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Important Dates:

**30th March -
Humanities
X-Curricular –
Canterbury**

**Morocco Training
Day**

**30th & 31st March -
LAMDA Exams**

**1st April -
Year 7 Parents
Evening – NPRS**

**2nd April -
Last day of term 4**

Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am filled with pride as I reflect on the vibrancy of our school community and the outstanding creativity and engagement demonstrated by our students.

On Tuesday, March 24th, our very own Lizzy K from Year 12 participated in the national Articulation public speaking competition held at the National Portrait Gallery. As the first speaker, Lizzy set an impressive benchmark for all the other participants. Her exceptional speech intertwined elements of art history, German politics, language, and even a touch of Russian history. It truly was a work of pure art. During the interval, the Mayor of Westminster congratulated Lizzy for her remarkable performance and the courage it took to go first. We are thrilled to announce that Lizzy secured second place in a competition featuring a wide array of independent and maintained schools from across the country. I am incredibly proud of Lizzy for embodying our school motto: "Be the best version of yourself." A heartfelt thank you to Dr. Sutton for providing Lizzy with the opportunity to participate in such a prestigious event.

The creativity of our students has continued to flourish this week. Wednesday was ANVIL making day, and it was wonderful to see so many of our students engaging in various subjects that highlight the importance of the arts. This event provided them with opportunities to express themselves, learn new skills, and gain insights into myths and legends and their impact on our culture. Our Year 7 and 8 students were buzzing with excitement! A huge thank you to Dr. Sutton (Head of Art) for leading ANVIL and to the wide range of staff who facilitated workshops. We look forward to ANVIL in term 6 and celebrating what belonging means to us at RMGS.

I also want to spotlight Dan B from Year 13, who has successfully received an offer for a degree apprenticeship with the BBC. This is an incredibly exciting and well-deserved achievement, and I am confident that Dan will excel and forge a wonderful career in digital media.

As a selective school, we place great emphasis on creative subjects, believing they are vital skills in the 21st century. We are immensely proud that our students are able to apply themselves to a diverse array of subjects that reflect their interests and talents.

Wishing you all a thoroughly enjoyable weekend, and we look forward to welcoming our school community back on Monday.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. A Hart



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Lizzy K from Year 12 with Mrs Hart & Dr Sutton



Year 12 TEFL teachers!

This week 20 year 12s took part in a 2 day training course with UK-TEFL. By the end of the 2 days they were qualified L2 TEFL teachers who can now teach English as a Foreign Language abroad. This was an amazing opportunity and will mean that if they want to go travelling or work overseas then they already have a qualification that will mean that they are more employable. Not only that, they learnt more about communication, the importance of being clear, how people learn, and more about our home language.

The facilitator was so impressed with how committed and focused the group were. Every time I dropped in there was a buzz of learning and collaboration - it was lovely to witness. Not only that, they were joined by a member of staff who also wanted to get the qualification - Mrs Rowden Knowles - and she was welcomed in by the students as she learnt alongside them. Some true RMGS community spirit!

Well done to the year 12s for taking up this extra enrichment opportunity, and congratulations on qualifying.

Mrs Napier



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YEAR 7 TOP STUDENTS FOR R-POINTS LAST WEEK

Monday 16th March- Friday 20th March

MUHAMMAD I- 7B- 138

ETHAN A- 7P- 101

EVANGELINE R- 7L- 92

THOMAS N- 7R- 55

JAMES P- 7S- 52

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

Wednesday 22nd April 2026

EARTH DAY

Monday 30th March, the Geography Department will be hosting an Easter-themed bake sale.

On Earth Day, we will be holding a non-uniform day. Students are invited to come to school wearing their own clothes in colours that represent the Earth—blue and green.





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How to help at home with

Supporting your child to attend school

Why can't my child say what is wrong:

- They don't fully understand what they're feeling
- They fear being judged or misunderstood
- They don't want to worry adults
- They feel embarrassed

1

Teens rarely open up:

- During a stressful morning
- When they feel under pressure

2

Better times:

- In the car
 - Walking side by side
 - Late evening
 - While doing something else
- Less eye contact = more honesty

3

Not all teens want to talk.

