



The RGS Mail

June 2017

Dear Families, Students and Old Scholars

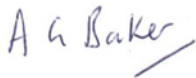
Welcome back to those fortunate enough to have had a break over the TT period! We know of course that our KS4 and KS5 students are in the thick of taking examinations which will have significant consequences for their future. The end is in sight! – only another couple of weeks until the examination season once again draws to a close. I take this opportunity to thank Mrs Rosalie Beaumont sincerely for her hard work in the first year here as Examinations Officer. Mrs Beaumont has worked tirelessly to ensure that the ever increasing demands of public examinations are met.

In this second half of the summer term we can feel the buzz of excitement in school as we approach what for many is the highlight of the school year – our legendary Standalone week. This year as usual we have an outstanding selection of on and off-island activities for the students. On island for example, we have bowling, boat trips and “Murder, Mystery and Mayhem”. Off-island trips will soon be departing to venues across the UK and Europe including France, Holland and Belgium as well as Wales and England. We ask students to remember that, although enjoyable, Standalone week is all about education and is an opportunity to use the wider world as a classroom. We hope that all of our students enjoy the opportunities offered to them during this week and look forward to hearing their excited chatter as they recount the tales of their experiences when they return to school in the final week of term.

We are all aware from watching television that there have been a number of tragic incidents in the UK and the world which may cause heightened concern, particularly for parents. We ask you to reassure your sons and daughters that fortunately these kinds of incidents are statistically few and the chances of being involved in such situations seen in the UK in recent weeks are very low. I have checked with the Department of Education and Children with regards to advice to parents and students on off-island trips and have been told to encourage vigilance but above all, to adopt a common sense approach to the situation in this connection.

This month sees another live screened event from the Northern Theatre Experience, when we will be screening the National Theatre production of Salomé on the 22nd June in the Sixth Form Lecture Theatre. Tickets are on sale at rgstheatre.ticketsolve.com and the ticket price includes pre-show themed refreshments to complement the production!

Please note that the annual Higher Education Conference takes place on Thursday and Friday this week at Ballakermeen High School. I would encourage students in Years 11-13 to attend the evening event on Thursday to ensure that they have the very latest information on the fantastic range of higher education opportunities on offer to students on the Isle of Man.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "A G Baker" with a horizontal line underneath.

Mrs A G Baker
Headteacher

Internment Memories

May 2017 saw Internment during World War Two feature heavily at RGS. Year 9 students interviewed people who had experienced internment on the Island and the interviews were filmed on i-pads. The same students then travelled to Hutchinson Square in Douglas, to hear stories about Internment from Yvonne Cresswell of Manx National Heritage.

Students then went to the Manx Museum where Alan Caig Wilson and Liz Ferretti of the Young Walter Scott Prize ran a creative writing workshop; where students used the stories of internment to explore historical fiction.



Meanwhile, Year 12 and Year 13 Historians listened to lectures on internment from members of the Sheffield University History department. The lecture featured information about academic research and writing a dissertation.

A huge thanks to the Ramsey Heritage Centre, the Rushen Heritage Trust, Alex Townsend and his computer bus, the University of Sheffield History Department and especially the residents and staff of Cummal Moor, Ramsey.

Finally, students from Year 8-13 took part in a workshop with musicians from the Royal College of Music, rehearsing music written on the Isle of Man during Internment.

Emily Corkish from Year 10 is busily editing the material gleaned from the interviews and we will produce a DVD of our work. The DVD will feature the music of Peter Gellhorn, who was interned in Mooragh Camp.

It is hoped to have a Year 9 trip to the site of the Mooragh Camp in July.

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

National
Theatre
Live

SALOMÉ
a new play by Yael Farber








Tickets on sale online at <https://rgstheatre.ticketsolve.com/shows>


THURSDAY 22ND JUNE 2017
RAMSEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL
SIXTH FORM LECTURE THEATRE
DOORS OPEN 6.30PM SHOW AT 7.00PM

‘Salomé’ is a reimagining of the Biblical tale as a story of revolution, with the heroine’s demand for the execution of Iokaanan, or John the Baptist, designed to inflame the occupied nation to revolt. Described by The Telegraph’s critic, Dominic Cavendish, as “an imposingly ritualistic reading of this chilling female/male showdown”, it features epic staging and lighting, and has a running time of 110 minutes (no interval). Join us before the show starts for some light refreshments.



