



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 and recognized for sporting achievements, peer support, exam study efforts, exceptional progress, involvement in school events and resilience. They are all a credit to the school and we are so proud to have them as a part of our school community. Thank you to Mrs Corrin for stepping in to give the students their awards this morning in my stead.



- Year 7 – Harry Stennett
- Year 8 – Maeve Morrey
- Year 9 – Lucy-May Liney
- Year 10 – Lucas Stennett
- Year 11 – Megan Kneale
- Year 12 – Ivo Morrey
- Year 13 – Emily McHugh

Today we have held our half termly whole-school non-uniform day in aid of [Guide Dogs for the Blind](#). The members of the Student Council very carefully selected the charities we are supporting across the year in consultation with all the students. The money raised makes a significant contribution to charitable causes across the year and is something we very much value here at RGS.

This week saw the Year 7 students take part in the [Junior Achievement](#) Tourism Challenge drop-down morning whereby they were challenged to put together a tourism business idea and present it to their peers. The morning culminated in a number of groups presenting their idea to the entire year groups and the judging panel. The presentations were wonderful and the students were mature, professional and confident in their pitches. It was a joy for me to judge and it made me very proud.

Another wonderful event this week was our Swimming Gala where our superstar swimmers competed in various races and events across the morning. The swimmers were impressive, the supporters were enthusiastic and a great morning was had by all. We even had a record that has stood for thirty years broken – RGS history in the making! A huge well done to all the competitors and thank you to the staff involved in the organization of the event.

We have successfully appointed a new Chair of Governors here at Ramsey Grammar School. We are happily welcoming Margaret Simpson from the Education Council as our new Chair.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards

Sarah Findlater
Headteacher - Ramsey Grammar School



Current Vacancies at RGS

A run-down of the vacancies we currently have open at Ramsey Grammar School:

- **Deputy Headteacher – Quality of education** – This vacancy is now live and accepting applications [here](#).
- **Head of Art** – This vacancy is now live and accepting applications [here](#).
- **Teacher of Geography** – This vacancy is now live and accepting applications [here](#).
- **Attendance Officer** – This vacancy is now live and accepting applications [here](#)
- **Assistant Site Manager** – This vacancy is now live and accepting applications [here](#)
- **Cover Supervisor (SESO)** – This vacancy is now live and accepting applications [here](#)
- **Science Technician** – This vacancy is now live and accepting applications [here](#).



If you know of any excellent teachers, or specialists in the areas above who would like to join our wonderful school please do point them in the direction of our advertised posts.

Achievement Points this week

2050 Achievement Points were awarded across the school this week!

Quote of the week:

*“Human kindness has never weakened the stamina or softened the figure of a free people.
A nation does not have to be cruel to be tough.”*

- Franklin d. Roosevelt

Inter Schools Badminton Competition

The Senior Girls’ won the Inter School Badminton Competition held at Bemahague on Wednesday afternoon. A huge congratulations to all who took part!



Department Update –Drama

‘I believe that the creative arts should be compulsory for all GCSE students – school children should take at least one creative subject until the age of 16 to help boost future talent in the creative industries.’

Bernardine Evaristo (Booker prize winner)

It’s been a busy few weeks in the Drama department as Years 11 and 12 complete their performance assessments.

Mrs Dunne has worked very hard overseeing and co-ordinating these performances. Year 11 performed an extract from ‘Pass It On’ by Doug Lucie. The students performed well, producing thoughtful and moving performances. Normally these performances would be marked by a visiting examiner, however – due to the covid-19 restrictions – this hasn’t been possible, so the performances have been recorded, marked internally and sent to the WJEC exam board to be moderated. Here’s hoping for a good crop of results.

Meanwhile, Year 12 performed extracts from Charlotte Keatley’s ‘My Mother Said I Never Should’ to an audience of Sixth Formers. The students worked collaboratively to produce a Brechtian re-interpretation of this 1980s modern classic. Again, it wasn’t possible for a visiting examiner to mark this piece, so a recording of the performance was made instead.



We're sad to see the retirement of our Head of Creative Arts, Mr Gerry Quinn. Mr Quinn has overseen the Arts provision within Ramsey Grammar School since 2004 and whilst his own subject specialism is that of Art and Design, he has always encouraged the development of Dance, Drama and Music within the Arts Team, as well as being the producer on the many whole-school productions staged by the Team. He has also produced some amazing backdrops for these productions. Check out the set design (below) for the Madness-inspired musical painted by Mr Quinn, assisted by Miss Johnson and Mr Curran. We will miss Gerry and wanted to take this opportunity to wish him a long and happy retirement!

Department Update – Maths

What a half term! All groups were working hard with Year 7 in particular Gathering Data and using their findings to help in their lessons on Statistics. Our A level Students have all sat further mock exams with a big focus on full exam papers and also timings for exams. To aid all Alevel students we hold specific revision lessons after school for Year 13's on a Monday for Mechanics and Year 12 on a Tuesday also for Mechanics.

Our Year 11's have also been getting ready for the final push for the exams in May by completing a further Mock exam. Plenty to work on for our Year 11's but with the right effort and attitude each will achieve their full potential

Our Year 10's have completed their first big set of mock examinations with some outstanding results coming out. Well done Year 10, keep the effort up.

Our Top sets Year 7 and 8 will be sitting the UKMT Junior maths challenge when we get back. This is an opportunity for our students to compete with the best mathematicians in the UK, and the best of the best go on to compete at the UKMT Pink Kangaroo.

Mathematicians of the Month

- a. Y7: Kassie Sykes & Isla Rousseau
- b. Y8: Oliver Dowty & Georgia Kerr
- c. Y9: Kieran Kelly & Alfie Corrin
- d. Y10: Callum Fergusson, Luke Thomson, Jessica Scrivens
- e. Y11: Daniel Comley, Elyse Grant, Wilma Dalugdugan
- f. KS5: Ivo Morrey & Millie Smith

Key Dates:

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