- Some Alternatives:
- Texting you instead of talking
 - Writing it down
 - Using a scale: "How bad is it from 1-10?"
 - Drawing or mapping their day

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Don't expect one big conversation.

Instead:

- Short, regular check-ins
 - No pressure to answer every time
 - Revisit gently
- Trust builds over time.

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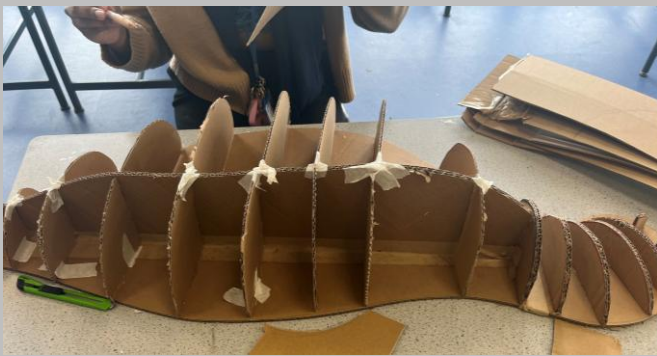


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On Wednesday, years 7&8 enjoyed a highly creative day, exploring myths and legends from around the world in readiness for our ANVIL carnival. Many embraced the opportunity to try Samba drumming with INSPIRE works, took part in a Street Dance workshop organised by Medway African and Caribbean Association, wrote poetry with Theresa Lola who was winner of the 2025 Derek Walcott Prize for Poetry and in 2019 was the young people's poet laureate.

We also had a visit from Carson Parkin - Fairley, a multidisciplinary artist, alongside workshops delivered by staff in school, such as celebrating our links with schools abroad, delving into Trinidad's Pierrot Grenade character and sculpture sessions.

Well done Years 7 & 8 for showing such enthusiasm for the day, demonstrating our school values and ARCH, we are looking forward to seeing all of your brilliant ideas and work in the carnival procession on the 13th July!





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On 28th February, our Year 10 students set off for Paris to attend the Maths Live event, supported by a fantastic team of staff from across the school.

The conference gave students a valuable opportunity to see mathematics beyond the classroom. Through a series of engaging talks, they explored how maths underpins a wide range of careers and real-world decisions, helping to broaden their understanding of where the subject can take them.

The trip also encouraged students to step outside their usual routines and build confidence. Navigating new environments, managing their time, and sharing the experience with peers all contributed to their personal development, alongside plenty of enjoyment during our visit to Disneyland Paris.

Allison Kiddle delivered a fascinating talk exploring probability in a way that really captured students' attention. She discussed what a "one in a million" chance actually looks like, explaining it through the probability of correctly guessing 20 coin flips in a row (0.5^{20}). She also introduced concepts such as micromorts and explored the mathematics behind lotteries, before sharing her own experience of appearing on *Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?*, where she won £250,000.

Bobby Seagull brought maths to life with energy and enthusiasm, engaging students throughout his talk. He was incredibly popular, with many students keen to take photos with him afterwards.

Professor Nira Chamberlain delivered an inspiring session on applied mathematics, confidently arguing why maths is "indisputably the best subject in the world." His talk helped students see the broader impact of mathematics in solving real-world problems.





