



November 2019

The RGS Mail

Dear Families, Students and Old Scholars

This month's RGS Mail is unashamedly dedicated to the staff and students who performed so magnificently in our recent production of *Made In Dagenham*. This is the full text of the press release which I have prepared and sent to local press.

Ramsey Grammar School's recent school show "Made in Dagenham" has received rave reviews from those attending, including the Lieutenant Governor, Sir Richard Gozney and Lady Gozney, President of Tynwald, Steve Rodan, former President of Tynwald, Clare Christian and many other invited guests, family members as well as students in the school who made up the audience in this sell-out production.

The story is based on the hit movie about friendship, love and the importance of fighting for what is right and how the women of Ford Dagenham went out on strike for equal pay. The show is set against the backdrop of Harold Wilson's England in 1968 when the labour government was battling with the trade unions. With its theme of equality for women never more timely as we approach January 2020 when the Equality Act comes into full force on the Isle of Man, the show reminded us how far we have come with equal rights for women but also that the journey is still not over.

The production encompassed a large cast including members across the year groups in the school. This fully inclusive production was very much a team effort led by Mr Quinn, Mrs Will-Jones, Mr Owen, Mrs Corrin, Ms Dunne and Mr Pinnington. One of the tributes received from an invited guest said "The students and their support crew in stage and music were terrific. They clearly enjoyed the whole experience and put the message across with passion." Lieutenant Governor Sir Richard Gozney sent his congratulations on a great production. Annette Baker, Headteacher of Ramsey Grammar School said "This was a wonderful production with an inspiring message calling on us to stand up and challenge things that we perceive to be unfair and unjust. Its message was very much in keeping with our Ramsey Grammar School Way of Being values. I could not be prouder of the students and staff who have worked so hard to put on this fantastic show."

Please make sure that you flick through the pages of this month's RGS Mail edition to see some wonderful pictures taken by Head of Sixth Form and teacher of Photography, Stuart Curran which capture the atmosphere of the show perfectly. As the Lieutenant Governor, Sir Richard Gozney, said in his note of thanks: "All the actors and actresses were brilliant."

I look forward to seeing many of you at our forthcoming Prizegiving event on Thursday 14th November, when we will be celebrating all of the many and varied achievements of our students and staff over the last academic year, and hopefully at some of our Live Screening shows details of which are in this month's RGS Mail.

Mrs A G Baker
Headteacher









Getting ready for exams

Mock exams will begin on Wednesday 4th December 2019. Many of our students have begun preparing for this important time by attending extra support lessons at lunchtime and after school. As the mocks approach we will be helping the students to devise their own revision plan. Getting into good habits now will put them in the best place for success for the real thing in June.

In order to help our young people reach their full potential we would advise support of their learning through revision. This can be done through attending extra support classes in school and working independently from home.

How can you help?

There are a number of ways parents and carers can support this process.

1. Look at the revision plan for the week and identify where and when revision will take place
2. Make a space where work can be completed
3. Remove all distractions such as consoles and smart phones

How much revision?

The rule here is that quality is better than quantity. Quality revision takes place in the correct environment and conditions. It is also planned and organised so that specific topics or areas of the specification are focused upon.

What to revise?

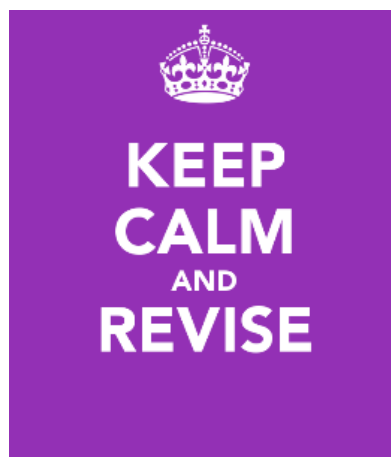
All students should be aware of the course content in each of their subjects. Their teachers provide revision materials and guidance during lessons. If any student is unsure they must ask their teacher to clarify.

How to revise?

