



The RGS Mail

May 2018

Dear Families, Students and Old Scholars

With the change in our exam system to CIE Examinations, we are finding an even earlier than usual start to the exam season. GCSEs start in earnest this week and will continue until the end of June. A Level exams start next week. Letters are being sent out to parents of examination students to remind them of operational issues relating to public exams. I take this opportunity to ask parent and carers to study this information carefully.

We are soon to be celebrating the first birthday of The Northern Theatre Experience – I cannot believe that it is one year on the 11th May since we launched this exciting initiative with the screening of “Obsession” following a launch reception at Milntown! There will be a special celebration at the live screening of Macbeth on Thursday 10th May to mark the occasion. We are grateful to the Arts Council in supporting live screening and again urge you to look at our varied programme with a view to joining us for one or more of these events. Although we are delighted with the way in which live screening has been received in the community we still feel that not everybody out there knows about us. Please do not keep this wonderful facility a secret - If you or your family are unable to support us by attending, please let your friends, family and acquaintances know that it is possible to see first rate performances screened live from The National Theatre, Royal Opera House and Royal Ballet from the comfort of our own Northern Theatre Experience venue in the heart of our school.

I would also like to remind you all of the RGSA Film Night, the last of the current season, on Wednesday 9th May, with the showing of “Going in Style”. Again, it would be great if you could support this.

As the TT week half term approaches we will be reminding students again of road safety at a time of year when the island roads are filled to beyond capacity. We ask exam students to take longer travel times into consideration as they make their way to school on exam days

Students in non-exam years will be looking forward to what for many is the highlight of the year in our annual Standalone week. Next month’s RGS Mail will give highlights of this year’s activities. In the meantime, please keep supporting us by supporting the students as always but also by supporting school funded events such as the forthcoming art exhibition which is due to take place in the Town Hall this weekend. There will also be an exhibition of A Level artwork at the annual Art Open Evening on 15th May. If you would like to attend this please contact the school office.

Finally, I need to give you advance notice of roadworks on Lezayre Road from 10th June 2018 which will affect everyone who uses the school building and will also have a direct impact on school bus routes. Also, the east carpark is due to be resurfaced after TT week with all that entails. I will send out a letter to all parents and families in connection with the consequences of these works.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Annette Baker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Mrs A Baker
Headteacher

Free School Meals 2018/19

Students who are in receipt of free school meals must reapply by 20th July 2018 for September as the supplement will not be automatically renewed. This can be done online through the following link:

<https://forms.gov.im/default.aspx/RenderForm/?ID=BDBY73NRPJz&TestFillID=aeam4Q5Qmy7>

Once confirmation of free school meals has been approved by the Department, parents will be issued with a letter which includes a code to apply directly to Bus Vannin for free school travel.

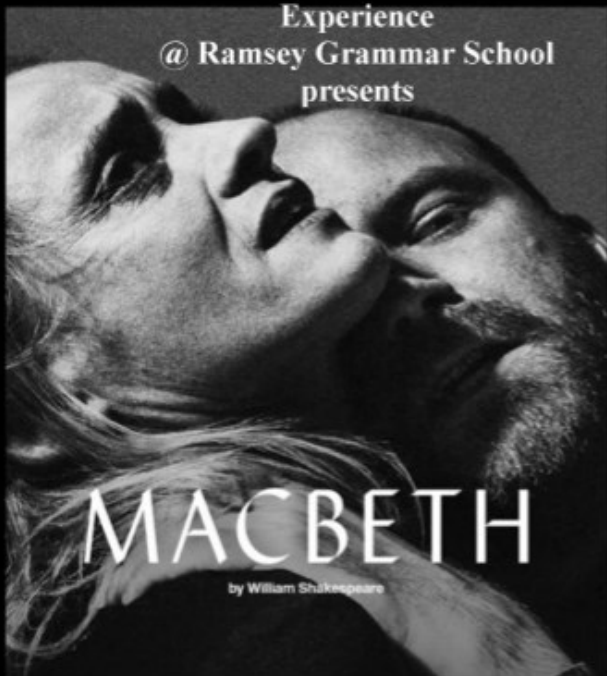


**COME AND JOIN US FOR OUR
FIRST BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS!**

**National
Theatre
Live**



**The Northern Theatre
Experience
@ Ramsey Grammar School
presents**



MACBETH

by William Shakespeare

Thursday 10th May 7.15 pm

Tickets: www.ramseygrammarschool.im

The Welcome Centre 600555



The Northern Theatre Experience team invite you to don your tartan (optional!)
and join us and The Bard to mark this special occasion.

