



From the Headmaster

Last weekend was particularly busy in the vibrant RGS calendar with *hundreds of visitors* attending events at the school. On **Sunday 6 March** over 40 schools descended upon RGS Hartswood for the **2016 Reigate Charity 7s**, sponsored by John Laing. Now established as one of the most popular tournaments in the country, schools from the length and breadth of the country arrived bright and early for the exciting day of rugby ahead. Harrow faced Reigate Grammar School in the Boys' Cup Final and in a powerful display it was Harrow who ran out eventual winners with a 34-14 victory against a young but talented RGS side. This was a thrilling match, refereed by **Wayne Barnes** who took time out of his busy international and domestic schedule to officiate the proceedings. In the girls' competition, the RGS girls' VII also put in some tremendous performances throughout the day, culminating in a comprehensive 29-5 victory over King Henry VIII School in the Shield Final. For a full report and photo gallery of the day's events, please click [here](#).

On **Saturday 5 March** the Dining Hall was full of former students who, along with former and current staff and parents, joined together to celebrate **Aubs' Day** in memory of Aubrey Scrase who passed away last year having been a member of the school community since 1956. The uplifting atmosphere truly reflected the purpose of the day: to celebrate Aubs the man, educator and all round inspiration to many. Upon hearing the rendition of the school song, *To be A Pilgrim*, some questioned whether it had ever been sung with such passion and conviction! A highlight from the day came from those who shared their personal stories and memories of Aubs. One former pupil reflected, "*His greatest attribute was the ability to treat pupils as adults, to care for them and treat them as children at the same time. This is a very rare skill. It allowed children to trust him as someone who respected them, and they respected him in return.*" If you would like to see photographs and more information from the day, please click [here](#).

Also at the weekend, three RGS MUN teams attended the **City of London School's Model United Nation Conference** (CLSMUN). It was an excellent day in general and RGS presented three exceptional teams of delegates. The team representing North Korea (**Tom Rowell, George Beglan** and **Benedict Springbett**); the RGS Ukrainian delegation (**George Colvin, Charles Lee, Ben Dunn-Flores, Ayan Shahid** and **Fraser Cadman**); and our third delegation—Zimbabwe—(**Harry Armstrong, Jasmine Hull** and **Aryan Nikhera**) all made great contributions to the debate within their committees and many took an active role in contributing to the resolutions that were passed. Of particular note among the delegates that attended were **George Beglan**, who achieved a **Highly Commended Delegate** award and **Tom Rowell**, who won a prestigious **Best Delegate** award.

The **Fourth Form French Exchange** students from our partner school near Lille arrived at lunchtime today and will be meeting their RGS partners this evening. RGS students have planned many exciting activities and visits for the weekend and I am confident that the French students and their teachers will have an enjoyable stay in Surrey. I am looking forward to welcoming them to school on Tuesday.

On the *Ides of March*—**Tuesday 15 March**—all First Form students will be taking part in a **Roman Murder Mystery**. First Form students are invited to wear togas with house-coloured t-shirts for the afternoon if they wish. **Mrs Tate** has been filming in and around the school to prepare for this wonderful example of the enriched learning that students thrive on at RGS. Helpful hints on making a toga from a bed sheet can be found via this [link](#)!



Yesterday, **Miss Williams'** Second Form took on a great challenge in the name of charity fundraising. The aim was to complete a marathon in a lunch time... albeit on bicycles and in a team of 20. Having heard the story of a young brain-damaged boy being cared for at the **Children's Trust, Tadworth** the Second Formers decided to raise as much money as possible for this brilliant foundation. While students and teachers alike sweated it out on the bikes, other members of the class did a brilliant job selling milkshakes and chocolate lollies. Project Managers **Morgan Willmott** and **Maximus Sutton-Parker** did a fantastic job planning the event, organising everybody and making it such a success. A special thanks must go to **Isabelle Graham** (and her dad!) for buying all the things that were needed and delivering it to school. Fundraising continued today as more milkshakes were sold during break time. The total amount raised so far is just under £100.

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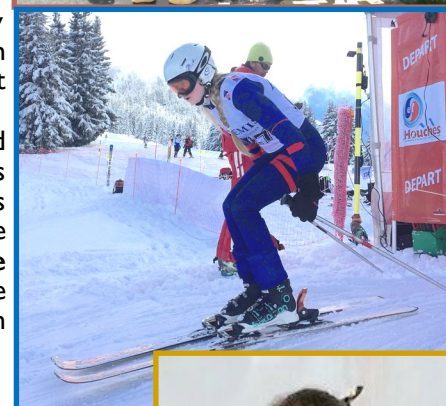
Fourth Form **GCSE Food Technology** students continue to broaden their culinary knowledge as they were introduced to the delights of Gnocchi making by RGS Catering Manager and Head Chef, **Mr Paul Rosser**. They learnt to form the gnocchi and served it with a sage and butter sauce and a Mediterranean roasted tomato sauce. Many thanks to Harrison Catering for offering such a super masterclass to the students.

