



From the Headmaster

Last night's **RGS Unplugged** concert was another reminder of the number of talented musicians we have in the school. The students all selected and rehearsed their own pieces and performed them to an excellent standard. There are too many students involved to mention everybody, but I would particularly like to congratulate **Lily Fadai** in the First Form, for putting herself forward to perform **Jar of Hearts** so brilliantly alongside much older students. Also, this marks the final RGS Unplugged concert for **Rachel Dungate** and **Miranda Harding**, who are the only performers ever to have performed in every school year at RGS since they joined RGS in the First Form. The Upper Sixth Form students dominated the programme and demonstrated a very high level of musicianship and talent. However, it was also evident that we have another strong group of performers in the lower years to fill the gap that they will leave behind. Congratulations to all who performed in this excellent and thoroughly enjoyable concert.



Earlier this week, saw playground **Pancake Races** in honour of Shrove Tuesday where First Former, **Lily Fadai**, beat Third Former, **Corey May**, in a thrilling dash across the playground which included obstacles, flipping and a mad sprint for the finish line.



Today in school is the **13+ Taster Day** where we welcome Year 8 students who will be joining us in September. They will have taken part in classes and activities; met buddies; attended House Assemblies; bought cakes at the charity cake sale; seen their future class mates serenaded for **Valentine's Day**; sampled our excellent facilities and catering; and no doubt peered through the fence at the evolving site that will become **The Peter Harrison Foundation Centre**. Thank you to all staff and students who make this day such a success for our visitors.

On Monday evening, around 70 delegates from a wide range of professional fields visited RGS for our biannual **Careers Convention** where many careers were represented including, amongst many others, Veterinary Science, the Civil Service and Racing. There were some very enlightening talks in the library which gave RGS and visiting students a real insight into studying abroad, careers in insurance and how to go about working out what you want to do! The Lower Sixth Form helpers were wonderful ambassadors for the school and of course, I would like to say thank you to all those who attended and provided such invaluable, honest and helpful advice to our students and their parents. The evening was a huge success and students are encouraged to visit the **Careers Department** in Cornwallis for any further advice.



Sixth Former, Charles Lee, writes: *The RGS MUN team took part in the first two-day **John Warner School MUN Conference** representing Germany, South Africa and the USA across five committees and the Security Council in which they debated and passed resolutions on a broad range of current topics. All the RGS delegates contributed confidently and successfully with **George Colvin, Benedict Springbett, George Beglan, Charles Lee, Ben Adey and Jasmine Hull** winning distinguished delegate awards whilst **Aaron Gilchrist** gained a highly commended delegate award. Furthermore, both the RGS delegations of the USA and Germany won **distinguished** and **highly commended delegation awards** respectively and the USA delegation even got a specific mention for contributions to the General Assembly at the end of the second day.*

At the recent **CCF Promotions Parade** many awards and promotions were conferred, notably **Tiger Fry-Stone** and **George Hopkins**, who were both promoted to **Petty Officer** within the Royal Naval Section. The best cadet awards from the Autumn Term in 2015 were **PO Tiger Fry-Stone (RN)**, **Cpl Amber Rothera (Army)** and **Cpl Joshua Packham (RAF)**. Last weekend cadets and staff visited the **Outdoor Ranges** at Pirbright Camp and practised both their L98A2 Rifle shooting skills interspersed with the contingent's newly acquired archery equipment.

NOTICES

The RGS Modern Languages Department held the school round to choose our team of First Form students who will represent RGS at the Regional finals of the **French Spelling Bee**. This competition required the pupils to learn 100 words in French and how to spell each one out. Competition was stiff with some incredible performances leaving judges' heads spinning! The RGS Regional Team is **Ellie Trimlett, Thomas Dénecé, Krishne Thevarajah, Viven Patel** and **Charlie Higginbotham**.

Also in Modern Languages, **Karneval** was celebrated where students enjoyed Dominik Dorsching's presentation on this fun German festival which included dancing, singing and sweet throwing. The atmosphere was electric! Thank you again to our German Assistant for his enthusiasm and for the sweets. Pupils found out that the **Cologne Carnival** (German: *Kölner Karneval*) is a carnival that takes place every year in Cologne, Germany. Traditionally, the "fifth season" (carnival season) is declared open at 11 minutes past 11 on the 11th of the 11th month November.



