



SUMMER
FESTIVAL
2017



REIGATE GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Welcome to the 2017 RGS Summer Festival. The calendar at RGS is awash with a wide range of activities throughout the year which showcase the variety of activities on offer as well as the talent of our students young and old. There are over 30 musical concerts during the year; drama productions every term and weekly activities in sport, art, the Combined Cadet Force and the Duke of Edinburgh's Award.

This term, Activities Week follows exams where students can let their hair down and learn new skills in every aspect of the extra-curricular programme, hone skills already learnt, and

put these into practice on various expeditions and activities. Events start with Sports Day on 23 June and culminate in a whole school assembly on 4 July just prior to starting the summer break.

I very much hope that you are able to join us for as many of these activities as possible, to support your children or enjoy a sporting event in the summer sunshine. The experiences and character development that take place beyond the classroom is so important. Whether on local or exotic school trips, on the sports field, in the art studio, in concerts, matches, house events or

other opportunities – that is where character is both revealed and developed – come and see how we do this best.

It goes without saying that none of this could take place without the commitment and dedication of the staff at RGS, your support (of course) and the drive of the children themselves. This has been a fantastic year at RGS and everyone is looking forward to a well-earned rest.

With my best wishes,

Shaun Fenton
Headmaster

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CCF

Climbing Weekend

16-18 June
Peak District

Our cadets will experience outdoor single pitch climbing on a variety of crags in North Wales during a weekend of exciting and challenging adventure training.



SCIENCE

First Form Science Trip

Thorpe Park

A fun day of rides and science at Thorpe Park. Students will be collecting heart rate data before and after some rides for use in the Theme Park Science topic and we will be attending a workshop within the park itself on 'The building of roller-coasters'.



SOCIAL

First Form Disco

In time honoured tradition, the end of year disco will be a time for our junior students to let their hair down to the Macarena or whatever else is flavour of the month. It will definitely be a 'Dress to impress' affair.



MATHS

UKMT National Finals

London

The [United Kingdom Mathematics Trust](#) national competition is one in which RGS does well year after year and once again we will have teams in the national finals. This is a prestigious Maths challenge providing the chance to learn with and from other great mathematicians in the UK and it will also see the participants come away with great memories.



SPORT

Cricket v MCC: 1st XI

11:30am
RGS Hartswood

RGS has a long-standing relationship with the [MCC](#) and each year we look forward to the challenging fixture which their visit guarantees. The MCC spirit of cricket is at the heart of these matches and our players gain a wealth of experience from this exciting opportunity to play against an adult team. We welcome your support for an enjoyable day of cricket.



MUSIC

Informal Concert

4:15pm-5:15pm
RGS Recital Room

An afternoon concert featuring a selection of music from a variety of soloists in an informal setting for your enjoyment. Our Informal Concerts give a performance platform to whoever wishes to play, and they are always very popular.

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SPORT

Summer Sports Day
10:00am-4:00pm
RGS Hartswood

Students from the First to Fourth Form look forward to a day of sports competition as they compete to secure points for their House. Parents are, as always, encouraged to lend their support and join us to witness some new school records being set and to see their children representing their House in the summer sports events.



MUSIC

An Evening with the Swing Band
7:30pm-9:30pm, 1 Chart Ln

Join us once again to hear the sounds of our very own Swing Band. In their inimitable style the band, under the direction of Nick Lobb, will provide us with an evening of memorable music. You are invited to bring a picnic and enjoy (we hope!) the summer sunshine.



CCF

Tri Service Field Day
24-26 June

CCF cadets will develop their skills and knowledge for their proficiencies during this field training exercise. Their camp and field craft skills will be tested as they survive in bashas and on ration packs during the three day camp.



MUSIC

Community Choir Come and Sing
2:30pm-5:30pm, Recital Room

An afternoon of singing with some of our junior students, culminating in an informal performance in the school Recital Room to friends and family. You are welcome to come along on the day even if you have not attended the rehearsals. Further information: tgj@reigategrammar.org



DofE

Silver Expedition
25-27 June

DofE Silver expeditions involve groups hiking or canoeing completely independently over a challenging three day route camping for two nights.



SPORT

Cricket 6s Tournament
25-27 June

Each year we host cricket 6s tournaments for U12s and U13s at Hartswood. 18 schools come to each tournament, including sides from RGS, to complete in a festival of cricket. This is the eighth year that we have run the tournaments, and this year, for the first time we are also running an U10 tournament for local junior schools.

