



September 2019

The RGS Mail

Dear Families, Students and Old Scholars

Welcome Back!

Yet again I am delighted to report excellent exam results for our Year 11 and Year 13 students. The excellent set of GCSE results means that we have a large proportion of Year 11 students eligible to join our Sixth Form and we look forward to welcoming them back to school this week. All our Year 13 students secured their chosen routes for progression after school, with many of them about to embark on a degree course at university. Wherever they have chosen to go and whatever they have chosen to do, we wish them every success and remind them to keep in touch with us here at Ramsey Grammar School.

At the start of this academic year we will be delivering on our promise to stop the sale of plastic bottled water in school and students and staff members will be issued with a refillable water flask provided by Conister Bank. Water fountains have been provided by the Government and installed in both buildings allowing students to refill their water flasks at lunchtime and during breaks. We are delighted to make this important step towards improving the environment, not just of the school but of the wider world, and are committed to continue to look for ways in which to make the world a better, safer place.

Our examination results are testament to the hard work of students and staff alike, but I wish to draw your attention once again to the importance of good attendance in student attainment and achievement. The top ten performers at GCSE this year had an average annual attendance in Year 11 of 98%. This tells its own story. Please be reminded that from this September all requests for holidays in term time will be recorded as unauthorised absence. You may of course apply for leave of absence for your child to attend extra-curricular events and competitions as well as family commitments which will as ever be recorded as authorised absence. Please apply in writing to me in all of these cases following the usual procedures.

In this edition of RGS Mail you will find our new programme for the 2019/20 Northern Theatre Experience at RGS. You will see that we have an exciting and varied programme for this year which kicks off on Thursday 12th September with the highly acclaimed stage production of 'Fleabag'. Please remember to book directly via the link to Live Screening on the school website.

I take this opportunity to welcome the new staff at Ramsey Grammar School:

Mrs H Clarke, Teacher of English

Miss K Ferguson, Teacher of English

Mr L Kirkham, Teacher of RE

Miss E Nicholson, Teacher of Maths

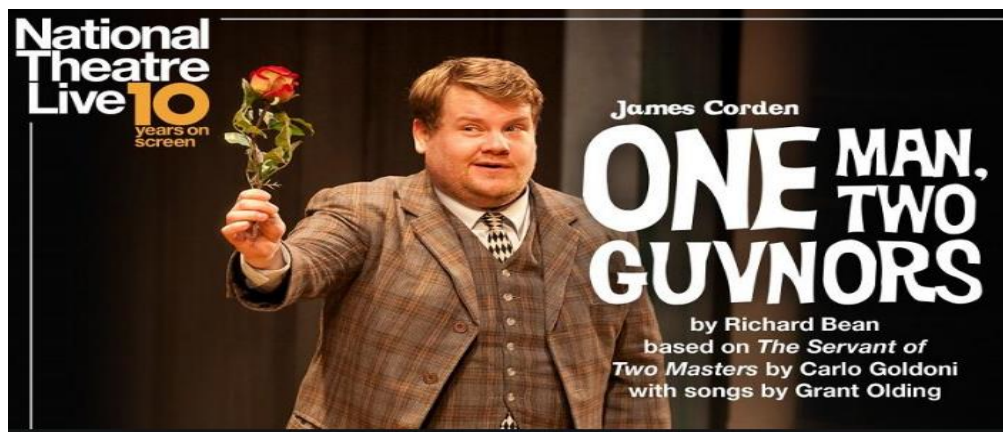
Miss C Spooner, Teacher of English

Mrs M Christian will be taking over the Learning Support Unit during the period of Mrs Kelly's maternity leave.

Finally, I would like to give you advance notice of our annual Prizegiving ceremony on Thursday 14th November. I look forward to rewarding the outstanding achievements of our students and to seeing many of you there at that evening of celebration. I also draw your attention to another important set of dates for your diary, 23rd – 25th October being when our school show 'Made in Dagenham the Musical' will be performed in the West Hall. Tickets will be available soon.

Mrs A G Baker
Headteacher





The Northern Theatre Experience @ Ramsey Grammar School
Schedule for Live Theatre Screenings - September 2019 – January 2020

Date	Title	Company	Live/Encore
	2019		
<i>Thursday 12th September 2019</i>	<i>Fleabag</i>	<i>NTL</i>	<i>Live</i>
Thursday 26 th September	One Man, Two Guv'nors	NTL	Encore
Thursday 3 rd October	All About Eve	NTL	Encore
Tuesday 8 th October	Don Giovanni	ROH	Live
Tuesday 15 th October	Gauguin Exhibition – National Gallery	More2Screen	Encore
Friday 18 th October	Billy Connolly Live Sex Life of Bandages	Cinema Live	Encore
Thursday 7 th November	Hansard	NTL	Live
Wednesday 13 th November	42 nd Street	Cinema Live	Encore
Thursday 28 th November	Present Laughter	NTL	Encore
Tuesday 10 th December	Coppélia	ROH	Live
Tuesday 17 th December	A Midsummer Night's Dream	NTL	Encore
	2020		
Thursday 16 th January	The Sleeping Beauty	RB	Live
Tuesday 21 st January	Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake	More2Screen	Encore
Wednesday 29 January	La Bohème	ROH	Live

Exam Certificates

Certificates for the 2018/19 year can be posted to you in November 2019 by signed postal delivery in a hard back A4 envelope.

See the exams office for details





23rd – 25th October 2019

Inspired by a true story and based on the hit movie, Made in Dagenham is the uplifting British musical comedy about friendship, love and the importance of fighting for what is right and how the women of Ford went out on strike to get equal pay.

Essex 1968. Like millions of other working women, each morning Rita O'Grady is just trying to get her husband out of bed, get the kids off to school and get to work at the factory on time. But life is about to change forever when it's announced that the girls in the stitching room of Ford's Dagenham car plant will have their pay grade dropped to 'unskilled'. Quickly drawing on a strength she never knew she had, Rita leads her friends in a battle against the might of Ford and the corruption of the Union supposed to protect them. We meet Connie who has given her life to the Labour Party, Claire who struggles to get her words out, Beryl who swears like a trooper, Sandra who is the glamorous one of the bunch and Cass who is determined to be an airline pilot by the time she is 35. This is all set to the backdrop of Harold Wilson's England in 1968 when the Labour party were battling with the Unions.

It's a musical that shows us how far we have come for women's equality yet reminds us that the journey isn't over yet! It ends with the heroine a reluctant activist who has put her marriage in jeopardy for her colleagues, addressing the TUC conference and calling for listeners to stand up for women workers. This story has never been more relevant in what is the year of 'The Equality Act' on the Isle of Man.

Funny, touching and timeless, Made in Dagenham shows how ordinary people can do extraordinary things when they stand together. The show has both guts and a sense of humour.

The production encompasses a large cast, from members across all year groups and abilities. It is all inclusive and led by Mrs Will-Jones, Mr Owen, Miss Dunne, as well as Mrs Corrin. This is the premier show of Made in Dagenham on the Isle of Man. Tickets will be on sale in the Autumn Term.

Rehearsals in the West Hall



Ramsey Grammar School Association



100 Club



The RGSA Committee will reconvene for the Annual General Meeting on

Thursday 12th September at 6.30 pm

All parents/carers/interested parties are invited to attend. Please feel to contact RGSA on rgsaenquiries@iomcloud.com with any queries or concerns.