
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 kindness, manners, caring for others, promoting happiness, resilience and being an inspiration to others. You are a credit to RGS and we are very proud of you indeed.



- Year 8 – Connor Milligan
- Year 9 – Evella & Rosy Mulunda
- Year 10 – Will Forgie
- Year 12 – Oscar Bovenizer

This week Mrs Davies hosted a special event for some of our Year 9 girls. A large number of community leaders came in to share their stories with the girls and then answer their questions about careers. We are so very grateful to the leaders who took the time to come in and inspire our young people. The students were mature, focused and very enthusiastic during the event. A brilliant morning was had by all.

A huge thankyou to the student panel who supported Mrs Davies with the organization and running of the event also.

This coming week we welcome the Year 6 students who will be moving up to Secondary school in September and joining Ramsey Grammar School. We are so looking forward to having them spend the day with us, meeting staff and students and getting to know the school. A very exciting time for them all. I know we will all as a school community welcome our new joiners with open arms.

A well done to the RGS staff who took part in the Parish Walk over the weekend. We are very proud of all you for entering and are staggered at the overall achievement between the group.

- Mrs Bowden - 1st lady across the line /overall ladies winner at 17h 20 minutes
- Miss Spooner - 2nd Senior lady at 19h 19 minutes
- Miss Devlin- Kirk Michael at 9hr 51 minutes
- Miss Crocker- Kirk Michael at 9hr 51 minutes

Well done also to Courtney Oates in Year 13 who had an impressive result in the walk. We really do have some talented sportswomen here at The Grammar.

On another sporting note, we have a Ramsey Grammar School team taking part in the Viking Long Boat World Championship being held this Saturday in Peel. This Championship event started in 1963 the race is held in July each year and is one of the highlights of the Manx sporting calendar, both for its challenge and its unique nature. If you can go down and support I am sure they would very much appreciate the cheers from the side.

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

Sarah Findlater
Headteacher - Ramsey Grammar School

Achievement Points this week

1573 Achievement Points were awarded across the school this week!

Quote of the week:

“Kindness can become its own motive. We are made kind by being kind.”

-- Eric Hoffer, Philosopher and Author

Inspiring Leaders Conference

Ramsey Grammar School hosted an Inspiring Leaders Conference on Wednesday 22nd June. The aim of the event was to promote school links with the local business community, to inspire Year 9 girls of aspirational careers on the Isle of Man and to develop their networking skills. We had an amazing number of volunteers including:

Fiona Cleator, IT works, Lesa Fox, Director Isle Care, Beth Louella, Artist & illustrator, Dr Kate Tebay, GP, Daphne Caine, MHK, Lorna Trevethan, Department for Enterprise, Robin Wood, Appleby, Sarah Findlater, Head Teacher Ramsey Grammar School, Sharon Sutton, Thornton, Chartered Financial Advisor, Faye Moffet, Lawyer, Elissa Morris, Barclays, Jane Cowley, Physiotherapist, Heidi Morris, specialist Nurse, Clara Isaac, Director, recyclecollect.im, Roberta Castle, Love Tech, Becky Traynor, Speech Therapist, Thandi Nyoni, Chartered Accountant, Vicky Wilson, Head of Child, Young People and Therapies, Hospice, Casey Houareau, trainee Lawyer, Elizabeth Power, Occupational Therapist, Toni Crawley, Occupational Therapist, Rebecca Bannister, Humphrey & Helfrich.



The event commenced with a breakfast meeting with volunteers & students, followed by the volunteers giving a 1 minute elevator pitch outlining their career highlights and finally the students took part in a speed-dating style event to improve their networking skills.

One of the volunteers, Lorna Trevethan said 'I was very impressed that the students asked questions which I know is difficult for young people of this age group to do'.

Mrs J Davies



Department Update – Maths

Almost there guys!! This last half term has been mainly focused on assessments and GCSE and A-Level exams. Well done to all our Year 11, 12 and 13 students who completed exams this term. All your hard work will pay off and we look forward to celebrating your results with you in August.

Our Year 9's have had their first experience of assessments in the West Hall in preparation for beginning their GCSE courses in September. All of our students equipped themselves really well so well done Year 9.

Our Year 7 and 8's have also completed their end of Year assessments, this assessment covered all the topics we completed this year from number work to probability and shape space and measure. Well done to one and all.