The Carnival spirit is then temporarily suspended during the Advent and Christmas period and picks up again in earnest after the 6 January (Biblical Magi) in the New Year. The time of merrymaking in the streets is officially declared open at downtown square Alter Markt on the Thursday before the beginning of Lent. Street carnival, a week-long street festival, also called "the crazy days", takes place between the Fat Thursday (*Weiberfastnacht*) and ends on Ash Wednesday (*Aschermittwoch*). The highlight of the carnival is Rose Monday (*Rosenmontag*), two days before Ash Wednesday. All through these days, Cologne folk go out masqueraded. The typical greeting during the festival is *Kölle Alaaf!*, a Kölsch phrase which can be translated as "Cologne above all!"

Sport News

- ◆ RGS swimmers had a fantastic first weekend in the **Surrey Championships** with a number of personal best times achieved. Congratulations to **Toby Stewart** who achieved two Silver medals for 1500 Freestyle and 100 Back, a Bronze for 400m Freestyle, five personal bests and four South East Regional Qualifying times; **Owen Knowles** won the 100m Breaststroke to be crowned Surrey Champion and winner of the **Ted Hogg Memorial Cup** as the fastest U16 boy in 100m Breaststroke; and **Ashleigh Smith** who gained a well-earned Silver Medal for 100m Butterfly. Well done on such fantastic achievements.
- ◆ Congratulations to all four **Senior Netball** teams (*pictured below*) who played against King's College School Wimbledon winning all their matches. Congratulations also to the lower school teams who also won their matches.
- ◆ Congratulations to the **U12 Girls Indoor Athletics** team who competed in the Surrey Finals. The girls took part in a variety of track and field events and beat eleven other teams in the final winning by over 20 points. Well done to all girls involved and for becoming county champions!

Student News

- ◆ **Charlotte Bader** and **Chloe Bader** will represent **Reigate Heath scratch team** against Wentworth Golf Club. They are the youngest girls ever to represent the club at adult level, let alone in the scratch team—well done.
- ◆ **Theo Lewis** came 12th out of 143 in the Reigate Parkrun—a 5k adult race—which is a very impressive achievement.

If you are at home from 7.00pm on the evening of **Tuesday 16 February**—and if the BBC schedule runs to plan—you may just catch a glimpse of a short film, **Growing Up With... Alvin Stardust** on the BBC One Show. Filming took place last week with the **RGS Godfrey Searle Choristers** in St Mary's Church, in the RGS Music School, at Hartswood and in my study.

Finally, the **Biology and Geography Tropical Ecosystems** trip to Belize set off from school yesterday, Third and Fourth Form geographers leave for **Iceland** on Saturday and Sixth Form Art students set off for **Paris** on Saturday. I wish everyone safe and rewarding trips and look forward to hearing all about their experiences after half term. I wish everyone else a relaxing half term break.

Please do continue to send me any news items, comments or feedback by email to headmaster@reigategrammar.org. I always enjoy hearing your news and if there is anything I can do to help, please just let me know.

Best Wishes

Shaun Fenton, Headmaster



Angus, Thongs and Even More Snogging
By Louise Rennison and Mark Catley



SOME OF YOU MAY LAUGH,
SOME MAY CRY, SOME MAY
HAVE A LITTLE ACCIDENT IN THE
PODDY-DIDDY DEPARTMENT!

WEDNESDAY 2ND MARCH TO SATURDAY 6TH MARCH 7.30PM
CONCERT HALL, REIGATE GRAMMAR SCHOOL
PRICES: WEDNESDAY ALL-TICKETS £7
THURSDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY ALL-TICKETS £9

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

Further details to follow. 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



Angus, Thongs and Even More Snogging RGS Box Office NOW OPEN



The U13B girls who were runners up in the Surrey Trophy

10 Teams | 15 Days | £50 to Invest



ACCUMULATOR CHALLENGE

Supporting the 1675 Bursary Fund

This April, the RGS Foundation is looking for 10 teams to go head-to-head with 15 days and £50 to beg, barter and borrow your way to making the most amount of profit in our inaugural **Accumulator Challenge** to raise funds for the **RGS Foundation's 1675 Bursary Fund**.

