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# RGS Newsletter

Issue 2

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## Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a great first term of this academic year. Year 7 have made a good transition to secondary school, Year 12 have settled well into their A Level studies, and new staff are quickly getting used to routines and ways of working at Ramsey Grammar, making a big difference to the students they work with.

We have taken much feedback from staff, students, and parents on how we can develop further and are creating plans to ensure we give students the absolute best opportunities during their time with us, so that they are fully prepared for life, work and society when they leave us. Key items being discussed are the school vision and values, developing further excellence in learning, ensuring all students meet the highest standards of conduct and achievement, revitalising stand-alone weeks to give more extra-curricular opportunities, and improving communication with parents about how students are progressing within school. Full plans will be shared in the summer term.

While we have had an exceptionally busy time in school, it has also been very rewarding seeing the students working hard, building strong relationships with staff and other young people, growing in confidence, making some mistakes and working on correcting them, and also learning how to manage challenges. All valuable life skills.

Many of you will be ready for the Christmas break. All the staff at Ramsey Grammar School wish you a joyful and peaceful Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We look forward to welcoming your children back on 8 January 2024.

Best wishes,

Mrs S Taylor

## **School House System**

We are happy to announce that the School House System has been re-instated, and the House Names are back! This has been warmly received by staff and students. House names were one of the main points raised on the Parent Feedback Questionnaire that we issued in October 2023.

Senior House Captains and House Captains have been appointed in each year. House Assemblies will also start again this month.

To date, over 96,000 achievement points have been issued to students. Spot prizes will be issued to individual achievers as well as the top House in all year groups, with tutor group prizes.

House Charities for 2023-24, chosen by the students:-

Queens Pier Restoration Trust  
Northern Live At Home Scheme  
Ramsey Food Bank  
Isle Listen  
Cruse Bereavement  
Crossroads Carers

## **RGS Carol Service**

Our annual Christmas Carol Service took place on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December at St Paul's Church. Year 7 students attended the 2.30pm service, walking to the church from school. The evening service was held at 7.30pm and was open to the public. This is a hugely popular event every year, attended by many retired RGS teachers and local dignitaries, as well as lots of parents and current staff of the school. A huge thank you to Miss Will and Mr Brough for preparing students for the service. We are very proud of the 70 musicians who took part and shared their talent.

## **Prize Giving Awards**

67 Awards were given out to students at our Prize Giving Event on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December 2023. These were various school trophies, as well as vouchers. These awards are given out to students who have a commitment to learning (in the classroom and beyond), have determination and perseverance, show initiative, and for progress they have made in subjects. Well done to all who received an award.

## **Mock Exams 2023/24**

Our Year 11 students completed their Mock examinations during the first couple of weeks of December. We trust they found the experience useful and has set them in good stead for their final GCSE examinations next year.

Year 13 Mocks are due to start on 15 January 2024 and our tutors are busy preparing the students for these important trial examinations.

## Options Evening - Year 9 and Year 11

On Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024, the school will be hosting an Options Evening for Year 9 and Year 11. A letter has already been sent regarding the Options Evening, and more information will be issued in January 2024. You will be receiving Options Booklets for GCSE and Sixth Form, which give lots of information about the next stages of your child's education.

## Academic Review Day

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024 will be the RGS Academic Review Day, where Form Tutors will arrange a 15 minute appointment for parents to attend the school and discuss their child's/children's experience of secondary school, and to look at positive ways to progress their learning. A report for each student will be prepared, showing how they are developing in each lesson. Your child will give a short presentation, and there will be feedback from the tutor, followed by an open discussion. A letter is being sent out to provide more information regarding Review Day.

## Manx Radio and 6<sup>th</sup> Form

The Mannin Line visited the 6<sup>th</sup> Form at RGS in November 2023 and some of our students took to the airways on the popular talk show, hosted by Andy Wint. A link to the podcast is below:-

[Live from Ramsey Grammar School with views and opinion from Hayley, Daniel, Rosie, Amy, Ailish, Wilma, Callum, Charlie, Josh and Thomas on vaping, AI, assisted dying and more. It's Mannin Line with Andy Wint #iom #manninline #manxradio - The Manx Radio Mannin Line - Manx Radio](#)

## Year 12 Physics

Dr Joe Kinrade from Lancaster University – a former ex Head Boy at RGS – visited Year 12 Physics and gave a fascinating presentation about his past studies of the Southern Lights aurora at the South Pole, and his work studying data from the Cassini probe on its voyages to Saturn. The Year 12 students took part in a simulation exercise centred around space mission design.



## **Form Group Representatives 2023-24**

We are delighted to announce that the RGS Form Representatives have now been formalised for this academic year. We know they will all do an amazing job in their new roles this year, and we thank them for having the courage to put themselves forwards for the process.

