



The RGS Mail

May 2017

Dear Families, Students and Old Scholars

We are delighted at the success of our students in the Manx Music Festival (“The Guild”) which has recently taken place. Our instrumental string ensemble won the Clare Stringer Cup beating off the usual stiff competition and bringing home a very impressive trophy! Our girls’ choir put on a very impressive performance and finished in a very respectable position on the leaderboard with their rendition of “Lean on Me”. A full report of all our successes are found in this edition of the RGS Mail. By the time you read this I am sure that many of you will have enjoyed the wonderful evening at the Spring Concert listening to the music produced by our talented students.

The exam season officially kicks off on Tuesday 2nd May. As students ‘hit the home straight’ in their revision and preparation for the exams we wish them all the very best. Reading the school blog makes us very aware that this school is about much more than exam results, however important though they clearly are. Our students show a compassionate concern for the big questions faced by them as global citizens and strive to add as much as they can to show that they care. We had a very successful bingo evening, organised by Year 9 students who are raising money to help build schools in Nepal, inspired by what they have learned through our school link with the Gumlek School in Nepal, through the Pahar Trust.

An audience of sixth form students listened aghast to the horrifying stories of the plight of children in Syria, presented by Baraa Kouja, founder and director of the charity “From Syria with Love”. I am sure that many of those present will think about the issues raised and, typical of RGS students, will try to do something to make this world a better place. In this connection, we wish Megan Walkom luck as she prepares to go to Rwanda to help build homes for the homeless children, after negotiating the obvious obstacle of A Level examinations!

A G Baker

Mrs A G Baker
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MANX MUSIC FESTIVAL (THE 'GUILD')

2017 RESULTS

Group Modern Dance (Up to Year 10)

1st Place (Dist) Victoria and Mya Kinnin
(part of Gena's Dance Academy of Peel)



Rock/Pop Band Covers (Y7-13)

Joint 3rd (Com) Tower Stories (Bryce Collins, Stuart Perks, Matthew Needham, Patrick Knight)

Joint 3rd (Com) Siren (Laeth Quellin, Lyle Rimmer, Carter Skillicorn, Sam Brown)

Rock/Pop Band Own Compositions (Y7-13)

1st Place (Dist) Tower Stories (Bryce Collins, Stuart Perks, Matthew Needham, Patrick Knight)

3rd Place (Merit) Siren
(Laeth Quellin, Lyle Rimmer, Carter Skillicorn, Sam Brown)



Instrumental Solo (Y7&8)

2nd Place (Com) Ben Smith

Instrumental Solo (Y11-13)

2nd Place (Com) Isabella Nutter

Pianoforte Solo (Grades 1-3) Test

3rd Place (Dist) Arabella Ayen

Pianoforte Solo (Grades 1-3) Own Choice

Commended Arabella Ayen

Pianoforte Solo - from Memory (Up to Y10)

Merit Harry Grant

Plucked Strings (Grades 1-3)

1st Place (Dist) Ruby Grant
2nd Place (Dist) Amber Pullen

Plucked Strings (Grade 4-5)

1st Place (Dist) Lucy Gilmore
2nd Place (Dist) Arabella Ayen

Cello and Double Bass (Grades 1-3)

Commended Reece Dalugdugan

Cello & Double Bass (Grade 6 & over)

2nd Place (Com) Sam Hills-Field

Instrumental Ensemble (between 4-8 players)

1st Place (Dist) RGS String Ensemble

Songs from the Musicals (Y9-13)

Commended Isaac Jagus
Commended Kaylee Kinley

Popular Song 1930 to Present (Y9-13) Own Choice

Joint 3rd (Dist) Kaylee Kinley
Commended Isaac Jagus

Vocal Ensemble (Up to Y13) Own Choice

Merit RGS Girls' Choir

Reading at Sight (Y10-13)

Joint 3rd (Com) Laeth Quellin

Reading from the Bible (Y7&8)

Commended Sian Hooson-Owen

Bible in Manx (Y7 to 10)

2nd Place (com) Imogene Kewley

Public Speaking (Y7&8)

Commended Sian Hooson-Owen





'People need drama, like they need water, air and food. It sustains us and comforts us, and reminds us that we are not totally alone.' Sue Townsend.

