
RGS Newsletter 2023-24

Issue 4

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Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents and Carers,

As this academic year draws to a close and planning is well underway for next year, I would like to thank you for all the support you have shown this year.

We are extremely proud of our students this year, in particular the way they have embraced the changes we have introduced, and in recognition of the hard work they continually put in, we reintroduced Standalone week which started with the ever-popular Sports Day.

House celebrations have also taken place to recognise the efforts students have put in throughout the course of the year.

Our Year 11 and Year 13 students have now completed their GCSE and A Level exams and can enjoy a long summer holiday, whilst awaiting their results. The commitment and dedication shown by these students in the run up to their exams was great to see.

In all year groups, students have thrown themselves into the revitalised House system and have taken part in various competitions and activities. We will continue to develop our House system next year and will be encouraging students to take part in as many events as possible.

We are excited about the start of next year, when we will continue to build on the good work which we have already started.

We are committed to achieving excellence in all that we do. This requires dedication, determination, hard work and a relentless approach towards achieving the very highest standards. We have a team of staff who all want the very best for our students. With your support we will continue to improve.

Best wishes,

Mrs S Taylor

Year 6 Moving Up

During this last term, after TT week, the Year 6 students from our primary schools have been visiting us to experience life in secondary school.

We had a very successful two 'Welcome Days' at the end of June, where the new students spent their first day following a timetable to help them navigate their way around our school sites, and their second day was spent as their House teams, which gave them chance to meet new friends and take part in various fun and sporting activities.

Some of our Year 10 students volunteered to spend the day with our new students and help them feel like part of our school.

We are also very happy to say that many of our other students took time to help the Year 6 students on both days to find classrooms and where the various clubs were during the lunch breaks.

It is rewarding to know that Ramsey Grammar has so many considerate, helpful young adults who are an absolute credit to this school.

Year 11, 12 and 13 Sea Dip

Every year, our students from Years 11, 12 and 13 raise funds for their school Prom by completing various activities. On a very cold, but sunny Thursday 25th April 2024, our students (and some teaching staff) braved the Irish Sea and helped raise money to go towards their end of year Prom!





Year 11 and Year 13 Leavers

Our Year 11 students left us on 2nd May to prepare for their GCSE exams. The day started with their Leavers Assembly to celebrate their time with us and what, for many of them, may have been their last day at Ramsey Grammar School.

Over the last 5 years, we have watched our students grow into exceptional young adults, and we hope whatever path they choose to take from here that they excel.

For those students who have decided to return to school for Sixth Form, we look forward to welcoming you back in September 2024!

But remember, if we don't see you back at school.....

*"You have brains in your head. You have feet in your shoes.
You can steer yourself in any direction you choose.
You're on your own. And you know what you know.
And YOU are the one who'll decide where you go"* (Dr Seuss)



Our Year 13 students left us on 10th May to prepare for their A Level exams, which were undertaken in June 2024.

The day started with their Year 13 Leavers Assembly where, as per tradition, tutors gave out fun awards to their tutees. Our Head Students were also presented with gifts. The students then watched a slide show, made by Mr Curran, which started with photographs from their second day in Year 7 and was followed by lots of pictures of memories from their time at Ramsey Grammar – over 400 slides were shown!!

The students were treated to a bouncy castle and food from Filby's food truck to end their day.

Once their exams were finished, our Year 13 students had the chance to relax and enjoy their Prom at the Ramsey Golf Club on Friday 12th July, where their final Sixth Form memories were made.

So, now it is time to go out into the world, and keep in mind...

"Be Yourself. Everyone else is already taken" (Oscar Wilde)

Sixth Form and Student Leadership

Our Sixth Form students are role models for the rest of our school, and they provide visible leadership to the lower years and also help spearhead new initiatives in school.

As well as providing excellent leadership, there are many occasions for Sixth Form students to develop their leadership skills through involvement in the Duke of Edinburgh, sport, music and drama. There are also opportunities to get involved in other aspects of Sixth Form life, such as Government events, media and promotional work, talks, assemblies, charity work, mentoring of main school students, subject based master classes and many more.

