



HAEC OLIM MEMINISSE JUVABIT

From the Headmaster

One of the Latin inscriptions in School Room notes *HAEC OLIM MEMINISSE JUVABIT*, one day it will be pleasant to remember these things.

For those who were brought up around the 1980s screen-time was a concept that simply didn't exist; an apple was actually an apple. For most, the phraseology around computers was limited to *Pac-Man* and *Space Invaders*, to joysticks and floppy discs, to Atari and Commodore. Towards the end of the 1980s the computer age came to the RGS with a handful of BBC computers, programmable using *BBC Basic* and with storage reliant upon five-and-a-half-inch floppy discs. At this time, the School also appointed its first ever Head of Computing, Mike Bawtree. Fast forward to 2018 and technology has had a profound impact upon today's generation who have been born into a world where *Google*, mobile phones and laptops are all older than most of the students at the RGS.

Likewise it was in the 1970s when there was an acceptance that production lines of robots could build cars better and more efficiently than human equivalents. Today, Artificial Intelligence, robots and Virtual Reality are all increasingly impacting upon all walks of life. Virtual Reality alone has the potential to provide access to tuition to some of the 263 million children worldwide who are not currently in education.

Such technological advances are exciting and, with careful consideration and reflection, we continue to reassess how such advances can improve the quality of the education provided. Indeed, Sir Anthony Seldon, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Buckingham, recently claimed that robots will begin replacing teachers in the classroom within the next ten years: intelligent machines that adapt to suit the learning styles of individual children will soon render traditional academic teaching all but redundant. And yet I would argue that in the digital age the role of the teacher has, ironically, never been more critical. The transferable, cross-curricular skills which form the basis of our Learning Habits, the nurturing and embedding of scholarship for all, and the concern for the holistic wellbeing of our students are all elements which demand sensitive interaction and steer. As John F Kennedy once said, "Man is still the most extraordinary computer of all" and perhaps most poignantly as Aristotle claimed, "Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all".

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Environment: James Miller (5N) was invited to the Houses of Parliament as part of an RSPB Forum group. He was then invited to 10 Downing Street to discuss environmental policy plans with Sir John Randall, the Special Adviser for the Environment, and also Michael Gove.

Music: Roshan Patel (L6) and Angus Miller (5B) both achieved a Distinction for their ARSM Diploma examinations on the Clarinet and Alto Saxophone respectively. This is a letter-bearing qualification and requires candidates to play a 30-minute recital programme of considerable difficulty; another seven boys are due to take this new examination this term alone.

Scouts: In the Guildford East District Eagle Trophy quiz, the RGS team of **Joshua Levasier** (4H), **Alexander McKenzie** (4N) and **Salvatore Nigrelli** (4P) convincingly won the Eagle trophy: our first win since 1989.

Young Enterprise: The RGS was again delighted to host the *Y Factor* with ten local *Young Enterprise* businesses entering and an array of VIPs in attendance, including two Mayors and a number of local business leaders. The competition was judged in three categories: the business as a whole including finance, innovation and presentation; best trade stand; and the e-advertising competition. RGS company *EduNow* won the e-advert competition with their technologically advanced advert for their revision website and were runners-up in the best trade stand category. *Evo*, however, another RGS company, not only came second in the e-advert competition but also won the prestigious *Y Factor 2018* title for their *Teenage Survival Guide*.

Sports News

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Chess: The three school teams had matches in the English Chess Federation cup competition. The 1st team played Bridgemary School in Gosport and won 6 – 0, the 2nd team played Tormead School and also won 6 – 0, and the 3rd team played Guildford County School and won 4 – 2.

Fencing: **Freddie Edgecliffe-Johnson** (3S) has qualified for the British Youth Fencing Championships. He will be representing the Southern Region in the Under 14 Foil.

Football: The 1st XI recorded an impressive 4 – 3 victory against Caterham School.

Hockey: Against Tonbridge School, the RGS emerged with seven wins and two draws including a 1 – 1 draw for the 1st XI and, result of the day, a 10 – 0 victory for the Under 15Cs. In the Regional Cup the 1st XI enjoyed a convincing 7 – 0 victory against Farnborough College; this was then followed up by another free-scoring result as they beat Churcher's College 10 – 1 in the block fixture. The RGS teams in total recorded six wins and four draws. On a successful weekend, the following boys scored a hat-trick: **Joshua Powell** (1st XI), **Harrison Green** (3rd XI), **Barnaby Lenel** (Under 14B), **Joshua Lavery** (Under 15B) and **Louis Wilby** (Under 13D).

Shooting: In the first of our return fixtures against Epsom College, our VIII withstood early pressure by Epsom College, easing away to a comfortable victory by 749 to 716, our top scorer being 96 by **Balazs Rigo** (5H). Then, despite a top score of 97 by **Luca O'Flynn** (L6), our VIII was defeated by Wellington College by 757 to 750 points. Although suffering defeat, it was the closest any team had come to defeating them this year; of consolation, our pair of **Johnnie Matheson** (4N) and **Daniel von Hänisch** (5B) won decisively.

Swimming: In the 2018 Surrey Secondary Schools Individual Swimming Championships our junior team of First and Second Form boys **Andrew Brett**, **Alessandro Harker**, **Tommi Nebuloni**, **Joseph Perry** and **Sebastian Zabarte** won their overall age group to win the Surrey Schools' Under 13 Team Shield. In addition there were a number of individual successes including the gold medal for Tommi in the 200m Individual Medley.

Forthcoming Events

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Friday 26 January	Careers Convention in Great Hall
Saturday 27 January	Parents' Association Quiz Night in Great Hall
Monday 29 January	Lower Sixth Oxbridge Seminar in the Auditorium
Thursday 1 February	Third Form Parents' Evening in Great Hall and the John Brown Building
Monday 5 February	Forth Form Battlefields Trip Parental Briefing in Great Hall
Tuesday 6 February	First Form Parents' Evening in Great Hall and the John Brown Building
Wednesday 7 February	Musician of the Year in the Recital Room