It's been a busy few weeks in the Drama department! Just before the Easter break AS and A2 Drama and Theatre students performed their Creative Adaptation (Year 12) and their Devised piece (Year 13). Both pieces were well received by the audiences that viewed them and we're hoping for some good performance marks in the summer. The picture (below) shows Year 13 mid-performance!



Year 11 Dramatists have also been busy, as they had their assessed performances on April 28th. They performed extracts from Dennis Potter's 'Blue Remembered Hills'; Willy Russell's 'Blood Brothers'; John Godber's 'Shakers' and Shelagh Delaney's 'A Taste of Honey' as part of the GCSE Unit 2 practical component. Good luck to all of

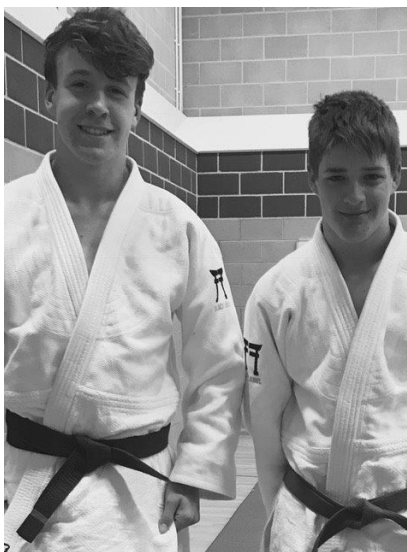
British Schools' Judo Championships

Year 10 students Magnus Black and Alex Macmillan represented Ramsey Grammar School at the British Schools Judo Championships held at the English Institute of Sport on the first Saturday of the school Easter break.

Over 700 school students from all over the UK entered the event and the standard of performance was very high. This was the first national competition for the RGS boys who have only recently started regularly training and competing in the UK.

Magnus fought valiantly in a very large pool of under 66kg boys but was unlucky not to proceed to the finals. Alex fought determinedly at under 81kg and just missed out on a bronze medal, finishing 5th overall.

Both boys did their school and coaches proud, fighting in the Year 10 and 11 combined group, so they will hopefully be back next year at the top end of the age band. They each then went on to complete a



Year 9 Netball 2017

The 2017 netball season saw around 30 Year 9 girls regularly attending netball practice.

The season got off to a great start with matches for the A, B, C and D teams against QE2 High School. The A, C and D teams all won convincingly; with the B team narrowly losing 12-8.

Players of the matches as voted for by their team mates were Molly Cubbon, Matilda Jones and Leah Stewart.

Next we travelled to Castle Rushen High School where RGS fought hard against strong teams. Ramsey A team started well and by half time Ramsey were ahead. However Castle Rushen ran away with it and the game ended with a 20-13 loss. Ramsey B and C teams worked hard, but in the end came away with losses. Ramsey D team however were the team of the day when they won 15-3. Chloe Foster, Maisie Megson, Erin Callow and Emma Wilkinson were POM's.

Next we took two teams to St Ninian's High School. Ramsey A team played consistently well with some lovely play from Anna Lashley linking well with shooters Molly Cubbon and Eleanor Corrin. Chloe Foster was also strong in her new defensive position. However the score ended 24-14 against Ramsey. The B team was a very close game. Megan Kelly fought particularly hard in defence, but again the final score saw St Ninian's creep ahead to win 8-7.

Unfortunately it was a very similar story against King Williams College, with A's losing 26-10 and B's 8-7. However despite these defeats Ramsey girls were committed to practicing, training and improving and this showed in our next challenge against Ballakermeen. Both games were won convincingly and the final scores were 30-5 and 19-6. Alanna Pritchard and Lily Byrne stood out as POM's.

Our final fixture saw the A team travel to their interschool tournament. The girls played as a team and worked hard throughout and had well deserved wins against St Ninian's and QE2. This saw them finish 4th overall in the tournament. Chloe Foster stood out as Goal Keeper with her amazing jump! The girls have shown excellent team spirit and commitment. Thanks to everyone who played and we look forward to next year!

