
RGS Newsletter

Friday 7th October 2022 – Issue 5



Headteacher's Message:

Headteacher's Award Winners – We have the wonderful opportunity, once again, to celebrate our Headteachers Award winners this week for a wide variety of reasons. This week we have had students awarded for their demonstration of the RGS Ways of Being, helping others in a time of need, being empathetic and displaying kindness to others, achieving a record number of achievement points at this point in the term, applying themselves well across all areas of school life, taking on responsibility over and above that required of them, being an outstanding team player and again going above and beyond what is required of them. As a community we are very proud of these students, their achievements, resilience, and their kindness.

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- **Year 7** – Joshua Johnstone
- **Year 8** – Nevaeh Galvin
- **Year 9** – Connor Milligan
- **Year 10** – Connor Bloomer
- **Year 11** – Lily Walsh
- **Year 12** – Amelie Shimmin
- **Year 13** – Ben Gelling



All Key Stage assemblies this week were led by Miss Will on the theme of Trustworthiness – one of the RGS Ways of Being. Thank you Miss Will for a wonderful assembly, and for touching so perfectly upon the many many forms that trustworthiness can take. As Miss Will said, it is a weighty task to be completely trustworthy in all the many ways every second of every day, and whilst nobody is perfect 100% of the time, we continue to have high expectations of our students via the RGS Ways of Being, and applaud them for hitting the mark far more often than they probably realise.

We began the week with a staff Macmillan coffee morning. Staff members could pop for a piece of cake and coffee for a donation and £66.15 was raised as a result. With huge thanks to our wonderful staff bakers and organisers for making it happen.

We have had a glowing write-up of our students sent into us by a member of the public, and organizer of the Manx Fell Runners group that we wanted to share with the rest of our school community. The letter stated: "This year, the Year 10/11 team of Samuel Perry, Charlie Teare and Dominic Dunwell improved on last year's team bronze to claim a team silver which given the standard of competition was a fantastic achievement. Samuel Perry did brilliantly to claim an individual bronze in a very close finish. Individual medals are very hard to win at this event as they are competing against the best fell runners in England, including several national class athletes. Lucas Stennett was unfortunately injured but travelled regardless to support the squad. They were not to be outdone by the Year 12/13 girls team of Madison McMullan, Catherine Perry and Lottie Stennett though who also won team silver. Catherine sadly bows out of the event this year after competing for several years but is keen to support the squad at future events.

In the younger age groups, Timothy Perry had an excellent debut run, finishing well up the top third of the year 7 field. Harry Stennett excelled in his race in claiming fourth which was particularly impressive given he was competing alongside older year 9 athletes. Both show great potential for future championships.

Sporting achievements aside though I really wanted to express what a credit to your school these students are. They represent the Isle of Man impeccably at the event but also outside of competition. The Isle of Man Schools squad are made particularly welcome at the event and are singled out each year for not only their performances but also how they conduct themselves. The group support each other brilliantly and readily muck in where any help is required.

In times where the younger generation are too often maligned it is important to give credit where it is due and that is very much the case here. The school, teachers and parents should be very proud of their roles in developing such an impressive group of individuals.

Kind regards



Sarah Findlater
Headteacher - Ramsey Grammar School



Quote of the week:

“All adventures – especially into new territories – are scary.”

- *Sally Ride*

Dress Down Day – Friday 21st October

On the final day of every term we hold a Dress Down Day with a recommended donation of £1. All funds go to our pre-agree charities, carefully selected by the Student Council. We are due to finalise our chosen charities for this year at the beginning of next week, and will hold our first Dress Down Day on Friday 21st October – the last day of term.

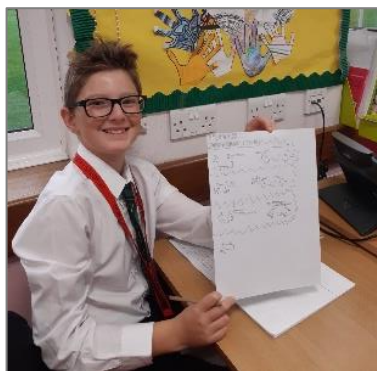


PLEASE NOTE – Dress Down Day allows students to wear their own clothes, however all students will still be required to wear their RGS Year specific lanyard for the duration of the day. Please support your children in making the right choices with this as it will be the first Dress Down Day of the year and we would like the focus to remain on the chosen charity and for it to be an enjoyable day for all, whilst keeping all of our young people safe whilst on campus.

