



RMGS NEWS

13th February 2026

Key Messages

Key Dates

Term 4 –
Monday 23rd February

World Book Day –
5th March

Dear Parents and Students,

As we reach the end of this term, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to our entire school community for embracing Arbor and collaborating with us during our transition to this new Management Information System (MIS). Your support has been invaluable as we navigate the challenges of migration, and I am confident that Arbor will enhance communication across our school community.

I would also like to express my sincere appreciation to Ms Rawlings, our Teacher of Geography, and our dedicated office team —Ms. Pettit (Office Manager), Mrs. Fallon, and Ms. Elvy—who accompanied our Year 12 students on a visit to Elmley Prison on the Isle of Sheppey last Saturday. The insightful questions posed by our students highlighted their engagement with the complexities of running a Category B local prison. We are deeply grateful to the staff at Elmley for their generosity in sharing their expertise with us.

Additionally, I want to give a huge thank you to Mr. O'Neil, our Head of P.E., for leading the school ski trip this week. His updates on the P.E Instagram account have captured the joy and learning experiences of our students and staff. This trip marks a significant return for RMGS, and we are thrilled to share this exciting experience with our wider school community.

This week, we have also been promoting Children's Mental Health Awareness Week alongside discussions on online safety. During tutor time, students have explored the importance of belonging and feeling seen, which is a vital aspect of our whole school approach to inclusion. We are committed to continuing this dialogue as part of our personal development strategy throughout the year, and we value the feedback from our Student Parliament on how we can further promote a sense of belonging within our school community.

I wish you all a thoroughly enjoyable half term and look forward to welcoming our students back on 23rd February.

Yours sincerely
Mrs A Hart
Headteacher



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Year 12 Elmley Prison on the Isle of Sheppey

YEAR 7 TOP STUDENTS FOR R-POINTS LAST WEEK

Monday 2nd Feb- Friday 6th Feb

NOAH S- 7B- 76

ISAAC A- 7L- 43

ETHAN A- 7P- 37

ESTHER C- 7F- 35

THEO N- 7B- 31

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



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World Book Day

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We will be celebrating World Book Day at RMGS on Thursday 5th March, and we are encouraging all students and staff to dress up. The only rule is that costumes should be related to a piece of literature (novel, poem, play, manga etc.). Other than that, feel free to get creative! For example, instead of dressing up as a character, you could go as the title of a book. If you choose not to dress up, you must wear school uniform as usual.

We will be offering rewards for the best costumes on the day. This will be in four categories: best individual costume, most creative costume, best group costume and largest group costume (see how many of your friends you can get involved!). Runners up will be rewarded too, and form tutors will be encouraged to give out R points to celebrate as many people as possible.

The purpose of this is to celebrate reading, something we strive to promote at RMGS, as reading regularly is not only valuable for students' creativity and mental wellbeing, but also has significant academic benefits. Alongside the costumes, there will be other activities related to reading and writing going on throughout the week.

I'd also like to highlight another reading initiative that we have launched recently : '**Get Caught Reading**'. This has been created and launched by our literacy and academic prefects to encourage a culture of reading around the school. Bookmarks have been given out to all students in Years 7 -11, so if a teacher sees a student reading outside of lessons, they can acknowledge it by signing their bookmark. If a student gets caught 5 times, they'll receive an R4 and be entered into a draw for further (reading -related) prizes.

For the last few years World Book Day has been a great showcase of the enthusiasm for reading staff and students have at the school, and I hope that this one will continue that tradition.

Best regards,

Miss Davies - Literacy and EAL Coordinator



**Well done!
Here is Roman
7P after
the Dodgeball
competition this
week.**



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On 28th January 58 students in years 9 to 11 took part in the UKMT Intermediate maths challenge.

The Intermediate challenge is a 60 minute, 25 question multiple choice paper undertaken in exam conditions.

It encourages mathematical reasoning, precision of thought and fluency to make students think. The problems are mostly accessible yet still challenge those with more experience.

This year 6 students achieved a Gold Certificate and are through to the next round of the challenge, 15 students achieved Silver and 11 achieved Bronze.