Each team will be given £50 courtesy of our sponsor, Robert Frith (RGS 1966-1973) author of **Drive like a Real Entrepreneur** and what you do with it, is up to you. You can fundraise, have an auction, invest it, organise an event or buy and sell products—the sky is the limit (providing what is done is safe, ethical and legal). Whatever your background or experience we challenge your team to raise as much as you can from just £50 to become the Accumulator Champions!

For more information [Click here](#) or email hkc@reigategrammar.org

SENIOR SPORTS DINNER 2016

The 2016 Senior Sports Dinner will be held at Denbies Wine Estate, Dorking on **Tuesday 22 March**. All Fifth and Sixth Form students who have represented the school in sport are invited to attend with their parents and other family members.

We will be joined on the night by guest speaker Heather Fisher who was part of England's World Rugby Cup winning team in 2014 and is currently one of only 19 England players to have a full-time contract. Heather has also represented Great Britain in Bobsleigh, competing in Junior Championships, the British Championship and on the European circuit.

Heather will be joining us at RGS as a Sky Sports Athlete Mentor on behalf of Living for Sport.

Ticket application forms are being sent with the bulletin today and are also available on the Parent Portal. If you have any queries, please email **Mr Mann** via prm@reigategrammar.org.



GCSE Spanish: Additional Speaking Class

Starting on **Friday 12 February** and continuing after half term, Fifth Form Spanish students are welcome to attend an extra IGCSE speaking class with **Sonia Maiso de la Natividad**, the Spanish Language assistant, on Fridays from **4.00-5.00pm** in **Rm27**.

Fourth Form French Exchange Information Evening for Parents and Students

Wednesday 24 February; 18:00-18:45; Rm22

Digital and Technological Careers Evening

The Careers Department will be holding a Digital and Technological careers evening on **Monday 29 February**. All students and their parents from the Second to the Sixth Form are welcome. This is relevant to students considering digital and IT careers as well as people considering degrees in English, Marketing, Advertising, Statistics and many more.

DofE Awards deadline—Reminder

Awards must be completed on eDofE by **Wednesday 9 March** in order to be invited to the Award Presentation Evening on 21 April. For further information on how to finish your award, please access the eDofE site via this [link](#) or contact **Mr Collins** if you have any questions.

CCF Update

- ♦ **Mountain Biking Weekend:** 11-13 March, Capel Curig, North Wales, 14:00-21:00hrs.
 - ♦ **RAF Flying:** 17 March, RAF Benson. 06:45-14:00hrs
 - ♦ **Mess Dinner:** 16 April, PMH, 19:00-23:00hrs
- All queries should be directed to **Plt Off Rusbridge** via sar@reigategrammar.org.

RGS Cantata Choir—Saturday 12 March, 7pm, at St Mary's Church Centre, Reigate

English Music for a Spring Evening—Featuring RGS Students and the RGS Godfrey Searle Choristers. Tickets are available from the RGS Box Office; refreshments included.

Higher Education Evening: Tuesday 15 March 2016

Lower Sixth Form students and their parents are invited to attend the Higher Education Evening on **Tuesday 15 March** where you will be addressed by Mike Nicholson, the Director of Student Recruitment and Admissions at Bath University. There will also be the opportunity to hear from **Mr Buzzacott** (Head of Careers), **Mr Jones** (Head of Sixth Form), **Dr Carter** (Oxbridge co-ordinator) and **the Headmaster**. The event starts at 7.00pm in the PMH. All Lower Sixth parents and students are strongly encouraged to attend.

RGS PFA Badminton Club

The PFA Badminton Club runs on Tuesday evenings from 7.30-10.00pm (September to May; term time only) in the RGS Sports Hall. This friendly club welcomes new members of any standard. For further information please contact: **John Eason** (Honorary Secretary) via the PFA at pfa@reigategrammar.org.