Sport News

- ◆ This weekend, the RGS Ski Race Team competed in the annual **Inter Schools Ski Competition** in Les Houches, Chamonix, France. RGS was represented in the U12, U14 and U16 categories with students taking on some of the best skiers in the country in Slalom and Giant Slalom events. A special mention must go to **Megan Cowan** who finished in the Top 20 of the U16 Giant Slalom event, a fantastic achievement. The RGS students were fantastic ambassadors for the school and can be proud of their individual achievements. This is an exciting school sport which we hope will continue to grow in years to come.
- ◆ Well done to the **1st VII** and **U15A Netball** teams who competed in the Surrey Finals. The standard of competition was exceptionally high and both teams played some great netball. The 1st VII is now in the top eight in the county and narrowly missed qualification for the semi-finals in what was a very close match. With approximately 50 teams entering Surrey tournaments, this is a great achievement to be in the final 12 schools.
- ◆ Congratulations to the **U12C Netball** team who won the South Surrey Shield Competition, beating all teams they played including Woldingham C and A teams from Warwick and Reigate School. Well done also to the U12D and U12E teams who also took part in the tournament, improving their team-work as the tournament progressed. Thank you to senior netballers **Kirsty Gaston, Claire Hunt, Laura Hawrych, Charlotte Stern** and **Maisie Kellard** who have umpired at the South Surrey tournaments at RGS—their help and leadership with the young players has been invaluable.

Student News

- ◆ Last weekend **Emelye Kenyon-Brown** represented Surrey at the English Schools Cross Country Championships in Nottingham. The Surrey Team was awarded the Rochdale Trophy for coming home first ahead of 46 other county teams to become Junior Girls National Champions.
- ◆ Also in the English Schools competition in Nottingham, **Niamh Brown** came third in her race to continue her phenomenal run of success.
- ◆ Lower Sixth Former, **Katherine Jackson**, played in the Open Duo Class at the Godalming Festival on Wednesday. Katherine, who is working towards her Grade 8 Recorder examination, played two movements with a friend from a *Trio Sonata* by Daniel Purcell for two treble recorders and continuo and a duet by Bonsor winning their class with distinction.



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There is still so much to look forward to this term: The **RGS Cantata Choir** (along with RGS students, The RGS Godfrey Searle Choristers and RGS harpist Eleanor Medcalf) performs at **7.00pm** on **Saturday 12 March** at St Mary's Church Centre; the **RGS Ensembles Concert** is on **Monday 14 March**; there is an **Informal Concert** on **Tuesday 15 March**; and the **Annual Dorking Halls Choral and Orchestral Concert** is on **Thursday 17 March**. This very busy week of musical treats is followed by the **RGS PFA Comedy night** on **Saturday 19 March** where well-known comedian Johnny Vegas will be performing. There are just a few tickets so do contact the PFA via pfa@reigategrammar.org as soon as possible if you would like to join us. Finally, on **Saturday 20 March** at 5.00pm **A Musical Heritage** in aid of the St Mary's Organ Renovation Fund promises to be a real treat. I very much look forward to seeing many of you at these events in the run up to an early Easter 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



RGS Parents' and Friends' Association is pleased to present

Comedy Night

Saturday 19th March at 7.15pm

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

Last few tickets remain.
Booking forms on Parent Portal

RGS Sports Hall
Tickets £25
Cash bar

PFA - Registered Charity No. 280394



Swing Band Tour of Local Primary Schools

The Swing Band visited four local primary schools on Wednesday performing music from Glen Miller to Adele to very appreciative audiences of up to 400 pupils. During the performance, the young pupils learnt a little about the instruments within the Swing Band and had the opportunity to ask the band members questions.

