

# Royal Grammar School Guildford

## The Review 2013 - 2014

# FROM THE HEAD

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As I reflect upon the events of the past twelve months I am, once again, staggered by the amazing achievements of RGS boys. It really has been a year of wonderful memories for me as Headmaster: one of the top boys' schools in the country in the national league tables as well as an exceptional ISI Inspection report. To mention just a few successes from the year would seem invidious and yet they serve to highlight the true diversity of achievement by a remarkably talented set of boys: over £30,000 raised for charity; excellent Oxbridge results; international sporting success; national profile in the Debating Matters, Model United Nations and New Views Playwriting competitions; concerts and plays of breath-taking quality; and so the list goes on.



Boys ... have acquitted themselves magnificently while also being excellent ambassadors for the School

RGS boys continue to raise the bar of achievement and to make an impression both within and outside the walls of the School. Their achievements are commendable and yet what pleased me most from the ISI Inspection report was not the lists of successes, rather the fact that the inspectors genuinely captured the essence of the School and the boys. To combine such excellence with genuine humility and good humour means the RGS is full of thoroughly decent young men. The Inspection report included comments such as: "Pupils are extremely loyal to the school and proud to be part of it"; "The pastoral care [leads] to exemplary standards of behaviour and open, warm relationships"; "Mutual respect for the views of others is common"; "Pupils are friendly and at ease in one another's company"; "Excellent interaction takes place between pupils of all age groups"; and "[Pupils] are consistently polite and courteous". Academic and extra-curricular achievements, of course, bring me great pleasure and are rightly celebrated; it is, however, this strong sense of community which makes the RGS such a genuinely special environment.

The coming academic year is an important time for both looking back as well as looking forward. Just as the School will mark and remember those who lost their lives in warfare as the hundredth anniversary of the start of World War I takes place, so the School will look forward and ensure that it continues to innovate and develop to provide the very best education for the boys. The creation of the new Assistant Head (Teaching and Learning) post, the development of Trevone House, the increased use of technology in the classroom are just some of the ways in which the future of the School is as exciting as its past.

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Dr JM Cox  
Headmaster

# ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS



## university destinations

UNIVERSITY	NUMBER OF RGS STUDENTS
BA Bath	15
BR Bristol	10
C Cambridge	14
D Durham	13
E Exeter	17
N Nottingham	5
O Oxford	11
L University College London	7
W Warwick	7



Over 99% of all leavers in recent years have gone onto Higher Education continuing their studies at the leading universities

## STATS & FACTS



90 boys met their firm offer and were accepted by their first-choice university

## top 12 degree courses 2014

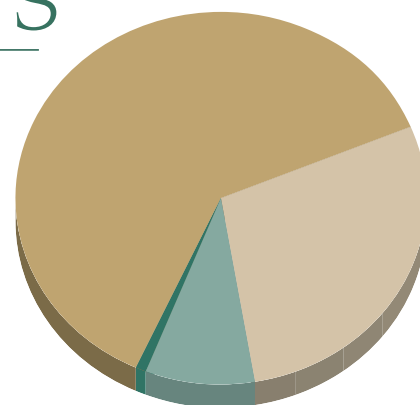
SUBJECT	NUMBER OF RGS STUDENTS
1 Economics / PPE	22
2 Engineering	18
3 Finance and Management	11
4 English	11
5 Natural Sciences	11
6 Mathematics / Computer Science	9
7 Modern Languages	6
8 Classics	5
9 International Relations / Politics	5
10 Medicine	5
11 Neuroscience / Biomedical Sciences	5
12 Law	4

95% of the offers accepted were to Russell Group Universities

# ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

## a level results

127  
candidates



40.1% Grade A\* 2.1% Grade C  
40.4% Grade A 1.0% Grade D  
16.4% Grade B

100%  
A Level Pass Rate  
2013-14

27 boys secured  
at least 3  
A\* grades

SUBJECTS	A*	A	B	C	D	Entry
Art	1	1				2
Biology	11	11	3			25
Chemistry	14	12	10		1	37
Classical Civilisation		2	2			4
Design and Technology	1	2				3
Drama and Theatre Studies	1		1			2
Economics	19	30	3	2		54
Electronics		3				3
English Literature	15	8				23
French	3	5	4			12
Further Mathematics	19	11	7	1		38
Geography	1	5	3			9
German	3	1				4
Government and Politics	5	4			1	10
Greek	1	3	1			5
History	5	4	6			15
Latin	3	7	0			10
Mathematics	39	35	15	4	2	95
Music		1	1			2
Physics	21	13	6	1		41
Religious Studies	6	6	4	1		17
Spanish	1	6	3			10
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>169</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>421</b>