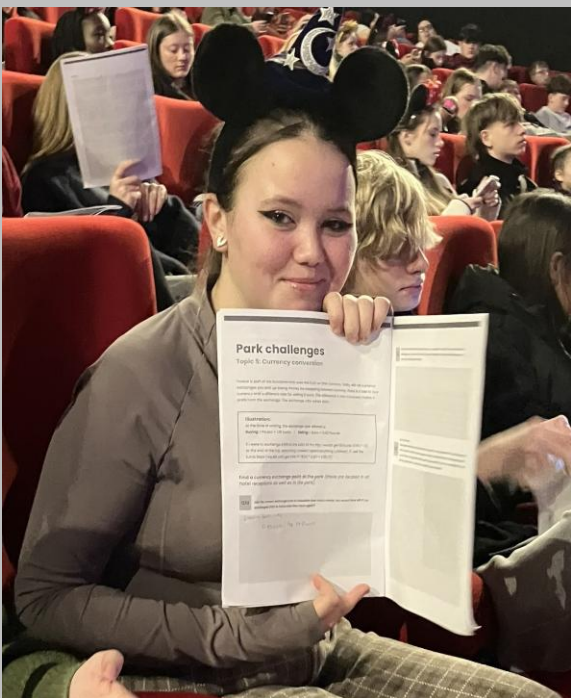
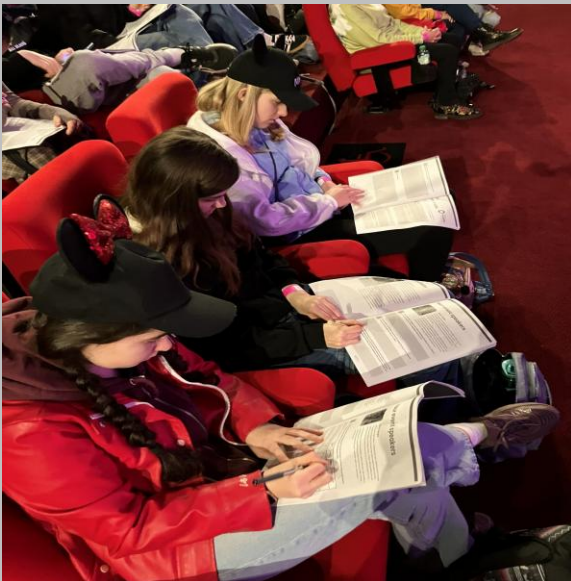
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Many students shared extremely positive feedback about the trip, particularly highlighting the speakers as a key highlight of their experience.

Bryn: "The Disneyland Paris Maths trip was an amazing experience, from rides to cuisine, I thoroughly enjoyed myself. In particular, the maths conference was my favourite part as it kept me transfixed throughout the entire event. I just wish we could have stayed longer!"