Congratulations to the students below for being nominated as Form Group Representatives:

**Year 7 –**

- 7.1 Ffinlo Shimmin and Maggie-May Pinnington
- 7.2 Oshin Cooper and Gracie Reid
- 7.3 Amara Cannon and Teddy Clayton
- 7.4 Nancy Nolan and Alfie McLoughlin
- 7.5 Angus McCraith and Emily O'Donnell
- 7.6 Inara Huckstep and Aaron Tosh

**Year 8 –**

- 8.1 Rosemary Pearce and George Pearce
- 8.2 Louix Kennish Glover and Jabu Nyoni
- 8.3 Malachy Flemming and Ethan Young
- 8.4 Illiam Kneale and Ethan Faragher
- 8.5 Che Kinrade and Max Meadows
- 8.6 William Cleator and Harry Warby

**Year 9 –**

- 9.1 Josh Barlow and Amelie Cocker
- 9.2 Orry Hawkins and Jimmy Glover
- 9.3 James Leece and Isla Rousseau
- 9.4 Owen Kinrade and Freddie Mooney
- 9.5 Archie Scott and Rhys Raisbeck
- 9.6 Joey Lythgoe and Will Callow

**Year 10 –**

- 10.1 Ciernan Hughes and Erin Faragher
- 10.2 Maddie Daniels and Bailey Hotchkiss
- 10.3 Daniel Cross and Max Hitchen
- 10.4 Oliver Lattey and Noah Parks
- 10.5 Ciaran Kerr and Phoebe Margrave
- 10.6 Henry Dormer and Alex Hepburn
- 10.7 Sean Quayle and Ethan Walker

**Year 11 –**

- 11.1 Emma Parsons and Dougie Quayle
- 11.2 Emily Musgrove
- 11.3 Laila Champion and Seb Kelly
- 11.4 Evella Mulunda and Robert Chadwick
- 11.5 Ellie Littler and Tom Hampton
- 11.6 Klein Garganta and Riley Leather

**Sixth Form –**

- 12.1 Emma Walker and Tammy Mitchell
- 12.2 Charlie Callow and Ryan Jones
- 12.3 Alex Andrew and Charlie Needham
- 12.4 Jasmin Pullen and Charlie Teare
  
- 13.1 Juan Quine and Hailey-Eris Reader
- 13.2 Ayrton Withington and Reggie Cowan
- 13.3 Owen Pressley and Dixie Yardley-Scott
- 13.4 Corey Bate and Wilma Dalugdugan

Head Students – Daniel Comley and Connie Edwards

Deputy Head Students – Wilma Dalugdugan and Francesca Lord

## RGS and the Manx Youth Orchestra

Every year, RGS students perform in the Manx Youth Orchestra in the Villa Marina's Royal Hall. This year's performance was held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2023, which was a huge success and highly praised.



Well done to the following students from RGS who performed at the concert:-

### Strings

Wilma Dalugdugan  
Abbigail Radcliffe  
Ruby Reynolds  
Daniel Cross  
Charlotte Maloney

William Dalugdugan  
Eve Lincoln  
Jabu Nyoni  
Trinity Parks  
Imogen Jones

### Woodwind

Francesca Lord  
Aaron Reilly  
Lily Rose Scally  
Alex Harrison  
Alfie Hope

Erin Corkhill  
Annabel Cranmer  
Imogen Taggart  
Ben Clarke

### Brass

Henry Dormer  
Maeve Morrey  
Noah Parks  
Alex Hepburn

Megan Lord  
Olivia Cranmer  
Tristan Speight  
Charlie Dormer

### Guitar

Jayden Thompson



## Inter Schools Cross Country Championship

The Isle of Man Inter School Cross Country event was held on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2023, and we had a record number of students who took part. We are very proud to announce that our Ramsey Grammar School students came 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the majority of the categories! An amazing effort and well done to the below students who represented RGS:-

Jack Bullock	Harry Stennett	George Salter	Amelia Collister
Sam Perry	Orry Teare	Joey Huyton	Lucy Ormsby
Ollie Eyres	Lucas Stennett	Teddy Clayton	Alice Chestnut-Cubbon
Zac Woodward	Kadan Leece	Dom Dunwell	Zoe Osbourne
Eben Horisk	Dylan Bullock	Declin Cowell	Isla Caine
Charlie Teare	Riley Osbourn	Tavis Parry	Ella Worts
Ryan Hirs	Maison Austerberry	Tim Perry	Nancy O'Hare
Dan Kelly	Hugo Rousseau	Joe Cannan	Ruby Reynolds
Callum Hudgeon	Alfie McLoughlin	James Jelski	Pippa Curphey
Dougie Quayle	Oshin Cooper	Alfie Hinge	Meghan Bryan
Elliot Reynolds	James Huyton	Poppy Clayton	Grace Kelly
Lucy Ballard	Holly Salter	Madison McMullan	Lily Gell
Ellie Lyness	Issy Kennaugh	Abi Clayton	Holly O'Donnell
Lottie Stennett	Tilly Davies	Elizabeth Taylor	Sylvie Lincoln
Piper Withington	Molly Phillips	Erin Fox	Amy Gelling
Julia Jacobs			

### Important Dates:

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023 – Last Day of Term

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December 2023 to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2024 **CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS**

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – First Day of New Term

Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2024 to Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024 – Year 13 Mock Exams

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2024 – Year 9 and Year 11 Options Evening

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Academic Review Day

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024 – Last Day of Half Term

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024 to Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2024 **HALF TERM HOLIDAYS**