Sixth Form and Student Leadership

*Hello, I'm **Daisy Goodby** and I, along with Amy, am one of the new Head Students at Ramsey Grammar. I just wanted to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I'm studying History, Government & Politics, and Global Perspectives A-levels, and I'm delighted I've been selected to undertake the role of Head Student.*

This has been a busy term for Year 12, with AS exams, mock exams, and the university trip, so we are definitely ready for the summer break! The RGS Sixth Form Debating Team has done well this year, scoring very highly across the board despite it being their first time out! The Year 13s have finished their final exams too, and we wish them the best of luck for the future.

As Head Student I'm looking forward to working with the School Leaders to help develop effective revision techniques and ensure each student has access to work they may have missed due to absence. I am currently working with Amy and Mr Smith to make this happen. I also want to help ensure that girls have access to sanitary products in all girls' toilets. No girl should be having to go without such products, and I hope to change that in school. Both these changes I am endeavouring to make will hopefully make a positive impact across all years.

*Thank you,
Daisy*

*Hello, I'm **Amy Gelling** and I am one of the new Head Students at Ramsey Grammar. I am currently studying Biology, Chemistry, Maths and Spanish, in the hope of attending university and studying medicine in the future. I am delighted to have been given the opportunity to be Head Student for my final year at RGS and have thoroughly enjoyed my first term in this role.*

Daisy and I have been lucky enough to attend two events this term, the HE fair meal and Tynwald Government House Garden Party. We met the Head Students of the other schools on the Island and spoke to several MHKs, university representatives and the President of Tynwald. Additionally, I helped represent Ramsey Grammar School during the Tynwald Day parade along with other members of our School Council and felt a great sense of pride, of both our school and our Island.

One of my aims as Head Student is to improve communication throughout the school and allow the open discussion of mental health. It is becoming a more spoken about topic, and recently several members of our Sixth Form, including all of our senior students, undertook a Mental Health First Aid course run by Manx Minds. We learnt strategies of how to help us cope with our own mental health and how to help those that are struggling too. Growing up and dealing with the changes in life as you go through school is not always easy, which is why I would like to start a 'buddying up' system. Students would be able to come and talk to a sixth former and discuss anything that is troubling them, be it academic, social concerns or even just a chat. I think that talking to another student who has experienced the same things is much less daunting and intimidating than talking to a teacher, and I hope this will make our school a closer-knit community, showing students that they are not alone at RGS.

*Thank you,
Amy*



*Hello, I am **Tammy Mitchell** and along with Louisa I am a Deputy Head Student. I am currently studying Psychology, Business Studies and Economics in A-levels and I have thoroughly enjoyed these subjects. I do have aspirations of going to university in the future to study psychology as I have a passion for it. Becoming part of the senior student team was not on my bingo list, but I have enjoyed my role and supporting my peers this term, and I am grateful to be given this opportunity.*

This has been a busy term for Sixth Form with our hair pulling mocks and insightful trip to visit some of the universities in England. The Ramsey Grammar school Sixth Form Prefects have also kept busy and are planning exciting events for the future of Sixth Form, with lots of help and advice from some of the 13 students. The senior students' team have also been busy brainstorming and introducing new ideas to our school to make it a better learning environment and to make sure students at Ramsey Grammar feel less alone.

I would like to start by helping the Year 6 students have a smooth transition into Year 7. I remember how challenging and difficult it was, and I want to provide all the support I can to ease the transition, should they need academic support or someone to talk to. Earlier this year, a few members of Sixth Form provided reading support for some of the Year 7's who read at a lower reading level, which caused them to struggle with their work. Doing this allowed the Year 7's to improve their reading skills as well as their comprehension skills as they move onto more difficult books. I believe that no student should fall behind, and that learning can genuinely become fun and interesting if you understand.

I also plan to work with Amy to introduce the listening service, as mental health is an important topic for me and I know how challenging school and extracurricular activities can be when you have bad mental health. Adapting to change can be daunting and no student should go through their problems and suffer alone.

Everyone at Ramsey Grammar is important, and I hope to help make this school a better place.

*Thank you,
Tammy*

*Hello, I am **Louisa Boyes** and I am one of the Deputy Head Students and I am also the head of the Student Council. I am studying Biology, English Literature and PE. With these subjects, I am looking to do a degree in nursing and then hopefully going on to doing a masters in physiotherapy. I am so grateful for this opportunity of being a senior student at Ramsey Grammar. I have taken great pride already in representing both the school and the Air Cadets at Tynwald Day, and look forward to more opportunities to attend similar events in the future.*

We have had a few senior student meetings over the past term and have been discussing what we can add or improve throughout the school. Although we haven't managed to arrange our first student council meeting with our new senior student team, I am hoping we can get one organised for the new term.

