



From the Headmaster

The concept of *sport for all* promotes both widespread participation and diverse opportunity, irrespective of an individual's natural affinity for a sport or their chosen area of interest. The last fortnight has encapsulated that this ethos far from being an ideal is in fact a reality at the RGS. This edition alone of **The Bulletin** celebrates participation in badminton, chess, cross-country, fencing, football, hockey, judo, rugby sevens, weightlifting, to name but a few. A number of these sports have seen boys competing at both county and national standard. Indeed, this weekend, 19 hockey teams – including A to D teams at the Under 12, 13 and 14 age-groups – are competing against Whitgift School. Taking into account all the other sports taking place almost a third of boys in the whole school will be representing the RGS in competitive fixtures against other schools.

I do not underestimate the impact such involvement at weekends places on you, the parents, and I would once again like to thank you for your varying roles as taxi-drivers, touch-line supporters and finally launderettes. The success of the extra-curricular provision is a true reflection of the combined involvement of boys, staff and parents alike and I am grateful for the dedication and commitment of all those who devote their time so willingly to the School.

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Drama: **Cameron Finlay** (U6) and **William Pinhey** (U6) performed their A2 devised piece, *The Marshmallow Men*, for the AQA examiner. The tightly scripted, imaginatively staged and impeccably performed show impressed as an allegorical tale was told through an expressionistic style which juxtaposed high comedy and absurdism with the darker, sinister historical truth.

Mathematics: In the SATRO AS Mathematics Challenge, the Lower Sixth Form team of **Dario Amini-Moghadam**, **Martin Dibb-Fuller**, **Callum Holmes**, **Vincent Lim** and **Mark Thornton** finished in first place, beating schools including Charterhouse School and Sutton Grammar School. Then, in the UK Mathematics Trust Intermediate Mathematical Challenge – a national competition entered by around a quarter of a million students, the RGS again performed admirably, with 92 entries resulting in 38 gold, 31 silver and 13 bronze certificates. **Thomas Spackman** (5V) qualified for the Maclaurin Olympiad (top 500 in Year 11) and **Mikel Bober-Irizar** (3E) reached the Cayley Olympiad (top 500 in Year 9).

World Book Day: The Mallison Library organised a gothic-themed day to mark World Book Day. Events included: a Haunted Mansion Treasure Hunt; themed lessons including Gothic calligraphy in Art, Gothic Consequences in English, and a discussion of the Goth subculture in Politics and Religion and Philosophy; a special sinister sustenance lunch in a darkened dining room with the accompaniment of the silent movie *Noseferatu*; as well as society talks and meetings including the visit of Dr Kathryn Harkup who enthralled the boys with her discussion of the science behind Frankenstein, poisons and vampires.

Badminton: **Christopher Chong** (1P) won gold in the Surrey County Badminton Association at Under 12 and then silver in the England National Circuit Hampshire at Under 13.

Chess: Against King's College School Wimbledon, all three teams recorded victories: the 1st VI won 4½ – 1½, the 2nds 3½ – 2½ and the 3rds 6½ – 5½.

Cross-Country: The Junior Cross-Country team won the Danes Hill Invitational Event with **Charles Kershaw** (2P) coming in as the individual winner; **Samuel Martin** (1R) secured third place.

Fencing: At the British Youth Championship (BYC) Under 18 Southern Qualifier, **Peter Robinson** (L6) finished third to qualify for the BYC Final. In addition, at the British Schools Fencing Championship, the Under 15A team finished as silver medallists, knocking out top seed Brentwood School in the process.

Football: After a dramatic 6 – 3 win against Lord Wandsworth College, the senior teams secured three wins and one draw against Sutton Grammar School: the 1st XI drew 2 – 2, while the 2nd XI won 5 – 0.

Hockey: In the block fixture against King's College School Wimbledon, the RGS recorded 9 wins and 1 draw from 11 matches. The Under 15s and Under 14s won all six of their matches, scoring 24 goals in the process and conceding none. Against Reigate Grammar School, the Under 13s won three matches, with the A team impressing in a 9 – 0 victory.

Judo: At the HMC competition **Oliver Platt** (5H) won gold and thereby qualified for the England development squad; **Ridley Hymas** (3E) won silver and **James Wallace** (3L) secured bronze.

Rugby Sevens: The RGS hosted the 27th annual Under 16 Seven-a-side Tournament as 18 of the strongest rugby-playing schools in the south competed. The RGS team performed well in the group phase: the highlight being the 24 – 14 victory over Cheltenham College. In the Reigate Grammar School Sevens Tournament, the RGS senior team topped their group with wins over Whitgift School, the hosts and Sutton Valance School, before losing in the quarter-finals to the winners Wellington College.

Weightlifting: **Christopher Murray** (5P) won the British Schools Weightlifting Championships in the 62kg class; he just missed out on an attempt at breaking the British record.

Forthcoming Events

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Monday 9 March	Junior Classics Trip to Italy Parental Briefing in Great Hall
Tuesday 10 March	String Concert at Chichester Cathedral Senior Piano Concert in the Rehearsal Room
Wednesday 11 March	Parents' Pastoral Evening in Great Hall Evensong with the Chamber Choir at Winchester Cathedral
Thursday 12 March	Grease in the Auditorium (first of four performances)
Friday 13 March	Charity Day
Monday 16 March	Orchestral Concert in Holy Trinity Church
Wednesday 18 March	Lower Sixth Form Parents' Evening in Great Hall
Thursday 19 March	Junior Classics Trip to Italy & Geography Trip to Tenerife depart Ensembles Concert in the Auditorium
Friday 20 March	Term ends