There are a range of methods to revise, everybody learns in different ways. We will be exploring these further over the next few weeks during PGE. Some subjects use platforms such as Google classroom and 'Its Learning' to share resources. Others may use more traditional revision guides or text books. For learning key terms mind maps and flash cards are useful, both can be done online or on paper. The school has subscribed to 'GCSEpod' to support revision, this is a fantastic resource and your child can easily register through the website. There are tons of resources online which can be accessed simply by typing in the subject and exam series into Google. Practice exam questions are useful for developing answering technique and to become more comfortable with the question paper.

When to revise?

Many of our young people have busy lives balancing family and social commitments with school and sport. This is why planning of revision is important; plan revision for when it fits in and make time for down time. Even a little revision is better than none at all.



Year 11 Revision classes

- Art – Every lunchtime in the Art studio
- Business – Monday after school (250) Tuesday after school (12)
- Drama – Monday lunchtime and after school (Drama studio)
- English – Monday lunchtime (201)
- French - Monday 12.45 pm, Wed and Friday lunchtime (20)
- Geography – Friday lunchtime (Geography rooms)
- Global Perspectives - Friday lunchtime (250)
- History – Monday after school and Wednesday lunchtime
- Maths – Every day after school except Thursday (Maths Corridor)
- Music – Monday and Tuesday lunchtime (Music Centre)
- PE – Monday lunchtime and Wednesday after school (Sports hall)
- Science – Monday lunchtime (2 or 7) and Friday lunchtime (NOH)
- Spanish – Monday lunchtime (17)
- Travel & Tourism - Tuesday lunchtime (Geography rooms)

Other study areas

- Rm 19 – Quiet computer room available at lunchtime
- Rm 17 – Quiet work room available at lunchtime
- Rm 12 – Quiet study room after school every day

Quick Start Guide

How do you get it?

When your school has informed you that you have been registered with GCSEPod, you need to confirm some personal details so that you can access the site:

- 1) Go to www.gcsepod.com and click "Login"
- 2) Click "New Here? Get Started!" and select "Student"
- 3) Enter your name, date of birth and type in the name of your school. The school's name should appear. Click on it to confirm.

**If you're having trouble finding your school, double check that you've entered the correct date of birth and full name as it appears on the school's register. Some schools are known by a shorter version of their name so make sure you're typing the full, official school name.*





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Dear Parent/Carer

ParentPay at Ramsey Grammar School

ParentPay is an online payment service allowing you to add money to lunch cards and pay for school trips from a computer at home, work, or elsewhere, at any time. The service was introduced successfully at Ramsey Grammar School and has proved to be very popular with parents.

ParentPay allows you to top up students' lunch cards and pay for school trips with no extra cost to parents for using the ParentPay service.

As this is now our preferred method of payment, in order to activate your ParentPay account please complete the reply slip below and we will issue you with secure login details to access your account.

To understand how the Department of Education Sport and Culture obtains and processes your information please visit this link:-

<https://www.gov.im/about-the-government/departments/education-and-children/data-processing/>

The necessary processing of your information will be done in accordance with the GDPR Principles. The information you provide, and that obtained from other relevant sources, such as registers, letters you send in, forms etc. will be treated confidentially and used by Ramsey Grammar School to fulfil its legal/statutory obligations. Elements of this information may also be shared with trusted third party organisations who support the school in the delivery of their statutory requirements, where necessary to confirm factual information provided by you, to protect public funds, including the prevention and detection of fraud and/or otherwise required by law.

Ramsey Grammar School looks forward to strengthening its partnership with families by providing this easy to use payment facility at the school.

Yours faithfully

Mr J R Kneale

Bursar

ParentPay

Student Name.....Tutor Group

Please tick **one** box:

I would like access to ParentPay for the student named above


Parent / Guardian NameParent / Guardian Signature



You may have seen publicity in the media about this great resource and with the support of DESC we are delighted to launch the Safer Schools App at Ramsey Grammar School.