One of my ideas is to make Sports Day more fun for students who struggle to enjoy PE. I have discussed with the heads of PE about what we can do, and a couple of the options with time and organisation for next year are teacher events, tug of war, three-legged race and more. I would like to make a survey to see how many students would be interested.

I hope that in the new school year, students throughout each year aren't afraid to put themselves forward to represent their form or year as being a Form Rep or Year Rep. These roles in the school are always so important because it allows students to have a voice.

Thank you, and I am looking forward to the new school year.

Louisa

RGS School Band 2024



In September 2023, our talented music department created something amazing.... Our new school band

The Enthusiasts!

We were privileged to be asked to perform at TynwaldFest on Tylwad Day.

The Enthusiasts opened the evening events, and literally had a full house and everyone on their feet within 15 minutes. It's safe to say there were quite a few stunned people there - including many established musicians, the Minister for Education and organisers of events such as the Southern Show, who were asking about how to book them for future events!

It was such a incredible event demonstrating the very best of what our school represents - friendship, commitment, reliability, enthusiasm, dedication, sense of fun, culture, passion and ensemble.



TynwaldFest Line-up:

Emily Musgrove – vocals
Ciaran Kerr – vocals
Seren Davies – vocals
Daniel Cross - guitar, vocals
Jayden Thompson – guitar
Grace Jones – guitar
Alex Harrison – clarinet
Imogen Taggart – flute
Noah Brockett – cajon
Noah Parks - bass guitar

Ciara Fromm - keyboards, saxophone, vocals
Jess Musgrove - trumpet, vocals
Juliet Heidtmann - tambourine
Henry Dormer - trumpet
Tristan Speight - trumpet
Alex Hepburn - tuba
Maeve Morrey - trombone
Mr Brough - drums
Miss Will - keys and arrangements

Invest, Believe, Achieve Together



RGS Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme



As we approach the end of the current academic year, we start planning the registration process for the next cohort embarking on the Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme within RGS. This may be the new Year 9 Students, or students progressing onto the Silver or Gold Awards. We can look back on another successful year of expeditions and many students nearing the completion of their current awards.

This year has seen over **100 students** complete their expedition section of the award, trekking around the fantastic routes we have on offer around the North and West of the Island. The groups have all shown commitment and dedication whilst completing their expeditions, being challenged by the route, carrying their own kit and supplies, camping out and, of course, the Manx weather - from starting and finishing in the glorious sunshine, to starting in heavy rain and thunder with hail showers. This never put the groups off, they dug deep and pushed themselves through those awful conditions, until the better weather arrived and gave them a well-earned boost.

This year has also seen our largest Bronze Award Cohort with 95 students registering for the award - 68 of those have completed their expeditions and are well on the way to completing their award. There are some students waiting to complete their expedition early in the next academic year. We also have an increased number of students progressing onto the Silver Award, with 33 completing their expedition and, again, a few to catch up in September 2024.



We are delighted to have had 6 Gold Award students complete their expedition over 4 tough days on some unfamiliar paths/tracks around the Island. The group showed great teamwork, resilience, commitment, and dedication to successfully complete the expedition. Some of the groups also completed their residential sections at Knockaloe Beg. The students really enjoyed their week and felt part of the family - helping to do farm tasks, looking after the newly born lambs, shop work and other tasks that were asked of them, and they would do it again if they had the chance.

The current Year 8 students have had a little insight to the Duke of Edinburgh Awards Scheme from an Assembly that took place a few weeks ago. They will be able to begin their DofE journey in September 2024. Registration, cost and training details will be sent out to all parents/carers during the first week back after the summer break. We look forward to welcoming them onto the Award and hope to, again, increase the number of students working towards the Award.

The current Year 9 students who completed their Bronze award can register for the Silver award from August, as we plan to have a practice expedition before the October 2024 half term break - dates will be confirmed at the end of the first week of the new term.

If you have any questions or need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the DofE Team via the RGS enquiries email.

We wish you all a great summer break and are looking forward to welcoming the new participants on the Awards scheme.