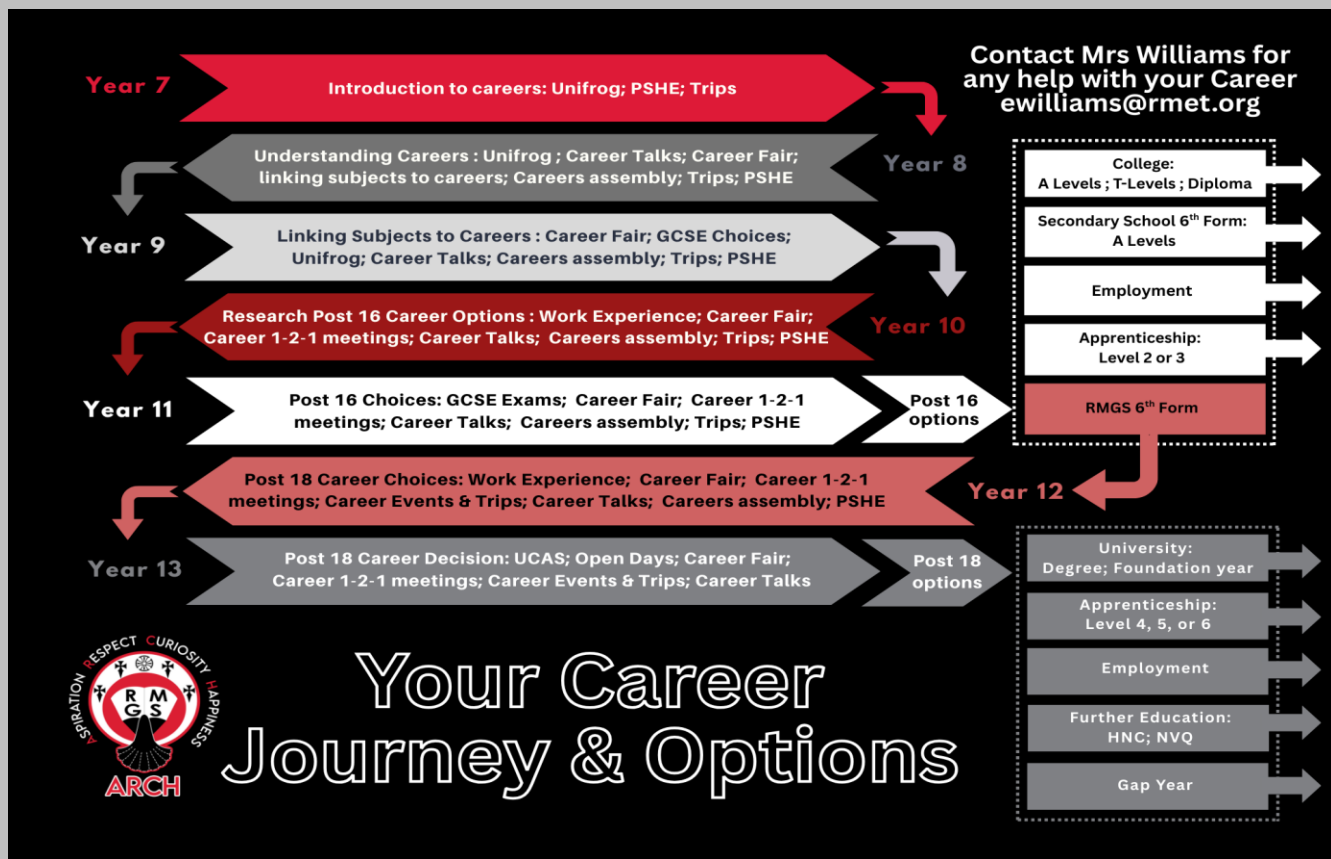
Bryony: "The trip was great. I found the speakers enthusiasm amazing and made the conference so much more fun. "

A big thank you from all the staff involved to our Year 10 students for being such a fantastic group throughout the trip. Your attitude, enthusiasm and behaviour made it a pleasure to share this experience with you."





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Year 10 Work Experience

This week we have most of our Year 10 students have had their first Work Experience placements. We have been inundated with inspiring and positive feedback from placement employers and look forward to sharing them over the coming weeks. Well done Year 10

Parents / Guardians of Year 11 students

All Year 11 students will have a Careers 1-2-1 meeting with our in house Careers Adviser Mrs Williams over the coming 6 weeks. Your child will be notified by their Form Teacher when their meeting is.

Career Support for SEND students

For Students with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) RMGS have a range of support and resources in place to help support and guide them on their career pathway. We help SEND young people with things like; making choices about the future, getting into further education, getting into training, getting into work, finding out about appropriate support and funding for education/training and signposting and referrals to other agencies, where appropriate. To find out more including information on Supported Internships for students with an EHCP please click here :

<https://www.rainhammark.com/page/?title=Career+Support+for+young+people+with+SEND&pid=427>

Year 13 students – University Student Loans

The window for Student Loan Applications will open in the next few weeks. Year 13 Students who have applied to University will be receiving information on this from the Head of Year 13 and their Form Tutors over the next week

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



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>

Apprenticeships – information you need to know

If your child is interested or looking to apply for a Apprenticeship after their GCSE's or A Levels then this is for them. 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

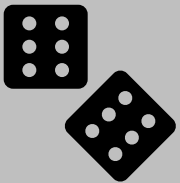
Linking subjects to careers : How does my child's subject link to a career?

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?

