



RGS Newsletter

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Headteacher's Message

This week once again we held our Headteacher's Friday Breakfast. The Headteacher's award winners were invited along to share their experiences and the reasons for their nomination for this prestigious award. They were chosen by the staff at RGS over all other students in their year group for amazing sporting performance, settling in well to a new school, exemplary manners, kindness, being helpful, fundraising efforts, event organizing, growth mindset, charity work, and tenacity. A huge well done to them all. You are a credit to the school. This week's winners are...



- Year 7 – Maddie Crawley
- Year 8 – Liam Brewis
- Year 9 – Emma Parsons
- Year 10 – Thomas Gilmore
- Year 11 – Aaron Rielly
- Year 12 – Ayrton Withington
- Year 13 – Reese Dalugdugan

As we move into a new era of lightening of restrictions around Covid mitigations new guidance has now been released by the government. This guidance is necessary for us all to be aware of and follow both inside and outside of the school setting and can be found here - <https://covid19.gov.im/about-coronavirus/testing-positive-for-covid-19/>

Please be reminded that the uniform is now back to standard smart uniform requirements as per the guidance sent out in the last few newsletters. We thank you for your support with this matter.

Year 9 has now all chosen the preferred options and we are working through the curriculum mapping and timetabling to allow the most students to study the most appropriate courses for the next academic year. Year 11 have had their letters home now to allow them to select the options for the Sixth Form. Thank you to all of our families who are having those important conversations with their children about these exciting next steps. We very much hope the recent Options Evenings and supporting documentation have been useful in informing your family discussions.

We are very pleased to welcome a new Education Council member to our Governing body this week. Peter Whiteway has joined our Governing Board and has already started working along with the school. This week also sees our last week to express an interest in becoming a Parent Governor here at RGS. Any parent interested in becoming our new Parent Governor should send in your expression of interest along with a brief statement outlining why you are interested in becoming a parent governor, to rgsenquiries@sch.im. If you have any enquiries about the role please also send this to the RGS Enquiries email. The deadline for expression of interest is Friday 8th of April.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards

Sarah Findlater
Headteacher - Ramsey Grammar School

Current Vacancies at RGS

Currently, we are looking for an **Assistant Headteacher**, overseeing Teaching and Learning, and a **Head of Art** to join us in the next academic year here at Ramsey Grammar School. If you know of any excellent teachers who would like to join our wonderful school please do point them in the direction of our advertised posts. The Assistant Headteacher post can be found [here](#) and Head of Art vacancy can be found [here](#). We will shortly be advertising for an



Assistant Site Manager, Attendance Officer, Geography Teacher and an Education Support Officer for our Student Support and Services area on [Jobtrain](#) and the [TES](#) so keep your eyes peeled and spread the word.

Achievement Points this week

1839 Achievement Points were awarded across the school this week!



Sponging The Teachers

Several good sports from our staff team got soaked today at lunchtime in aid of the Year 11 Prom Decorations Fundraising efforts. Thank you to all of the staff members who took part, to Mrs Bell and Year 11 Prom Committee for organizing, and to all the students who paid to throw sponges and soak their teachers – next year the staff have asked students to take pity on them and place it in the sunshine!



Quote of the week:

"The time to repair the roof is when the sun is shining."
- John F. Kennedy

Department Update – English

Recently in English, our Year 8 classes have been working hard to prepare a presentation of their learning. This is an exciting opportunity at the end of the term for them to present their learning to all in the West Hall. They have been studying English language and literature through the topic of the natural world. We can't wait to see what they come up with.



Our Year 11 students are coming to the end of an intensive revision course looking closely at each exam question for a week and then moving on to the next exam question. This, alongside their own independent revision, is aimed at placing them in the best possible position to achieve well in their exams after Easter. We know they're going to have a busy Easter with all their revision but we wish them all the best for the upcoming exam period.

Our Year 13 students have also been spending their time revising and practising exam questions in preparation for their exams. They have developed their literary analytical skills so much over the last two years and they should be proud of all they have already achieved.

