



From the Headmaster

The RGS has always focused on the value of inspiring and enriching the boys so that there is a culture where a love of learning is at its core. Indeed, it is often said that a school's most valuable resource is its staff and the RGS is very fortunate to have such a dedicated team, both teaching and support. If the boys are to receive a stimulating, challenging education which fosters a sense of wonder and enquiry then it is vital that the staff body is equally inspired. The School takes genuine pride in a structured programme of Continuing Professional Development; Enrichment Day is an integral – and, indeed, unique – part of this process whereby individuals or departments have the opportunity to broaden themselves in a way which will further improve the quality of the teaching or support provision.

It speaks volumes for the diverse talents and interests of the staff that such an eclectic, stimulating programme is experienced on Enrichment Day which includes a fascinating range of galleries and museums, exhibitions and expeditions, lectures and professional workshops. A dynamic, energised staff can only be to the benefit of the boys and help to ensure that there continues to be an ethos at the RGS whereby a love of learning and a thirst for personal development is at the very heart of what we, as a community, believe in.

As a busy and very successful first half of the Trinity Term draws to a close, I would like to wish you and your families a relaxing half term and I also wish those boys currently in the midst of public examinations the very best of luck.

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Chemistry: The Fourth Form team consisting of **Christopher Gooding** (4V), **Rafael De Menezes** (4H), **Yousuf Mirza** (4A) and **Adam Wills** (4P) impressed as they finished third in The Royal Society of Chemistry Challenge held at Kingston University.

Drama: **Edward Chapman** (L6) auditioned for the National Youth Theatre and has been accepted to work with them this summer after the NYT held a series of 4,100 auditions across 17 venues.

Field Day: Field Day saw boys engaged in a range of activities both locally and further afield. Opportunities included lifesaving and surfing in Cornwall; orienteering and mountain biking on the North Downs; the RAF overnight fieldcraft exercise at Longmoor Camp; and shooting and an assault course for a number of the CCF cadets. In addition, the First Form participated in a series of drumming workshops: Gamelan, Taiko and South African Gumboot Dance. To further improve the boys' – already impressive! – co-ordination, Guildford Ultimate Frisbee Club ran skills sessions. Meanwhile, the Second Form visited Marwell Zoo as part of the *Adaptation* topic which they are studying in Biology this term.

Trips: Educational visits in the last fortnight have included the Classics trip to the Roman Baths in Bath, the best preserved ancient temple and bath complex in northern Europe; a visit to the Science Museum in London where the boys enjoyed a fascinating audience with *Gene Cernan*, the last human to set foot on the moon; a trip to the Natural History Museum in London where the boys experienced the hands-on *Investigate* centre, and also an activity on the *Colour of Nature*; and the Fourth Form trip to the *Merchant of Venice* at the historic Globe Theatre.

Sports News

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Athletics: **Gus Cockle** (U6) earned his first Great Britain vest as he was selected to represent Great Britain in the 3000 metres at the Loughborough International. Gus ran a time of 8:10.01 which was his Personal Best by an extraordinary nine seconds and put his time as the fastest outdoor time in Europe for the Under 20s this year.

Cricket: An excellent day for RGS cricket against King's College School Wimbledon resulted in eight matches being won and the only other match finishing in a draw. There were a significant number of outstanding performances from both individuals and teams. Of particular note with the bat were **Alexander Sweet** (L6) 103 and **Jonathan French** (U6) with 87 both for the 1st XI, **Max James** (5H) with 75 for the 2nd XI, **Thomas Eastwood** (4N) with 75 for the Under 15B team and score of the day came from **Henry Cronk** (3S) with 110* for the Under 14C team. With the ball, highlights included **Alexander Tiplady** (2L) with a hat-trick for the Under 13A team. In the Under 14 County Cup the Under 14A team played against Glebelands School and won by 7 wickets; **Samuel Müller** (3T) took 5 for 6, including a hat-trick in the process. Against St George's College Weybridge, RGS teams again enjoyed success as the Under 15, Under 14 and Under 12 teams all emerged victorious. The 2nd XI, however, provided the individual performances of the day with two centurions, **Alastair Curran** (5N) with 134* and **Max James** (5H) with 118, as well as a six-wicket haul for **Thomas Hartley** (L6).

Ice Hockey: **William Lawson** (1E) represented South West England at the English Ice Hockey Associations Conference Tournament. The South West team was crowned Conference Champions after beating Scotland, Northern Conference and the Midlands, and then beating South East England 3 – 1 in the final.

Shooting: In the Sawyer Cup, the RGS came first and second in the pairs competition; **William Johnson** (U6) and **Rupert Fitzsimmons** (U6) scored 120 between them.

Tennis: A good fortnight for the tennis teams in all age groups included victories for the 1st VI against Reed's School and Tiffin School and for the Under 13s against Aldro School and George Abbot School.

Forthcoming Events

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Monday 25 May	Half term begins
Friday 29 May	Half term ends
Monday 1 June	A2 examinations start
Tuesday 2 June	Market Day Concert in Holy Trinity Church
Thursday 4 June	Upper Sixth Form Parents' Reception in Big School
Monday 8 June	School Examinations begin
Thursday 11 June	First and Second Form examinations end