



Headteacher's Message:

As we come to the end of our first half term of the academic year, I wanted to personally thank all of the staff at RGS for their hard work and enthusiasm for their subject areas, and for the development of our young people since we started the term in September. Thank you to all parents and carers who have supported our young people, and been consistent with the much-needed routines that contribute towards making the day-to-day school life much easier for our students. We especially appreciate your support with the wearing of lanyards every day. And last but not least, thank you to our students who have had a wonderful start to the year and every day remind us of the importance of all that we do in school to support the young people in our community to aim for excellence and be the best that they can be.

We are saying a sad goodbye to one of your long-standing staff, Mrs Castelow, Mrs Castelow is a Science teacher and previously our Head of Science here at Ramsey Grammar School. Mrs Castelow is a well-respected and much-loved member of our school community and we will be sad to see her go. We wish her all the very best as she steps into her retirement and next adventure.

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 incredible classroom work, outstanding creativity, mature and positive approach, being a positive role model in and out of the classroom, exemplifying the RGS Ways of Being, good sportsmanship and demonstrating a passion for learning across all areas. We are incredibly proud of these young people, and of all those who have been awarded the Headteachers Award this half term. Thank you for the many and varied positive contributions you've made to our school community.

- **Year 7** – Olivia Brewis
- **Year 8** – Liv Quayle
- **Year 9** – Sophie Christian
- **Year 10** – Andrew Menil
- **Year 11** – Thomase Morris
- **Year 12** – Ryan Wren
- **Year 13** – Jake Crawley



Together with Head student, Althea Mallorca, and Deputy Head student, Ben Gelling, I was delighted to present the Hospice Isle of Man with a cheque for £2300 this week on behalf of RGS as a cumulative result of several fundraising initiatives over the last academic year, including the Big Splash dolphins. They were incredibly thankful and appreciative of our efforts and wanted to highlight what a difference a donation like this will make to those on our island who rely on the services offered by the Hospice. Thank you to everyone for their contributions to prior dress-down days last academic year, and a special mention to all the amazingly creative submissions we had for the Big Splash dolphins themselves. It was an honour and privilege for RGS to be part of the art trial.

We will of course continue our fundraising this year, in the hope of supporting six more nominated charities over this academic year, starting with Bone Cancer Research Trust for dress down day today. Thank you to everyone for bringing in their £1 donation. This was a cause close to our hearts at RGS as a past student is in remission from Bone Cancer, and she continues to thrive in her chosen career whilst fundraising to support this particular charity.

I hope you all have a wonderful relaxing and restorative break, and we will see you on Monday 31 October when the next half term begins.

Kind regards



Sarah Findlater
Headteacher - Ramsey Grammar School

Quote of the week:

"Every day is Halloween, isn't it? For some of us." Tim Burton

Events off Timetable, Trips and Evening Events Unable to Run

As mentioned in previous newsletters, at present due to NASUWT union ASOSA (Action Short of Strike Action) conditions we are unable to run trips, drop-down day events or evening events in the majority of instances as a school. There are a small number of curriculum/course-linked events that we have to run which are still going ahead. There are also events not requiring staff to cover or change their timetable which have been able to go ahead. Sadly, most of our well-respected and previously calendared trips and events are not possible to run under current ASOSA conditions which are still ongoing and outside of the school's control. Our staff have set teaching timetables that are produced at the start of the academic year. Outside of these timetabled lessons, we are no longer able to direct staff to undertake other activities such as covering another teacher's lesson, taking different groups of students, swapping lessons with another member of staff or undertaking any activity outside of their set timetabled lessons. This means running of many trips and events is impossible. These are unprecedented times and we are doing our best day by day to ensure we value and celebrate all that we can at present.

Naming of Clothing and Belongings

A gentle reminder to all Parents/ Carers and students to name any/all items they bring into school. It is sad to see a lot of perfectly good clothes, shoes and equipment housed in lost property in the West building at the end of every half term and term. We check each item for names and reunite them with their owner if they have a name. However, we have an increasing amount with no name on them or any description, and we simply cannot keep items for a long time in lost property. Please add names to all items so that we can help get them back to your student if or when they are lost around the school.

Old Uniform

We would love to start building more of a uniform swop shop here at RGS. If you have any items of school uniform that are still in good condition but no longer needed please do feel free to bring them to the West reception. Please ensure items are laundered before donating so that we can rehome them quickly where they are most appreciated and needed. Once we have these items collected

Tutor Group and Year Group School Council Representatives

We are delighted to announce that the RGS Form Representatives and School Council have now been formalized for this academic year, and held their first school council meeting earlier this week. They have set out the charities we will be focusing on raising money for this academic year, and are considering their big legacy project for the year ahead.

We know they will all do a great job in their new roles this year, and we thank them for having the courage to put themselves forwards for the process – no easy task when speaking in front of and being nominated by their peers. Congratulations to the student below for being nominated as Form Group Representatives:

Year 7 –

- 7.1 Nerys Walton & Rose Pearce
- 7.2 Coco Corteen & Jaby Nyoni
- 7.3 Grayse Blencoe & Jay Hardisty
- 7.4 Ethan Faragher & Josh Dorans
- 7.5 Oliver Abbott & Oliver Childs
- 7.6 Theo Bondegreen & Thomas Evans

Year 8 –

- 8.1 Nathan Brown & Charlee Hodgson
- 8.2 Aedan Oates & Ted Cooper
- 8.3 Olivia Cranmer & Josh Roberts

8.4 James Gale-Hasleham & Alfie Hinge

8.5 Dylan Bullock & JJ Birchall

8.6 Paiton Nicholls & Rohman Smith

Year 9 –

9.1 Ciernan Hughes

9.2 Alex Hepburn & Lexi Callow

9.3 Max Hitchen & Daniel Cross

9.4 Sophia Shimmin & Aoibh Nash

9.5 Phoebe Margrave & Tom Price

9.6 Isla Caine & Maeve Morrey

9.7 Isaac Dorricott & Ethan Walker

Year 10 –
10.1 Phoebe Kinnin & Emily Kellet
10.2 Emily Musgrove & Connor Bloomer
10.3 Lily Walker & Nathan Mather
10.4 Tenzin Bell, Lindi Nyoni & Harry Kinrade
10.5 Katie Foster & Tom Hampton
10.6 Alfie Melling & Jack Nelson

Year 11 –
11.1 Lexi Ellis & Ruby Palmer
11.2 Louisa Boyes & Jasmin Pullen
11.3 Scarlett Kirkwood, Kalease Dale & Ryan J Kelly
11.4 No Representatives
11.5 Simon Allanson & Georgia Sutton
11.6 Janssen Laudiangco & Luke Thompson

Sixth Form – Head Students – Althea Mallorca & Oscar Bovenizer
Deputy Head Students – Emily Slevin & Ben Gelling

School Council Year Representatives

Nerys Walton & Jabu Nyoni (Y7), Dylan Bullock & Ted Cooper (Y8), Ciernan Hughes & Phoebe Margrave (Y9), Emily Musgrove & Nathan Mather (Y10), Lily Smissen & Louisa Boyes (Y11).

Year 7 Plant and Animal Cell Homework

Class 7.4 have been very creative with their science homework producing some excellent pieces of work based on plant and animal cells. Posters, models, cookies and even T-shirts were made in a bid to show off their knowledge of the structures of the cells! Special mention to Olivia Brewis who made everyone in the class an animal cell gingerbread cookie! Excellent effort, Well done 7.4. – Miss Arthur.



Key Dates

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