Department Update – History

Year 7 – Are continuing to do their depth study on the Romans. Students are now focussing on the Romans in Britain. Highlight – Producing posters showing a Journey through Rome in 200CE. Below are Britteney, Emily, Florence, Zoe and Amelia of 7A with their Journey through Rome posters.



Year 8 – Students have now completed their work on the Early Modern period and are starting to move onto industrial Britain c1750 to c1900. In this unit they will look at topics like the British Empire, the Industrial Revolution and the lives of enslaved Africans. Highlight – To finish off their work on the Early Modern period, students produced leisure booklets for the Tudors & Stuarts. To the right are Daniel and George of 8C with their Tudor & Stuart project.

Year 9 – Students are now looking at the early stages of WWII and in particular are looking at Dunkirk and asking if it was a Triumph or a Disaster? Highlight – Looking at the role of the IOMSPCo at Dunkirk.

Year 10 - IGCSE students have finished their mocks and the Germany depth studying part of the course. They are now looking at Unit 1 of their IGCSE which is "Were the Peace Treaties 1919-1923 fair? Highlight – Completing mocks. Students are now waiting for their results.



Year 11- Students are looking at the Paths to War unit and are busy revising. With that in mind please see the attached poster showing revision sessions, which are in room 204, every Monday at lunchtime. Highlight – Revising for the exams in early May.

Year 12 – Students have now finished looking at British society, politics and the economy in the 1960s. They are now moving on to Britain in the 1970s. Students are looking at events in the Soviet Union in the 1920s and 1930s. Highlight – Mr Wilkinson's impression of Harold Wilson.

Year 13 - Students are working on the finishing touches to their coursework either linked to the Cold War or Woman's suffrage. In the warfare course, they are starting to look at the First World War Highlight – Knowledge quiz on the American Civil War, the wars of Unification, British colonial wars, the Second Anglo-Boer War and the Russo-Japanese War.



History awards – KS3 Historians of the month – February. Year 7 Elizabeth Nelson 7S, Daniel Cross 8C, Winnie Davies 9V. Congratulations.

Anti-Racism Education - Mr Wilkinson and Adam Shaw who is the Year 13 equality and diversity student champion, are on a committee organised by the Department of Education to work out an anti-racism curriculum for schools across the island. Thanks to Adam for all his help.

Pearson IGCSE (1-9) - You may have seen an announcement from the government in relation to History Departments changing their exam boards. We will move to Pearson's in September 2022 and the syllabus will be as follows:

1. Germany: development of dictatorship, 1918 – 45

2. A divided union: civil rights in the USA, 1945 – 74.
3. The Vietnam Conflict – 1954 – 74.
4. Changes in medicine, c1848 – c1948.

For more information see:

https://qualifications.pearson.com/content/dam/pdf/International%20GCSE/History/2017/specification-and-sample-assessments/INT_GCSE_History-specification.pdf

Department Update – Art

The Big Splash has brought much fun and excitement around the school, with students from across all age groups engaged in designing a Dolphin. We have an exhibition of selected designs, along with the winners on display outside the Art Department. Winners Izzy Callow Year 9 and Willow Watson Year 12 were selected by local artist Michael Starkey. Both winners are making excellent progress with their Dolphins, in preparation for The Hospice Isle of Man Big Splash Art Trail to begin in May 2022. In addition to the Dolphin Competition, Hospice Isle of Man have been in school explaining the wider work associated with the charity and encouraging students from Year 12 and Year 13 to become volunteers.



Key Dates:

- 8th April – Non-Uniform Day – Guide Dogs for the Blind
- 8th April – Last Day of Term 2
- 25th April – First day of term 3
- 26th April – Junior Maths Challenge
- 27th April – Year 10, 11, 9 Celebration Assemblies
- 28th April – Year 7, 8 and Sixth Form Celebration Assemblies
- 29th April – D of E Silver Practise (from lunchtime)
- 2nd May – Bank Holiday (School Closed)
- 5th May – Year 10 Academic Review Day
- 6th May – Parent Voice Questionnaire (Pastoral)
- 10th May – Year 8 You Matter Day
- 12th May – Year 11 Leavers Day
- 13th May – Year 13 Leavers Day
- 13th – 15th May - DoE Silver Expedition