



### From the Headmaster

Sixth Form students are all back in lessons following their mock examinations and the final GCSE mock examination takes place today. I hope all students have super results and know that they will use these to best effect for the remainder of the year in the approach to the public examination in the summer.

At the other end of the school age range it has been a particularly busy time for senior staff and the admissions team as we are now approximately half way through the entrance exam process for children currently in Year 6 hoping to join RGS at 11+ in September 2016 or at 13+ in September 2018. During the next two weeks scholarship assessments and interviews will take place and I am very much looking forward to welcoming yet another batch of talented young people to RGS in the Autumn Term.



Dusk over RGS (Mr Tim Mahoney)

### Sport News

- ◆ Last night, at Whitgift School, the U12/U13 girls' swimming squad won their age groups in the **Trinity Schools Swimming Gala**. The girls swam superbly—Well done! The First Form boys finished in second place and the Second Form boys finished fourth, missing the third place slot by just two points.
- ◆ Well done to all girls who represented the school on Saturday 9 January in **netball** matches. RGS won or drew 10 out of 15 matches which has been a great start to the season. First Team Captain, **Clara Coleman**, is pictured here in the match against Lingfield Notre Dame.



### Student Successes

- ◆ **Lucy Broderick** won a silver medal in the **U13 Surrey Cross Country Championships** and, as a result, has been selected to represent Surrey in the UK Inter-Counties competition in Birmingham in March. Well done Lucy.
- ◆ **Niamh Brown** (pictured right with her team mates) flew to Edinburgh last Friday to compete for **Team GB** in the **Great Edinburgh Cross Country Competition**—captained by **Mo Farah**. The team stayed in the same hotel where they ate and had team meetings together. Niamh competed in the U20 category coming 10th out of a field of 85 (a mere 38 seconds behind the winner who is two years older). Well done! Niamh was accompanied by both her old and current coaches who were able to supply a very exciting running commentary back home.
- ◆ Over Christmas **Tomos Knowles** and **Owen Knowles** swam in the **Welsh National Short Course Championships**. Tomos made the top eight finals in four events achieving fourth place in the 1500m freestyle. Owen swam to a new PB in all but one of his 12 events and qualified for eight finals.



Finally, following some changes to staffing I am delighted to confirm that **Cmdr Andrew Powell** has taken up the reins as Contingent Commander of the CCF.

**Best Wishes**  
**Shaun Fenton, Headmaster**

## MUSIC: FROM MR CARDEN

**ABRSM** and **Trinity** Music Exam results for December 2015 are attached—many congratulations to all students who should feel very proud in their achievements. Special mention should go to those who took the ABRSM grade 8 examinations: **Nick Ingram** (tuba), **Charles Lee** (violin) and **Ananya Sengupta** (piano). These are incredible musical accomplishments!

**Polyphony** and the **RGS Godfrey Searle Choir** are visiting Southwark Cathedral on **Wednesday 20 January** to sing Evensong. The combined choirs bring numbers up to 38 singers and promises to be a wonderful choral event in a spectacular London venue. The students are excited about this opportunity and would welcome any parents or friends who are able to attend. The service begins at 5.30pm and we look forward to seeing you there.

The ever popular **RGS Music Quiz Fundraising Evening** is on **Friday 5 February**. This fun evening promises to be packed with music from *Mozart* to *Mumford & Sons*, from *Beethoven* to *The Beatles*. There will be live music from students, a curry (included in the ticket price), a licenced bar and prizes for the winning team – a perfect Friday night! Please refer to the separate flyer for further information. Tickets will be available from the RGS Box Office [£12 adults; £8 U18s].

On **Thursday 11 March**, there will be an **RGS Unplugged** concert at 7.30pm in the Recital Room (see separate flyer). Any students wishing to perform in this should tell **Mr Lobb** which piece they would like to play before **Thursday 21 January** and perform it to him before **Thursday 4 February**. For more information on the RGS Unplugged concerts, please contact **Mr Lobb**.