Well done to all those that took part, reward points have been awarded.

Mrs Rothery





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KS3 SCIENCE CLUB



CRIME SCENE DO NOT CROSS

CSI PROJECT

MONDAYS
AFTER SCHOOL
3.15 – 4.15

INVESTIGATE:



Fingerprints



Handwriting



Hair



Blood spatter



Footprints



Tool impressions



LEARN NEW SKILLS:

- Attention to detail
- Communication
- Observation





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Safeguarding Bulletin- Term 3

<https://www.rainhammark.com/attachments/download.asp?file=972&type=pdf>

Safer
Internet
Day 2026 | Tuesday
10 February

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

saferinternetday.org.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.

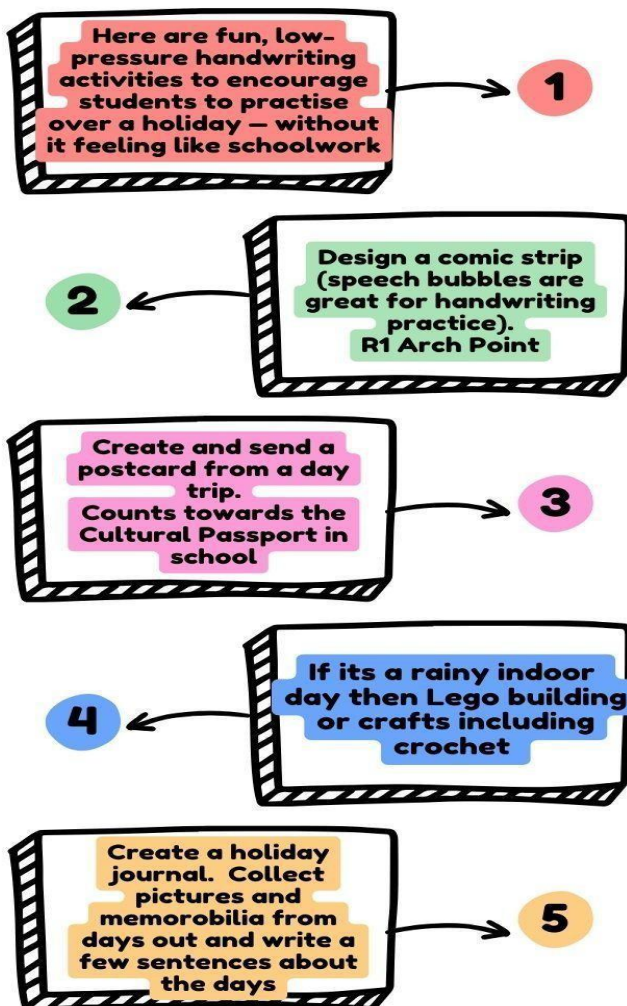




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How to help at home with

Handwriting part 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 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/>

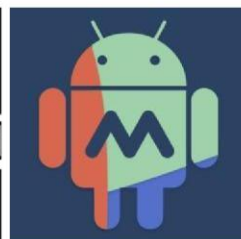
'Macrodroid' is our newest sponsor being Smooth OperRacers sixth sponsor and Light Speed's third. It is an organisational app for Android which can aid with organising files and sending automated responses to messages etc. Visit them at: <https://www.macrodroid.com/>



Lucas First Aid Training



HODSALL
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/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



