



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 leading assemblies, improvement in subjects, progress, effort and sporting achievements. Well done to them all. You are a shining credit to the RGS community.



- Year 7 – Caylum Kennish
- Year 8 – Ethan Walker
- Year 9 – Klein Garganta
- Year 10 – Luke Thomson
- Year 12 – Eamon McKiernan

I wanted to take this opportunity to say a huge well done to all of our students for sitting exams once again. But particularly to those students who sat examinations over the TT half-term. Our GCSE students have sat their last examination now and our A-Level students are fast approaching the same milestone now. You have been exceptional in your approach; we are very proud of you all.

A few parents have asked for an update on the action short of strike action (ASOSA) currently underway in the Isle of Man Schools. This is still ongoing and negotiations are underway between unions and the government. Press releases can be found on this [site](#). As always we are working to run the school as best we can under very challenging circumstances so thank you for your support and patience.

Please be aware that we are having a push on the acceptable and proper use of mobile phones in the school. Students have all been reminded of when and how they are allowed to be used in school. Inside the buildings, phones are only allowed to be used for educational purposes and at the instruction of a member of staff. The policy can be found on our website if you wish to speak with your child about their use of their mobile phones to support us.

Finally, this month is LGBTQ+ Pride Month. We will be hoisting up our Rainbow flag for the remainder of the month in support of the LGBTQ+ members of our community and indeed around the world this month. If you want to speak with your child and know a little more about Pride month then the Newsround site is a good place to start and can be found [here](#).

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Sarah Findlater
Headteacher - Ramsey Grammar School

Achievement Points this week


1040 Achievement Points were awarded across the school this week!

Quote of the week:

“Kindness in words creates confidence. Kindness in thinking creates profoundness. Kindness in giving creates love.” – Lao Tzu

RGS Expectations – We wanted to send out a reminder of our expectations and ask that you take some time to discuss these with your children to support our focus on excellent behaviour in our last half term of the academic year, please. We have a series of expectations for all students at RGS, explaining what is expected of everyone when inside lessons or in public communal areas of the school at the start and end of the day, during lunch and break, and when moving about the school between lessons.

The expectations clarify how house points can be earned and begins to explain how behaviour points or sanctions can also be earned within the RGS system.




5 classroom expectations

- 1-Arrive to lessons on time & have correct equipment.
- 2-Stay on task & do not disturb the learning of others.
- 3- Follow instructions
- 4- Speak to others respectfully and listen when being spoken to
- 5-Avoid physical contact with other people or their possessions.



5 social area expectations

- 1- Walk calmly in the corridors and halls
- 2- be pleasant & polite
- 3- Act sensibly in the canteen
- 4- Follow the expectations for your area eg, no eating & mobile phones only in designated areas.
- 5- Wear the correct uniform



What to expect

- If you follow all the expectations you will receive achievement points which lead to rewards.
- If you do not follow the expectations you will receive a warning and then behaviour points if you continue. L1 is a 10 minute reflection session the next day at lunchtime.
- If you continue to disrupt, the duty teacher can be called and this is a L2. L2 is a 30 minute reflection session either at lunchtime or after school.
- Home will be informed when you receive achievement and behaviour points.
- You will go onto a report card if you receive behaviour points in any half term.

RGS Uniform List:

Main School Uniform:

- White-collared shirt with top button.
- RGS School tie. This is available from Top 2 Toe.
- Black blazer with school badge. This is available from Top2Toe.
- A plain black V-neck jumper can be worn under the RGS blazer.
- Plain black trousers or smart shorts/plain skirt. Skirts should reach the top of fingertips when stood up with hands down by the side as a minimum length. Leggings and black jeans are not acceptable school uniform.
- Plain black sensible, flat heel shoes with no obvious logos.
- Tights should be neutral or black coloured
- Plain black, grey or white socks
- Year Group colour-specific RGS issued lanyards to hold RGS Smart Cards are to be worn each day by each student as a compulsory part of the uniform.