Higher Education Evening: Tuesday 15 March (CH/SH) 7.00pm

Renowned speaker, Mike Nicholson, is visiting RGS on Tuesday 15 March to address students on *Choosing university courses and becoming excellent applicants for university*. Mr Nicholson is the Director of Student Recruitment and Admissions at Bath University, which is consistently in the top five most popular university destinations for RGS students. Prior to his appointment to Bath in October 2014, he was the Director of Undergraduate Admissions and Outreach at Oxford University. Mike is also a member of the UCAS Council, so it is hard to imagine anyone better qualified to speak about university admissions! There will be an opportunity to hear from **Mr Buzzacott** (Head of Careers), **Mr Jones** (Head of Sixth Form), **Dr Carter** (Oxbridge Co-Ordinator) and the **Headmaster**. With such a distinguished speaker available to us, all students and their parents are invited to attend. Do email slw@reigategrammar.org to confirm your attendance.

NB: Due to the increase in numbers that this is likely to entail, we have moved the event to the Concert Hall/Sports Hall.

NOTICES

Parents' and Friends' Association: Comedy Night, Saturday 19 March

The PFA is keen to hear from anyone who is able to help set up and clear away for the Comedy Night on Saturday 19 March. Help is required as follows:

- ◆ Friday 18 March from 4.00pm
- ◆ Sunday 20 March from 9.00am

Any time at all that you can spare will be most gratefully accepted. Please email pfa@reigategrammar.org.

Strength and Conditioning

Sessions with Tom Archer will run at the following times for the remainder of this term (Dance Studio):

- ◆ Monday 07:15-08:15 (Open)
- ◆ Tuesday 07:15-08:15 (Open)
- ◆ Wednesday 07:15-08:15 (Open)
- ◆ Wednesday 13:20-14:10 (First to Fourth Form)
- ◆ Wednesday 16:00-17:00 (Fifth to Upper Sixth Form)
- ◆ Thursday 07:15-08:15 (Open)
- ◆ Thursday 16:00-17:00 (Fifth to Upper Sixth Form)
- ◆ Friday 13:20-14:10 (First to Fourth Form)

CCF Update

- ◆ **Mountain Biking Weekend:** 11-13 March; Capel Curig, North Wales; 14:00-21:00.
- ◆ **RAF Flying:** 17 March; RAF Benson; 06:45-14:00. (NOW FULL)
- ◆ **Mess Dinner:** 16 April; RGS PMH; 19:00-23:00.
- ◆ **Weapons Handling Test Day:** 23 April; Broadfield House; 09:00-16:00.
- ◆ **Outdoor Range Day:** 24 April; Pirbright; 08:00-17:30.

Please direct any queries to **Fg Off Rusbridge** via sar@reigategrammar.org.

Student Safety

Students should not be dropped off in or collected from the car park at the front of school in the mornings or afternoons. Students in the First to Fifth Forms must not use the main front entrance at any time before or during the school day.



It's back!

The RGS Foundation Sixth Annual Charity Golf Day is on **Friday 27 May** at Reigate Heath Golf Club.

A hugely popular event amongst the Reigatian community, not only through participation, but from sponsorship and the wonderful array of generously donated raffle and auction prizes.

Tickets cost £50 per player, which includes tea and coffee on arrival, 18 holes of golf and an evening gourmet BBQ. Guests for the evening BBQ are welcome at £20 per adult, £7.50 per child.

For bookings or if you would like to donate a raffle prize or sponsor a hole email Hazel hkc@reigategrammar.org or visit www.rgs.foundation/golf-day-may.



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 **Changing Lives** campaign.

Sign up now and each team will be given £50 courtesy of our sponsor, Robert Frith (RGS 1966-73) 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's 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.

