
RGS Newsletter
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Headteacher's Message:

This week the Headteachers Award breakfast, kindly hosted by Mr Eyres, celebrated the students who took part in the Jurby Music Transition Day. I had the pleasure of attending the final rehearsals ahead of the concert for Parents/ Carers. I was astounded at the level of concentration, energy and effort they all put in, not only to their music but to supporting the Primary aged children in their musical progression. We would like to say a big thank you to:



Emily Musgrove, Imogen Taggart, Lily-Rose Scally, Ciaran Kerr, Henry Dormer, Tristan Speight, Jessica Musgrove, Olivia Cranmer, Janssen Laudiangco, Alfie Hope, Annabel Cranmer, Elizabeth Nelson, Maeve Morrey, Noah Parks, Emily Gale-Hasleham, Megan Lord, Isobel Callow, Eleonor Correia, Douglas Quayle, and of course to Mr Wood and Miss Will for the passion for music that they enthuse all of their students with. Thank you to Jurby Primary for hosting another fantastic Music Transition event – we can't wait for the next one already!

This week we hosted the final of our Sports Day events. Due to ASOSA restrictions around how we are able to staff the school for drop-down days and events we have had to run the Sports Day over the course of a number of weeks in PE lessons and then kept the final event to a 2 lesson block on Thursday this week. Nonetheless, we had a brilliant afternoon. A huge well done to the competitors who took part as well as to our wonderful winners in the various events.

A large number of Year 12 students from across the island visited the UK this week to take a look around some Universities and get a taste of what uni life is like. They arrived back happy, excited about the future and very tired after their travels. We know that they will have gained a great deal from this trip and it will go a long way to informing their final choices next year.

Always a highlight of mine, this week we hosted four of our final end of Year Celebration Assemblies. It was brilliant to see so many of our young people celebrated in these events. You are role models to our school community and we are so very proud. Celebrating the many successes of our students is always a highlight of the term and is a wonderful way to end our academic year. Thank you to all of the parents and carers who took the time to join us and celebrate during these events. We look forward to the last of our Celebration Assemblies for our students next week.

I wish you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink.

Sarah Findlater
Headteacher - Ramsey Grammar School

Quote of the week:

"Competition is healthy... but there is more to life than winning or we should all be losers."
Charley Handy

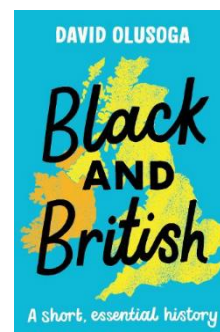
Year 7 – Students are now looking at the Middle Ages and asking if life was “short, bloody and hard”. We will look at areas such as the events of 1066, life in villages & towns and the Crusades and we will finish the year by comparing the Black Death of 1348 to Covid 19. Students also completed their exam where they answered a question about the legacy of the Roman Empire. To remind all of our school community that we say no to racism in our school community, Mr Wilkinson held a special anti-racism assembly on Friday 15 July. A pdf of the assembly is attached, we would be grateful if parents/carers would discuss these important issues with their child

Highlight – 1066 – Modern election. Who should be king?

Harold Godwinsson’s team won the election in 7A.




Year 8 – Students have been looking at the lives of children working in factories in the 18th/19th century and Enslaved Africans. They have looked at similarities and differences in their lives. Students will finish the year by looking at the experiences of Black people in Britain & the USA in the 20th century. Students also completed their exam where they answered a question about the legacy of the British Empire.



We recommend that parents/carers purchase this excellent book to supplement the work done in class:

Highlight – Feeling lucky that we were born in the 21st century.

Norman Richard Cowin
1921-1941
Sqdn 7 Royal Air Force
Buried in Rheinberg War Cemetery, Germany




Norman Richard Cowin was born in 1921 and died at the age of 20 in 1941 whilst serving in the R.A.F.

He was a R.A.F volunteer reserve and his service number is: 1062575

His parents were William Radcliffe Cowin and Annie Kinrade Cowin who were from Ramsey, Isle of Man.