RGS Cashless Catering

REMINDER

To put money onto lunch accounts log on to the Parents' Online Payment system (POP) at <http://rgs.to/pop>, via the [link](#) on the front page of the school website or via the Parent Portal.

If you would like your child or children to be registered on the cashless catering system, or have any general queries regarding the move to cashless catering, please email biometrics@reigategrammar.org. If you have any queries relating to POP, please contact **Mrs Page** on 01737 229362 or email finance@reigategrammar.org.

PARENTS' ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM

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

AVAILABLE FOR PAYMENT

Cricket, Jersey
France, Chateau du Broutel
Geography—Swanage, Dorset
Hockey Tour, Bath
Netball Tour, Costa Dorada, Spain
Rugby Tour, Biarritz, France
Senior Ski, France—Second Deposit
Spanish, Andalucía

Biology—Nettlecombe Court (First Deposit)
Biology—Wakehurst Place
Careers—Churchill College, Cambridge
Economics—Economist Magazine
English—King Lear
Geography—Juniper Hall
History—Hitler on Trial
Model United Nations—John Warner School
RS—Conference (25 February)
RS—Conference (9 March)

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.

Half Term

- 13 Sa Sixth Form Art trip (*departs*) (Paris, France)
Third & Fourth Form Geography trip (*departs*) (Iceland)
- 16 Tu Sixth Form Art trip (*returns*) (Paris, France)
- 17 W Third & Fourth Form Geography trip (*returns*) (Iceland)
- 21 Su Sixth Form Tropical Ecosystems trip (*returns*) (Belize)

22 M Return after Half Term 08:30

Netball v Caterham School: U14AB&C (A) 14:15
Boys' Hockey v Lingfield ND: U14A (H) 14:30
U14B (A) 14:30
Mixed Swimming v Hazelwood: U12, U13 (H) 16:00
Much Ado About Nothing: Rehearsal 16:00-17:30
Angus, Thongs and Snogging: Rehearsal 16:00-19:00
Governors: Governance & Risk Management Meeting 17:30-19:30

- 23 Tu Final School Boosters: Fourth Form
Netball v Caterham School: U13ABC&D (H) 16:30
13+ Pre-Test offer holder drop-in morning (HM Study) 09:30-11:00
Second Form GCSE Options Evening (PMH/BB) 19:00-21:00

- 24 W Rugby 7s: U13 (CLFS, Ashted Park) 11:00-17:00
1st VII (Hampton) 11:15
Governors: Foundation Sub-Committee Meeting 12:30-14:30
Football v Caterham: 1st XI, 2nd XI (A) 14:30
Much Ado About Nothing: Rehearsal 16:00-17:30
Angus, Thongs and Snogging: Rehearsal 16:00-19:00
Netball v Caterham School: U12ABC&D (H) 16:30
Fourth Form French Exchange Information Evening for Parents and Students (Rm22) 18:00-18:45
Cantata Choir: Rehearsal (RR) 19:45-21:45

- 25 Th AS/A2 Theatre Studies: Technical Deadline
Theology & Philosophy Temples trip (London) 08:30-15:50
11+ offer holder Drop-In Morning (Library) 09:00-11:00
Fifth & Sixth Form Talk: *Sex, Drugs & Sausage Rolls-the Maths of Taking Risks* (PMH) 16:00-17:30
Netball v Guildford High School: U15A&B (A) 16:30

- 26 F Girls' Hockey Surbiton Tournament: U12 (7-a-side) (A)
Angus, Thongs and Snogging: LX Plot (CH/WG/MR) 09:00-18:00
~~Careers Talk: The Douse Associates Gap Scheme 13:30-14:10 * Now on 9/2/16 *~~
Careers Talk: *Degrees in Psychology* with Dr Adrian Banks 13:30-14:10
Boys' Hockey v Eltham College: U12C&D (H) 14:30
U12A&B (A) 14:30 * A/B Games now 4/3/16 *
Chess v KCS Wimbledon: C Team 16:00-18:00
Chess v Sutton: A&B Teams 16:00-18:00

