



### From the Headmaster

The concept of teamwork and the intrinsic importance of the whole community working together towards a common goal has been apparent in recent weeks. The success of so many events, and the high standards achieved in the process, would simply not be possible without this shared commitment and mutual co-operation. The logistical challenges of a party of 99 boys and staff travelling around Italy on the Classics trip presented one such example; the Duke of Edinburgh's Award silver assessed expeditions on Exmoor and the Combined Cadet Force Easter Warrior advanced fieldcraft exercise on Hankley Common had collaboration at the heart of each challenge. The pride and spirit of the boys representing the School at all levels at cricket this term has already been very much in evidence; the staff have certainly been no less enthusiastic and passionate!

As the attention of the School starts to turn towards the end of the academic year, this strong sense of community could not be more important. The next few weeks mark an intense period for all our boys as they prepare to face the challenges of internal or public examinations. All the staff, both teaching and support, are united in helping the boys at this key stage. As well as academic input, we strive to provide a reassuring environment conducive to performance at the highest level and boys should never hesitate from airing their concerns, however trivial they may seem to be, as there is always an attentive ear ready to provide advice. United as a community we can achieve extraordinary results and we have every confidence in the boys' ability to fulfil their considerable potential.

I wish the boys all the very best of luck for what I hope proves to be a fulfilling and successful term.

### Latest News

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**Chemistry:** Five boys in the First Form – **Zac Harrison, Sebastian Harrower, James Reina, Alasdair Tingay** and **Guy Tregear** – have had their short stories selected to go forward to the second round of the BBC Radio 2,500 Words Competition. From 120,000 entries, only 3% have been selected to progress.

**Chemistry:** The Chemistry Olympiad saw over 6,000 students taking part in this prestigious national competition where A Level students sit a challenging written test of chemical knowledge where the questions are based on real-world chemistry problems. The School achieved record-breaking results as RGS students secured an impressive 9 Gold, 17 Silver and 13 Bronze Awards; this feat was all the more remarkable as four boys in the Lower Sixth Form were among the gold medalists.

**Model United Nations:** 16 boys represented the RGS at the renowned Haileybury MUN Conference which attracted over 700 delegates to represent the 193 member state countries of the UN. Lower Sixth Form boys **James Armstrong, Alexander Denny, Gabriel Nicholson** and **Thomas Rowland** all received Distinguished Delegate awards and the delegation of St Lucia, comprising **Alexander Denny (L6), Jonathan**

**Gonsalves Martin** (L6), **Finn Hamilton** (4N), **Gabriel Nicholson** (L6) and **Alexander Peer** (5B) secured a Highly Commended Delegation award.

**Music:** RGS boys, all taught by Head of Keyboards **Jan Newman**, enjoyed notable success in the piano section of the Godalming Music Festival. Among a number of awards, the following boys came first in their respective classes: **Harry Hodge** (1P) in Under 12 Recital, **Ruben Berstecher** (1C) in Under 15 Recital, **Harrison Porter** (4V) in Romantic, **Henry White** (3P) in Under 16 Baroque and **Michael Lan** (U6) in Concerto.

**World Book Day:** For the third year running, RGS staff signed up to be World Book Night volunteers and, for the first time, Upper Sixth Form boys from the Volunteering Society also took part. 252 special edition books, supplied by *The Reading Agency*, plus a few extras donated by the Mallison Library were divided up and distributed by teams of boys and staff to Guildford Action day centre, Number Five night shelter, Vaughan House hostel, the York Road Project in Woking and Guildford YMCA.

## Sports News

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**Cricket:** In the first block fixture of sunshine, the RGS teams, bathed in sunshine, made a promising start to the season with four wins from seven fixtures against Dulwich College. In addition, there were opening weekend successes for the 3rd XI against Cranleigh School and the Under 12A and B and Under 13A teams against Portsmouth Grammar School. Performance of the day with the bat came from **Miles Horton-Baker** (3C) who scored 89\* in the Under 14C team's victory; with the ball both **Jan Thilakawardana** (U6) and **Harry Yates** (5A) took four wickets for the 2nd and 3rd XIs respectively.

**Football:** **Joseph Crolla** (4B) has been selected for the Under 15 National Independent Schools Football Association squad to play at the Manchester United Festival against academy teams from Manchester United, Liverpool and Aston Villa.

**Hockey:** **Harry Relph** (2E), **Jake Sloggett** (2R) and **Edward James** (3C) have qualified for the Under 14 National Hockey Finals at the Olympic Park with Guildford Hockey Club.

**Judo:** **Oliver Platt** (5H) has been invited to trial for the elite England Talent Development Squad at the Judo National Centre of Excellence after a succession of top five finishes in national ranking events.

**Sailing:** **Patrick Croghan** (5B) and **Thomas Goodbourn** (U6) competed in the 29er RYA Youth Nationals against 60 other boats. Thomas finished sixth overall and was first in the Under 21 category. Patrick finished sixteenth overall in his first youth nationals appearance, as well as getting two top five finishes in a very competitive Gold Fleet.

**Shooting:** The 1st VIII won the Country Life competition, the main cadet small-bore competition of the year. This is the eleventh time that the RGS has won this prestigious trophy in its 103 year history; the School's previous victory was in 2011. On an individual level, **Rupert Fitzsimmons** (U6) and **William Johnson** (U6) were presented with their badges for representing England 'A' in the British Schools' Home International matches this year. This is the first time that two members of the School have simultaneously represented England at this level.

## Forthcoming Events

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Monday 27 April	Global Community Week starts
Tuesday 28 April	Lecture by Matt Dickinson in the Auditorium
Wednesday 29 April	Concerto Concert in Holy Trinity Church
Friday 1 May	AS and GCSE study leave commences
Monday 4 May	May Bank Holiday: school closed