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From the Headmaster

As the term rushes to an end, we are all looking forward to a well-deserved break after a very busy few months. As I read through both *The Bulletin* and also the termly newsletter *The Register*, once again, I am proud that we can celebrate so many successes in so many different areas of school life. On this occasion, however, I do not want to focus on the obvious headlines. Real courage, claimed Justin Cronin, is doing the right thing when nobody's looking. I would argue, from a school perspective, the real heroes are those who are contributing when nobody's looking.

For every headline and every story, there is so much context which does not feature or gain the same level of profile; yet without the selfless dedication and commitment of so many individuals, the same successes simply could not be achieved. The drama production *RENT* is just one such example: the success of the event is wholly reliant upon the dedication and contribution of so many individuals, each with their clear role to play, each as valuable as each other. The lighting team, the make-up artists, the stage crew, the props department, and so on: all understated, all behind the scenes, and yet all absolutely essential.

A school is no different. The professionalism and pride in the RGS which every single member of our community displays provide the secure and firm foundations for our students to flourish and to continue to achieve remarkable things. As I read through *The Bulletin*, I would like to congratulate each and every individual who is named: their achievements are rightly acknowledged and celebrated. Equally, however, I would like to acknowledge and thank all those who, behind the scenes, have made such a significant contribution: the students who are not centre stage, the support staff, the teaching staff and the governors, all of whom go about their business with unerring dedication.

I wish you all a very relaxing and enjoyable Easter holiday and look forward to seeing the boys return refreshed and ready for the start of the Trinity term.

Latest News

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Classics: In the Guildford Classical Association reading competition, **Alexander Norris** (L6) won the Greek solo, pipping his brother **Sebastian** (4V) to second; Alexander also came second in the Latin solo competition. In the pairs competition, **Leo Kamstra** (4B) and **Aradhya Soneja** (4B) secured second place.

Drama: A genuine cult phenomenon arrived in Guildford as the joint RGS and GHS production of *RENT* fully immersed the audience in mid-1990s Bohemian New York. The industrial, scaffold staging and moody, atmospheric lighting immediately invoked the grimy glamour of New York, and with slick choreography which provided momentum and energy, and also an intricate score from the hugely talented musicians, the lightning-fast pace of the show moved breathlessly from one big song to the next. Powerful vocal performances from the impressive cast, none more so than **Philip Bowler** (U6), as well as **Hamish Klintworth** (U6), **Oliver Taylor** (L6), **Daniel Roade Martínez** (U6) and **Paddy Merritt** (L6) ensured the show was a memorable success. Credit also needs to go to the accomplished, polished band which provided the up-tempo soundtrack to the production; the phenomenally talented **Tom Bates** (U6) on piano was simply sensational.

Music: The combined forces of the RGS student, staff and parent chorus and orchestra united in Holy Trinity Church for a stunning evening concert. A compelling, technically accomplished opening from the symphony orchestra, concerto consort and the senior wind quintet was followed by Pavane's *Fauré* and a truly memorable performance of Vivaldi's *Gloria*.

Quiz: In the Junior Schools Challenge regional semi-final, **Tom Postance** (2L), **James Trowbridge** (1R), **Matthew Turner** (2L) and **Zac Warham** (1L) beat Milbourne Lodge to progress to the regional final.

Young Enterprise: In the South Surrey Area Showcase Company of the Year competition, *Clear Path*, with a careers handbook, won Best Trade Stand; *Delta*, with a children's environmental book, came second. Overall, *VynUp*, with their upcycled vinyl records, took second place while *Delta* were crowned the winners to progress to the Surrey County Finals.

Sports News

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Badminton: The RGS team comprising **Sam Baker** (4P), **Neil Boujemaoui** (5P), **Chris Chong** (5P) and **Anish Goel** (5N) reached the finals of the South East Regional Round of the National Schools' Competition.

Chess: In the NSCC Regional Final, our 1st VI was victorious against Winchester College 1st VI by 6 – 0. **Alex Golding** (4N) has been selected for England to play in the European Youth Team Championship.

Fencing: From the South East Region qualifiers, **Freddie Cheng** (3S), **Freddie Edgecliffe-Johnson** (4V), **Ben Kamstra** (1E) and **Zed Law** (3R), have all qualified for the British Youth Championships; **Leo Kamstra** (4B) gets a bye for the Under 16 épée as winner of last year's qualifier.

Football: Block fixtures against Cranleigh School, Kingston Grammar School and Reigate Grammar School provided stern tests for our teams. Highlights included a tight 1 – 1 draw for the 1st XI against Cranleigh School and three wins for the 2nd XI including two braces from **Matthew Harris** (L6).

Hockey: A narrow 1 – 0 defeat for the 1st XI against Reed's School on Friday night set the tone for a tightly-contested block fixture, highlighted by the four draws. In the County Cup, the Under 16A team recorded a 3 – 1 win against Ardingly College, while the Under 15As beat Lingfield College and King's College School, Wimbledon to continue their progress in the competition. The penultimate block fixture against Portsmouth Grammar School resulted in a clean sweep of wins with well over 50 goals scored in the process.

Rugby: The Under 18 Sevens team won the Plate Competition of the Surrey School Sevens Competition, beating Wimbledon College 36 – 5 in the final.

Shooting: Our VIII beat Bradfield College by 713 – 699; top scorer was **Cameron Philp** (5B) with 93/95.

Swimming: At the Guildford District Gala our Under 13 and Under 15 teams secured first place, the Under 18s finished second. This gave the RGS boys' team overall victory: an astonishing achievement. A huge squad of 50 swimmers then travelled to Reed's School losing narrowly 107 to 111; however, the Under 13s and Under 15s again won their age groups and the progress made by all the competitors was notable.

Forthcoming Events

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Tuesday 26 March	Ensembles Concert in the Auditorium
Wednesday 27 March	Senior Scholarship Conference in the Auditorium
Thursday 28 March	Sri Lanka Cricket Tour and Barcelona Geography Trip depart Term ends at 4.00pm
Friday 29 March	Junior Classics Trip to Italy departs
Saturday 30 March	NASA Physics Trip departs
Sunday 31 March	Seville Spanish Trip departs



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