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Headteacher's Message:

Dear Students, Parents, Carers and Staff

As we reach the end of the first term, I want to take this opportunity to reflect on what has been a very busy and productive few months. It has been a pleasure to see our students settle into their routines, make new friendships, and embrace the opportunities that have come their way. The hard work and dedication displayed by both students and staff have been truly inspiring.

To our students, I want to commend you for the hard work, commitment, and determination you have shown. Your efforts this term have laid the foundation for future success, and I encourage you to reflect on your achievements and areas for growth over the holidays. Keep striving to be the best versions of yourselves, both in and out of the classroom.

To our staff, thank you for your unwavering dedication. Your professionalism, passion, and care for our students make a real difference in their lives. You have set a wonderful example, and I am deeply grateful for your continued support in making our school a place where every student can flourish.

To our parents and carers, I thank you for your continued support, which is invaluable. The partnership between home and school is vital, and together we can support, motivate and care for our children to achieve their very best.

As we head into the holiday break, I encourage everyone to take time to relax, reflect, and enjoy time with family and friends. Rest and recharge, and we look forward to seeing you back in the new year for another exciting and productive term.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mrs S Taylor
Headteacher

RGS Modern Foreign Languages

After a 5-year break with the Spanish Exchange (due to Covid) Mr Judd and Mrs Rousseau took 18 Year 8 and 9 students from Ramsey Grammar to Murcia in southeast Spain at the end of November for 6 days. After just making the flight to Spain by the skin of our teeth due to Storm Bert, the students were matched with partners from a school in Murcia, IES La Flota. It was a chance to practise their spoken Spanish as they stayed with their partner's families and experience the culture and cuisine of the area too.

Students enjoyed day trips out in the provinces of Murcia and Alicante, taking in the dramatic peninsula of Cabo de Palos, the city of Cartagena with its first century Roman amphitheatre, nearby Cala Cortina, the beautiful tiny offshore island of Tabarca, a marine nature reserve where the students had the chance to snorkel with a myriad of fish including a barracuda, an octopus and a moray eel in crystal clear water.



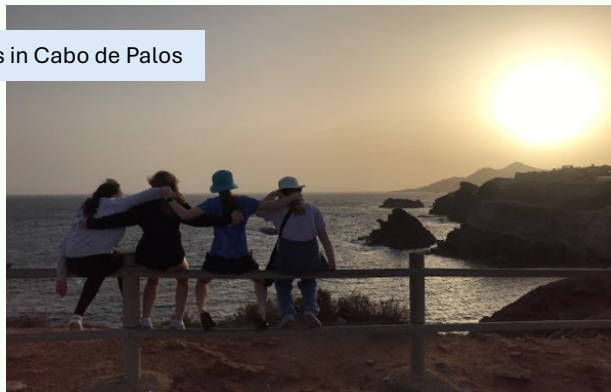
The final day was spent with their partners rafting down through the Segura Valley from Cieza to Blanca.



The students had an amazing time, improved their Spanish, made some long-lasting friendships, and became a lot more independent as they got to grips ordering food and drink in shops and cafeterias.

They are now looking forward to the Spanish students coming over to the Isle of Man at the end of March 2025 to show them our beautiful little island.

Lasting friendships in Cabo de Palos



RGS PE Year 10 Rugby Shield Final RGS 49 - CRHS 17

The final was held at Vagabonds rugby club on what was a cold but relative windless day.

Although RGS had beaten the other teams in the leagues, complacency could have been their biggest enemy, especially without the injured Preston Cleator at 10. This was proved to be the case when CRHS opened up the scoring within the first ten minutes after a stout defensive display nullifying the RGS forwards. Eventually, RGS broke the CRHS try line by moving the ball wider and added another try to lead 14 - 7 at half time.

As the second half kicked off both sides knew that the next try was crucial and, indeed, it was CRHS who scored first to draw level on points with Ramsey. This was, however, the catalyst that Ramsey needed and they started to fire with Olly Fox and Dylan Bullock settling into positions they do not normally play. This now allowed the team a bit more time and possession, which meant that both forwards and backs alike could now dominate.

Ramsey took advantage of this running in a series of tries without any reply from CRHS. Full credit must be given to CRHS as they never gave up, and were rewarded with a late try in the dying minutes. This was, again, another high quality final and display by both teams, keenly fought within the spirit of the game.

Congratulations to both teams, but especially Ramsey for their effort, commitment to training and claiming the Year 10 Shield last won in 2005 by RGS.

Try scorers:

Sebastian Iveagh (x2) Lucas McLoughlin (x 2) Dylan Bullock Rhys Raisbeck Tyler Flemming Jake Morris

New Term Starts on Monday 6th January 2025

Please remember students should be in school by **08.45** each day