



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 achievements in many areas. Staff celebrated these students for contribution to the life of the school, hard work, conscientiousness, being helpful, manners, excellent achievement, resilience, taking on responsibility, being reliable and supporting others. These students are shining examples of all that we are proud of here at RGS. A huge well done to you all.



- Year 7 – Jess Musgrove
- Year 8 – Sophie Lyness
- Year 9 – Elizabeth Perkins
- Year 10 – Matthew Lewis
- Year 12 – Aimee Myers

We wrote to all of our families last week to inform you that we would soon be housing bees on the RGS school site with all possible precautions taken to ensure both the bees and children's safety is paramount. This week saw the official introduction of the bees to add to the Ramsey Grammar School Farm. We welcomed no less than 3 swarms of bees over the course of the week and all have settled in very well. A huge thank you to our ever-growing group of school staff beekeepers who have been beekeeping over the weekends and evenings recently to make this all happen.



This week we welcomed a very special visitor to the school, the Lieutenant Governor Sir John Lorimer. Our wonderful catering manager Mrs Deakin baked the most amazing biscuits for the Governor and he was hugely impressed with the delicious baking. Our incoming Head students, Oscar, Althea, Ruby and Tom welcomed him to Ramsey Grammar School and represented our students beautifully in their discussion with him. Myself and some of the Senior Team members toured the Governor around the West, South and the East site of the school taking in a pasta making lesson with Year 10, a rounders assessment in PE, a hand jive lesson with Year 7 in Dance, Year 12 creating some masterpieces in our Art Studio and of course the school farm club; to name but a few of the highlights. It was an honour to welcome His Excellency to Ramsey Grammar School and show him just how wonderful our staff and students are here.

A few reminders from me for the next couple of weeks as we will not have a newsletter next week due to it only being a 2 day week for our students. Firstly, please note that as with all island schools we have a staff training day on Wednesday 1st of June meaning that this is a non-student day and they should remain home. We are then also off school to honour the Queen's Platinum Jubilee on Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd of June, marking 70 years of service to the people of the UK, the Realms and the Commonwealth. The Isle of Man Government Treasury have arranged for every school-aged child on the Island to receive a commemorative medal to celebrate this unprecedented occasion. These have gone home with all students bar those on study leave today. Finally, Tuesday 31st May is a charity fundraising non-uniform day, as is the tradition at RGS at the end of each half term. This time we are raising funds for Cancer Research so don't forget to bring in your contribution if you are taking part.

This leads us into the TT half term. During the TT half term, our students taking external examinations will still be coming back into school to sit their examinations during this time. Keep going! You will have a long Summer Holiday to make up for your time spent studying and sitting examinations right now. Please check your exam timetables to

ensure that you know what examinations you have and when they are due to take place over the TT holiday. The site will only be accessible for those students taking examinations and no others, and the rest of the site will be locked up for safety reasons. Guidance on how to safely access the school site during TT has been sent home in a letter today so please do take a few minutes to look at this and plan out your route to school from home.

I wish you all a lovely weekend and a happy holiday when we get there.

Kind regards



Sarah Findlater
Headteacher - Ramsey Grammar School

Achievement Points this week

1697 Achievement Points were awarded across the school this week!

Quote of the week:

“Spread love everywhere you go. Let no one ever come to you without leaving happier.” —*Mother Teresa*

Hive Pop Art

Students in the Hive have produced some fabulous pop art to celebrate and commemorate the Queen’s Platinum Jubilee.



Inspiring Business Leaders Conference, 24th June 2022

Year 9 girls have been busy preparing questions & the structure of the upcoming Inspiring Business Leaders Conference. On 22nd June eighteen volunteers from the Business community will be coming to Ramsey Grammar School to inspire the Year 9 girls on aspirational careers on Isle of Man and to also help develop their networking skills. Volunteers include representatives from IT, Law, medicine, the Arts and Finance. We are all really excited!



Department Update – Geography

The Geography Department is very busy this week administering Key Stage 3 exams. All pupils have been able to revise with their teachers and learn about different revision methods to help them. Good luck everyone! Our KS4 pupils have done two of their GCSE exams and have one more to go. Feedback has been positive and we wish them all they deserve.

Department Update – MFL

Year 9 French students preparing for their end of year exams:

Our Year 9 French students are working hard for their upcoming speaking exam. They are being asked questions on the topic of holidays in French. This comes up every year in the G.C.S.E exam so they are getting a head start! Learners are encouraged to include lots of the Key language we learn about in lesson and to discuss their holidays in a range of tenses – past, present and future. This is quite demanding for Year 9 students but we are pleased to say that they are all rising to the challenge – well done Year 9!



Year 7 French students

In Year 7 we are learning to describe our houses – real or imaginary, in French. Our students have enjoyed making their own origami houses and being creative. Some of the houses are truly spectacular!



Key Dates

Tuesday 31st May – Non Uniform Day raising funds for Cancer Research

Tuesday 31st May – Last Day of Term

Wednesday 1st June – Staff Inset Day (School Closed for students)

Thursday 2nd June – Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday

Friday 3rd June – Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday

Monday 6th – Friday 10th – School Closed for TT Half Term Holiday (With exception of some exams)

Monday 13th June – School Reopens