Name	Form	Board	Instrument	Grade	Mark
Bright, Amelia	Second	ABRSM	Clarinet	4	Pass
Cheng-Whitehead, Bernadette	Second	ABRSM	Piano	7	Distinction
Cliff-Patel, Jasmyn	Fourth	Trinity	Voice	4	Merit
Cliff-Patel, Serina	Fourth	Trinity	Voice	4	Merit
Cockerill, Lauren	Third	ABRSM	Theory	4	Distinction
Cockerill, Lauren	Third	Trinity	Bassoon	5	Merit
Collins, Daniel	Second	ABRSM	Bassoon	3	Distinction
Colvin, George	Lower Sixth	ABRSM	Theory	5	Merit
Coomber, Bertie	Second	ABRSM	Voice	4	Merit
Crighton, Lauren	Second	ABRSM	Voice	4	Pass
Day, William	Second	ABRSM	Alto sax	2	Distinction
Earnshaw, Charley	Lower Sixth	Trinity	Voice	6	Merit
Gabrielsen, Lakith	First	ABRSM	Piano	6	Distinction
Goodenough, Aisling	Third	ABRSM	Clarinet	4	Pass
Grinyer, Louisa	Third	ABRSM	Violin	5	Pass
Harding, Sophie	Fourth	ABRSM	Voice	4	Pass
Hart, Charlotte	Fifth	ABRSM	Clarinet	3	Pass
Herbert, Yasmin	Fifth	ABRSM	Trumpet	7	Pass
Herbert, Yasmin	Fifth	Trinity	Cello	7	Distinction
Ingram, Nick	Lower Sixth	ABRSM	Tuba	8	Distinction
Johnson, Alex	Third	ABRSM	Trumpet	3	Pass
Lee, Charles	Lower Sixth	ABRSM	Violin	8	Distinction
Massey, Hamish	Fifth	Trinity	Voice	5	Merit
McCullen, Keela	Third	ABRSM	Clarinet	3	Pass
McManus, Sarah	Upper Sixth	ABRSM	Piano	8	Pass
Mitchell, Zoe	Second	ABRSM	Alto sax	4	Merit
Mortimer, Henry	Second	ABRSM	Alto sax	1	Distinction
Sengupta, Ananya	Upper Sixth	ABRSM	Piano	8	Pass
Swinn, Olivia	Second	ABRSM	Voice	4	Pass

## NOTICES

### From the Bursar: Cashless Catering—Live from 1 February 2016

The biometric registration of students on Tuesday ran very smoothly. There will be further sessions next week to ensure that each student for whom consent has been received is registered before the cashless catering till system goes live on **Monday 1 February**. Please note the following key dates and changes:

- ◆ **Monday 18 January:** From this date parents will be able to put money onto their child(ren)'s lunch account(s) via the Parents' Online Payment System (POPS) at <https://reigate.oasis-software.co.uk/users/login> or via the [link](#) on the front page of the school website. Top ups to your child(ren)'s lunch account(s) using POPS can be made in multiples of £10.
- ◆ **Friday 29 January:** All balances on students' old lunch cards will be transferred to students' new accounts.
- ◆ **Friday 29 January:** Last day of use for current lunch cards and cash payments.
- ◆ **Monday 1 February:** **Neither lunch cards nor cash payments** will be accepted in either the Sixth Form Centre or the Dining Room (PMH) — **every student will use his or her new lunch account.**

For those pupils whose parents have not given consent for the use of their child's biometric data, there will be a till in the Dining Hall (PMH) and in the Sixth Form Centre where they may be identified by name and photograph on the new cashless catering till system. In these cases, parents are still required to use POPS to top up accounts.

#### Important

If you have not yet responded please email [biometrics@reigategrammar.org](mailto:biometrics@reigategrammar.org) by **return** stating the name(s) of your child(ren) with the following responses:

- a. That you give consent for the biometrics of your child/ren to be used by Reigate Grammar School for use as part of a recognition system; **OR**
- b. That you do not wish to give consent.