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MFL

Modern Foreign Languages Day

A chance for our First Form to enrich their knowledge of the culture and traditions behind the languages they learn in the classroom. Teams compete in trivia quizzes, learn to play la pétanque, practise origami and Japanese writing and taste food from around the world. The most popular activity is the Japanese Taiko drumming workshop. Guaranteed fun for all!



MUSIC

Giant Music Day

Year 4 and 5 musicians from local schools will spend a day enjoying the splendid facilities and surroundings of our Music School. They will participate in a series of sectional and full orchestra and choir rehearsals, coached by some of our top music staff and senior Music students. The day ends with our young visitors performing as part of a massed choir and orchestra.



SPORT

Tadworth Court Run

Each year, RGS' Second and Third Form students complete the five mile run between Reigate Hill and Tadworth Cricket Club, to raise money for [The Children's Trust](#). The sponsorship our runners receive enables them to support the Trust with their highly specialised work. Parents are welcome to come and cheer our runners over the finish line.



WELLBEING

Sixth Form Well-Being Day

The Lower Sixth will receive a talk from external guest speaker Jeremy Thomas on mental health titled *How to stay sane in an insane world*. They will then break out into small groups to discuss the issues raised and look at a tool-kit to help with good mental health. The remainder of the day will see the students engage in a number of 'mind apple' activities to help maintain healthy minds and have fun.



ART

Art and Design and Technology Exhibition

7:30pm-9:30pm

Both the Wright Gallery and the Sports Hall will be resplendent with an outstanding array of impressive art by students from all year groups. Every student relishes this important and exciting opportunity to exhibit their work and we warmly invite you to come and share in our celebration of the exceptional talent we have here at RGS.



FOUNDATION

Gold Reunion for Class of 1967

Former students who left RGS fifty years ago will join us for a Gold Reunion lunch and school tour. After lunch, Fourth Form History students will meet the Class of 1967 for afternoon tea, to share experiences of life at RGS and increase their understanding of recent history, as they listen to our visitors' recollections of life during the Cold War.

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CLASSICS

Third Form Classics: Trip

Bath and Caerleon

This annual Classics trip is a highlight for Third Form Classicists. Students visit the Roman camp of [Caerleon](#) where they will see barracks, an amphitheatre and a bath house as well as getting a chance to learn about army life. They then continue to Bath to see the famous baths and temple complex which has been the setting for the Third Form Latin course.

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MATHS

Happy Puzzle Company

The [Happy Puzzle Programme](#) uses large 3D puzzles and challenges, which start easy and build in difficulty as students try to solve them. Students will turn the apparently impossible into the possible whilst boosting their thinking and teamwork skills. This event proves to be a highlight every year for our First Formers.

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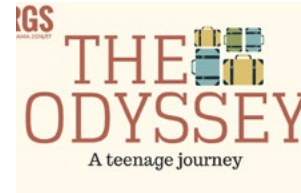


ENGLISH

Literary Festival

Authors Theo Brun and Catherine Johnson will lead the First Form through workshops on creative writing and where their inspiration comes from.

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DRAMA

The Odyssey
28-30 June, 7:00pm
Concert Hall

Homer's famous tales of the adventures of Odysseus after the fall of Troy get a modern and contemporary twist from playwright David Jackson. Expect fun, frolics and Greeks - it'll be anything but tragic. Tickets available from the RGS Box Office via reigategrammar.org.

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HSS

Henry Smith Presentation Evening

Henry Smith Studies (HSS) is a bridging programme between school and university where students develop skills such as individual research, independent study and presentation to others. This evening celebrates the impressive work in the arts, humanities, science and other areas of research and study over the last year.

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HISTORY

Trip to Bodiam Castle

At the end of a year primarily spent studying medieval History, our First Form will visit 14th century [Bodiam Castle](#). Students will gain an insight into the lives of medieval castle dwellers as they explore the spiral staircases and battlements. They will also have the opportunity to participate in a medieval costume workshop and investigate medieval medicine

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SPORT

Fourth Form Pram Race

The Annual Charity Pram Race sees Fourth Formers designing, building and racing their contraptions to see which one lasts the longest!

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T&P

Anthropology Day

British Museum, London

A chance for students to explore the discipline of Anthropology - the study of man. It is a far reaching discipline covering a range of subjects: science, geography, economics and politics (developmental anthropology) and history, culture and religion (socio-cultural anthropology). This trip involves a chance to attend a range of lectures and workshops.