Standalone Week

For 2024, we brought back Standalone Week for our students.

We wanted our students to have a week of fun and excitement, to try new things, to challenge themselves, to work as a team, to meet new people and to see that their teachers have a range of interests outside of school!

With over 30 activities running over 4 days, there was a lot of preparation and organisation to undertake. The weather was against us for the first couple of days, but this didn't dampen the enthusiasm of our students!



The feedback from the students and staff has been overwhelmingly positive, and plans are already in place to organise a bigger and better Standalone 2025!!

Standalone Week 2024



Standalone Week 2024



Standalone Week Newsdesk: Student Reporting

During Standalone, Ms. Ferguson and Mrs. Jones worked with some very diligent students to report on the activities held during the week. Below are some of the highlights from their hard work.

Please click on this link to view more photos!! [RGS Standalone Newsdesk Website](#)

Writing Concisely - Students were taught the importance of brevity in reporting. They practiced:

- Summarising lengthy information into key points.
- Using precise language to convey their messages effectively.
- Eliminating unnecessary words to improve readability.

Eye-Catching Headlines - Creating headlines that grab attention was a key focus. The students learned to:

- Use strong, action-oriented words.
- Keep headlines short and impactful.
- Use a range of techniques to make headlines interesting.

Photography Skills - To complement their writing, students were instructed on:

- Capturing moments that tell a story.
- Clarity and focus.

Developing Interview Skills - Interviewing is crucial for gathering information and quotes. Students practiced:

- Preparing thoughtful and relevant questions.
- Listening actively and following up for more depth.
- Quoting sources accurately and ethically.
- Identifying and logging direct and indirect speech.

Activities of the Week - Here are some highlights of the activities reported by the students:

1. Trip to the Fun Farm
2. Army Cadet Visit
3. Baking
4. Sports Activities

By learning and applying these reporting skills, students not only documented the week's activities but also gained valuable experience in journalism, communication and creating their own website. Their efforts have been commendable, and the results speak volumes about their dedication and creativity.

RGS Literacy – Summer Reading List

Here's a structured summer reading list. It includes books for different year groups to provide a variety of reading levels. For an extra challenge, you can select a book from a higher year group, and if it's too difficult, you can choose from a lower year group. Complete the checklist and hand it in at the library could give you the chance to win a prize.

Instructions

Challenge Yourself: Choose at least one book from the year above for a challenge.

Adjust if Needed: If the challenge book is too difficult, select a book from a lower year group.

Track Your Progress: Use the checklist to mark books as you complete them.

Submit for a Prize: Hand in your completed checklist at the library for a chance to win a prize.

Happy reading, and good luck with the challenge!

Escape Into Summer Reading
Year 6 Transition

Resist.....	T Palmer
Xanthe & the Ruby Crown.....	J Bilan
The Boy At the Back of the Class.....	O Rauf
Harry Potter Series.....	J.K.Rowling
Bear Grylls Adventure Series.....	B Grylls
Murder Most Unladylike.....	R Stevens
Nightfall.....	K Woodfine
The Silly Book of Side-Splitting Stuff.....	A Seed
Absolutely Everything.....	C Lloyd
A Boy Called Hope.....	L Williamson
The Nowhere Emporium.....	R Mackenzie
Time Travelling With a Hamster.....	R Welford
The Girl of Ink and Stars.....	K Millwood
Hargrave	
Seabeam.....	S Holding
Carrie's War.....	N Bawden
From Hereabout Hill.....	M Morpurgo
Granny.....	A Horowitz
Skellig.....	D Almond
The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe.....	C.S.Lewis
Goodnight Mr Tom.....	M Magorian
The Borrowers.....	M Norton
Silverfin.....	C Higson
Skandar and the Unicorn Thief.....	A.F.Steadman
Malamander.....	T Taylor
Who Let the Gods Out.....	M Evans