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40% of the  
grades were A\*  
of the  
grades at A  
or A\*

80%

78 boys secured a  
minimum of 3 A Grades

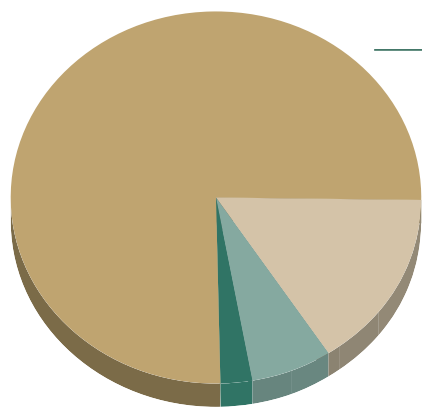
## STATS & FACTS

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\* Boys achieved full marks in four papers: **Dewi Eburne** in Biology; **George Simmons** in Mathematics and **Joshua Voller** in Further Mathematics and Physics

\* Former School Captain **Dewi Eburne** gained 4 A\* grades in Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics at A Level and a Distinction D1 in Pre-U Chemistry: the very highest award. Dewi dropped only 10 marks out of a possible 2,400 marks in his four A Level papers





75.8% Grade A 6.4% Grade C  
15.5% Grade B 2.3% Other Grades

**AS Level Result Success**  
2013-14

## as level results

147  
candidates

SUBJECT	A	B	C	D	E	U	Entry
Art	4	1					5
Biology	20	9	5				34
Chemistry	30	7	3	1			41
Classical Civilisation	2	3	1				6
Design and Technology	2	1		1			4
Drama and Theatre Studies	2						2
Economics	46	10	5				61
Electronics	3	1					4
English Literature	17	6	1	1			25
French	14	5	1	1			21
Geography	20	1	2	1			24
German	4						4
Government and Politics	14	1	2		1		18
Greek	3	1					4
History	27						27
Latin	19	1					20
Mathematics	94	18	4	4	1	1	122
Music	3		1				4
Physics	48	10	8	1			67
Religious Studies	23	4	2				29
Spanish	23	4					27
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>418</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>549</b>

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over 75% of all  
the grades were  
at A grade

**Shyam Tailor** secured four A grades  
and only dropped 8 marks out of a  
possible 1,300 marks in the process

1292  
1300

## STATS & FACTS

- \* In **23** subjects, boys achieved full marks including 13 boys in Mathematics, 3 in Latin, 2 in English, 2 in Economics, 2 in Geography and 1 in Chemistry
- \* 17 boys averaged 97% or higher; there were 7 boys with 97%, 8 with 98% and 2 with 99%
- \* 30 boys had already gained an A\* in Mathematics at A Level

# ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

## gcse level results

# GCSE

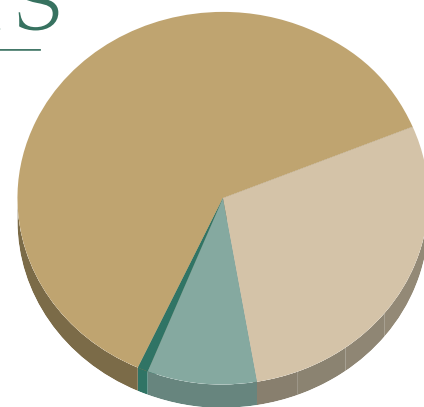
# 131

candidates

SUBJECTS	A*	A	B	C	D-U	Entry
Art	7	8	1			16
Biology	96	21	10			127
Chemistry	89	27	9	2		127
Chinese	4	1				5
Design and Technology	7	16	10			33
Double Award Science	1	2	5			8
English Language	70	59	2			131
English Literature	17	73	40		1	131
French	80	11	2			93
Geography	50	18	5	2		75
German	11	3	3			17
Greek	7	4			3	14
History	43	17	8	2		70
Italian	1					1
Latin	45	15	6	2		68
Mathematics	111	18	2			131
Music	4	5	1		1	11
Physics	88	34	3	1	1	127
Religious Studies	38	33	2		1	74
Spanish	43	8	3	1		55
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>812</b>	<b>373</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>1314</b>

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**The English Literature and the Religious Studies results are currently subject to a whole cohort remark.**