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ENGLISH

Macbeth Morning

The Fourth Form will be taken on a tour of one of Shakespeare's defining texts: *Macbeth*. In preparation for their study of the play in September, students will take part in a series of workshops to engage with the play's key scenes, central characters and most vital areas of plot development.

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SOCIAL

Upper Sixth Form Leavers' Ball

Epsom Race Course

It's celebration time for our Upper Sixth Form, with exams over and the long summer to look forward to before they take their next steps. In time-honoured tradition the Leavers' Ball at Epsom Race Course is a chance for them to let their hair down and celebrate their time at RGS.

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CCF

RAF and Army Summer Camps

RAF cadets will experience life on a working RAF base, go flying and develop their RAF and military knowledge through visits, activities and adventure training.

Army cadets will take part in a wide range of military and adventure training activities on camp. There will be plenty of opportunities to meet other cadets and challenge themselves.

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CCF

Parachuting Course

Our senior cadets will receive the highest quality training from the [Army Parachuting Association](#) with the aim of making a solo static line parachute jump over the weekend.

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DofE

Gold: Training Expedition

South Wales

Gold DofE practice expeditions involve groups being trained in mountain navigation over difficult terrain and then completing an independent and challenging wild country multi-day trek over the ridges of the Brecon Beacons.

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DofE

Bronze: Third Form Conservation Day

Students will work together alongside the [Reigate Area Conservation Volunteers](#) at [Nutfield Marshes](#). Hard work and team work will be the order of the day as they participate in wetland clearance, removal of alien species, felling and coppicing. Our young volunteers will learn important conservation skills whilst doing invaluable work within the local community.

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HOUSE

First and Fourth Form Drama

This House Drama festival is a great chance for some of the older students to help write, produce and direct a House production. This rare opportunity, supported by RGS teachers, will be a great experience and, based upon previous years, the productions for each house will be excellent.

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SOCIAL

Second Form: Trip to Thorpe Park

Students will be spending a fun-filled day at Thorpe Park. Along with the dizzying rides, they will be attending a fascinating workshop within the park on 'The building of roller-coasters'.

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REVIEW

First Form Review

7:00pm-8:30pm
Concert Hall

Everyone in the First Form will take to the stage to show off their talents in a fun-filled celebration of their first year at RGS. Singing, dancing, sketches and experiments on stage inspired by this year's experiences across the curriculum will delight parents who have been invited to come and share in the achievements of our amazing First Formers.

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HOUSE

Tug of War

Broadfield

The Tug of War is now an annual tradition at RGS. It is one of the House competitions that generates passion and a whole hill of noise! Which House will have the best technique? Which will rely on brute force? Past performance suggests that the passion of the cheering supporters in the crowd can make a huge difference.

JULY

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HOUSE

Junior Quiz

Neither University Challenge nor Mastermind can match the excitement of the House Quiz on the last day of term. The whole school will be packed into the Sports Hall, willing their chosen quiz teams to do their House proud. The ranging and challenging questions typically produce a nail biting finish and it may go down to the final round. Fingers on your buzzers!

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ASSEMBLY

Whole School Final Assembly

A look back at what has been another fantastic year for RGS students. Awards, presentations, performances and a final goodbye before the summer break.

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MUSIC

Choral tour to Tuscany 5-10 July

This tour follows over 30 concerts during the year: a central London performance at St John's, Smith Square, RGS students playing in the Royal Festival Hall and an RGS Cathedral Tour earlier this year. What better way to end the term than with a tour of beautiful Tuscany, a fitting location for the choral groups of RGS to enjoy another highlight of the musical year.

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'EXCEPTIONAL'
ISI INSPECTION 2016

TOP CO-EDUCATIONAL INDEPENDENT DAY SCHOOL IN SURREY FOR THREE YEARS RUNNING

(Daily Telegraph & Sunday Times Parent Power)

100% PASSES AT GCSE AND A LEVEL

AWARD WINNING DRAMA

(Leatherhead Festival, 2015, 2016 and 2017)

OVER 35 MUSICAL CONCERTS EACH YEAR

RGS RUGBY FIRST XV CROWNED NATIONAL CHAMPIONS

MORE GOLD DofE AWARDS THAN ANY OTHER SCHOOL

TERM DATES

2017-2018

AUTUMN TERM

Wednesday 6 September – Friday 15 December

Half-term Monday 16 October – Friday 27 October

SPRING TERM

Monday 8 January – Thursday 29 March

Half-term Monday 12 February – Friday 16 February

SUMMER TERM

Wednesday 18 April – Tuesday 3 July

Half-term Monday 28 May – Friday 1 June



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