Escape Into Summer Reading
Year 7

Pig Heart Boy.....	M Blackman
Can You See Me.....	L Scott & R Westcott
The Marvellous.....	D Clayton
Holes.....	L Sachar
Peregrine Quinn.....	A Bond
When I See Blue.....	L Bailey
Framed.....	F Cottrell
Boyce	
The Graveyard Book.....	N Gaiman
Kick.....	M Johnson
Watership Down.....	R Adams
The Goldfish Boy.....	L Thompson
The Wolves of Willoughby Chase.....	J Aiken
Peter Pan.....	J.M. Barrie
The Dark is Rising.....	S Cooper
Wolf.....	G Cross
The Seeing Stone.....	K Crossley-Holland
Boy/Going Solo.....	R Dahl
A Wrinkle in Time.....	M L Engle
Across the Barricades.....	J Lingard
War Horse.....	M Morpurgo
His Dark Materials.....	P Pullman
The Indian in the Cupboard.....	L Reid Banks
Wonder.....	R.J. Palacio
Percy Jackson.....	R Riordan
The Secret Diary of Adrian Mole.....	S Townsend

Escape Into Summer Reading
Year 8

Catch Your Death.....	R Guron
The Icarus Show.....	S Christie
Thirteen.....	T Hoyte
Madame Doubtfire.....	A Fine
Little Bit.....	A Wheatle
Welcome to Nowhere.....	E Laird
The Outsiders.....	S.E. Hinton
Stone Cold.....	R Swindells
Animal Farm.....	G Orwell & C Mould
Chinese Cinderella.....	A Yen Mah
Coram Boy.....	J Gavin
The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-time.....	M Haddon
The Day of the Triffids.....	J Wyndham
Green Rising.....	L James
Raspberries on the Yangtze.....	K Wallace
The Hitchhiker's Guide to the Galaxy.....	D Adams
Small Steps.....	L Sachar
The Hound of the Baskervilles.....	A.C.Doyle
How I Live Now.....	M Rosoff
I am David.....	A Holm
The Giver.....	L Lowry
A Kestrel for a Knave.....	B Hines
Looking for JJ.....	A Cassidy
Of Mice and Men.....	J Steinbeck

Escape Into Summer Reading
Year 9

Bridge to Terabithia.....	K Paterson
Tightrope.....	G Cross
I'm King of the Castle.....	S Hill
The Woman in Black.....	S Hill
Z for Zachariah.....	R O'Brien
The Blue Book of Nebo.....	M S Ross
The Book Kills.....	R Guron
You'll Be the Death of Me.....	K.M.McManus
Monsters of Men.....	P Ness
Lionheart Girl.....	Y Badoe
Maladapted.....	R Kurti
Are You There God? It's Me, Margaret.....	J Blume
Hatchet.....	G Paulsen
The Call.....	P O'Guilin
The Twilight Saga.....	S Meyer
The Amnesia Clinic.....	J Scudamore
Brave New World.....	A Huxley
Brighton Rock.....	G Greene
Catch 22.....	J Heller
Thief.....	M Blackman
The Catcher in the Rye.....	J.D.Salinger
Dracula.....	B Stoker
Empire of the Sun.....	J.G.Ballard
If You, Then Me.....	Y Woon
Not Even Bones.....	R Schaeffer

Escape Into Summer Reading
Year 10

The Night Circus.....	E Morgernstern
The Inheritance Games.....	J L Barnes
The Kill Factor.....	B Oliver
Crossing the Line.....	T Fisher
Needle.....	P Lawrence
Five Survive.....	H Jackson
The Fault in Our Stars.....	J Green
A Monster Calls.....	P Ness
We Are All Made of Molecules.....	S Nielsen
Paper Butterflies.....	L Heathfield
Every Day.....	D Levithan
A Separate Peace.....	J Knowles
Never Let Me Go.....	K Ishiguro
The Invisible Life of Addie La Rue.....	V.E.Schwab
American Gods.....	N Gaiman
Wuthering Heights.....	E Bronte
This Book is Cruelty Free.....	L Newbery
Atonement.....	I McEwan
1984.....	G Orwell
The Lord of the Rings.....	JRR Tolkien
Schindler's Ark.....	T Kenally
The Martian.....	A Weir
The Hunger Games.....	S Collins
Solitaire.....	A Oseman
The Ten Thousand Doors of January.....	A E Harrow