Flying into Ramsey on 8th July 2017



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 Tinker Bell 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, recorded live at the National Theatre.

The Northern Theatre Experience launched its screenings on 18th May and feedback received so far has been very positive with patrons delighted to have this venue in the north of the island. ‘Peter Pan’ flies into Ramsey on Saturday 8th July, with a matinée performance at 2 pm, designed to appeal to children of all ages. Refreshments will be served during the interval.

@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.

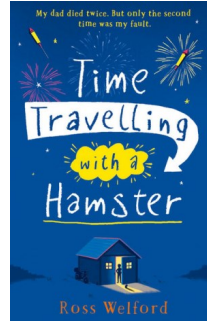
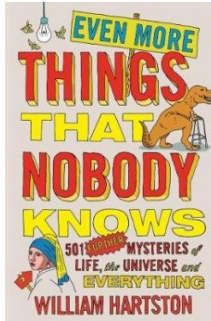
Follow us on 

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.

RGS LIBRARY
June 2017



NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

OPENING TIMES

MON:
8:40AM-3:50PM

TUES:
8:40AM-5:00PM

WED:
8:40AM-3:50PM

THURS:
8:40AM-3:40PM

FRI:
8:40AM-3:40PM

Time Travelling with a Hamster

When 12-year-old Al Chaudry learns there is a time machine, made by his father, sitting in the garage of his old house, he has to go and get it - doesn't he? Then he can travel back in time and save his father's life.

With his pet hamster Alan Shearer for company, Al is determined to follow his dad's instructions. But time travel can be tricky and there are strict rules. Can Al race against time to change the past *and* the future, while keeping hold of Alan Shearer and not arousing suspicion?

The reader is rooting for Al all the way, as he bravely confronts every possible obstacle in the hope of having his dad back. Both hilarious and heart-warming, this is a brilliant and clever adventure story.



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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

**Easter Ski Trip Saturday 31st March – Saturday 7th April 2018 –
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

- > Return flights from the Isle of Man
- > 7 nights Half Board accommodation
(lunch to be bought)
 - > 6 day lift pass
 - > 6 day x 4 hrs ski lessons
 - > 6 day ski & boot hire
 - > 6 day helmet hire
 - > Evening activities
- > Comprehensive ski travel insurance
- > Bag carriage

Cost
£999

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
Future Live Screening Events from
Ramsey Grammar School Sixth Form Lecture Theatre**

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 Yaël 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.

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, Hackshaw 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.

Coriolanus

11th October 2017

Royal Shakespeare Company

A full-throttle war play that revels in the sweat of the battlefield, *Coriolanus* transports us back to the emergence of the republic of Rome.

Caius Martius Coriolanus is a fearless soldier but a reluctant leader. His ambitious mother attempts to carve him a path to political power, but he struggles to change his nature and do what is required to achieve greatness. In this new city state struggling to find its feet, where the gap between rich and poor is widening every day, Coriolanus must decide who he really is and where his allegiances lie.

Rome Season Director, Angus Jackson, completes the Royal Shakespeare Company's collection of Shakespeare's Roman plays with a visceral production which sees Sope Dirisu (One Night in Miami, Donmar Warehouse, 2016) take on the title role.



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 reach 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.

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), 'astonishing' (iNews) 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

Tel 600555

<https://rgstheatre.ticketolve.com/shows>

The Welcome Centre Sea Terminal, Douglas

Ramsey Grammar School Association



100 Club

May 2017

1 st - £40	Mr S Watson	56
2 nd - £25	D Yardley	21
3 rd - £15	Mrs J Canavan	9

Forthcoming RGSA Events

22nd September 7 –9 pm - BBQ and Games Evening (venue to be confirmed)

£1 entry includes Burger or Sausage Bap.