Mobile Phone Use in School

Please remind your child that mobile phone use within the buildings is prohibited, unless a teacher has instructed that they can be used for a set task within a lesson. Teachers will usually issue the student with a warning, asking them to put it away during lessons. If this isn't heeded the teacher may remove the phone for the remainder of the lesson, and the student can retrieve it at the end of that lesson. Any phones being used in hallways or public spaces such as the canteen in either building, will have their phone removed until the end of the day when they are to collect it from either the West or East Office (depending where they were when it was confiscated), and sign the phone out upon receipt. Phones may be used when outside the buildings on campus without issue – but we kindly ask that the appropriate use of phones, videos and cameras be discussed regularly in order to help keep our young people on the right track.

Department Update - MFL



Year 7 French:

Our students have made a fantastic start to their language learning journey! We have been learning how to conduct a conversation in French. I am most impressed with their pronunciation and enthusiasm! This week, students designed their own cartoon strips to demonstrate the amount of French they have learned! Some of the designs were exemplary.



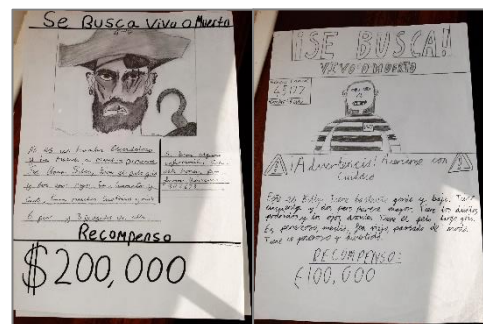
Year 8 Spanish

The students are busy learning how to describe family members in Spanish. This week we took it a step further and we are now working towards writing a description of a wanted criminal! The students are very keen to catch their criminals and are therefore writing very detailed descriptions and all in Spanish!! Here are some excellent Wanted posters from last year which we have used for inspiration.

Language Leaders at Ramsey Grammar School

We are very proud of our Language Leaders at RGS. They received their badges and certificates this week. They were recognised for their dedication and enthusiasm for language learning and for their excellent leadership and teaching skills while teaching our primary school students. Some of our Language Leaders also took part in our European Day of Languages assembly where the Languages team encouraged everyone in the school to enjoy their language learning or even to learn a new language!

Here are some of our students receiving their certificates, there were 18 Language Leaders in total this year. Well done to all of those concerned!



GCSE Spanish

Our GCSE Spanish students have done some revision to be able to describe themselves under the topic 'self and relationships'. They have learnt how to describe their physical appearance and to say what their personality is like. They have revised family members and learnt how to describe themselves, next they will be learning how to say who they get on well within their family. A fab start to the GCSE course!

GCSE French

Our GCSE French students have had a recap on vocabulary to describe their house, writing a detailed description about their bedroom and rooms in their house. They are currently describing where they live and what facilities are in their town. This is an excellent topic to discuss the importance of learning French and the French-speaking world. It is estimated that there are over 300 million French speakers across five continents! Useful to know when planning a holiday! Countries range from as far as Haiti to New Caledonia!

Key Dates

- Monday 10 October – World Mental Health Day
- Tuesday 11 October – Y9 Ghost Talks (P1 – P6)
- Tuesday 11 October – RGSA Meeting 1
- Wednesday 12 October – Y12 UCM Open Day
- Tuesday 18 October – Y7 RMPS Life Matters Day (P1 – P6)
- Tuesday 18 – Wednesday 19 October – Y12 Geology Field Work
- Thursday 20 October – Flu Vaccinations Y7 – Y11
- Friday 21 October – Maths Symposium
- Friday 21 October – Last Day of Term + Dress Down Day**

Monday 31 October – First Day of Term

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Wednesday 2 November Y11 Colege Taster Day

Wednesday 2 November – Tiny Hooves visits LSU

Thursday 3 November – Poetry Slam