61.8% Grade A\* 8.5% Grade B  
28.3% Grade A 0.8% Grade C

# 99.4%

**Pass Rate**  
2013-14



90% of the grades  
were at A or A\*

## STATS & FACTS

- ✱ 97 boys took Mathematics a year early achieving 96 A\* grades and 1 A grade; 10 boys scored 100%
- ✱ Twins **Ben** and **James Barnwell** and **Alexander** and **Daniel Osborne** all secured top grades with 37 A\* grades and 4 A grades between the four of them
- ✱ 12 boys achieved 10 A\* grades, 19 boys achieved a minimum of 9 A\* grades and 24 boys achieved a minimum of 8 A\* grades

72 boys  
achieved all  
A/A\* grades

55 boys  
achieved at  
least 8 A\*  
grades

# 90%

of the grades at A or A\*

Academic development is much broader than achievement in public examinations. RGS boys have engaged in a number of national and international competitions and events with notable success.

- ★ The Independent Learning Assignment Presentation Evening showcased the finalists' presentations on Graphene, the EU as a superpower, epistemology and the First Crusade. **Alexander Hartley** was the overall winner with his translation of some of Rilke's Sonnets to Orpheus.
- ★ RGS boys continued to dominate the awards at the Model United Nations Conferences throughout the year including those held at Alleyn's School, Benenden School, Christ's Hospital and The London Oratory School, as well as at the prestigious conference at Haileybury School.
- ★ A number of RGS boys secured awards in national essay competitions: **Daniel Sutton** won the St John's College Oxford Classics and Ancient History Essay Prize; **Samuel Norman** achieved first prize in the Corpus Christi Cambridge Philosophy Essay Competition.
- ★ **William Pinhey** won the nationwide New Views playwriting competition run by the National Theatre with his script *Is there Wifi in heaven?* **Cameron Finlay** was a worthy runner-up with his play *Something Wicked*. Both boys had their plays professionally staged at the National Theatre.



Henry has a thirst for researching the heart... I have been really excited, and quite astonished, by the research he undertook with me and my colleagues at St George's Hospital.

Professor Sanjay Sharma

- ★ After being crowned winners in the Regional Final, the Sixth Form debating team, comprising **Timothy Foster**, **Angus Hammond**, **Oliver Northover Smith** and **Daniel Sutton**, progressed to the National Finals. In the inspiring setting of the British Library, the boys were unlucky to lose in the semi-finals as they debated the issue of humanitarian intervention.
- ★ After undertaking a research project, **Henry Roth** made a scientific breakthrough which could help save the lives of black athletes with undiagnosed heart problems. Professor Sanjay Sharma commented: "Henry has a thirst for researching the heart... I have been really excited, and quite astonished, by the research he undertook with me and my colleagues at St George's Hospital."
- ★ **Henry Roth** and **Xavier Peer** were finalists for their Gold CREST projects in the National Science and Engineering Competition.
- ★ After success in the regional round of the European Youth Parliament UK, the RGS team progressed to the National Finals in Liverpool.
- ★ In the national science Olympiads, the RGS continued their enviable recent record with over 20 gold medals, awarded only to the top 5% of the participants.



20  
gold medals



# DRAMA



AN EXCITING YEAR SAW A DIVERSE RANGE OF PRODUCTIONS – FROM THE EMOTIVE TO THE AMUSING – BEING STAGED WHICH ALLOWED BROAD PARTICIPATION BOTH ON AND BEHIND THE STAGE FOR BOYS OF ALL AGE GROUPS.

## HAMLET



For the third year running, the RGS took part in the nationwide Shakespeare Schools Festival with an abridged version of *Hamlet* performed at *The Electric Theatre*. **William Pinhey** as Hamlet produced a wonderfully sensitive and committed interpretation of the young prince, ably matched by **Max Tether** as Horatio and **Jonathan Andrews** as Marcellus. **Felix Clarke** created a convincingly tense and watchful Claudius with **Matthew Sargent** showing a superb grasp of the comedy potential of the blustering Polonius. **Zachary Moulder** as the Ghost made the most of his chilling demand for revenge and **Nicholas Hall** really brought to life the anger and passion of the bereaved Laertes bent. Other roles were played with verve and detail in an atmospheric production which evoked the dark forbidding nature of the play's themes.

## La Cantatrice Chauve



The joint GHS and RGS production of the French play *La Cantatrice Chauve* by Ionesco lived up to its theatre-of-the-absurd billing to provide humour and bafflement in equal measure. The underlying theme of the play, the futility of meaningful communication in modern society, was portrayed by Sixth Form boys **Oliver Northover Smith** and **Benedict Philipp** who captured the complexity of the genre supremely as they fully conveyed the range of the characters from the dead-pan and mundane to the irresistibly random and absurd. Supported by the wonderfully portrayed fireman, **Nicholas Vollers**, and atmospheric staging, the cast produced an outstanding production and really impressed audiences with their confidence and fluency in French.