Mrs Eyres





@RGS_IOM

'Twitter for Families'

At Ramsey Grammar School, we pride ourselves on working closely with both families and the local community. One way we can do this is by finding ways to share information with you on what we, as a school, are doing. 'Twitter for Families' is a new initiative set up to share information on:

- the school calendar and our upcoming events
- the achievements of our students
- successes gained through working with the local community

Important information

Twitter is optional and an additional information platform. All information contained within the Twitter account can also be found on the school wiki and on the school website www.ramseygrammarschool.im

The @RGS_IOM Twitter account is a closed account. This means that only people who request, and are accepted, can follow our tweets. Follow requests will be accepted dependent on meeting one or more of the following criteria:

- an account belonging to an RGS student over the age of 13
- an account belonging to a parent/carer/family member of our students
- an account belonging to a staff member
- an account of a local community business or a business linked to the work of the school

Only requests to follow from accounts bearing a real name will be accepted, unless otherwise verified.

Follow us on 

Cash Loaders and the Manx £20 note



Students may find that the Smartcard loaders in school will not accept the Manx £20 notes. Other denominations are working so you may wish to make sure that your child has suitable change for the machines. The company who maintain the cash loaders are working to re-programme them but in the meantime, this might be a good opportunity to consider ParentPay which is the online means of paying for school meals. If you have not already signed up for this, please email enquiries@rgs.sch.im for more information.

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Homework Lunch Clubs



KEEP
CALM
AND
DO YOUR
HOMEWORK

Monday Lunch Time — 12.45—1.45 All Lunch

Tuesday Lunch Time — 12.45—1.45pm All Lunch

Wednesday - 1.15—1.45

Thursday Lunch Time — Dyslexia Club 12.45—1.15

Homework club — All lunch

Friday Lunch Time—12.45– 1.15 pm

**Come for help with
your homework or Dyslexia**



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Dear Parent/Carer

**Easter Ski Trip 2018 – Saturday 31st March—Saturday
7th April - Ehrwald, Austria**

*******Flight from the Isle of Man to Austria*******

I am writing to bring to your attention the RGS Easter Ski Trip for 2018. I have successfully negotiated a great deal, allowing us, for the first time to fly from the Isle of Man to Austria.

We will be travelling to the beautiful Austrian resort of Ehrwald - in a fantastic location just over 1hr NW of Innsbruck, close to the famous Zugspitze Glacier, which borders Bavaria. The Hotel Sonnenburg sits on the Ehrwald slopes and is just a 5-10 minute walk from the centre. It is a superb resort offering guaranteed snow and no less than 213kms of piste. Fantastic for all grades of skier with 74 blue, 55 red & 11 black runs.

Ski Trip Inclusions:-

- > Return flights from the Isle of Man
- > 7 night's Half Board accommodation (daily lunch to be bought)
- > 6 day lift pass
- > 6 day ski & boot hire
- > 6 day helmet hire
- > Evening activities
- > Comprehensive ski travel insurance
- > Bag carriage

The cost of the trip is **£999**. If you would like to secure a place on this trip, please complete and return the slip below along with an initial deposit of **£149**, followed by a second deposit of **£100**, cheques payable to **Ramsey Grammar School, as soon as possible to avoid disappointment**. Deposits are non-refundable in the event of your cancellation. Full trip payment should be made by January 2018, following the suggested monthly payment schedule as outlined below.

May – 1 st deposit (asap)	£149.00
June 26 th – 2 nd deposit	£100.00
September 25 th	£150.00
October 25 th	£150.00
November 27 th	£150.00
December 22 nd	£150.00
January 19 th	£150.00

As this will be our first time flying I anticipate participation numbers to rise. I would encourage you to act fast and look forward to welcoming your child onto the 2018 ski trip.

Yours sincerely

Mr D J Lillie
Ski Trip Leader

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Ehrwald, Austria**

I would like to secure a place on the Easter Ski Trip 2018.
I include an initial deposit of **£149**, non-refundable in the event of my cancellation. I agree to pay the full balance by January 2018, following the suggested monthly payment schedule.

Student Name _____

Form _____

Parent / Guardian Signature _____

Date _____

EASTER SKI TRIP 2018 FLYING FROM IOM TO AUSTRIA



Saturday 31st March -
Saturday 7th April 2018

Ehrwald, Austria

Hotel Sonnenburg

See Mr Lillie for a letter

Trip Inclusions

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(lunch to be bought)
 - > 6 day lift pass
 - > 6 day x 4 hrs ski lessons
 - > 6 day ski & boot hire
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Cost
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Deposit
£149