Doors open at 6.30 pm

The Fairground by Lexi Forbes (Yr 8)

At night, the Fairground fizzles with an unexplainable energy, bursting through the dark in a whirlwind of colours. Now, the magic has bled out beneath the heat of the sun, leaving a graveyard behind.

Thick coils of wire lie dead on the dusty ground, stripped of power and use, like a shedded snake skin. They lead to rides with garish decor and children's characters, once perky, who now look flat and sad in the weak sun.

Shadowy bumper cars huddle in the centre of their shiny battlefield, as though steeling for another onslaught.

The tallest abandoned ride stretches an osseous finger into the newspaper sky. The finger pokes mournfully, as if looking for something it has lost. *Where is the **magic**?* it queries. *Give it back to us.*

The sky doesn't answer. It never does.

The swings are hanging still as a crippled spider without grounds or game. Swaying in the lonely breeze, they purposelessly push back, forth, back, sending an eerie *squeal, creak, squeal*, shivering down through the walkways that are littered with remnants of fast food.

It is trampled. It is crumpled. It is soulless. The wind whispers, whipping wildly through and out and under them, tossing crisp packets and stained napkins briefly up to glint in the watery sunlight before being discarded once more.

Silence reigns.

Nothing thrives here, and seemingly nothing ever has.

Drip. Drip. Drip. Water from a forgotten rusty tap sluggishly detaches itself from the mouth of the metal, landing on a once-gaudy wrapper. *Drip.* Overshadowing this, the grey clouds, groaning, mirror a badly-supported ceiling far, far above the husk of the once-alive Fairground.

Once-alive. Soon-to-be-alive. Between the nights is when the true darkness settles upon the Fairground, and its occupants know it. All they can do...

... is wait.

Wait.

Drip. Drip.

Squeal, creak, squeal...

They will be waiting for a long time.



Easter Ski Trip 2019

6th - 13th April 2019

First week of Easter Holidays

**Flying from
IOM to Austria**

**Resort - Ehrwald
Hotel - Sonnenburg**



Trip Inclusions

***Return flights from Isle of Man**

***7 nights Half Board accommodation**

***6 days lift pass**

***6 days x 4 hours ski lessons**

***6 days ski, boot & helmet hire**

***Selection of evening activities**

***Comprehensive travel insurance**

***Baggage carriage**

**Cost
£999**

**Deposit
£200**



**Interested?
See Mr Lillie
for a letter**



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Dear Parent / Carer

Easter Ski Trip 2019 – Saturday 6th April – Saturday
13th April 2019 – Ehrwald, Austria

*****Flight from the Isle of Man to UK and then on to Austria*****

For the next Easter Ski Trip for 2019 I have successfully negotiated a great deal, allowing us once again, to fly from the Isle of Man to the UK and then onto Austria.

We will be travelling to the beautiful Austrian resort of Ehrwald - in a fantastic location just over an hour 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 and 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
- > A selection of 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 a first deposit of £200, followed by a second deposit of £199, 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 2019, following the suggested monthly payment schedule as outlined below.

May – 4 th – 1 st deposit (asap)	£200.00
June 22 nd – 2 nd deposit	£199.00
July 20 th	£100.00
September 28 th	£100.00
October 26 th	£100.00
November 30 th	£100.00
December 21 st	£100.00
January 25 th	£100.00

Due to the success of this year's trip, I anticipate participation numbers to rise, therefore I would ask you to act fast and I look forward to welcoming your child onto the 2019 ski trip.

Yours sincerely

Mr D J Lillie
Ski Trip Leader

Easter Ski Trip 2019 – 6th – 13th April 2019 – Ehrwald, Austria

I would like to secure a place on the Easter Ski Trip 2019.

I include an initial deposit of **£200**, non-refundable in the event of my cancellation. I agree to pay the full balance by January 2019, following the suggested monthly payment schedule.

Student Name _____ Form _____

Parent / Carer Signature _____ Date _____

Wellbeing at RGS

Wellbeing is very important at RGS and it is important to understand where to access and find help in school. There is always someone in school who is there if your child needs support.

Lots of information on wellbeing can be found on the school website by following the link below.