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## OUR COUNTRY'S GOOD



*Our Country's Good* challenged the audience to reflect upon fundamental and relevant themes of civilization, colonisation, education, hatred, love, humanity and prejudice. The talented actors, supported by actresses from GHS and Tormead School, portrayed the characters with real insight and sensitivity. As Ralph Clark, played by the outstanding **Jack Morris**, earnestly tried to stage a play using the convicts as his cast, so the human drama unfolded; the naturalistic, and at times impassioned, dialogue was relieved by the expressive and comedic turn of **Benedict Philipp** as Robert Sideway: all of this against the backdrop of the brooding presence of the aborigines. The atmospheric lighting and music, as well as the imaginative staging, drew the audience into the heart of the performance, resulting in an outstanding production.

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## THE NOT DEAD



*The Not Dead* proved to be one of the most powerful and emotive plays of the year as the small cast had a profound impact upon audiences. **Benedict Philipp** and **Alexander Pusey** devised the piece, having been inspired by the Simon Armitage poetry anthology of the same name which explores the incidence of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder in soldiers. Along with **William Pinhey**, the boys really captured the emotional range of the characters. The play was thought-provoking, highly theatrical and demonstrated the capacity of the boys to access and communicate an impressive range of emotion in an incredibly believable and committed fashion.

## A Day in the Mind of Tich Oldfield



This year's RGS Arts Festival play was a junior production of the comedy *A Day in the Mind of Tich Oldfield*, the tale of a daydreaming boy who, by turns, imagined himself as the million pound winner of a game show, a Luddite instigating a revolt, James Bond and finally Tarzan. The audience was entertained by a talented cast led by **Oliver Taylor** who was outstanding with his animated and supremely endearing performance. A succession of cameo roles and slick, committed and detailed characterisation lent an assured and confident feel to the play.





# MUSIC

Another exciting year for music at the RGS included a varied programme which incorporated performances in settings from the intimate to the grand scale. The quality of musicianship, once again, proved to be remarkable.

## Cathedral Concert

Guildford Cathedral was the inspiring venue as the massed ranks of the combined orchestra, the choirs and choral society of GHS and the RGS, came together to provide an exquisite evening of music. The presence of just under 350 singers from the student, staff and parent body and over 70 members of the orchestra ensured this was a memorable evening in atmospheric surroundings. The schools were also delighted to welcome the highly-acclaimed and widely-renowned trio of soprano Laurie Ashworth, mezzo-soprano Christina Gill and tenor Thomas Hobbs. The programme opened with Rutter's *Three Movements from Suite for Strings* followed by Chilcott's *Requiem*; after the interval, Rossini's *Overture to La gazza ladra* led into the finale, Rutter's *Feel the Spirit*. Under the charismatic conducting of Grayson Jones and Director of Music, **Peter White**, the evening was charged with emotion, energy and power. As the appreciative audience left at the end of the evening, it was clear that they had experienced an extraordinary occasion.





## Concerto Concert

The RGS staged its first Concerto Concert which featured seven boys playing concerto movements accompanied by *The Southern Pro Musica*, Guildford Borough's resident professional orchestra. **Edward Ball** (double bass), **Samuel Clarke** (flute), **Michael Lan**

('cello), **Frederick McGee** (violin), **Oliver Shorthose** (trumpet), **Nicholas Warren** (horn) and **Oliver White** (harp) all gave remarkably assured and musical performances reflecting the astonishing depth and technical ability of RGS instrumentalists.

## MUSIC Notes

🎵 **Edward Ball** was awarded a distinction in his ABRSM Diploma on the double bass and was selected to play in the London Schools Symphony Orchestra and the National Youth Orchestra.

🎵 In addition, **Michael Lan** and **Simon King** also received the ABRSM Diploma on the 'cello and piano respectively.

🎵 At the Godalming Festival, RGS pianists secured eight top three places in their respective classes. **Callum Champion** was winner of the Under 15 recital class and was nominated by the adjudicator as the outstanding pianist to represent the Festival in a nationwide competition.

🎵 **Dewi Eburne** passed his clarinet LTCL (Trinity) Diploma: a significant achievement which showcases his musical ability and commitment to music.

