



**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 both inside and outside of school, being mature and kind to strangers in their time of need, achieving the highest amount of Achievement points for their year group, going above and beyond with their contribution to school-life, being a positive and enthusiastic learner, for selection to the IOM U16s Football team whilst also achieving the most Achievement points this week in their year group. We are incredibly proud to have these young people representing Ramsey Grammar School and congratulate them all on their achievements both in and out of school.

- **Year 7** – Isla Sutherland
- **Year 8** – Christian Kneen
- **Year 9** – Juliet Heidtmann
- **Year 10** – Harvey Garrett
- **Year 11** – Louisa Boyes
- **Year 12** – Wilma Dalugdugan
- **Year 13** – Hamish Crane of Cluny



This week's Key Stage Assemblies were very kindly presented by Jamie Ward from Isle Listen to raise awareness of World Mental Health Day this week. We are incredibly proud of our links at RGS with Isle Listen and are equally as appreciative of their support of our young people. Jamie did a wonderful job of highlighting what might cause worry or anxiety to students and staff alike, both from our everyday lives and in the wider context of the world right now. The overriding message to all is that there is always someone who will listen if students need to talk, to offload or to discuss life. However big or small the issue may be to them Isle Listen is here to support them and a referral can be made online to talk with someone via the online link below:

[Referral to Isle Listen and Minds Matter - IsleListen](#)

**\*Please note** – those under 14's require parental permission to refer themselves.

The Sessions listed below are free sessions for parents/ carers, and families who can drop in and chat about mental health, discuss concerns about their child, and offload if required.

5.30pm – 6.30pm- Douglas Skanco Court- Coill Road

- Thursday, 27 October 2022
- Thursday, 24 November 2022
- Thursday, 15 December 2022



<https://www.islelisten.im/dropin/>

One final thank you to Isle Listen from our entire school community.

On a similar note, we have put up new Safeguarding Posters around the school, highlighting the process to all students and staff if anyone has any concerns regarding another child. The RGS Safeguarding Leads are me, Mr Eyres and Mrs Corrin. Students are encouraged to speak to **any** member of staff they feel they can talk to, but can also always find any of the Safeguarding Leads. We feel strongly at RGS that

**“Doing nothing is not an option. Keeping young people safe is everyone's responsibility.”**



We would encourage you to talk to your child about Safeguarding, what it means, and remind them that they can talk to any member of staff, or indeed the 3 Safeguarding Leads. Please ask them to keep an eye out for the posters around school if they ever need a reminder of what to do – with thanks in advance.

The West Quad has taken delivery of our two Big Splash Dolphins now that they have been varnished and are weather proof. Both were painted by students at RGS, and look magnificent! We are very proud to see them in the West Quad and would encourage students to have a look!

Once again, it remains for me to thank you for a wonderful week at RGS and to wish you all a happy weekend!

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sarah Findlater'.

Sarah Findlater  
Headteacher - Ramsey Grammar School

**Quote of the week:**

“You promote what you permit.”

- Tom Bennett

**Drop-Off Reminder** - A gentle reminder to all parents/ carers that students can be dropped off in the East layby, and can then walk to the West. Cars are not to come into the West driveway in the mornings or afternoons to drop off or pick up students of any Year Group unless there is a medical reason to do so, agreed with the respective Head of Year. Please do be mindful when dropping off students in the East layby or car park. We know mornings and afternoons are a busy times for any family member, but would ask everyone to be patient and kind to one another when facing a queue or congestion – the student’s safety has to remain paramount during these times.

#### **The spooky Isle of Man!**

Year 9 were treated to spine-tingling scares and jumps on Tuesday when Alan from Isle of Man Ghost Tours came to visit. Year 9 are studying the Gothic genre in their English classes and will be writing their own spooky stories, so we thought it fitting to bring in an expert on ghosts to give us some inspiration. Alan terrified us with tales of Castle Rushen's ghostly goings-on and then closer to home he told us of the Spirit of India - a cursed ship! Plus the black dog of Milntown is due for another visit soon... Year 9 thoroughly engaged with these creepy tales and were mesmerised for the full session - plenty of jumps were witnessed as Alan lured his listeners in with his tales.



#### **Flu Immunisation Reminder:**

A team from School Health are due to visit RGS on Thursday 20th October to deliver flu immunisations (by way of nasal spray) to those students in Years 7-11 who have completed the online consent form. These will take place in the East Hall and students will be advised of the timetable by their form tutors.

Further information from School Health (including consent forms) can be found via the following link

<https://www.gov.im/categories/health-and-wellbeing/vaccinations/influenza-flu/flu-immunisation-consent-form/>

### School Toilets Update – Improvements and Key Stage Toilets

We are aware that our toilets are more than a little outdated and are in need of a little love. Therefore, we are in the process of updating the toilets in the school where possible. One of the changes will be to ensure that all the doors leading to the sink areas of the toilets remain fire regulation compliant and have safety glass panels installed within them. We are also looking at ensuring cubicle doors are all in improved condition and locks are updated. From Monday onward, we will also have some of our bathrooms allocated to different year groups in the school. We are putting this in place in light of staff, student and parent feedback. There are many reasons we wish to try this including the fact that our younger students feel more confident using these facilities with students of a similar age. The East building will remain exactly as they are for now and any year group may use any toilet in this building. The toilets in the west building will be Key Stage 3 toilets, the toilets in the south building will be Key Stage 4 toilets and the toilets in the sixth form remain the same and are for sixth form use only. The south and the west building are connected and the toilets are in close proximity so no student will have too far to go to use them at any time. In the event that we need to shut any toilets for maintenance, we will of course open up the toilets for all year groups to accommodate this. We will review this trial after a few weeks and see if this system is working for the students.

### Dress Down Day – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October

On the final day of every half term, we hold a Dress Down Day with a recommended donation of £1. All funds go to our pre-agreed charities, carefully selected by the Student Council.



**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.

### SIMS ParentApp

Parents/ Carers are encouraged to download and access the SIMS Parent App for RGS. This will allow them to see any Achievement or Behaviour Points issued for each student on roll at RGS, as well as Attendance, and other useful features



If you have previously signed up and lost access, or are unsure how to access your login details please email [RGSEnquiries@sch.im](mailto:RGSEnquiries@sch.im) and put **SIMS ParentApp** in the subject line.

### Key Dates

Tuesday 18 October – Y7 RMPS Life Matters Day (P1 – P6)  
Tuesday 18 – Wednesday 19 October – Y12 Geology Field Work  
Thursday 20 October – Flu Immunisation Sprays Y7 – Y11  
Friday 21 October – Maths Symposium  
**Friday 21 October – Last Day of Half Term + Dress Down Day**  
Monday 31 October – First Day of Term  
Monday 31 October – Hop Tu Naa  
Wednesday 2 November – Tiny Hooves visits LSU  
Thursday 3 November Y11 College Taster Day