



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 hard work, achievement in Duke of Edinburgh, confidence, manners, helping others, positivity, resilience, academic achievements, independent work, diplomacy, maturity and business acumen. What a wonderful group of young people. We are so lucky to have you as a part of our RGS community. You are role models to all.



- Year 7 – Oshin Stigant
- Year 8 – Declin Cowell
- Year 9 – Anna Hendry
- Year 10 – Lucy Bysephipps
- Year 11 – Megan Kneale
- Year 12 – Owen Pressley
- Year 13 – Sian Hoosen-Owen

This week we have been surrounded by world book day activities which have been a joy to see. The students had assemblies and there were lots of wonderful book-related activities for them to get involved in, all topped off with World Book Day dress-up day to end the week. The impact regular, good quality and varied reading can have is immense and for that reason, among many others, this is one of my favourite weeks of the year. A huge thank you to the English team and their helpers for all the organisation that went into the events.

We are saying goodbye to our current parent governor Zoe Chestnut-Cubbon. All the staff at Ramsey Grammar School would like to thank her for her contribution to the school. We will be looking to appoint a new parent governor this term and warmly invite interested parents to get in touch with the school to express their interest in the role. We will be in touch with more information soon.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards

Sarah Findlater
Headteacher - Ramsey Grammar School

Achievement Points this week

... Achievement Points were awarded across the school this week!

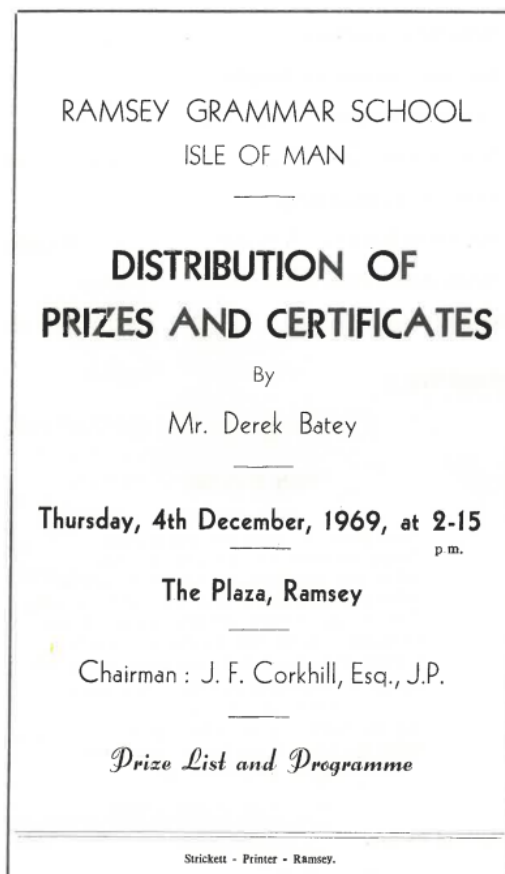
That brings us to a total of ... for this term which is fantastic! Well done to everyone working so hard both in and out of lessons!

Quote of the week:

"There is so much good in the worst of us, and so much bad in the best of us, that it hardly becomes any of us to talk about the rest of us." ~ Edward Wallis Hoch

RGS Throwback - Prize Day

Who remembers the Plaza? And, if that's too easy, what did Derek Batey present?



Department Update – Wild In Art project for 2022, [The Big Splash at RGS](#)

We have now selected two winning Dolphins. The competition was judged by Michael Starkey, who was extremely impressed with the quality and standard of the designs. It was very difficult to decide a winner and as far as he was concerned, he could have had numerous winners. In the end he selected two, one from KS3 and the other from KS4 & 5. Izzy Callow Y9 was the winner of KS3 and Willow Watson was the winner of KS4 & 5. Izzy's design was beautifully drawn, a sunset typical of the west of the island, with stunning colours and wildlife. Willow Watson's was full of colour, vibrant and fun. An exhibition of selected works is now currently on display outside the Art Department and will stay up for the duration of this academic year. Students will now begin to draw and paint their designs in the Art Department and we are very excited in anticipation of seeing them finished. We would like to say well done to all of our students for participating and a huge congratulations to the winners. The Art Trail will run between May and October 2022. More information to follow shortly.



Michael Starkey with the winning KS3 Design.

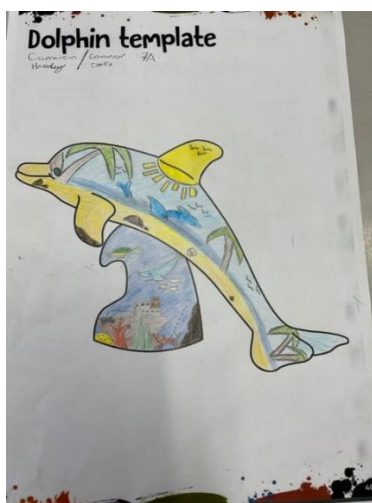
Michael Starkey judging the competition Design a Dolphin.