**Please state the name(s) of your child(ren) in all cases.**

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### From Mr Boothroyd, Assistant Head: Parents' Forum Biometric Data: Thursday 21 January

Parents are warmly invited to an information evening regarding Biometric Data on **Thursday 21 January 2016** at 7.00pm in the PMH. There will be refreshments and a chance to ask questions. We look forward to seeing you there. **Please email [mainschooloffice@reigategrammar.org](mailto:mainschooloffice@reigategrammar.org) to confirm your attendance so that we can cater accordingly.**

### Drama: From Mr Edwards

**Star For A Night** is an opportunity to win a one-year scholarship to local performing arts school **So You Wanna Be** worth around £750 and a one-year dance scholarship to **Urban Play Dance Classes**.

Auditions take place at the Harlequin Theatre on the **Saturday 6 February** and further details are available via this [link](#) or by browsing RGS Drama website [www.rgsdrama.net](http://www.rgsdrama.net). Clicking on "application form" should allow you to complete and return an editable form. Good Luck—Team RGS.



### A plea from our neighbours

**Please do not stop, park, drop off or collect students from residential driveways or any other premises near to the school. This includes Reigate Parish Church School where access is required at all times for staff, parents and children including toddlers, prams and pushchairs.**

## PFA Nearly New Uniform and Ski-Wear Sale

**Saturday 16 January; 10.00–11.00am; PMH**

There are some great bargains to be had including ski wear as well as uniform for sale!

NB: Whilst the **RGS School Uniform** is currently under review, there are **no plans to make any changes** in September 2016. The school will write in due course with regard to consultation, changes etc.

## DofE this term

- ◆ **Third Form New Bronze:** Thurs 1.25pm (CH). Please return enrolment slip on the letter which came home last term (spares available from DofE Office).
- ◆ **Fourth Form Bronze/Silver:** Tues 1.30pm (GG).
- ◆ **Fourth Form:** Tues 4.00-5.00pm (Dance Studio). First Aid course continues, completes in March.
- ◆ **Lower Sixth Form Gold Expedition Planning:** Tues 4.00-5.30pm (GG).

All queries should be directed to **Mr Collins** via [sac@reigategrammar.org](mailto:sac@reigategrammar.org).

## CCF Update

- ◆ **CCF Recruit Cadre:** 15-17 January; Napier Barracks; 16:00-18:00hrs.
- ◆ **RAF AEF Flying:** 21 January; RAF Benson; 06:45-14:00hrs
- ◆ **Promotions Parade/Parent CCF Information Evening:** 26 January, RGS, 16:00-17:30hrs.
- ◆ **CCF Weapon's Handling Test:** 6 February, RGS, 09:00-16:00hrs.
- ◆ **CCF Outdoor Range Day:** 7 February; Pirbright Camp; 08:00-17:30hrs.

All queries should be directed to **Pt Off Rusbridge** via [sar@reigategrammar.org](mailto:sar@reigategrammar.org)

## Fourth Form

### Spanish Exchange Information Evening

**Tuesday 26 January 2016 7pm PMH**

## Digital Careers Evening: Monday 29 February

The Careers Department is looking for guest speakers and Q&A guests for the Digital Careers evening on **Monday 29 February 2016** from 7.00-9.00pm. We are looking for volunteers from all digital paths, for example, IT, technology, communications, Social Media, Bloggers etc. If you are interested in taking part please contact **Miss Vaughan** via [amv@reigategrammar.org](mailto:amv@reigategrammar.org).

## RGS Family and Staff Swimming

**Families:** Sundays 3.00-5.00pm  
**Staff:** Thursdays 5.15-6.15pm  
Sundays 2.00-5.00pm

## Second Form Enterprise: Unwanted Gifts

The Second Form is collecting unwanted Christmas gifts to be donated to the **Children's Trust Shop** in Reigate. Items should be placed in the Food Room.

## RGSweather: Winter Update

Local weather updates @[@rgsweather](https://twitter.com/rgsweather) and [www.rgsweather.com](http://www.rgsweather.com)

## Creative Writing Club: Thursdays; Rm1; 1.30pm

Whether you are in the First or Upper Sixth Form, creative writing is a proven way to expand your vocabulary, develop your writing and spend a relaxing lunchtime. Every week features a different activity expertly led by Sixth Formers. We look forward to seeing you there.