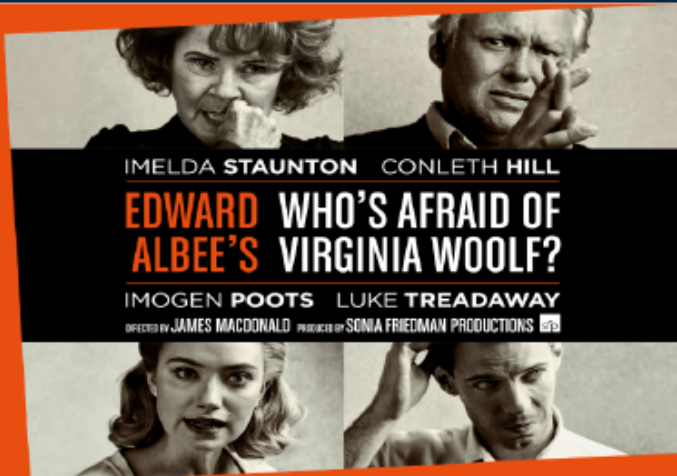
Subsequent payments

- May (asap) - 1st deposit £149
- June 26th - 2nd deposit £100
- September - £150
- October 25th - £150
- November 27th - £150
- December 22nd - £150
- January 19th - £150



THE NORTHERN THEATRE EXPERIENCE PRESENTS VIA LIVE SCREENING....

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**EDWARD WHO'S AFRAID OF
ALBEE'S VIRGINIA WOOLF?**

IMOGEN POOTS LUKE TREADAWAY

DIRECTED BY JAMES MACDONALD PRODUCED BY SONIA FRIEDMAN PRODUCTIONS

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THURSDAY MAY 18TH RAMSEY
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FORM LECTURE THEATRE
DOORS OPEN 6.30PM



The Northern Theatre Experience
Future Live Screening Events from
Ramsey Grammar School Sixth Form Lecture Theatre



Obsession

11th May 2017
National Theatre Live

Jude Law (*The Young Pope*, *Closer*, *The Talented Mr Ripley*) stars in the stage production of *Obsession*, broadcast live from the Barbican Theatre in London. Ivo van Hove (*NT Live: A View from the Bridge*, *Hedda Gabler*) directs this new stage adaptation of Luchino Visconti's 1943 film.

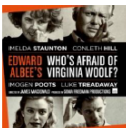


Gino is a drifter, down-at-heel and magnetically handsome. At a road side restaurant he encounters husband and wife, Giuseppe and Giovanna. Irresistibly attracted to each other, Gino and Giovanna begin a fiery affair and plot to murder her husband. But, in this chilling tale of passion and destruction, the crime only serves to tear them apart.

Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?

18th May 2017
National Theatre Live

Sonia Friedman Productions present Imelda Staunton (*Gypsy*, *Vera Drake*, *the Harry Potter films*), Conleth Hill (*Game Of Thrones*, *The Producers*), Luke Treadaway (*A Street Cat Named Bob*, *The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, *The Hollow Crown*) and Imogen Poots (*A Long Way Down*, *Jane Eyre*) in James Macdonald's critically acclaimed, 5 star production of Edward Albee's landmark play, broadcast live to cinemas from the Harold Pinter Theatre, London.



In the early hours of the morning on the campus of an American college, Martha, much to her husband George's displeasure, has invited the new professor and his wife to their home for some after-party drinks. As the alcohol flows and dawn approaches, the young couple are drawn into George and Martha's toxic games until the evening reaches its climax in a moment of devastating truth-telling.

Salomé

22nd June 2017
National Theatre Live

The story has been told before, but never like this. An occupied desert nation. A radical from the wilderness on hunger strike. A girl whose mysterious dance will change the course of the world. This charged retelling turns the infamous biblical tale on its head, placing the girl we call Salomé at the centre of a revolution.



Internationally acclaimed theatre director Yael Farber (*Les Blancs*) draws on multiple accounts to create her urgent, hypnotic production which will be broadcast live from the stage of the National Theatre.



National
Theatre
Live



Peter Pan (Encore matinee)

8th July 2017
National Theatre Live

All children, except one, grow up...

Captured live at the National Theatre, a recorded performance of JM Barrie's much-loved tale screens in cinemas this summer.

When Peter Pan, leader of the Lost Boys, loses his shadow, headstrong Wendy helps him to reattach it. In return, she is invited to Neverland, where Tinkerbell the fairy, Tiger Lily and the vengeful Captain Hook await. A riot of magic, music and make-believe ensues.