<https://rgs.sch.im/pages/index/view/id/33/Wellbeing>





ROYAL
OPERA
HOUSE

THE ROYAL BALLET



A NEW ROYAL BALLET PRODUCTION

ODETTE/ODILE MARIANELA NUÑEZ | PRINCE SIEGFRIED VADIM MUNTAGIROV

SWAN LAKE

MUSIC PYOTR IL'YICH TCHAIKOVSKY | CHOREOGRAPHY MARIUS PETIPA AND LEV IVANOV

ADDITIONAL CHOREOGRAPHY LIAM SCARLETT AND FREDERICK ASHTON

PRODUCTION LIAM SCARLETT | DESIGNER JOHN MACFARLANE | LIGHTING DESIGNER DAVID FINN

LIVE IN CINEMAS 12 JUNE

roh.org.uk/cinema

PRODUCTION SUPPORTED BY
Van Cleef & Arpels

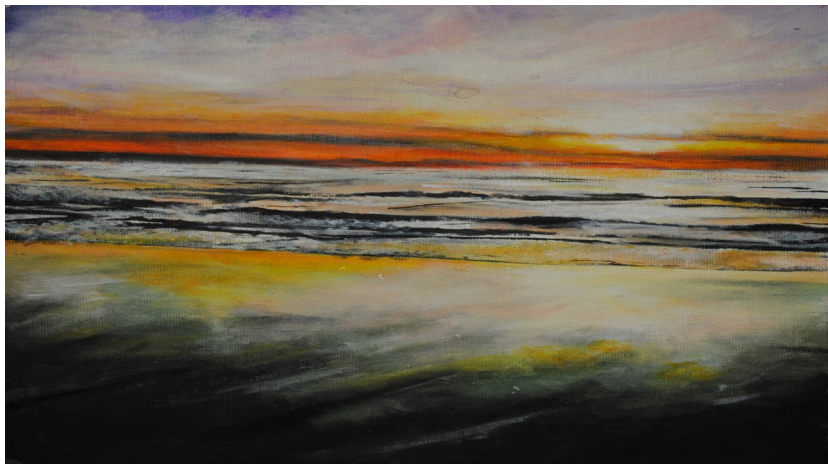
All live cinema screenings are classified 12A by the BBFC. Any child under the age of 12 must be accompanied by an adult.

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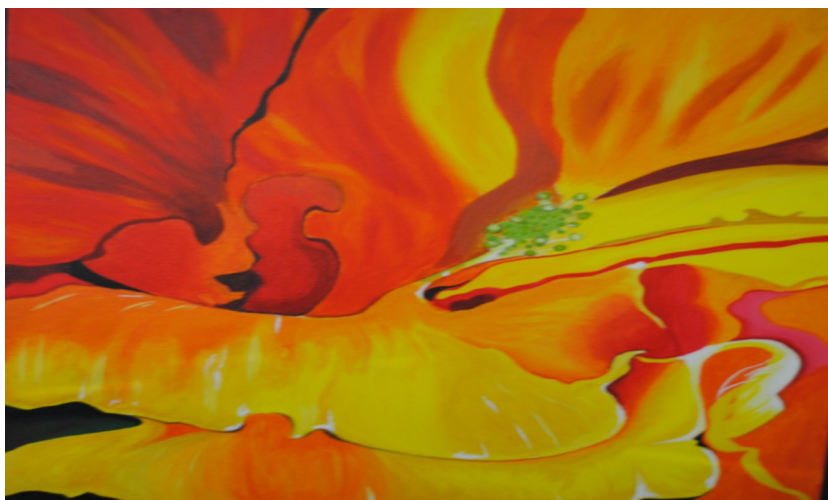


ARTS COUNCIL
ENGLAND

Click on this link to book tickets to this iconic ballet screened live from the Northern Theatre Experience at Ramsey Grammar School on 12th June <https://rgstheatre.ticketsolve.com/shows>



Artwork by Bethany Hall Year 13



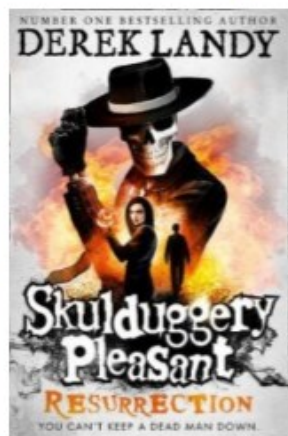
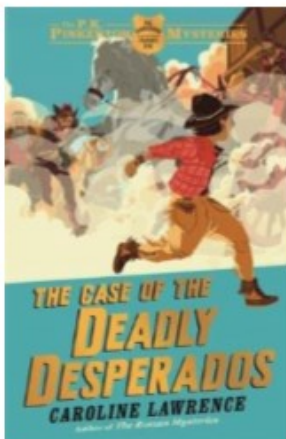
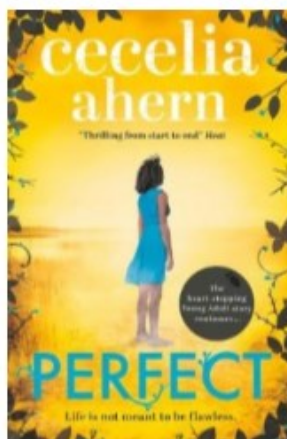
Artwork by Kirsten Vickery Year 13

The Arts Department of Ramsey Grammar School requests the pleasure
of your company at the Art Open Evening on
Tuesday, 15 May 2018
at 7.00 pm in the Art Department, South Building
On display will be A level art work.