Jewellery: Students may wear – a watch, ring, short necklace gold/silver ear studs – a maximum of two in each ear and nowhere else. If a nose stud is worn it must be clear. Jewellery should be kept to a minimum and not expensive in case it is lost. All jewellery should be removed when taking part in physical activities.

Makeup: Only discrete makeup is permitted

Hair: Hair should be neat and tidy. For longer hairstyles, it is compulsory to carry a hairband that would allow hair to be tied back when taking part in any activity where health and safety may be affected by long, loose hair.

PE and Games Kit

All items are available to purchase from Jac Stores, The Ramsey Warehouse, 37 Parliament Street, Ramsey. Telephone: 813092

Compulsory Kit:

- Green collared T-shirt with the school logo
- Black shorts and/or skirt with the school logo
- Green & white school PE socks
- Shin pads
- One-piece swimming costume/trunks, swimming hat for longer hair and towel



Girls' Kit :

- Astro boots and trainers

Boys' Kit:

- RGS rugby shirt
- Football boots and trainers



Inter-Sports Hockey Kit - If your child takes part in Inter-School Hockey mouth guards are a compulsory part of the kit. Though not compulsory for Rugby, they are advisable.

Additional Optional Kit:

- Black RGS track pants with school logo
- Black zip-top training top with school logo
- RGS black leggings
- RGS black rugby shorts

Every item of clothing must be clearly marked with your child's name.

One-way system trial - From Thursday 23rd June, we are trialing a one-way entry and exit system in every building on the school site. This will hopefully reduce the number of students all trying to get out of the building at the same time.

Students will be informed of this change on Monday so that they have a few days to get used to the new system. There will be posters on the doors to state whether it is an entry or exit door.



Department Update – Social Sciences

The past few weeks in Social Sciences have been extremely busy with preparation for both public and mock exams. At the time of writing, Year 13 students across the department have almost completed their A-Level exams, Year 11 exams were finished just before the TT half-term break.

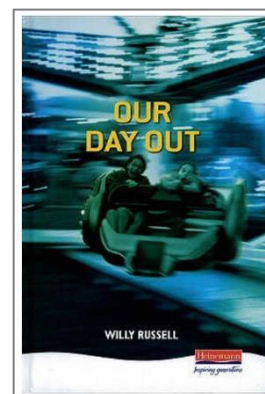


The majority of Year 12 students are busily preparing for their forthcoming mock exams, with Global Perspectives students completing presentations for their actual A-Levels. Our Year 12 Transition students have completed their Btec Enterprise qualification and are awaiting their final LIBF exam. Year 10 Global students recently participated in the Global Perspectives showcase and Year 10 Business have completed Marketing and are moving towards the Operations aspect of their iGCSE course.

Department Update – Drama

Students in Year 9 have recently completed a scheme of work based around the Willy Russell play 'Our Day Out'. Originally written and set in 1977, the play tells the story of a group of disadvantaged inner-city pupils who travel from Liverpool to Conwy Castle in North Wales for an educational visit.

As well as giving students the opportunity to read and perform plays from different cultures and times, the students were also able to explore themes and issues presented in a play text. Our students were intrigued by some of the references to Mrs Kay's 'Progress Class' and how attitudes to education have changed (for the better) in the intervening 45 years!



The text study culminated with a performance of Scene 35 (the cliff scene) where the authoritarian Mr Briggs has to persuade the unhappy Carol away from the edge of a cliffside. So those students weren't encumbered with having the script in their hand, Year 9 re-interpreted the scene into their own words, as well as using proxemics to show the change of status between the characters in the scene. In Drama proxemics is the use of space between actors and how that use of space communicates their relationship to the audience.

In terms of transferable skills, the text study gave students the chance to explore several of the 6 Rs, including relationships (the ability to work as a team member towards a common goal) and remembering (the ability to interpret)

Key Dates

Friday 24th June – Non-Uniform Day – Diabetes IOM

Thursday 30th June – Y6 to Y7 Moving Up Day

Friday 1st July – Parent Voice Questionnaire - Assessment

Saturday 2nd July – Viking Longboat Championship at the Mooragh Park