His memorial is placed in Lezayre Parish war memorial and was buried in Rheinburg War cemetery, Germany.

Norman Cowin was an air gunner and flew a Stirling W7438 NA/PRO.



By Bella Kerruish 9S

Year 9 – Students are completing their studies on WW2, with a special focus on the Holocaust. Unfortunately due to Covid in the History Department, the trip to Mooragh Promenade Internment Camp had to be cancelled. Students have also produced memorials for ex-RGS Students who died in WW2 (see Bella Kerruish’s example below). Students also completed their exam where they answered a question about Dunkirk. Students have now made their IGCSE choices and we are delighted that so many Year 9 students decided to study history. We are very excited about our new IGCSE course and are looking forward to teaching it in September.

Highlight – Discussing the Holocaust in P4C sessions.

Year 10 - IGCSE students have been working on their Coursework and asking the question. “How far was the tourist industry significant on the economy and society of the Isle of Man 1850 – 1914.” Parents and carers are usually a big help here, please read draft essays and give constructive criticism.

Highlight – Looking forward to the trip to Douglas on Monday 18 July to help complete their coursework Year 11.

Year 12 – Students have now finished their Unit 1 and Unit 2 work on Britain and Russia. They have started their Unit 3 work on Warfare 1792- 1945 and are choosing their Coursework titles

Highlight – Receiving their mock results.

We hope that everyone will have a wonderful summer and that you’ll get the chance to visit lots of historical locations either on the Island or abroad.

Department Update – Drama

As the academic year draws to a close, we say goodbye and good luck to our examination students. Hopefully – like Year 13's Ellie – some of our students will continue to pursue a career in Drama and the Performing Arts. Others won't, but studying Drama will have equipped them with the essential skills (previously called 'soft skills') required in almost all work-based settings. Perhaps this is best summed up by the comedian and actor Peter Kay, who wrote in his autobiography:

"I've always believed Drama to be an important subject. It's not just about play-acting; it's about giving children confidence and ironing out their inhibitions. I realise that most of them may never go near a stage again once they've left school, but I guarantee that they'll exude confidence for the rest of their lives as a result of being taught Drama."

As our students head out into the world of higher education or employment, by studying Drama they will have developed the ability to work as a part of a team; to agree to differ; to work to a time limit; to present themselves and their work with confidence, as well as channelling their creativity and productivity.

Drama skills can be useful in a variety of different careers, as shown by the infographic...



Department Update – Social Sciences

A quiet couple of weeks in Social Sciences, Year 12 have just completed their mock exams and many students are away on the University Trip. Year 10 Business students are continuing with their look at the Operations side of business whilst Global Perspectives students are beginning to investigate titles for their 2,000 work Individual Report.

New School Dates

Autumn Term 2022

- In-service days:* Monday 5 & Tuesday 6 September
- **Start:** Wednesday 7 September 2022
- **Half Term:** Monday 24 October to Friday 28 October
- **Ends:** Friday 23 December

Spring Term 2023

- **Starts:** Monday 9 January 2023
- **Half Term:** Monday 20 February to Friday 24 February
- Includes 2 days in-service for all schools to be twilighted
- **Close for Easter:** Thursday 6 April

Summer Term 2023

- **Start:** Monday 24 April
- **Bank Holiday:** Monday 1 May

- **Bank Holiday:** Monday 29 May
- in-service day Friday 2 June
- **Half Term (TT):** Monday 5 June to Friday 9 June
- **Tynwald Day:** Wednesday 5 July
- **Close for Summer:** Friday 21 July

* Inservice days and twilight sessions are for staff training

Key Dates

Monday 18th July – Junior Tynwald

Tuesday 19th July – LSU Away Day

Wednesday 20th July – Celebration Assembly Y12 P3

Thursday 21st July – Y12 History Trip

Friday 22nd July – Non Uniform Day

Friday 22nd July – Last Day of Term