5 posts on social media ✓ 5 posts in School newsletter ✓ Large logo on Team shirts ✓ Logo on the competition car

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Job of the week

SATELLITE ENGINEER

STARTING SALARY
£28K-£35K

POTENTIAL SALARY
£60K+

JOB OF THE WEEK #257



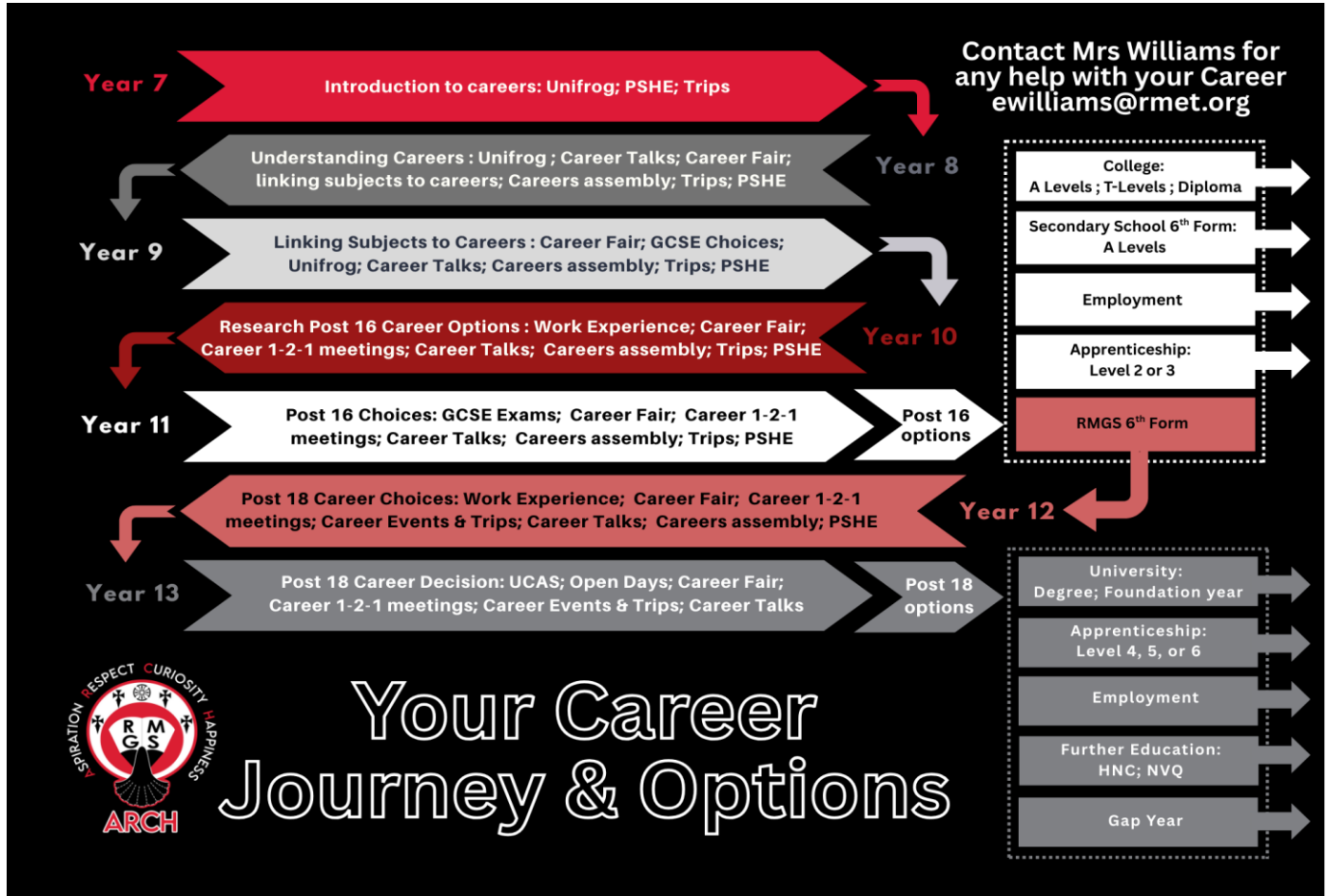
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CAREERS CORNER



RMGS Career Fair What a day 🙌

Having 22 local businesses and organisations support our Year 9 students at yesterday's Career Fair was absolutely wonderful.

We cannot thank you all enough for supporting our youngsters with their career options and pathways. Yesterday was not only designed to provide our students with an array of options BUT also more importantly it enabled them to step outside their comfort zones by having conversations with a range of different businesses.

A brilliant day which could not have happened without a small army of staff behind the scenes. We look forward to continuing to support, guide and inspire all of our students 🙌

Thank you to: City Way Health Clinic; European School of Osteopathy; Grain LNG Limited; University for the Creative Arts; UHY Hacker Young; Kreston Reeves; University of Kent; Hochiki Europe; Omnipark Dental Centre; Medway Council; Medway NHS Foundation Trust; BAE Systems; British Army; Civil Aviation Authority; Medway Council Adult Education; Built to Lead; MidKent College; Kent Law Society; North Kent Bench Magistrates, MacroDroid' Medway Adult Social Care



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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/>

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

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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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 Team's 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

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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>

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, 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

Term Dates - September 2025 to July 2026

Term 1

Monday 1st September 2025 - Friday 17th October 2025

INSET day: 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 day: 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 day: 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 day: Thurs 23/07/26 & Fri 24/07/26



RMGS Extra-Curricular Clubs 2025-26



Monday

Lunch

BigClinic
 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



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.