Telephone 811100 if you would like to attend.

RGS LIBRARY

MAY 2018



NEW BOOKS IN THE LIBRARY

OPENING TIMES

MON:
8:40AM - 3:50PM

TUES:
8:40AM - 3:50PM

WED:
8:40AM - 3:50PM

THURS:
8:40AM - 3:50PM

FRI:
8:40AM - 3:40PM

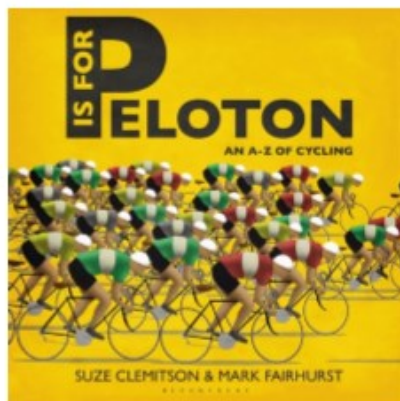


APRIL

**WINNERS AND
RUNNERS-UP WERE-**

Charlotte Brooks
Francesca Lord
Alice Lowdon
Jenny Quayle
Hannah Nicol and
Jessica Allanson

Well Done All!



RESERVE ON THE READING CLOUD!

BRITISH SUCCESS FOR MERA!

You have probably read in the Manx press about the recent success of Mera Royle in the BBC Radio 2 Folk Awards.

Mera has been learning the lever harp for several years - beginning with Mr Boulton at primary school, and now under the tutelage of international performer Rachel Hair. Mera travelled over to the Belfast Waterfront for the final awards evening on April 4th, and (to her surprise) was crowned the WINNER of the BBC radio 2 Young Folk Award of 2018. We are exceptionally proud of Mera in the Music Department, and look forward to watching her career progress.



MANX MUSIC FESTIVAL 2018

Last week, we had several students taking part in the 'Guild' (Manx Music Festival). With some wonderful results in dance, spoken word and music.. Please see our 'Guild Report' for more details of musical achievements this year.

SCHOOL PRODUCTION

We are now underway with rehearsals for the next Whole School Production - to be staged in October 2018. This year, we have chosen We Will Rock You - a stage production written by Ben Elton and using the amazing music of Queen. We have a fantastic cast and can't wait for you to see the final production!



MUSIC DEPARTMENT

It's been a busy couple of months for the Music Department, with instrumental examinations, harp masterclasses, the 'Guild' and national BBC competitions!



Firstly, congratulations to Sam and Lucas Hills-Field who have both been awarded a Merit in their Grade 8 instrumental examinations (for 'cello and violin respectively). To achieve this level in Year 10 is incredibly impressive! Congratulations also go to Aaron Rielly and Francesca Lord who both achieved Distinctions in their Grade 2 clarinet examinations, Emma Malpass achieved a Merit in her Grade 2 Flute examination, and both Catherine Treanor and Elena Dimsdale achieved Distinctions for their Grade 4 flute examinations. We know there were several other students who have recently taken instrumental examinations, and would love to hear how they got on. If you (or your son/daughter) have had instrumental examination success recently then please let Mrs Will-Jones know so we are able to celebrate their success in school.

This year, we had several students entered in the **Manx Folk Awards**. Congratulations go to students for the following entries:

KS3 solo instrumental - Abbigail Radcliffe (2nd)
KS3 Claasagh (harp) - Arabella Ayen (1st)
KS3-5 Duet Instrumental - Abbigail Radcliffe & Constance Edwards (1st)
KS3-5 Original Composition - Abbigail Radcliffe (1st)
KS3-5 Original Song - Abbigail Radcliffe (2nd)
KS3 Feddan Vooar (whistle) - Abbigail Radcliffe (1st)
KS3 Fiddyl/Fiddyl Vooar - Abbigail Radcliffe (2nd)
KS3-5 Group Instrumental - RGS Folk Group (3rd)

Over Easter, five of our students attended the Edinburgh Harp Festival with their harp teacher Rachel Hair in order to attend workshops and performances. Mera Royle, Arabella Ayen, Lucy Gilmore, Elyse and Ruby Grant had a fantastic time, gaining a lot from the experience.



Ramsey Grammar School Association



100 Club

April:

1st - £40	W Dalugdugan	16
2nd - £25	Mr & Mrs A Wood	164
3rd - £15	Mrs S Granger	148

Forthcoming RGSA Events

Wednesday 9th May - Going in Style (Film Night)

Thursday 24th May—RGSA Meeting