



### From the Headmaster

I am thrilled this week to have received the final report from the **Independent Schools Inspectorate** following our integrated inspection in December. You will remember that RGS is deemed to be **EXCEPTIONAL** in Achievement & Learning and **EXCELLENT** in **ALL** other aspects of the inspection. I have captured many of the fabulous quotes from the report in the letter you will receive today, which I very much hope you will enjoy reading.

At this time of year **UCAS applications** are coming in thick and fast and I am very happy to say that RGS students hold more than 100 offers from top **Russell Group** universities—and counting. More than half the year group have received three offers from universities of their choice; and 26 students have received five offers already. This is a remarkably good position for the Upper Sixth Form students at this stage with more offers being confirmed on a daily basis. A number of courses and universities have not yet made any decisions at all about offers and we will give you more updates over the next few weeks. At the moment we are on track for record numbers of Russell Group offers and we have all fingers crossed for the students who still await the outcome of their applications.

Last weekend cadets from all year groups and sections attended this year's **CCF Recruit Training Cadre** held at Napier Barracks, Folkestone (see picture below). In spite of bitterly cold conditions, Third Form recruits excelled in all areas covering basic drill and turnout, how to conduct themselves with integrity and meet the other CCF core values. They were instructed by seniors cadets, notably **Amber Rothera**, who delivered a fantastic lesson on major bleeds impressing the CCF Training Sgt. Awards were as follows: *Best Recruit*: **Harvey Nutt**; *Most improved*: **Adam Browse**; *Best NCO*: **Isaac Osterreicher**; and *Best Cadet*: **Jonny Coyle**. Commander **Powell RNR** attended on Sunday to review the parade and judged the RAF Section to be the best drill team.

### Sport News

- ◆ Congratulations to the U12 and U13 Netball teams who took part in the first round of the **Surrey County Netball competition** this week. Both teams played fantastic netball, winning all but one of their matches and have now qualified for the Surrey finals later this term. This success means that all five RGS A netball teams, from U12 to the U18 1st VII team (pictured right), have qualified for the Surrey Finals! This is a huge achievement and displays the strength and depth of netball talent at the school. Girls will be training hard and will be aiming for a top three position in the county.
- ◆ Congratulations to the U13 Netball teams who played City of London Freeman's School on Monday. All four teams won their matches scoring a total of 66 goals versus their 28 goals! Well done.

Good luck to all RGS students who are taking part in the **Surrey Schools AA Cross-Country Championships** in the Priory Park, Reigate tomorrow. Team RGS has a number of boys and girls running for the South Surrey District. I look forward to hearing results from **Mr Haskey** next week but if anyone would like to support, the first race is at 10.30am and the last at 1.15pm.

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



## Cashless Catering—Live from 1 February 2016

Thank you to those parents who attended last night's Parents' Forum on the implementation of biometric registration which continues to progress well. Approximately 85% of students have registered with the remainder being done during this week. If you would like your child or children to be registered prior to the cashless catering till system going live on **Monday 1 February**, please email your consent (stating the names of all your children) to [biometrics@reigategrammar.org](mailto:biometrics@reigategrammar.org) as soon as possible.

**You are now able to put money onto lunch accounts via the Parents' Online Payment system (POP) at <https://reigate.oasis-software.co.uk/users/login>, via the [link](#) on the front page of the school website or via the Parent Portal.**

### Key Dates:

- ♦ **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.**

*NB: For those students who have not registered their 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 POP to top up accounts.*

## From the Parents' and Friends' Association

Thank you to everyone who has contributed items of uniform for the nearly new sales. It is wonderful to have the support of parents in this and other initiatives. Any items of uniform and sports kit **in good condition** that are no longer needed may be left with the porters at any time—there is no need to wait until the next sale to donate!

**The next sale is on Saturday 23 April at 10.00am and we look forward to seeing you there!**

## Important Notices from the School Office

### Change of Address

Please remember to update your home contact details via Parent Portal or by emailing [MainSchoolOffice@reigategrammar.org](mailto:MainSchoolOffice@reigategrammar.org) if there are any changes to students' home address and/or personal circumstances.

### Sickness

There has been a marked increase in the number of students contacting parents direct when they feel unwell. Please ensure your child is aware of the sickness procedure. If they feel unwell during the day, they should go to the School Office where they will be assessed and cared for appropriately. The office staff will then contact parents where necessary. Thank you for your assistance in helping us to care for your child.

### Pre-arranged Absence

For all pre-arranged absences (such as medical appointments) a **Student Absence Form** should be completed. Forms may be downloaded from the Parent Portal and should be emailed to the School Office via [absence@reigategrammar.org](mailto:absence@reigategrammar.org) with a copy to the Form Tutor **in advance of the absence**. Students must sign out at the office at which point the forms and reason for absence will be checked.