The Safer Schools App helps to educate, empower and protect children and those charged with helping to keep them safe as they navigate the world of technology and social media in school, in the community and at home.

We would like to invite parents and carers to a launch event in the West Hall on Wednesday 20th November at 6.30pm.

In preparation for the launch you may wish to download the Safer Schools App from the App Store (iOS) or Play Store (Android) (It looks like this ). When you have downloaded it please type in Ramsey Grammar School (then please allow notifications) and then enter the Entry Code: 7675.

Although we are still developing the personalisation of the app for RGS, you should now be able to explore the app, including links to the RGS website.

On the 20th November we will offer a short introductory presentation of the app and a reminder of some of the support services that we offer and link with to keep our young people safe, well and content. The app will be introduced to students in the weeks following the family launch event.

We hope to see you at 6.30pm on 20th November.



Mental Health First Aid Course

30 staff from Ramsey Grammar School will be attending a Mental Health First Aid course over the next few months. The course will equip them with more skills to support students in this ever challenging world.

They will undertake the course in their own time. Currently RGS is the only school on the island where such high numbers of staff have signed up for the course.



2019

It has been another busy year for the DoE team at RGS with students both completing their awards at all levels and commencing their journey on The Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme.

Last year saw 34 students complete their Duke of Edinburgh Awards, a great achievement from our students, testing themselves in many different ways that they might not be used to. Congratulations to you all, well done!

Bronze	Silver	Gold
Honey Fulton	Shannon Skillan	Sam Bentham
Arabella Ayen	Harry Grant	Flynn Allinson
Adan Shaw	Kiera Heavey	Shannon Roberts
Oliver Corrin	Benji Li	Michael Simpson
Will Clague	Cara Davies	Sam Hassall
Martha Done	Honey Fulton	
Abbie Callow		
Evan Slaytor		
Glenn Callow		
Caitlin Skillan		
Harry Grant		
Teagan Otto		
Gracie Knight		
Millie Gale		
Amelia Garrett		
Ava Brown		
Cliff Dunne		
Abi Mellor		
Jess Allanson		
Kitty Treanor		
Luke Lord		
Owen Chestnut		
Althea Mallorca		

Those students who completed their Gold Award were invited to Buckingham Palace for a Gold Award Presentation day to allow them to receive their awards; there was also a ceremony at Government House where Sir Richard Gozney presented the Gold Awards to those students who could not attend the presentation earlier in the year.

Plans are already in place for another busy year and we hope to have many more completed awards and new members attempting to gain their awards from this excellent scheme that tests the students in many different ways. Well done to all those students involved.

We will be launching this year's awards very shortly so please look out for the notices and information that will be sent to your Form Tutor soon.

The RGS DoE Team

Year 8 and 9 Rugby Tour October 2019

On Friday 11th October 2019 a group of students left the Isle of Man for a 3-Day Rugby Tour to play fixtures against Cowley International College in St Helen's and Bridgewater High School in Warrington.

Both RGS teams suffered defeat in the first fixture on Friday afternoon. The Cowley teams used their superior physicality and handling skills to run in several tries in each of the games although there were some great performances by the RGS lads. The Year 9 team played some of their best Rugby this season and did manage to cross the line for a consolation try which they also converted.

The fixtures on the Saturday morning were against Bridgewater High School in Warrington and the Year 8 side came out winners with some fantastic performances throughout the team. Most importantly they learnt from their mistakes from Friday's game and finished their tour on a high. Well done lads.

The Year 9 team was depleted for their second fixture due to several players picking up injuries from the physical game the previous day. Bridgewater High were also short some players so the sides were reduced and the length of the match shortened. Bridgewater High came out winners; the RGS lads were clearly suffering from the previous day and did not start the game well, silly mistakes and tiredness did not help.

The lads enjoyed some team bonding activities when they attended the Super League Grand Final at Old Trafford Football Stadium, where St Helen's beat Salford in a competitive final game in the Super League Final. They enjoyed the atmosphere and experience of watching the Grand Final and noted the professionalism and effort from the St Helen's players, as they warmed up directly in front of our seats.