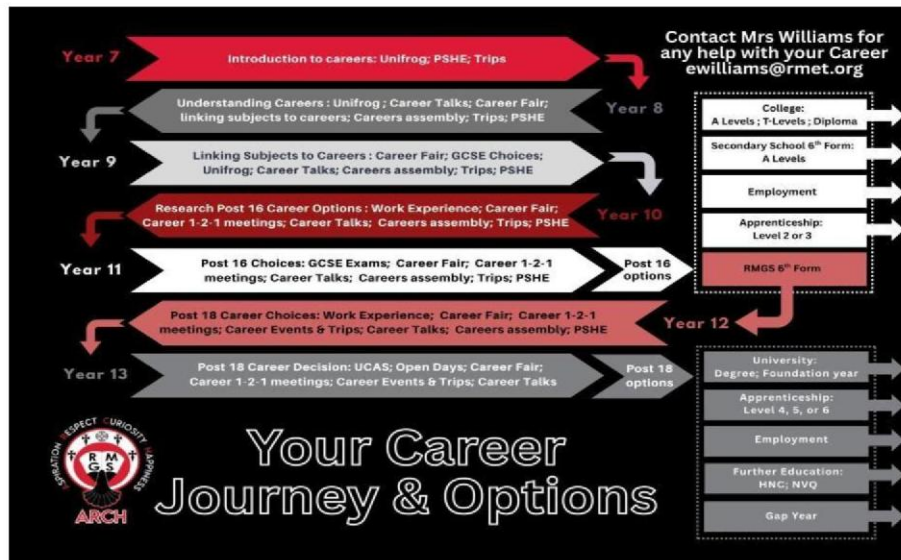
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Helping your Year 9 or 11 Student decide which GCSE or A Level subjects to take...

Deciding on the subjects to take can be overwhelming. To help we have put together some resources that will help students understand how each subject links to a career and what these careers can look like. Please take some time to share this with your child.

<https://www.rainhammark.com/page/?title=Linking+Careers+to+our+Curriculum&pid=374>

Proud to be supporting National Apprenticeship Week (NAW) 2026

Here's what you need to know...

www.rainhammark.com

Apprenticeships are real jobs with real employers, allowing you to work, earn a salary and gain valuable qualifications and experience. Apprenticeships offer choice, opportunity, qualifications, support and a head start into a future career. At RMGS we share and support as many different Apprenticeship Opportunities as possible for our Year 11 and Year 13 students. To find out more about Apprenticeships - watch this short video: <https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/resources/the-apprenticeship-assembly-film/>



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What are Apprenticeships : Special parent and carer webinar.

This session is designed to help parents and carers feel confident supporting the young people in their lives as they explore these options.

By joining this webinar is suitable for Parents and carers supporting their children to apply for apprenticeships, you will:

- Understand what apprenticeships are and how they work.
- Explore how to support your child to consider, search and apply for apprenticeships.
- Know what support and resources there are to help you.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_z9nXeVikR_ms19MHWGpokg#/registration

L2	Foundation
L2	Intermediate
L3	Advanced
L4+	Higher
L6-7	Degree

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Please click here to find out more about each of the 7 Apprenticeship Levels :
<https://www.amazingapprenticeships.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/06/Rapid-Read-Apprenticeship-Levels-Explained.pdf>

NAW2026

I'M INTERESTED IN APPRENTICESHIPS...WHAT NOW?

- Build your knowledge : Book a Careers 1-2-1/ Build your CV / list your skills
- Understand the different Apprenticeship levels
- Search vacancies using all the help on the RMGS Apprenticeships website
- Research employers via the RMGS website resources / career fairs / employer websites and social media.
- Get ready to apply using the guides and tips on the RMGS website





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For help and support on all of this please visit the RMGS Apprenticeship website : <https://www.rainhammark.com/page/?title=Apprenticeships&pid=426>

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Apprenticeship facts...

- All apprentices will earn a salary.
- Most apprenticeships typically take between 8 months and 6 years to complete.
- Apprenticeship levels range from level 2 (foundation and intermediate) through to level 7 (master's level).
- Apprentices do not pay for their training.
- Apprentices receive paid off-the-job training.
- There are now nearly 700 apprenticeship standards.
- Apprentices will spend the majority of their time on-the-job.
- There are thousands of apprenticeship roles covering a wide range of job roles.



Linking subjects to Apprenticeships:

See our full range of resources to help you link subjects you like with Apprenticeships : <https://www.rainhammark.com/page/?title=Apprenticeships&pid=426>

Careers Facebook Group

Keep in the loop with all the latest Career Opportunities via our Private Careers Facebook Group "RMGS Careers". These include Apprenticeship Opportunities for Year 11 and Year 13 students

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

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.



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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 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

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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>

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 Media 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