

# THE REGISTER

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*A pictorial record of this term*

## RGS GUILDFORD PHOTO ALBUM

IMAGES WHICH CELEBRATE AND CAPTURE  
THE LAST FEW MONTHS AT THE RGS



In a year when the words historic and unprecedented were regularly bandied around, the Michaelmas Term at the RGS proved the old adage "Where there's a will, there's a way!" could not be more apposite. Thanks to the meticulous planning and dedication of so many, more than a semblance of normality was able to be achieved. With the boys back in school - albeit with a number of sensible restrictions and regulations in place - good humour, flexibility and kindness were the order of each and every day. This term's edition of The Register does not focus primarily on exceptional achievements, rather it unashamedly celebrates the joy of normality, routine and community.



Photography Society's selfie challenge captures exactly why, despite our fantastic online, remote experience, students need to be back in school: friendship, humour and just simply being back together.





The new norm as the gates of the RGS re-open  
164 days after they first closed.



Quite simply the smilest, loveliest  
team of cleaners, devoted to  
keeping the RGS safe and clean.





*Excited to welcome the new First Form intake as our new boys arrive on day one of term.*







Traditional first-day-of-term rite of passage as the boys line up for their official photo shoot.





Never smarter! Immaculate blazers, shoes, hair and, of course, smiles!







*Back to routine: school lunches  
and endless chatter, albeit in  
year-group bubbles.*







The School Captain, Theo,  
and his deputies, Jamie and  
Christian, pose for a photo shoot.



The Headmaster officially presents the  
Senior Prefect ties to this year's team.







*Back in the classroom with a dynamic blend of physical and online teaching and learning.*







The Old Building reverberates once again with music-making as practices and rehearsals re-start.



Our String Scheme staff deliver whole-class string lessons to Sandfield Primary School Year 4.





*Our junior boys put teamwork, leadership and resilience into action on Activities Day.*







*Our Commemoration Service in Big School, as the Headmaster welcomes the new boys into our rich 500-year tradition.*







*Bradstone Brook looks absolutely resplendent as competitive inter-school sport makes a welcome return.*





The PGs enjoys Michaelmas Term cricket in the sunshine for the first time in our history.



Safety and sport (and nature!) sit irresistibly side by side.





*A physical theatre drama lesson: 10-seconds-to-become... a toaster  
and a fire-breathing dragon.*







*Our GCSE Drama boys relax after performing the devising component of their qualification, Covid-proof monologues.*





*The co-curricular life of the School returns with sport  
in every location and for every interest.*





The Art School is filled with creativity, imagination and artistic flair as the boys return to their easels!







← Break-times see boys remain in their year-group bubbles, scattered throughout our grounds. →







20 students completed their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award expedition along the Greensand Way.





*Our first telephone campaign since 2009 saw 14 Old Guildfordians calling more than 800 OGs and parents, past and present.*





It was great to hear about the experiences and journeys of our community, to be able to share our needs-blind vision for the future and seek support.







Individual skills and technique  
were honed with fierce rivalry and  
competition on the pitch, friendship  
and smiles off the pitch.







*Capturing the absolute essence of why team sport is  
so important #RGSTogether.*





In the absence of a physical Open Day, the RGS held a number of virtual, remote events in Big School including a Live Sixth Form Q&A event where Jack and Mr Gough show the serious side of the School.

Big School was also the epicentre for the new Senior Mentor Training.







The Independent Learning Assignment again proved to be inspiring as the finalists showcased their research projects.



The winners in the STEM and Arts categories were Salvatore and Stan.



Changes to regulations meant masks were obligatory in corridors and communal areas: the boys kept smiling though (you'll have to take our word for it!).





For the first time the  
King's Lecture went  
online as Jo Wimble-  
Groves gave a talk entitled  
The Confidence Jacket.





J.E. BOYD  
W. CHAMPION  
J. CHAMPION  
E. CHAPMAN  
H.C. CLARKE  
H.W. COLLINS  
H.E. CURTIS  
W. CUTTING  
DANDRIDGE

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MEMORY OF  
THE OLD BOYS  
OF THIS SCHOOL  
WHO GAVE THEIR LIVES  
IN THE GREAT WAR  
THEIR NAME LIVETH  
FOR EVERMORE

W.  
F.M.S.  
C.F.J.  
E.Y. ST  
P.







Our whole community united  
remotely but together as we  
remembered all those who have  
made the ultimate sacrifice.





A patchwork-quilt approach with staggered filming, year-group bubbles, and social distancing allowed us to pre-record our Carol Service at St Mary's Church.











↑  
It's beginning to feel  
a lot like Christmas... ↘





Thank you to every single individual - boys and parents, staff and governors, and the wider community alike - who contributed so much to allowing the doors of the RGS to remain open during the Michaelmas Term. It was yet another illustration of the fact that far from rhetoric, #RGSTogether is a reality.