Thank you  
**Mrs Tyson**

## In the Bulletin this Week

All About Boats	2
Biometric Implementation	2
Careers Convention	3/4
Careers in Insurance	3
Cashless Catering	2
CCF Recruit Training Cadre	1
CCF Update	4
Centigrade Testing	3
Change of Address	2
Diary Updates	5
Dress Up for World Book Day	4
Independent Schools Inspectorate:	
Final Report	1
Nearly New Uniform Sales	2
Parents' & Friends' Association	2/5
Parents' Online Payment system	4
Parking at School	4
PFA Comedy Night	3
Pre-Arranged Absence	2
RGS Careers Team	3
RGS Weather	4
Russell Group universities	1
Sport News	1
Strength & Conditioning Coaching	4
Student Absence Forms	2
Student Sickness	2
Studying for Degrees in Europe	3
Surrey County Netball	
Competition	1
Surrey Schools AS Cross-Country	
Championships	1
The Peter Harrison Foundation	
Centre	3
UCAS Applications	1
Vacancies	4
What to do if I do not know what degree or career I want to do?	3

### Jake Foote

demonstrating the use of an automatic lifejacket this week in Mr Powell's elective,

### All About Boats,

following which the whole group swam in light clothing with buoyancy aids.



# NOTICES

## The Peter Harrison Foundation Centre Demolition Commences

This week marked an important milestone in the construction of the new state-of-the-art Peter Harrison Foundation Centre as demolition of the old building got underway.



## Careers from Mr Buzzacott

### Careers Convention: 8 February

Running alongside the Careers Convention on Monday 8 February there will be three talks in the Library:

- ♦ 7.10-7.40pm  
***Studying for degrees in Europe***  
with Mark Huntington from A Star Future.
- ♦ 7.50-8.20pm  
***What do I do if I do not know what degree or career I want to do?*** with Carolyn Scott.
- ♦ 8.30-9.00pm  
***Careers in Insurance*** with Natasha Rees (OR).

Students and parents are welcome to go round the Careers Convention in the Concert Hall and just leave for 30 minutes to hear a talk in the Library. If you would like to attend one of these talks please email **Mrs Wilson** on [slw@reigategrammar.org](mailto:slw@reigategrammar.org).

**Priority will be given to those who have booked a place**, however, you may turn up on the night in the event there is space.

### Lower Sixth Form Centigrade Testing: Reminder

Students and parents are reminded that Lower Sixth Form Centigrade testing is **entirely voluntary** and there will be a charge of **£20.50** for all students who take the test.

RGS recommends this service for students who are unsure about what they want to do after leaving school. Lower Sixth Form students, who wish to take the Centigrade test should complete it online via this [link](http://direct.coa.co.uk/centigrade/coa3592) (<http://direct.coa.co.uk/centigrade/coa3592>).

If students would like to have an interview with an external careers adviser to follow up on the results of the Centigrade test, please email **Mrs Wilson** via [slw@reigategrammar.org](mailto:slw@reigategrammar.org). There will be a further charge of **£15.00** for this service.

### The RGS Careers Team

**Mr Buzzacott** and other members of the Careers team are always happy to talk to students or their parents about degree and/or career options.

**Back by popular demand**

RGS Parents' and Friends' Association is pleased to present

## Comedy Night Saturday 19th March at 7.15pm

*Featuring stand-up acts  
booked by an Award-Winning  
TV comedy producer*

Details and booking form will be available next week

Tickets will sell fast and priority will be given to current RGS parents

The evening will include adult humour so is for over 18s

PFA - Registered Charity No. 280394

## Strength & Conditioning

Strength and Conditioning sessions with Tom Archer will run at the following times for the remainder of this term:

Monday	07:15-08:15	Open	Dance Studio
Tuesday	13:20-14:10	Speed/Agility	Netball Courts
Wednesday	07:15-08:15	Open	Dance Studio
Wednesday	13:20-14:10	1st-4th	Dance Studio
Wednesday	16:00-17:00	5th-U6th	Dance Studio
Thursday	13:20-14:10	Speed/Agility	Netball Courts
Friday	13:20-14:10	1st-4th	Dance Studio

## CCF Update

- ♦ **Promotions Parade and Parent 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 **Plt Off Rusbridge** via [sar@reigategrammar.org](mailto:sar@reigategrammar.org).

## RGSweather: Winter Update

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

## 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).

## Parking at School

Please don't use the visitor/staff car park at the front of school to drop off and collect children. This area is in constant use for deliveries etc.