Escape Into Summer Reading
Year 11

Last Lesson.....	J Goodhand
I Loved You In Another Life.....	D Arnold
You Think You Know Me.....	A Mohamud
The Loop.....	B Oliver
The Familiar.....	L Bardugo
The Magicians.....	L Grossman
Last One To Die.....	C Murphy
They Both Die at the End.....	A Silvera
HappyHead.....	J Silver
Looking for Alaska.....	J Green
Baby Teeth.....	M Grehan
The Kite Runner.....	K Hosseini
Game of Thrones.....	G.R.R.Martin
Birdsong.....	S Faulkes
The Midnight Library.....	M Haig
Pride and Prejudice.....	J Austen
Carrie.....	S King
A Short History of Nearly Everything.....	B Bryson
Cosmos.....	C Sagan
Maus.....	A Spiegelman
Fahrenheit 451.....	R Bradbury
Dune.....	F Herbert
#MurderTrending.....	G McNeil
Speak.....	L H Anderson

RGS Literacy – Summer Reading List

Escape Into Summer Reading
Year 12

The Lovely Bones.....A Sebold
 Eve Out of Her Ruins.....A Devi
 Witch Light.....S Fletcher
 Half of a Yellow Sun.....C N Adichie
 Atomic Habits.....J Clear
 The Hundred-Year-old Man Who Climbed Out
 of the Window and Disappeared.....J Jonasson
 Fake Law.....The Secret Barrister
 City of Glass.....P Auster
 The Midnight Library.....M Haig
 Burnt Shadows.....K Shamsie
 Prisoners of Geography.....T Marshall
 Running Upon the Wires.....K Tempest
 Hamnet.....M O'Farrell
 Shtum.....J Lester
 Mother Tongue: The Story of the English
 Language.....B Bryson
 The Ballad of Jacob Peck.....D Komar
 Uncle Petros and Goldbach's Conjecture
A Doxiadis
 It Ends With Us.....C Hoover
 Wide Sargasso Sea.....J Rhys
 Cloud Atlas.....D Mitchell
 The Anthropocene Reviewed.....J Green
 The Fraud.....Z Smith

Escape Into Summer Reading
Year 13

A Fort of Nine Towers.....Q A Omar
 No Logo.....N Klein
 What Does It All Mean?.....T Nagel
 White Teeth.....Z Smith
 Chronicles from the Land of the Happiest People
 on Earth.....W Soyinka
 The Art of War.....Sun-Tzu
 In Cold Blood.....T Capote
 White Rabbit, Red Wolf.....T Pollock
 Where the Crawdads Sing.....D Owens
 North and South.....E Gaskell
 Why Most Things Fail.....P Ormerod
 Land of Big Numbers.....Te-Ping Chen
 The Pleasure of Finding Things Out.....R Feynman
 Nervous Conditions.....T Dangerembga
 The Vote: How it was won, and how it was
 undermined.....P Foot
 The Alchemist.....P Coelho
 The Night Trilogy.....E Wiesel
 On the Beach.....N Shute
 This Is How You Lose the Time War
A El-Mohitar & M Gladstone
 Rebel Ideas.....M Syed
 We Need to Talk About Kevin.....L Shriver
 A Man Called Ove.....F Backman

How many books can you read over the summer? Log them here
(even ones NOT on the list) for House Points and a reward!



1	Title/Author	
	Favourite Part	
2	Title/Author	
	Favourite Part	
3	Title/Author	
	Favourite Part	
4	Title/Author	
	Favourite Part	
5	Title/Author	
	Favourite Part	
6	Title/Author	
	Favourite Part	
7	Title/Author	
	Favourite Part	

PE at Ramsey Grammar School

It has been an extremely busy and successful term in the PE Department, with both girls and boys playing Cricket fixtures against all other high schools.

This is the first year that girls have played Cricket and they have really enjoyed the experience of pairs cricket. All year groups have been able to field at least 2 teams and have had lots of success against other schools.

Below are our girls Year 7 and Year 9 Cricket Teams.



PE at Ramsey Grammar School



RGS Sports Day 2024

Raven were crowned champions on Sports Day, held on Monday 8th July 2024.

Bad weather had hindered some pre-sports day events from taking place prior – however, the sun shone for the main event and our students were fantastic!

Great team work, camaraderie, support and enthusiasm from everyone meant it was a really great day!

RAVEN WIN THE SPORTS DAY CUP!

Victor and Victrix Ludorum winners were presented to the students with the most points on Sports Day.

Congratulations to:

Poppy and Alfie
(Year 7)

Issy and Tim
(Year 8)

Zac and Zoe
(Year 9)

Piper and Charlie
(Year 10)



RGS Touch Rugby Competition in Chester



A team of Year 8 and Year 9 students recently took part in a Touch Rugby Competition in Chester.