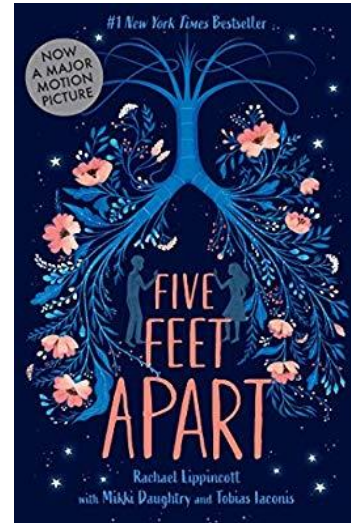
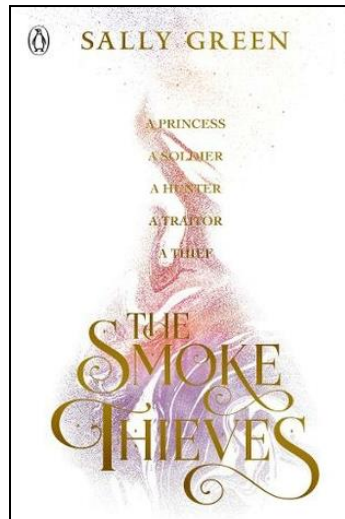
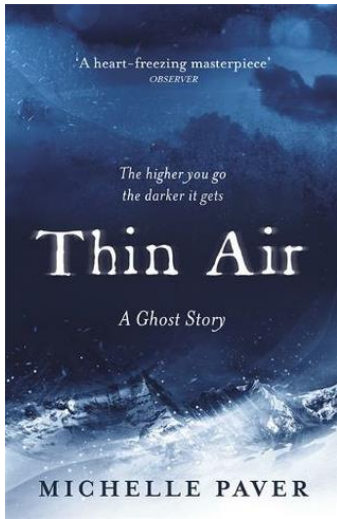
A great trip was had by everyone. Special thanks go to Penketh Millar Architects of Ramsey for sponsoring the tour tops.



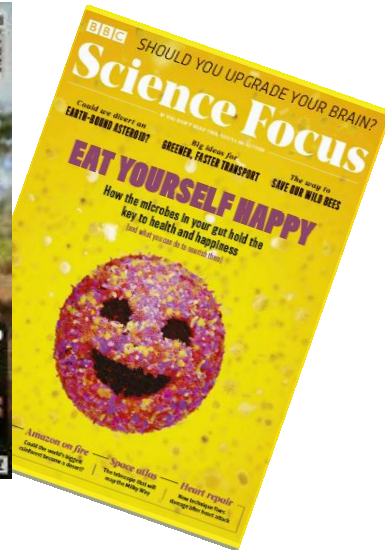
RGS LIBRARY



DON'T FORGET THE TOTALLY RANDOM QUIZ ON THURSDAY LUNCHTIMES AT 1:30!



NEW BOOKS AND MAGAZINES IN THE LIBRARY



Daily Blog

Year 12 – History trip to London & Belgium

Tuesday - Had a great day in London where our first stop was the National Army Museum where the exhibits will be really useful for the Changing Nature of Warfare course. Favourite exhibit was the skeleton of Napoleon's horse, Marengo. We then called at the Chelsea Pensioners Museum with a visit to the Chapel and the Great Hall. We managed to speak to a number of Chelsea Pensioners. In the afternoon we visited the Churchill Cabinet War Rooms which was really useful for the Britain 1930 to 1997 course. The tour of WWI memorials had to be curtailed due to torrential rain but we saw the cenotaph and Earl Haig's statue. Belgium tomorrow.