## 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  
Geography, Belize 2016  
Golf Tour, Bryanston 2016  
Hockey Tour, Bath  
Netball Tour, Costa Dorada, Spain  
Rugby Tour, Biarritz  
Senior Ski, France—Second Deposit  
Spanish, Andalucía

Biology—Science Live, Piccadilly Theatre  
Careers—Churchill College, Cambridge  
History—Hitler on Trial  
National Ultimate Frisbee Tournament 2016  
RS—All You Need is Love  
Science Live, Dominion Theatre  
Theatre Studies *Confusions*

**The link to the Parents' Online Payment system is on the school website and on Parent Portal.**

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

## January

- 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  
**UI3A&B (H) 09:00 \* NEW TIME \***  
**UI4A&B (H) 10:00 \* NEW TIME \***  
UI5A (A) 10:00  
UI5B (A) 11:00  
Netball v Wimbledon High School:  
UI4AB&C (A) 09:30  
UI2ABC&D (H) 09:30  
1st, 2nd, UI5A&B (A) 10:30  
UI3ABC&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:  
UI2, UI3, UI4 & Senior (H) 16:30  
Netball v Guildford High School: UI4AB&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  
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: UI2, UI3 (H) 16:15  
Music: Informal Concert (RR) 16:15-17:15
- 29 F Fourth Form scientists to *Science Live!* (London)  
08:45-17:30  
Chess v Kingston: B Team 16:00-18:00  
**Girls' Hockey v St Theresa's: UI2A&B (HW)**  
**16:30 \* NEW \***
- 30 Sa 11+ & 13+ Pre-Test interviews (CH) 09:00-13:00  
Boys' Hockey v Caterham School: 1st XI (A) 09:00  
UI5A&B (H) 09:00  
2nd XI (A) 10:15  
UI4A&B (H) 10:15  
3rd XI (A) 11:30  
UI3ABC&D (7-a-side) (H) 11:30  
UI2ABC&D (H) 12:30  
Netball v Colfe's: UI2ABC&D (A) 10:00  
1st VII, 2nd VII, 3rd VII, 4th VII (H) 10:00  
UI3AB&C (A) 11:00  
UI5A, UI4A (H) 11:00  
Rugby v Brighton College: 1st XV, 2nd XV (A) 14:30

- 31 Su *Angus, Thongs and Snogging*: Rehearsal 10:00-17:00  
*Much Ado About Nothing*: Whole cast rehearsal (DS)  
10:00-17:00

## February

- 1 M Fifth Form Futures Meetings begin  
Girls' Hockey, Surbiton Tournament:  
UI3A (7-a-side) (A)  
*Much Ado About Nothing*: Rehearsal 16:00-17:30  
*Angus, Thongs and Snogging*: Rehearsal 16:00-20:00  
Netball v CLFS: UI2ABC&D (H) 16:10  
UK Linguistics Olympiad (BLI3) 16:15-17:30
- 2 Tu Governors' Day in School  
ICAEW BASE 2016 competition (London) 08:00-17:00  
Senior Maths Challenge: National Final (London)  
House: Chess finals (S13) 13:20-14:10  
Pastoral Care Committee 16:00-17:15
- 3 W Fourth Form Spanish Exchange visiting students (arrive)  
Girls' Hockey, Surrey IN2:  
Cup: UI3A (7-a-side) (A)  
Trophy: UI3B&C (7-a-side) (A)  
Boys' Hockey v Christ's Hospital (A) 14:30  
Football v Caterham: 1st XI, 2nd XI (H) 14:30  
Netball v Guildford High School:  
1st VII, 2nd VII, 3rd VII, 4th VII (H) 14:45  
Swimming, Districts:  
UI2 & UI3/14 Mixed (Caterham School) 15:40  
*Much Ado About Nothing*: Rehearsal 16:00-17:30  
*Angus, Thongs and Snogging*: Rehearsal 16:00-20:00  
Cantata Choir: Rehearsal (RR) 19:45-21:45
- 4 Th Upper Sixth Geography Flood Investigation (Juniper Hall, Guildford) 08:40-17:00  
Lower Sixth Form Biology Lectures (Piccadilly Theatre, London) 08:45-17:30  
Third, Fourth, Fifth Form Intermediate Maths Challenge (PMH) 09:00-10:15  
PSHEE Talk: Fifth Form (CH) 14:15-15:50  
Surrey SATRO Problem-Solving competition (St Bede's, Redhill) 16:00-20:00
- 5 F Boys' Hockey v Dulwich College:  
UI2ABC&D (A) 14:30  
Chess v Guildford RGS: A Team 16:00-18:00  
Music: Quiz Night (PMH) 19:30-23:00

## Parents' & Friends' Association

### March 2016

- 19 Sa Comedy Night—see page 3 of this bulletin.