After a very early start, the squad arrived at Chester Rugby Club raring to go! After a great warm up, the squad hit the ground running, winning their group games against some experienced opposition.

Following a break for lunch, the final against Lymm High School beckoned, everyone gave a great account of themselves but, unfortunately, they came up just short losing a close game by one score. All the players can be very proud of themselves, they all played with great spirit and sportsmanship and were a real credit to the school.

Thank you to Ramsey Rugby Club for helping with costs, and Ramsey Rugby Club coaches Bev Quine and Dave Harding for accompanying us on the trip. Hopefully, we can enter the competition next year and help put schools mixed Touch Rugby on the map on the island.



RGS Updates

New Staff

We are pleased to welcome some new colleagues to Ramsey Grammar this term.

Design and Technology would like to welcome two new members of staff to the department. Joslyn Ricketts joins us with a wealth of experience teaching Practical Woodwork. He has taught in Jamaica, England and more recently at St Ninian's High School. We are incredibly honoured to have him working here with us.

We have also been fortunate to welcome Sam Dowty to the team. Sam has loads of experience in education, she has spent most of her career working in Primary schools both in England and here on the Island. Sam joins our busy Food department where her organisational and creative skills are proving invaluable in this popular subject area.

A huge welcome to both.

Staff Departures

At the end of this school term, we will be saying farewell to some staff who are going on to enjoying their well-earned retirement, or moving on to new ventures:

Mrs Diana Dunne
Mrs Fran Grace
Mrs Julie Porter
Mr Chris Hooley
Mr Tom Moffatt

New School Times for 2024-25

08.45 Registration/Assembly (20 mins)
09.05 Lesson 1
09.55 Lesson 2
10.45 Break (20 mins)
11.05 Lesson 3
11.55 Lesson 4
12.45 Lunch (50 mins)
13.35 Lesson 5
14.25 Lesson 6
15.15 End of school day

New school bus timetable for September 2024 is attached below (pages 17-19)

We hope all of our students enjoy their well-earned break over the summer holidays and come back refreshed and ready for a new school year.

We look forward to welcoming you back on
Wednesday 4th September 2024

Service 3

Douglas & Onchan - Ramsey Grammar School

AM

Mondays to Fridays (School days Only)

Douglas, Lord Street stop D	0740
Onchan, Manx Arms	0755
Baldrine, Methodist Hall	0800
Ballacannell	0803
Fairy Cottage	0804
Laxey, MER shelter	0808
Laxey, Ard Reayrt	0810
Glen Mona, Ballagorry Drive	0818
Ramsey Grammar School	0834

Ramsey Grammar School - Onchan & Douglas

PM

Mondays to Fridays (School Days only)

Ramsey Grammar School	1520	---
<i>East Building bus facility</i>		
Ramsey Bus Station	---	1540
Glen Mona, church hall	1537	1553
Laxey, opposite Ard Reayrt	1545	1601
Laxey, MER shelter	1547	1603
Fairy Cottage	1551	1607
Baldrine, layby	1555	1611
Onchan, opposite Manx Arms	1601	1617
Douglas, Lord Street	1616	1632

Service 3 route	AM	Service 3 route	PM
Douglas, Lord Street		Ramsey	
Rosemount		Glen Mona	
St Ninians		Minorca	
Onchan		Laxey	
Baldrine		Fairy Cottage	
Fairy Cottage		Baldrine	
Laxey		Onchan	
Minorca		St Ninians	
Glen Mona		Rosemount	
Ramsey Grammar School		Douglas, Lord Street	

from September 2024

Service 3b

Laxey & Ballaragh - Ramsey Grammar School

AM

Mondays to Fridays (School days Only)

Laxey, MER shelter	0807
Laxey, Ard Reayrt	0809
Minorca	0811
Ballaragh Village	0813
Glen Mona, Ballagorry Drive	0818
Ramsey Grammar School	0835

Ramsey Grammar School - Ballaragh & Laxey

PM

Mondays to Fridays (School Days only)

Ramsey Grammar School	1518
<i>East Building bus facility</i>	
Dhoon Glen, café	1536
Ballaragh Village	1540
Laxey, opposite Ard Reayrt	1544
Laxey, MER shelter	1546

