



Headteacher's Message:

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you enjoy reading about the accomplishments of our wonderful students in this Newsletter.

As we approach the Easter break, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible efforts of our students and staff throughout this term. It has been a time of hard work, growth, and achievement, and I am incredibly proud of the dedication and resilience shown by everyone in our school community.

Easter is a time of renewal and reflection. I encourage our students to use this time to rest, enjoy their hobbies, and return refreshed for the next term. For those preparing for upcoming exams, I know many of you will be revising, and I encourage you to find a balance between study and relaxation.

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to our teachers, staff, parents and carers for their unwavering support and commitment. Your dedication plays a vital role in ensuring our students thrive, both academically and personally.

Wishing you all a joyful and restful Easter break. Enjoy the time off, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back for an exciting new term ahead

Yours sincerely,

Mrs S Taylor
Headteacher

RGS Modern Foreign Languages

Monday 24th March 2025 saw the arrival of the Spanish students for the return leg of the Spanish Exchange. They were hosted by 18 of our students who had previously stayed with them in Murcia at the end of November 2024.

The Spanish students sampled the Manx culture with day trips to several Manx National Heritage sights including the Laxey Wheel, Castle Rushen and Peel Castle to name but a few. In addition, both sets of students were given a guided tour of our Parliament and shown how the Manx political system operates.



Fun activities were provided by the families in the evening including bowling, eating out, visits to the circus to name some. A special thanks to Mr Nigel Howard and Mr Child of the Manx Youth Service for opening up Ramsey Youth Centre to provide a fun evening and mini pizzas for both sets of students.



Everyone had an amazing time and have forged a long-lasting friendship with their Spanish partners, not to mention improving their Spanish spoken and listening skills despite the broad accent of 'murciano'.

RGS SPORTS

We'd just like to highlight our fantastic Year 12 Sports Leaders, who deliver a range of practical activities to our LSU (Learning Support Unit) students and to our local Primary school.

Well done to Lucy Ormsby, Alyssa Mallorca, Megan Cowley, Harvey Garrett, Lily Gell, Tom Hampton, Ryan Hirs, Emma Parsons, Douglas Quayle, Ruby Reynolds, Winnie Davies, Eliot Cowan and Georgia Smith for the engaging and fun sessions.

Another great example of how our students foster inclusivity and social responsibility, whilst working on their leadership skills and professional growth.

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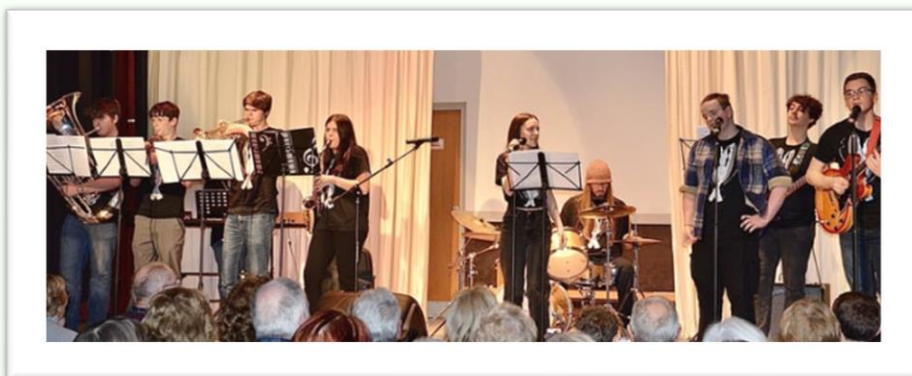
In February, Abi Harvey, one of our Year 13 students, was awarded the Sure Sports Leaders Award at the Isle of Man Sports Awards at the Villa Marina. This is a fantastic achievement for Abi and shows the high levels of dedication and commitment in delivering a huge number of coaching sessions to young people on the Island. I think you'll agree Abi is a superb ambassador for RGS!

We also want to congratulate Winnie Davies, one of our Year 12 students, who has been named as the Isle of Man's Under 17 Netball Captain! Winnie led the team in the European Netball Tournament, which was held in Ireland in March.

More congratulations go to Dom Dunwell, a Year 13 student of ours, who has been selected for the Triathlon Team and will represent the Isle of Man in the 2025 Island Games being held in Orkney in July this year. Dom has been training hard for this, and it is rewarding to see the recognition for his hard work.

Our inspiring students investing in themselves, believing they can and achieving their goals.

RGS Music



In January, our amazing school band The Enthusiasts took to the stage at an annual cycling fundraiser, held at Marown school and organised by Dot Tilbury. The evening raised £1,860 for young cyclists on the Island. Dot sent us a wonderful letter after the event, expressing how impressed she was by our talented students!

Junior Achievement IOM

We are very grateful to the staff from Junior Achievement Isle of Man and the business professionals who work with the charity and volunteer their time to visit schools across the Island.

Our Year 11 students were involved in the JA It's All About Money in January, where they explored spending habits, how to use bank accounts, the importance of saving and budgeting, responsible borrowing, credit ratings, dealing with debt, protecting yourself online, identity theft and scams. Students benefit from the experience with the volunteers, many of whom work within the finance sector.

Click on this [JA Link](#) which will take you to the latest impact report.

The Junior Achievement Company Awards

We had several students who competed in the Awards event at the Villa Marina in March. This was a great experience to be part of and well done to all the award winners.

One of our groups, Metis (Evella Mulunda, Rosylena Mulunda, Jemima Caine and Meryn Wood) won the Environmental Award! Metis created a website from an educational standpoint, focused on climate change.

Also, two of our students, Evella Mulunda and David Collins, were invited to Government House for breakfast to celebrate their Outstanding Team Member awards. This was awarded to them at the Junior Achievement Company Awards ceremony. Both students have demonstrated excellent teamwork and leadership skills throughout the programme and have represented the school excellently!

ACADEMIC REVIEW DAY

Our annual ARD was a success again this year. It gives an opportunity for the students to showcase their prepared presentation, which they had been working on during their tutor time. Our students are the new generation of young adults who will be going into the world of work very soon. Their input and inclusion in this Review Day has hopefully given them more confidence in themselves and their ability to communicate their feelings and opinions about their work. These are invaluable qualities and skills to have as they go through school life, and on to the world of work or further education.

We hope that parents and carers found their meeting useful and informative. Comments received have been overwhelmingly positive.

If any students have any school Library books at home, could they please be returned to the school before the end of the academic year.

New Term Starts on Tuesday 22nd April 2025

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