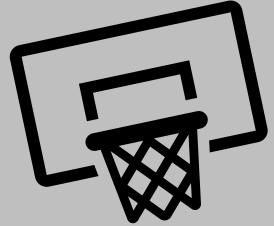
<https://yourskillsmap.com/>



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Every Tuesday at
lunchtime
Geography Clinic
All – D6



Every Friday at
lunchtime
Diversity Team-
All – C4



Before School Clubs

8.35 - 8.55

Tuesday - 8.35-8.55am		Year 7 Band Programme
Tuesday - 8.35-8.55am		Year 9 German Dual Linguists
Thursday – 8.35 - 8.55am		Year 9 French Dual Linguists
Thursday – 8.35 - 8.55 am		Year 9, 10 & 11 Spanish Dual Linguists
Friday - 8.35 - 8.55am		String Group – Selected Students
Friday – 7.30am		Basketball Squad



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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
Lunchtime Clubs		
Computing Club All - D1		
Maths Clinic All - HY		
Bio Clinic 6 th Form - Q1	Art Club KS4 & KS5 - R2	Business/Economics Support KS5 - J1
Christian Union All - A3	Creative iMedia Club Yr10 & Yr11 – D1	Chemistry Clinic Yr12 & Yr13 – M6
Crochet & Knitting All - L2	Engineering Society N5	Chess/Puzzle Club All – HZ
DT NEA Clinic All - N5	F1 in Schools Team Members – N5	Choir All – Recital Hall
Law Society L1	Geography Clinic All – D6	The Mark All – L6
Music Tech Club All - E2	Horribly Horrible History Club KS3 – F6	DT NEA Clinic Yr10-Yr13 – N5
String Group All - Recital Hall	LAMDA Yr7 & Yr8 – R3	Eco Club All – D2
Trombone Choir All - E1	MedSoc 6 th Form – Q1	LAMDA Yr7 & Yr8 – R3
KS4 Book Club Yr10 & Yr11 - R4	Philosophy Club Yr7 & Yr8 – H5	Level up Club Yr11 – R4
LAMDA Yr9 & Yr10 - R3	Take it Further Yr10 – R4	Music Support Session All – E2
	Wind Band All – Recital Hall	Psychology Support Week 2 Yr13 – G2
	Tech Tuesday – Young Technicians All -	RMGS Girls Right Society All – R2
		Scrabble Club All – L3
Afterschool Clubs		
National Theatre Connections KS4&5 – A3 - 3.15-4.15pm	French Cine Club	Arts Award Club All – A2 - 3.15-4.15pm
Jam Club All – Music Block - 3.10-4.10pm	LAMDA YR7&8 – R3	GCSE Art Intervention Yr10&11 - 3.15-4.15pm
LAMDA Yr9&10 – R3		GCSE Astronomy Yr9,10&11 – M7 - 3.15-4.15pm
Italian Club All – 3.15-3.45pm		GCSE English Intervention
Science KS3 – 3.05		LAMDA Yr7&8 – R3
		Shakespeare Schools Festival KS3 – A3
		Tabletop Gaming Club All – R3 - 3.05-4.05pm



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Thursday	Friday
Lunchtime Clubs	
Computing Club All - D1	
Maths Clinic All - HY	
Black History Month Club All - R1	Bohemian Society All - E1
Book Club KS3 - R4	Carnival Club All - R2
Brass Group All - Recital Hall	Debate Club All - L2
Computer Science KS4 & KS5 - D5	Diversity Team All - C4
Creative Ambassador Week 1 - R1	DT NEA Clinic Yr10-Y13 - N5
Origami Club All - N1	German 6 th Form - B2
Public Speaking Yr9 & Yr12 - R2	Politics Society HZ
Psychology Support Week 1 Yr13 - G2	Sociology Club Week 1 Yr13 - G5
Quantum Physics Yr7-11 - M9	Just Dance All - Dance Studio
Ukulele Club All - E1	
Afterschool Clubs	
Big Band All - Recital Hall - 3.10-4.10pm	
Sociology Club Yr13 Week2 - G2 - 3.10-4.10pm	



Every day after school 3.05pm - 4pm



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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

Tuesday 6th 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