Service 3b route	AM	Service 3b route	PM
Laxey		Ramsey Grammar School	
Minorca		Dhoon Glen	
Ballaragh		Ballaragh	
Glen Mona		Laxey	
Ramsey Grammar School		continues to Douglas	

from September 2024

Service 5/6a



Peel - Ramsey Grammar School

AM

Mondays to Fridays (School days Only)

arrives from Douglas

Peel Town Hall	0755
Kirk Michael, Station Road	0809
Ballaugh, opposite Raven	0815
Sulby Village, shelter	0822
Ramsey Grammar School	0828

sets down at East Building - no stop at West Building

Ramsey Grammar School - Peel

PM

Mondays to Fridays (School Days only)

Ramsey Grammar School	1520
<i>East Building bus facility</i>	
Sulby Village	1528
Ballaugh, Raven	1536
Kirk Michael, school	1544
Peel Town Hall	1559

continues to Douglas

Service 6a route	AM	Service 5 route	PM
Peel Town Hall		Ramsey Grammar School	
Knocksharry		Lezayre	
Kirk Michael		Sulby	
Ballaugh		Ballaugh	
Sulby		Kirk Michael	
Lezayre		Knocksharry	
Ramsey Grammar School		Peel Town Hall	

Service 16



Maughold - Ramsey Grammar School

AM

Mondays to Fridays (School days Only)

Port-e-Vullen	0809
Maughold Village	0813
Ballajora	0816
Dreemskerry	0817
Ramsey Grammar School	0832

Ramsey Grammar School - Maughold

PM

Mondays to Fridays (School Days only)

Ramsey Bus Station, shelter	1600
Port-e-Vullen	1609
Maughold Village	1613
Ballajora	1616
Dreemskerry	1617

Service 16 route	AM	Service 16 route	PM
Ramsey Bus Station		Ramsey Bus Station	
Port-e-Vullen		Port-e-Vullen	
Maughold Village		Maughold Village	
Ballajora		Ballajora	
Dreemskerry		Dreemskerry	
Folieu, Ballure Holiday Homes		Ramsey Bus Station	
Ramsey Bus Station			



Service 19c



Jurby - Ramsey Grammar School

AM

Mondays to Fridays (School days Only)

Ballaugh Cronk	0755
Jurby West, crossroads	0757
Jurby, Bretney shelter	0811
Jurby, Threshold shelter	0816
St Jude's Church	0822
Kings Reach, shelter	0827
Ramsey Grammar School	0833

Ramsey Grammar School - Jurby

PM

Mondays to Fridays (School Days only)

Ramsey Grammar School	1523
East Building bus facility	
Jurby Road, Ash Grove	1528
St Jude's	1533
Jurby, Bretney shelter	1539
Jurby, Threshold shelter	1542
Ballaugh Cronk	1548
Jurby West, crossroads	1551

Service 19c route	AM	Service 19c route	PM
Ballaugh Cronk		Ramsey Grammar School	
Jurby West		Jurby Road	
Summerhill Road		St Jude's	
Jurby, Bretney		Summerhill Road	
Jurby, Threshold		Jurby, Bretney	
Sandygate		Jurby, Threshold	
St Jude's		Sandygate	
Jurby Road		Ballaugh Cronk	
Ramsey Grammar School		Jurby West	

Service 20/a



Bride & Andreas - Ramsey Grammar School

AM

Mondays to Fridays (School days Only)

Dogmills	0756	(Service 20a)
Bride, Rectory	0801	
Smeale	0806	
Andreas, school shelter	0815	
Regaby crossroads	0820	
Ramsey Grammar School	0831	

Ramsey Grammar School - Andreas & Bride

PM

Mondays to Fridays (School Days only)

Ramsey Grammar School	1530	(Service 20)
East Building bus facility		
Regaby crossroads	1540	
Andreas, hairdressers	1547	
Smeale	1553	
Bride, cemetery entrance	1559	
Dogmills	1603	

Service 20a route	AM	Service 20 route	PM
Dogmills		Ramsey Grammar School	
Bride		Dhoor	
Coast Road		Regaby	
Smeale		Andreas	
Andreas		Smeale	
Regaby		Coast Road	
Dhoor		Bride	
Ramsey Grammar School		Dogmills	