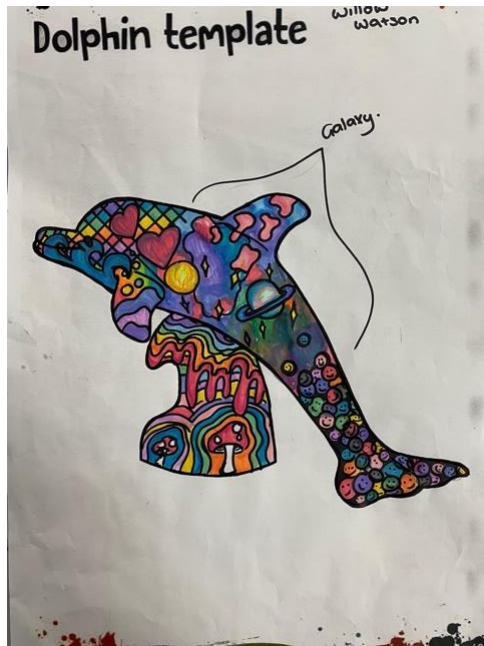


Willow Watson, winner of the KS4/5 design



Izzy Callow, Winner of KS3 design





Design by Willow Watson, Winner of KS4 & 5



Design by Izzy Callow, Winner of KS3

Department Update – History

Year 7 – Are continuing to do their depth study on the Romans. Lessons have focussed on Gladiators and Julius Caesar. Students did extremely well in their Discoveries Knowledge Assessment Quiz.

Highlight – Many students were taught about the Roman Army by ex-RGS student Jake Cowley.

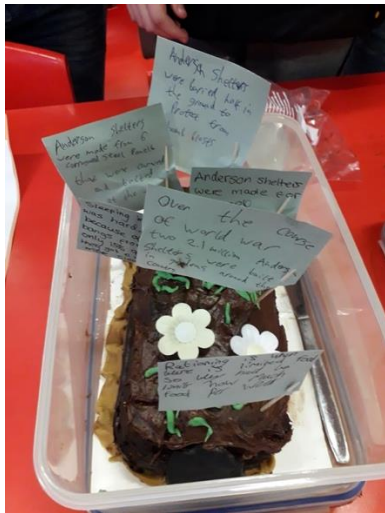
Year 8 – Students are close to completing their work on the early modern period c1500 – c1750. They looked at the Civil War, the execution of Charles I and whether Oliver Cromwell was a good guy... or not.

Highlight – Many students were taught by Edge Hill PGCE student Josh Abley.

Year 9 – Students have continued to look at Europe between the wars and they asked the question 'Could Hitler have been stopped?' They also started to look at the early part of WWII and prepare for their 'Tell Me' project assessment task.

Highlight – Project on Life on the Home Front in WW2.





Pictures - 9C's projects on life on the Home Front in WW2 where they could produce their project in any medium they liked. The projects ranged from Anderson Shelter cakes and information posters to a Minecraft depiction of a street after the Blitz. The bakers were Eddie and Frankie Christian and Jamie Cannell. Minecraft wizz was Seb Kelly.

Year 10 - IGCSE students are close to finishing their work on Germany 1918 – 1945. They are now preparing for their mocks.

Highlight – Discussing the Holocaust and trying understand why it occurred.

Year 11- Students are coming to the end of the course and are preparing for a special mock to help them with Paper 2 on “Soviet control in Eastern Europe”. Very topical!

Highlight – Discussing parallels between Soviet controls and Putin’s Russia,

Year 12 - students have done their first essay on Britain 1951 – 1964 and are now looking at Britain in the 1960s. In the Russian topic we are about to look at the methods employed by Stalin in his bid for power in the second half of the 1920s and will be moving on to looking at life in Stalin’s Russia in the 1930s – the grim reality!

Highlight – Listening to music of The Kinks and The Who.

Year 13 - students have continued working on their coursework either linked to the Cold War or Woman's suffrage. The deadline for this was February half-term. In the warfare course, they are looking at the wars of unification in Germany & Italy and the Boer War.

Highlight – Receiving mock results.

History awards – KS3 Historians of the month for February are Year 7 Elizabeth Nelson, Year 8 Daniel Cross, Year 9 Winnie Davis. Congratulations.

Ukraine – As you know the situation in Ukraine is very worrying and events are fluid. As historians, we have tried to help students make sense of the situation. We found that BBC Newsround caters very well for younger students. See link for an introduction: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/60513502>

For older students, we feel that this is suitable : https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1FqmotQHn-1H8W2whG-wRli2eDFyaDzwO/mobilepresent?slide=id.g117695f1bea_128_0



Department Update – English

WORLD BOOK DAY

This week the English Department celebrated World Book Day with a readathon and a dress down day on Friday 4th March raising money for the charity Read for Good which brings new, good quality books into hospital wards. Whilst the whole school is involved in donating £1 to dress down, many of our students are completing a sponsored read throughout the day, from 8am to 6pm. Well done and thank you to all the students who are taking part.

The Hive – Bingo Event

The Hive staff and students would like to invite you to their Bingo night on 25th March. Add the date to your diary now!



Key Dates:

- 7th March – Year 11 Geography trip 1 (Coastal Techniques)
- 8th March – Year 9 Vaccinations
- 9th March – Year 11 Geography trip 2 (Coastal Techniques)
- 10th March - Year 9 Options Evening 18:00 – 20:00
- 14th March – Rotary Club Public Speaking competition
- 16th March - Year 11 Options Evening 18:00 – 20:00
- 16th March – Junior Achievement Programme, competition
- 17th March – Year 8 Academic Review