- 27 Sa *Angus, Thongs and Snogging*: Costume Call (CH/WG/MR)
Boys' Hockey v RGS Guildford: U12ABC&D (H) 09:00
U13ABC&D (H) 10:00
Netball v Ardingly: 3rd VII, 4th VII, U14AB&C (A) 09:30
1st VII, 2nd VII, U15A&B (H) 09:30
Netball v Danes Hill School: U13A&B (A) 09:30
Boys' Hockey v Ardingly: 2nd, 3rd XI (A) 11:15
1st XI (H) 11:15
U15A (H) 11:15
U14A&B (A) 12:30
U15B (H) 12:30
U14C (H) 12:30

- 28 Su Netball County Finals: U12, U13, U14 (A)
Rugby 7s: 1st VII (Reeds) 08:45-16:00
Angus, Thongs and Snogging: Technical Rehearsal (CH/WG/MR) 10:00-18:00

- 29 M Lower Sixth Form Politics trip to the Supreme Court (London) 08:30-15:50
Angus, Thongs and Snogging: Cast, Crew and Bank off timetable all day (CH/WG/MR) 09:00-20:00
Much Ado About Nothing: Rehearsal 16:00-17:30
Swimming v CLFS: U12, U13, U14, U15 & Senior Boys (H) 16:30
Governors: Finance & Foundation Committee Meeting 17:30-19:30
Careers in Digital Technology Evening (PMH) 19:00-21:00

March

- 1 Tu Girls' Hockey, Surrey IN2:
Cup: U12A (7-a-side) (Cranleigh) 09:30
Development: U12 (7-a-side) (Cranleigh) 09:30
Trophy: U12B (7-a-side) (Cranleigh) 09:30
Rugby 7s: U14 (John Fisher)
Careers Talk: *Teaching and Routes into Teaching* with Miss Williams (CW2) 13:30-14:10
Fifth Form CV Workshop (6FC) 16:00-17:30
Netball South Surrey Shield: U13C&D (H) 16:30
Angus, Thongs and Snogging: Dress Rehearsal (First Form audience) (CH/WG/MR) 18:00-22:00
Music: Mozart Opera Evening (RR) 19:00-21:00
- 2 W Upper Sixth Form English trip to the King Lear Lectures 08:30-17:00
Rugby Surrey 7s: U16 (Old Walcountians RFC)
Rugby 7s: 1st VII, 2nd VII (Worth) 11:00-17:00
16+ Assessment Day (IR, HM Study and Rm3) 09:00-13:30
Boys' Hockey St George's 6s: 1st XI (A) 09:00-15:50
Netball v Caterham School:
1st VII, 2nd VII & 3rd VII (H) 14:15
Mixed Swimming v Caterham: U12, U13, U14 (A) 15:50
Staff: Heads of Department Meeting (Rm15) 16:00-17:15
Boys' Hockey v Linfield Notre Dame School:
U12ABC&D (H) 16:15
U13ABC&D (A) 16:30
Angus, Thongs and Snogging:
Performance 1 (CH/WG/MR) 19:30-22:30
Cantata Choir: Rehearsal (RR) 19:45-21:45
- 3 Th World Book Day Activities
Rugby Surrey 7s: U15 (Old Caterhamians RFC) 09:00
Angus, Thongs and Snogging:
Performance 2 Matinée (CH/WG/MR) 14:30-17:00
SATRO Maths Challenge (George Abbot School, Guildford) 15:00-19:15
AS/A2 Theatre Studies Workshop (DS) 16:00-18:00
Music: Informal Concert (RR) 16:15-17:15
Angus, Thongs and Snogging:
Performance 3 (CH/WG/MR) 19:30-22:30
- 4 F Fourth Form History trip to *Hitler on Trial* 09:30-13:30
Lower Sixth Form CV Guidance Drop in Session (6FC) 11:00-14:00
Boys' Hockey v Eltham College: U12A&B (A) 14:30 * moved from 26/2/16 *
Chess v Wallington: B Team 16:00-18:00
Chess v Whitgift: C Team 16:00-18:00
Angus, Thongs and Snogging:
Performance 4 (CH/WG/MR) 19:30-22:30