A date for your diaries, we are privileged to once again have Dr Ian Wright come and be the Key Note speaker at the Island Schools Maths Symposium. Dr Wright worked throughout the recent Covid Pandemic on all the data that informed the Government to aid in the decision-making process. He showed all the maths behind the data that he presented to the Government. Don't worry he has informed us that he won't be talking about Covid but another topic which is really close to his heart. Maths and Music. We welcome Dr Wright on Friday October 21st.

Mathematician of the Month

Year 7 : - Holly Bashforth
 Wiktorja Urbanska
Year 8: - Ollie Eyres
 Aoibh Nash
Year 9:- Kieran Kelly
 Kieran Percival
Year 10: - Ellie Johnston
 Leo Henderson
Year 12: - Lucy Parsons
 Ivo Morrey

Department Update – Music

Instrumental Examination Success!

A huge congratulations to singers Seren Davies and Erin Faragher, and guitarist Amelie Gelling for successfully passing their recent vocal/ instrumental grade exams. The Music Team are immensely proud of your achievements!

We'd like to celebrate all instrumental exam success at RGS, so if you're due to take instrumental exams outside of school (including theory exams) remember to let Miss Will know.

Manx Music Festival Report

Congratulations to all who participated in the Manx Music Festival (the '*Guild*') this year – whether as soloists, in ensembles, playing or dancing!

Highlights include:

RGS Pep Band - winning the Open Brass Ensemble class
Megan Lord - winning the Piano (Grades 1&2) class
 coming 2nd in the Piano Solo Own Choice (Grades 1&2) class
Jemima Caine - coming 2nd in the Piano Solo (Grades 3&4) class
Francesca Lord coming 2nd in the Piano Solo Own Choice (Grades 3&4) class
 coming 3rd in the Piano Solo (Grades 5&6) class
Oscar Bovenizer coming 1st in the Brass Solo (Y11-13) class
Henry Dormer - coming joint 3rd in the Brass Solo (Y7&8) class
Megan Lord - coming joint 3rd in the Brass Solo (Y7&8) class
Erin Faragher - coming 1st in the Tap Dance Solo (Y7-10) class
 Coming 2nd in the Ballet (Y7-10) class

We also had students from RGS performing with Ramsey Town Band for Brass classes and several of our students competing with their dance schools in group classes.

It takes tremendous preparation and resilience to compete in the *Guild*, and we congratulate all our students on their participation – well done!

RGS Pep Band Recordings

Over the last few months our Training and Senior Pep Bands have made professional-quality recordings with Ballagroove Recording Studios (funded by the Soundcheck Charity). Both bands rose to the challenge, and their final edits sound amazing!

You can hear their final edits here:

RGS Training Pep Band:

<https://youtu.be/C7WEHtQSCc0>

RGS Senior Pep Band: https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLS4ZXn_OyVzhwMep5VWSu3WRqarOoGFCx



HONK! Workshop Opportunity

Calling all brass, saxophone and percussion students! Don't forget to sign up for our **FREE** workshop with the amazing HONK! (Lancashire Youth Street Band) on Saturday 23 July!

The LYSB are run by the Lancashire Music Service and perform regularly across Lancashire and the North West of England.

What a fabulous opportunity for our young brass and woodwind musicians to participate in this exciting event.

Tutor Groups 2022-2023– As we look to the next Academic year we will be looking to ensure that we do all we can to support the tutor groups to go from strength. There are two changes that you will see straight away from September... all tutor groups will no longer have the house name in their tutor group title but rather their tutor's initials. For instance, if Mrs Corrin were to have a tutor group in Year 7 (as an example) her tutor group would be named 7JC. This is to allow us to easily identify the tutors linked to specific groups when needed. We are also moving from having 6 tutor groups in Year 8 to 7 tutor groups. The current Year 8 is our largest year group and we are now at the point where we need to reduce the class sizes to ensure their learning experience is optimum.

Key Dates

- Thursday 30th June – Y6 to Y7 Moving Up Day
- Friday 1st July – Parent Voice Questionnaire – Assessment
- Friday 1st – 3rd July – D of E Y10 & Y12 Catch up Silver Assessed
- Saturday 2nd July – Viking Longboat Championship at the Mooragh Park
- Tuesday 5th July – Tynwald Day **(School Closed)**
- Wednesday 6th July – Y12 Biolgoy Field Trip
- Wednesday 6th July – Y9 CAT 4 Testing
- Thursday 7th July – Y12 Biology Field Trip
- Thursday 7th July – HIVE Trip to Rushen Abbey & Silverdale Glen
- Thursday 7th July – Y11 RGS Prom
- Friday 8th July – Y9 CAT 4 Testing