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The RGS Mail

Dear Families, Students and Old Scholars

By the time you read this we will be in full swing with regards to public examinations for our Year 11 and Year 13 students. Both year groups formally leave school this half term with the leaving date for Year 13 on Friday 17th May and Year 11 Record of Achievement Day on Thursday 23rd May. Once again we wish all students the best of luck as they face the exam challenges ahead.

We are delighted to confirm that Isle of Man legend, Howard Duff, has accepted our invitation to open our new Sixth Form extension on Wednesday 26th June. A number of invited guests will be in attendance including His Excellency the Lieutenant Governor, Sir Richard Gosney. We will provide full details of the event in next month's RGS Mail and will include details of the exhibition of A Level artwork which will take place on the same day in the new extension. We are very proud of the high standard of artwork produced by students in the school and are pleased to be able to showcase this to invited guests on the day as well as to parents of the students concerned.

The prize money won by Olivia Valerga for the school from the Sovereign Arts Foundation has funded the wonderful mosaic art installation which will be unveiled by Hector Duff on the 26th June.

On Friday 3rd May, students presented a petition to the Chief Minister asking for the help of government in enforcing the curtailment of the sale of single-use plastic bottled water in school. I am extremely proud of the way the school council conducted themselves throughout this campaign and of the way they presented themselves to the Chief Minister. With such earnest, caring and responsible students in the school and in the world, I am hopeful of a positive outcome to their quest to save it. The school council students are the very epitome of our school's Way of Being, taking responsibility to put a strong case in a respectful way to the "powers that be", showing themselves to be trustworthy in carrying out the wishes of the student body with kindness and compassion, and above all with a strong sense of fairness in tackling the world's problems. All moves in the direction of reducing single-use plastic is entirely in keeping with the government's Single-Use Plastic Reduction Plan. At RGS, we are not going to 'bottle it'!

Finally, parents and carers are reminded that school will be closed for the TT break on Friday 24th May and will reopen on Monday 10th June.

Mrs A G Baker
Headteacher



10 new additions to RGS farm

Just before the Easter holidays began, six Ewes began lambing and 10 beautiful lambs were added to the school's own farm. Thanks to the support of both students, specifically Ben Corkill from Year 10, and teachers including Miss Arthur, Mrs Will-Jones, Miss Christory, Mr Ravey and Mr Reynolds who all assisted, looking after and in some cases actually pulling lambs out, the births were all very successful and have created a very happy, community spirit within the school.

In fact, the Lambs have been such a big hit that over 120 students joined the Google Classroom Page online in order to follow the births as an exciting way to mix up their Easter

Ben Corkill from Year 10 helped with the birth of one of the lambs and, after careful consideration, decided to name him Steven. He described the event as 'very strange' and equally 'very good', confessing that 'it was really nice being a part of it. It is evident that this has been an immensely rewarding experience for the students involved, highlighting the diverse opportunities that Ramsey Grammar School provides for all.

These lovely lambs have boosted spirits and created a fantastic atmosphere within the school.



Year 7 Students create Manx themed Mosaic

A large, vibrant Mosaic was produced by students from Year 7 and has pride of place in the Sixth Form area of the school. The imaginative piece was designed and created by the entirety of the Year group, inspiring teamwork, creativity and curiosity in the students. Wendy Johnson, Head of Year 7 organised the event and invited artist Elaine Edge who worked with students for 3 days, influencing and teaching them the ins and outs of working with tile and eventually forming a masterpiece.

The Mosaic is based on Manx Celtic myths, with the theme of awe and wonder in mind and contains Manannan and his cloak, the Fairy Bridge, Raven, Cushag, Snaefell, and the Ramsey Grammar school emblem - 'Nil Amanti Difficile' meaning 'Nothing is difficult to an enthusiast'.

The activity allowed students to use their creative skills, as they learnt how to work with the mosaic tiles; to cut, arrange and deal with colour in order to make the piece as imaginative and unique as possible, whilst also working together and having fun. The huge, eye-catching Mosaic piece will be a legacy for the students, and a colourful, vibrant representation of all the mysterious myths and legends that the island beholds.



MANX MUSIC FESTIVAL (THE 'GUILD') 2019 RESULTS

Some great individual and group performances from RGS students as follows:

Group Modern dance (Up to Year 10)

(Entered as Gena's Dance Academy)	Distinction	(1st)
Ellie Johnston		
Sophie Boyd		
Ella Gell		
Esther Bailey		

Tap Dance Solo (Y11 & over)

Nadine Walton	Commended	(joint 3rd)
Olivia Colgan	Commended	(joint 3rd)

Pianoforte Solo Own Choice (Grades 3-4)

Francesca Lord	Commended	
Lucy Gilmore	Merit	

Plucked Strings (Grades 1-3)

Elyse Grant	Merit	
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Plucked Strings (Grade 4-5)

Ruby Grant	Commended	(1st)
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Plucked Strings (Grade 6+)

Lucy Gilmore	Distinction	(1st)
Arabella Ayen	Distinction	(2nd)

Strings Class Violin and Viola (Grades 4-5)

Wilma Dalugdugan	Commended	(2nd)
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Strings Class Cello and Double Bass (Grades 4-5)

Reese Dalugdugan	Merit	(1st)
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Strings Class Violin and Viola (Grades 6+)

Abigail Radcliffe	Merit	(3rd)
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Monologue (Y7+8)

Daisy Quinn

Distinction

(1st)

Reading at Sight (Y7-9)

Daisy Quinn

Commended

Reading from the Bible (Y7+8)

Daisy Quinn

Commended

Shakespeare (Up to Y9)

Daisy Quinn

Commended

(Joint 3rd)

Shakespeare (Y10-13) - Ben Corkill

Merit



100 Club

Apr-19		
1st - £39.25 Mr & Mrs DJ & JM Trace	1	
2nd - £23.55 Mrs G Russel	72	
3rd - £15.70 Ms J Carter 7 Callo	180	

Make It Grow

Year 7 students will once again be participating in the Make It Grow challenge to raise much needed funds for RGSA.

The objective is for the students to develop entrepreneurial ideas to grow their Seed fund of £2 for the ultimate benefit of the students at RGS. Each student will receive £2 and then come up with creative ideas to grow this over the project time frame.

The scheme will run from Friday 17th May until Friday 14th June, which includes the TT holiday weeks. This will give the students plenty of opportunities to bake and sell, car wash, hold raffles, have sponsored cycle rides/walks/runs or whatever the students have as ideas. This is an ideal opportunity for the students to work individually or with a friend or sibling to make their £2s 'Spring Into Growth.'



**Wealth
Accumulation**
Make it. Invest it. **GROW** it!