## DRESS UP for World Book Day: Thursday 3 March

Help to celebrate World Book Day by dressing as a fictional character. **House points** will be awarded for the **Best In Year** group throughout the school and there will also be prizes awarded by the English Department and Library.

## Vacancies

For further details and application forms please visit [www.reigategrammar.org/grammarjobvacancies](http://www.reigategrammar.org/grammarjobvacancies) or contact the HR Manager, **Mrs Holmes**, via [hr@reigategrammar.org](mailto:hr@reigategrammar.org) or 01737 229327.

### Reigate Grammar School

Required for an immediate start; closing date for application—**Friday 22 January 2016**.

- ◆ Office Administrator  
Required for a September 2016 start; closing date for applications—**11.00am, Tuesday 26 January 2016**
- ◆ Assistant Director of Studies
- ◆ Second in Biology
- ◆ Teacher of Chemistry
- ◆ Head of Year

### Reigate St Mary's

- ◆ Part Time School Security & Peak Time Traffic Safety Officer
- ◆ Part Time Green Shoots Classroom Assistant
- ◆ Gap Student

## RGS' Biannual Careers Convention: Monday 8 February

On **Monday 8 February** RGS is holding its Biannual Careers Convention. A large number of delegates will represent a wide range of professional fields from finance to policing, from medicine to conservation. There will be information about internships; gap year programmes; and talks by careers advisors and experts in higher education abroad. Students in the Second Form and above are invited to attend the event to find out more about potential career paths.

### Can you help?

We are in need of delegates to join our wonderful volunteers! In particular, we are looking for representatives from the following fields: **Design, Education, Dentistry, Law, Media, Pharmaceuticals, Sport, Advertising and the Creative Arts**. If you would like to get involved and can offer an hour or two of your time, please contact **Miss Williams** via [trw@reigategrammar.org](mailto:trw@reigategrammar.org).