A delight for children and adults alike, Sally Cookson (NT Live: *Jane Eyre*) directs this wondrously inventive production, a co-production with Bristol Old Vic theatre.



Angels in America part 1

(Encore) 14th September 2017

Angels in America part 2

(Encore) 21st September 2017

National Theatre Live



America in the mid-1980s. In the midst of the AIDS crisis and a conservative Reagan administration, New Yorkers grapple with life and death, love and sex, heaven and hell.

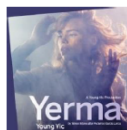
Andrew Garfield (*Silence*, *Hacksaw Ridge*, *The Amazing Spiderman*) plays Prior Walter along with a cast including Denise Gough (*People, Places and Things*), Nathan Lane (*The Producers*), James McArdle (*Star Wars: The Force Awakens*) and Russell Tovey (*The Pass*).

This new staging of Tony Kushner's multi-award winning two-part play is directed by Olivier and Tony award winning director Marianne Elliott (*The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time*, and *War Horse*). Part 1, *Millennium Approaches* was first performed at the National Theatre in 1992 and was followed by Part 2, *Perestroika*, the following year.

Yerma (Encore)

25th October 2017
National Theatre Live

The incredible Billie Piper (*Penny Dreadful*, *Great Britain*) returns in her Evening Standard Best Actress award-winning role.



A young woman is driven to the unthinkable by her desperate desire to have a child in Simon Stone's radical production of Lorca's achingly powerful masterpiece. The unmissable theatre phenomenon sold out at the Young Vic and critics call it 'an extraordinary theatrical triumph' (*The Times*) and 'stunning, searing, unmissable' (*Mail on Sunday*). Billie Piper's lead performance is described as 'spellbinding' (*The Evening Standard*), 'astounding' (*News*) and 'devastatingly powerful' (*The Daily Telegraph*).

Set in contemporary London, Piper's portrayal of a woman in her thirties desperate to conceive builds with elemental force to a staggering, shocking climax.

Tickets available from the Villa Gaiety Box Office

Adults £15.30 Concessions £12.75

Under 16s/students £5.10

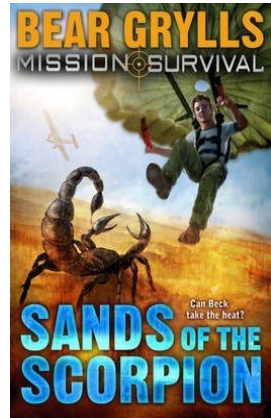
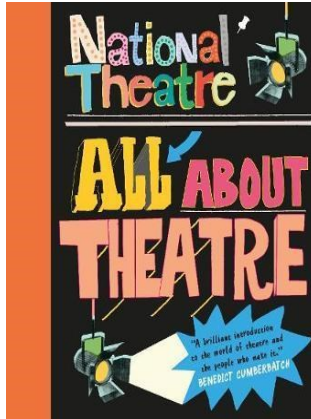
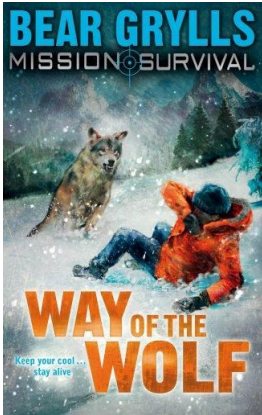
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The Welcome Centre Sea Terminal, Douglas

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MAY 2017



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OPENING TIMES

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8:40AM-3:50PM

THURS:
8:40AM-3:40PM

FRI:
8:40AM-3:40PM



GUESSTURES

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April:

1 st - £40	Ms J Kinnin	27
2 nd - £25	Dr & Mrs Allinson	96
3 rd - £15	Mrs A Pinhorn	176

Forthcoming RGSA Events

Next RGSA Meeting 18th May 2016 - 6.30 pm at the Swan Pub, Ramsey

Ramsey Grammar School Association Film Night Presents



Come to the Ramsey Premier for big screen entertainment, surround sound, nibbles, refreshments and great company.

Wednesday May 24th 2017

Ramsey Grammar Lecture Theatre (use West Building entrance)

Doors open at **7:00 pm**. Film starts at **7:30 pm**.

Adults £6. RGS Students & U16 yrs. £3.

Reservations available from School west office or Gerri on 412181/
redheads@manx.net Tickets available on the door unless sold out.