Wednesday - After a busy day travelling to Ieper (Ypres or Wipers) via Brussels and Ghent we attended the 31553rd Ceremony to take place at the Menin Gate to remember the British fallen in World War One. Sam Rodick and Jack Fanchamps did a great job representing RGS at the wreath laying and we tried to make sure we remembered the 112 men from Ramsey and those from the north of the Island who died by placing Manx poppy crosses close to their names on the memorial. For instance, Rosie Ashworth Hayes found the engraving for Arthur Joughin of Barks Lane, Ramsey, who died on 12 November 1914.

Thursday - Journeyed to the site of the 1815 Battle of Waterloo this morning to climb the Lion Mound, look at some 1815 style military hardware and visit the famous farmhouse Hougoumont. In the afternoon we visited numerous WWI sites in the Ypres Salient including the Hooge Crater Cemetery, Sanctuary Wood museum and preserved trenches, Tyne Cot cemetery and Lanmarck German cemetery. Where possible we left Manx poppy crosses at graves and memorials.

Friday - Today we headed to Poperinge which was a supply depot for the British in WWI. We visited the chilling execution post and Talbot House where soldiers could relax, borrow a book, drink tea and pray in the chapel. We then went to Lijssenthoek Cemetery which features dozens of Manxmen and people from numerous nations. Then followed a visit to German trenches at Bayenwald and the scene of the 1914 Christmas Truce at Prowse Point. On the way back to Ieper we stopped at the Irish Peace Tower. In Ieper we visited St George's church and the Flanders Field Museum. The day was rounded off with a walk around the town walls and a visit to the Rampart cemetery. Home tomorrow.



- Students with Chelsea Pensioners at the Royal Hospital
- Sam Rodick and Jack Fanchamps at the Menin Gate Ceremony
- Students on the Lion Mound at the Waterloo battle site.
- Leaving a Manx poppy cross at the grave of a Manx soldier.
- Students at the Rampart cemetery, Ieper, Belgium
- A Manx poppy cross for Philip Corkish of Ramsey, who has no known grave, at the Tyne Cot Memorial





LIVE THEATRE SCREENING AT RAMSEY GRAMMAR SCHOOL 2019/2020

'Bringing The West End to the West Building!'

<i>Date</i>	<i>Title</i>	<i>Genre Live/Encore</i>	<i>Time</i>
2019			
Thursday 7 th November	Hansard	Drama Live	7.00 pm
Wednesday 13 th November	42 nd Street	Musical Encore	7.00 pm
Thursday 28 th November	Present Laughter	Comedy Encore	7.00 pm
Tuesday 10 th December	Coppélia	Ballet Live	7.15 pm
Tuesday 17 th December	A Midsummer Night's Dream	Shakespeare Encore	7.00 pm
2020			
Thursday 16 th January	The Sleeping Beauty	Ballet Live	7.15 pm
Tuesday 21 st January	Matthew Bourne's Swan Lake	More2Screen	7.00 pm
Wednesday 29 January	La Bohème	Opera Live	7.45 pm
Thursday 13 th February	Kinky Boots	Musical Encore	7.00 pm
Tuesday 17 th March	Fidelio	Opera Live	7.15 pm
Tuesday 21 st April	Cavalleria Rusticana/Pagliacci	Opera Live	7.00 pm
Thursday 18 th June	Elektra	Opera Live	7.45 pm



For more information:

Visit www.ramseygrammarschool.im

(Follow links to Live Screening)

To book tickets:

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

phone the Welcome Centre Ticket Hotline 600555

or visit our Facebook page

The Big Co-op Pay Out

Come and celebrate with the Ramsey Grammar School Association as we receive the Co-op local community fund cheque.



Tea, Coffee & Cake



Friday 22nd November,
1pm-3pm

Ramsey Grammar School
SS & S Cafe





100 Club

Ramsey Grammar School Association

100 Club Monthly Draw	Sep 2019 1 st - £38.75 Mrs C Gale 90 2 nd - £23.25 Dr KE Tebay 138 3 rd - £15.50 John & Lisa Parsons 82
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Contributions by cheque or standing order please!

The next RGSA Committee Meeting will take place on

Thursday 5th December 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.