## January

- 16 Sa Boys' Hockey v Hawthorns: U13A&B (7-a-side) (H) 09:00  
Boys' Hockey v Windsor Boys' School:  
1st XI (A) 09:30  
U15A&B (H) 10:00  
2nd XI (A) 10:45  
U14A&B (H) 11:15  
PFA: Nearly New Uniform Sale (PMH) 10:00-11:00  
**Netball v Priorsfield: All matches cancelled by Priorsfield.**  
Rugby v Glyn: 1st & 2nd XV (A) 10:30
- 17 Su *Angus, Thongs and Snogging*: Rehearsal 10:00-17:00  
Theatre Studies: Sixth Form trip to *Wonderland* (National Theatre) 12:30-18:00  
CCF Third Form Recruit Cadre (*returns*) (Napier Barracks, Folkestone) 18:00
- 18 M Boys' Hockey v Hawthorns: U14B (A) 15:30  
Girls' Swimming v St Teresa's:  
U12, U13, U14, U15, Snr (A) 16:00  
Staff: Heads of Department Meeting (Rm15) 16:00-17:15  
*Much Ado About Nothing*: Rehearsal 16:00-17:30  
Netball v CLFS: U13ABC&D (H) 16:10  
PFA Meeting (M2) 19:30-21:30
- 19 Tu Netball v Brighton College: U14A&B, U15A&B (H) 16:00  
Drama: Trip to *Confusions* (Yvonne Arnaud Theatre, Guildford) 18:15-22:30
- 20 W Netball County Tournament: U12, U13 (A)  
Boys' Hockey Lingfield Notre Dame Tournament:  
U12 (A) 13:00  
Music: Polyphony Southwark Cathedral Evensong (London) 14:00-20:00  
Football v Reigate College: 1st XI (A) 14:30  
Girls' Hockey v KGS: 1st XI (A) 14:30  
2nd XI (H) 15:00  
*Much Ado About Nothing*: Rehearsal (DS) 16:00-17:30  
*Angus, Thongs and Snogging*: Rehearsal 16:00-18:00  
Lower Sixth Form Parents' Evening (CH/SH) 18:00-21:30  
Cantata Choir: Rehearsal (RR) 19:45-21:45
- 21 Th **CCF: RAF AEF Flying (RAF Benson) 06:45-14:00 NEW**  
Netball v Brighton College:  
1st VII, 2nd VII, 3rd VII, 4th VII (H) 16:00  
Parents' Forum: Biometric Registration (PMH) 19:00-20:00
- 22 F Lower Sixth Form trip to Churchill College (Cambridge) 08:00-19:00  
11+ & 13+ Pre-Test Scholarship Assessments (IR) 08:45-15:50  
CCF: Shooting Team training (CW) 09:00-16:00  
Careers Talk: *Engineering at Thales* with Susan Ayling (CW) 13:30-14:10  
Chess v Trinity: A&C Teams 16:00-18:00  
Boys' Hockey v Cranmore School: U12A&B (H) 16:45  
Boys' Hockey v Eltham College: 1st XI (A) 17:30
- 23 Sa National Ultimate Frisbee Competition (*departs*) (Wolverhampton)  
Surrey Schools Cross Country (Priory Park, Reigate) 11+ & 13+ Pre-Test interviews (CH) 09:00-13:00  
Boys' Hockey v Eltham College: 2nd XI (A) 09:00  
U14A&B (H) 09:00  
U13A&B (H) 10:00  
U15A (A) 10:00  
U15B (A) 11:00  
Netball v Wimbledon High School:  
U14AB&C (A) 09:30  
U12ABC&D (H) 09:30  
1st, 2nd, U15A&B (A) 10:30  
U13ABC&D (H) 10:30  
CCF: Shooting Team training (ARC Reigate) 09:00-16:00
- 24 Su National Ultimate Frisbee Competition (*returns*) (Wolverhampton)  
*Angus, Thongs and Snogging*: Rehearsal 10:00-17:00
- 25 M Staff Meeting (CH) 16:00-17:15  
*Angus, Thongs and Snogging*: Rehearsal 16:00-17:30  
Boys' Swimming v Wimbledon:  
U12, U13, U14 & Senior (H) 16:30  
Netball v Guildford High School: U14AB&C (H) 16:45  
Governors: Estates & Premises Committee Meeting 17:30-19:30
- 26 Tu House: Chess Round 1 (S13) 13:20-14:10  
**CCF Promotions Parade and Parents' Information Evening 16:00-17:30 NEW**  
Spanish Exchange Parents' Information Evening (PMH) 19:00-20:00
- 27 W Open Morning (CH) 09:15-11:30  
Boys' Hockey v Dulwich College: 3rd XI (A) 14:30  
Football v Charterhouse: 1st XI, 2nd XI (A) 14:30  
Netball v Royal Russell: 3rd VII, 4th VII (A) 14:30  
*Much Ado About Nothing*: Rehearsal 16:00-17:30  
*Angus, Thongs and Snogging*: Rehearsal 16:00-17:30  
Fifth Form Parents' Evening (CH/SH) 18:00-21:30  
Cantata Choir: Rehearsal (RR) 19:45-21:45
- 28 Th 11+ & 13+ Pre-Test Scholarship Assessments (IR) 08:45-15:50  
House: Chess Round 2 (S13) 13:20-14:10  
**PSHEE Talk: Fifth Form (CH) 14:15-15:50 (moved from 4 February)**  
Mixed Swimming v Hawthorns: U12, U13 (H) 16:15  
Music: Informal Concert (RR) 16:15-17:15

**PARENTS' ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM**

The following trips, services and items are now available for payment via the Parents' Online Payment System.

**AVAILABLE FOR PAYMENT**

- France, Chateau du Broutel – Second Instalment  
Geography, Belize 2016  
Golf Tour, Bryanston 2016  
Hockey Tour, Bath  
Netball Tour, Costa Dorada, Spain  
Andalucia, Spain  
Rugby Tour, Biarritz
- National Ultimate Frisbee Tournament 2016  
RS—All You Need is Love  
Science Live, Dominion Theatre  
Theatre Studies *Confusions*

If there are any queries with any of the payments listed, or Any queries, please email [finance@reigategrammar.org](mailto:finance@reigategrammar.org)

**Parents' & Friends' Association**

## January 2016

16 Sa Nearly New Uniform & Skiwear Sale (PMH) 10:00-11:00

## March 2016

19 Sa Comedy Night—Details to follow