March

- 12 Sa Boys' Hockey v KCS Wimbledon: U15A&B (A) 09:00
 U14A&B (A) 10:15
 1st, 2nd XI (H) 10:45
 U14C (A) 11:30
 3rd XI (H) 12:15
 U15C (H) 12:15
 Boys' Hockey v Kingston Grammar School:
 U13A&B, U12A&B (7-a-side) (H) 09:30
 Girls' Swimming, Rotary Swimathon (Dorking)
 Netball v St George's School:
 U14AB&C, U13A&B (A) 09:00
 1st VII, 2nd VII, 3rd VII, 4th VII (H) 09:00
 U15A&B (H) 10:00
 U12ABC&D, U13C&D (A) 10:00-12:30
 Swimming Surrey Individual Championships:
 U13, U15, U18 (Guildford) 15:00-21:00
 Cantata Choir Spring Concert (St Mary's Church Centre)
 19:30-21:30
- 13 Su CCF: Mountain Biking Weekend (*returns*)
 (Capel Curig, North Wales)
 Lower Sixth Form Geography trip to Swanage (*returns*)
 (Dorset)
 Rugby Reigate Junior 7s: U14A, U12A (HW)
Much Ado About Nothing: Rehearsal 10:00-17:00
- 14 M Netball County Tournament: 2nd VII (A)
 Rugby National 7s: U13 (A) 08:30
 Boys' Hockey v Lingfield ND: U14C (A) 14:30
Much Ado About Nothing: Rehearsal 16:00-17:30
 German Language Play (CH) 13:00-16:00
 Music: Ensembles Concert rehearsals (RR) 16:00-18:00
 Board of Governors Meeting 17:30-19:30
 Music: Ensembles Concert (RR) 19:30-21:30
- 15 Tu Final School Boosters: Fourth Form
 Netball v Dunottar: U12C&D, U13C (H) 16:30
 Rugby National 7s: U13 (A) 08:30
 AS Sports Studies Revision Course (Kent College)
 08:00-17:00
 House: Senior Quiz (CH/SH) 08:40-09:45
 Boys' Hockey Surrey Cup: U15 (A) 10:30-15:50
 First Form Roman Murder Mystery (SH) 14:10-15:50
 Boys' Hockey v Cranmore School:
 U13A&B (7-a-side) (A) 16:00
 Music: Informal Concert (RR) 16:15-17:15
 Careers: Higher Education Evening (CH/SH) 19:00-21:00
- 16 W French Exchange visiting students (depart)
 Rugby National 7s: U18 (A) 08:30
 A2 Sports Studies Revision Course (Kent College)
 08:00-17:00
 Drama: AS Theatre Studies Exam
 (students off timetable all day) (DS) 09:00-16:00
 Football v CLFS: 1st XI (H) 14:30
 Pastoral Care Committee 16:00-17:15
 Cantata Choir (RR) 19:45-21:45
- 17 Th Rugby National 7s: U18 (A) 08:30
 Rugby National 7s: U14 (A) 08:30
 Sixth Form physicists to *Science Live!* (London)
 08:30-17:30
 Third, Fourth and Fifth Form Intermediate Maths
 Challenge follow-on round 09:00-10:00
 Music: Dorking Halls Concert rehearsals (Dorking Halls)
 13:30-18:00
 Boys' Hockey v Epsom College: U15B (A) 14:30
 Music: Dorking Halls Concert (Dorking Halls) 19:30-22:00
- 18 F Sport Relief 2016
 MUN: Haileybury Conference (*departs*)
 Fourth Form French Exchange students (*depart*)
 (Lille, France)
 Girls' Rugby National 7s: U18 (A) 08:30
 KES Bath Hockey Festival: Senior Boys (*departs*) (Bath)
 11:15
 Boys' Hockey EGHA Tournament: U13 (A) 13:00
 Drama: A2 Lunchtime Theatre Studies 13:30-14:00
 House: First Form Netball and Boys' Hockey 14:30-15:50
 Chess v KCS Junior School: A Team 16:00-18:00
- 19 Sa Music: ABRSM exams (MS)
 RGS Primary Schools Sports Outreach (HW) 09:00-13:00
 Boys' Hockey v St John's Leatherhead:
 U15A, U14A (A) 10:30
 Boys' Hockey v Lord Wandsworth's School:
 U13A&C, U12A (A) 11:45
 U12B&C (A) 12:45
 U15B, U14B (H) 14:00
 Netball v St Mary's Ascot:
 U13ABC&D (A) 09:30
 1st VII, 2nd VII, 3rd VII, 4th VII (H) 09:30
 U12ABC&D (A) 10:30
 U15A&B, U14A&B (H) 10:30
 Swimming British School Championships by qualification:
 (Crystal Palace)
 PFA Comedy Night (SH/CH) 19:00-23:55
- 20 Su Drama: A2 Theatre Studies Rehearsal (DS/BH)
 MUN: Haileybury Conference (*returns*)
 Swimming British School Championships: by qualification:
 (Crystal Palace)
Much Ado About Nothing: Whole cast rehearsal (DS)
 10:00-17:00
 KES Bath Hockey Festival: Senior Boy (*returns*) (Bath)
 17:00

Parents' and Friends' Association

If you are interested in helping at any events or becoming involved in any way, please email pfa@reigategrammar.org.

March

19 Sa Comedy Night (CH/SH) 19:30

April

23 Sa Nearly New Uniform Sale (PMH) 10:00-11:00

PARENTS' ONLINE PAYMENT SYSTEM

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

- History & Politics, New York & Washington
- Senior Ski, France (2nd Deposit)
- Biology, Nettlecombe Court (1st Deposit)
- English, Canterbury Tales
- PE AS Revision Conference, Kent College
- Physics, Science Live

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

If there are any queries regarding the payments listed or any other matter, please email: finance@reigategrammar.org