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Friday 10th December 2021 – Issue 12

**Headteacher’s Award Winners**

A person smiling for the camera

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* Year 7 Jess Musgrove
* Year 8 Aoibh Nash
* Year 9 Beck Parker
* Year 10 Eirann Crawley
* Year 11 Harry Eyres
* Year 12 Luke Ward
* Year 13 Owen Chestnut

**Year 13 Review Day**

A stack of books

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Thank you to all the parents and students who attended the Year 13 Review Day last Thursday. It was a pleasure to see our students explain their final plans and goals, supported by amazing families, as they ready themselves for what will be the final leg of their seven-year journey with us. For some it has been a shorter period, for others, a little longer than originally planned, but all of the presentations demonstrated a real drive to flourish and succeed. With mock exams around the corner (beginning January 10th) this Christmas break will require a little additional focus than normal, and we wish everyone luck in their revision.

Students, please make sure you book in family time to enjoy the festivities and relax. Spread your revision time evenly over the holiday so you don't have to cram everything into the last days and reward yourselves for a job well done. For a lot of you, this is the first time you will be sitting full exams under controlled conditions, and we want you to get the best out of the experience, so we can move forward together.

We wish you all a Merry Christmas and, most importantly, a prosperous New Year! The Sixth Form Team.

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A group of men posing for a photo

Description automatically generated with medium confidenceCongratulations to Mr Leech who organised Movember this year at RGS, raising an amazing £2666 so far! Unfortunately, in January of this year, Mr Leech, one of our Mathematics teachers, was diagnosed with testicular cancer. Thankfully he is recovering well and this month, a team of staff and sixth form students grouped together to help raise awareness and money for charity for this cause, as well as many other causes that effect men.

Movember’s mission is to see boys and men everywhere living happy, healthy long lives. Mental health and suicide prevention, prostate cancer and testicular cancer – we’re taking them all on.

**THE FACTS**

**20-34**

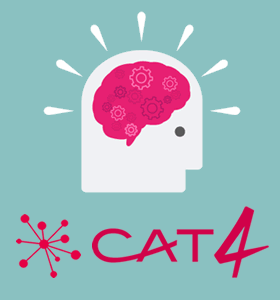
Suicide is the leading cause of death in UK men aged 20-34.

**1 in 8**

Men in the UK will be diagnosed with prostate cancer in their lifetime.

**Young Men**

Testicular cancer is the most common cancer in young men.

**CAT 4 Test results**

Students from Years 7, 8 and 10 recently sat CAT4 Tests and we have received the results These results are primarily used to inform teaching and learning and support target setting within school. If you wish to receive the parent report please complete this [form](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=fmT_Ct4QsU6Q6dBXie8sAp2eVJBA8wtHoH6dvfXeWPVUMkFER0VUUjhJTjJXQjNIVFI1QkFXUllJQS4u). Please do this before **Wednesday 15th December** to allow us to process the reports in a timely manner.

**Accelerated Reader**

Accelerated Reader (AR) is a research-based, impactful, and highly thought of reading programme that we have brought in this term to help improve our students’ reading skills. It works in a really simple, straightforward way. Students are assessed using an online test at the start of the program. The results then help us to guide the student to pick books that are more suited to their ability. It helps us to ensure the books they pick are not too easy and not too difficult, but just the right amount of challenge so they hopefully can enjoy what they’re reading, but also develop their abilities and skills too. Each book has an online ‘reading practice’ quiz, which is used to check to see if students have understood the book and to help us check progress and set appropriate goals for them.

The vast majority of Year 7 and Year 8 students have picked their library books now at an appropriate ability level. They have been reading their books for several weeks. Already there have been many students finishing their books, passing the book quizzes and then picking a book that is a bit more challenging where appropriate. The students have made a brilliant start on the program so far, and we are looking forward to seeing our student's skills grow more with every book they read!

**Non-Uniform Day – Cruise**

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We held a non-uniform day last Friday to raise much-needed funds for CRUSE bereavement charity who support many students and families from RGS. Students were encouraged to wear bright clothes to support the charity and the school raised £660. Well done to everyone who donated £1.

Mrs Corrin

**PE**

We have been enjoying being back to a full extra-curricular timetable with sports clubs running throughout the week. We have had great success this term, reaching semi-finals and finals in both Rugby and Hockey in different age groups. Cross country runners were superb this term! We also had a very successful Northern 6 Day and our Sports Leaders have been working with primary and LSU students. Pictured below is our Year 7 Rugby teams!

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**RMPS**

Recently our Y8 classes have moved on from learning about Islam, to the Indian religion of Hinduism. Hinduism is a vibrant and exciting religion, full of mythology and symbolism and we are always very excited to explore it in our subject. In particular we have spent time learning about the Hindu concept of God, called Brahman and the deity Ganesh the elephant headed God. Students have created some fantastic information cards on Ganesh, using what they have learnt and some extra research. These examples are just a few of many that we will be putting up as part of our Hinduism display - the students really have excelled!

**Key Dates:**

* Week Commencing 13th December – Year 12 Reports Published
* Monday 13th December – Year 7 English Showcase (West Hall) – 2.30 pm
* Monday 13th December - IGCSE Parent Meeting – West Hall – 6.30 pm
* Wednesday 15th December – Carol Service
* Friday 17th December - Last day of autumn term