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The RGS Mail

Dear Families, Students and Old Scholars

I must say that this is not how I would have expected to be in touch with you for my first RGS Mail with another lockdown!

The end of the autumn term was a busy one with students participating in a number of activities, including the annual Carol Service at St Paul's and the Christmas Community Challenge which raised funds and provided services for a number of charities. Our school choir, led by Mrs Will-Jones were also runners-up in the 3fm Carol Cup, so congratulations to everyone involved.

As you know, we said goodbye to Annette Baker, who retired as Headteacher of RGS after a 37 year long career in teaching, the last 6 here at Ramsey. She will be missed by her colleagues at RGS but we wish her well in her retirement.

I am pleased to say that we were able to move swiftly into remote learning within 24 hours of the Chief Minister's announcement on Tuesday, with hundreds of remote lessons taking place already. We really appreciate the time that some of you have taken in providing us with positive feedback on the initial experience. This is an endorsement of the work undertaken by staff in planning and rolling out online learning. Your feedback also acknowledges that your children have taken up the challenge of remote learning and I know that staff and students have enjoyed being able to maintain some contact during this difficult time. I am also pleased that we have been able to immediately establish a Hub in school based on a clear application process to support our parents and carers who are key workers. In saying that, we reiterate Government advice that the safest place is at home and the Hub is very much a final option. We realise, despite everyone's best efforts, there may be some uncertainty and the best place for information is always on the RGS website. However, there is always support available in school if you require it so please do get in touch if you need to speak to someone.

I would just like to highlight the following:

- Students must register every morning via the school website. Apart from highlighting those who are not engaging in online learning, this will also give us the opportunity to identify any wellbeing, technical or subject-based concerns that students may have.
- Students should follow their normal timetable and their link to learning will be from their subject google classroom.

In situations such as this it really highlights what is important. I am grateful for the trust that you have in us to provide the best possible remote learning for your child/children, which is only made possible by the way in which we work together.

I will endeavour to communicate brief but regular updates on the RGS website and once again, particularly at this time, appreciate the kindness and respect that has been clearly in evidence since we returned from the Christmas break.

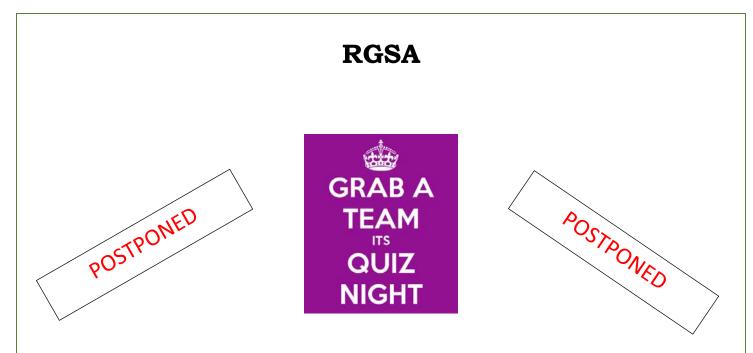
Graeme Corrin Acting Headteacher



RGS Choir

Congratulations to the School Choir who were Runners-Up in the 3FM Carol Cup with their lovely interpretation of 'Night of Silence'. You can still listen to their entry by following the link below





POSTPONED – DATE TO BE RESCHEDULED

Regrettably, due to the current restrictions we have decided to postpone the annual RGS Quiz, due to take place on the 29th January. Hopefully we can reschedule later in the year when all restrictions have been lifted.

RGSA 100 Club Winners

Oct 2020	
1 st - £37.50 Mrs M Quinn	24
2 nd - £22.50 DA&KA Skinner	93
3 rd - £15.00 JW&ME Fenton	128

Nov 2020		
1 st -£37.00 DJ&JM Trace	1	
2 nd - £22.20 K&SA Carr	107	
3 rd - £14.80 K Quirk	192	