🎵 The Secretary of State for Education, The Rt Hon Michael Gove MP, attended St Thomas of Canterbury School to observe at first-hand the RGS and St Thomas's String Scheme. In spite of the fact that the majority of the participants had been learning for just a few weeks, they performed impressively.

## Musician of the Year

The final of the RGS Musician of the Year provided the opportunity to showcase the very finest RGS talent. The competition proved once again to be a spectacular occasion in the inspiring environment and wonderful acoustics of the Rehearsal Room.

The six finalists played to an appreciative audience and were judged by conductor and former Director of Music at the Purcell School, Quentin Poole. The finalists were **Daniel Innes** on saxophone, **Michael Lan** on piano, **Frederick McGee** on violin, **Oliver Shorthose** on trumpet, **Nicholas Warren** on horn and **Oliver White** on harp. The standard was noteworthy, as Quentin Poole formally acknowledged, as all the finalists played with real emotion and sensitivity; however, the winner of the competition was Michael with his technically assured and wonderfully musical performance of Liszt and Chopin.





# ART

The Art Exhibition, in the stunning setting of the Art School, provided a fitting culmination to the academic year. A wide range of style and media from GCSE, AS and A Level students was very much in evidence as work of quite extraordinary quality and maturity was displayed.



Daniel Innes  
**Untitled** - A Level



Edward Way  
**Montage** - GCSE



James Whipman  
**Cubist Composition** - GCSE



Jason Roy  
**The Dark Teatime of the Soul** - AS Level

That most important outcome of artwork, self-expression, is best achieved for boys through a training in technical skills and they are encouraged to work as ambitiously as possible



Jason Roy  
**Surrealist Self-Portrait** - AS Level



Sebastian Chaumeton  
**Untitled** - AS Level



James Barnwell  
**Nocturne** - GCSE



Hans Hu  
**Expressionist Landscape** - GCSE



James Delaney  
**Architectural Diptych** - A Level





# TEAM SPORT



The philosophy of Sport for All was very much in evidence throughout the year as the School regularly put out over 20 teams on a Saturday. As well as the major sports, boys had the opportunity to participate in a rich array of other sports.

## WEARING THE SHIRT WITH PRIDE



RGS rugby enjoyed a buoyant season as the sport epitomised the School's philosophy of *Sport for All*: more fixtures were played than last season, more boys represented the School and more games were won. Opportunities abounded from the Hong Kong and New Zealand tour for the seniors to the tour of Ireland for the Under 15 age group. On Saturdays, it was not unusual for over 20 teams to be representing the RGS which accounted for over a third of

the whole school community. Despite a genuinely competitive circuit which included fixtures against traditionally strong rugby schools, RGS teams enjoyed successful seasons, most notably at the excellent Under 14 age group, while the Under 15B team proved to be the most successful team in the School. The 1st XV consistently impressed, finishing with a very creditable 57% win ratio; notable victories included wins against Cranleigh School, Portsmouth Grammar School, St

John's School Leatherhead, Tiffin School and Wimbledon College. Head of Rugby, **Tom Rogers**, commented: "I am very proud of the commitment and tenacity of all the boys who have taken such pride in putting on an RGS shirt for each fixture. Technically, they have developed significantly but it is the camaraderie, unity and passion of all the teams from the 1st XV all the way down to the Under 12C team which gives me most pleasure."

## SURREY DOMINANCE



RGS hockey continued to establish a formidable local reputation from both an individual and team perspective. The RGS dominated Surrey with the Under 16s and Under 14s both being crowned county champions and the Under 12s finishing runners-up in their competition. The Under 16s qualified for the National Schools Finals – only the second time in the School's history – while the Under 14s narrowly lost their qualifying game on penalty strokes. More boys represented the RGS than ever before with the School putting out up to 23 teams each week and yet the quality of hockey remained high. The Under 12A team proved to be the most successful side in the School as they remained unbeaten in school fixtures throughout the season with the highlight being a 15 – 0 victory against Reigate Grammar School. On an individual level, a number of boys participated at national and county level; the School continued its close links with Guildford Hockey Club with **James Ferguson** playing regular National League Hockey for the club. **Matt Baggs**, Head of Hockey, noted: "To combine strength in depth, with A to D teams at junior level, at the same time as high-level performance is a difficult balance to achieve. I am immensely grateful for the technical expertise of the coaching staff and the commitment and passion of the boys."

## SHOOTING SELECTIONS

**Sebastian Mansley** and **Oliver Woolcott** were the latest in a long tradition of RGS boys to be selected for the British Cadet Rifle Team, *The Athelings*, for the 2014 tour to Canada.

## SKI-RACING IMPRESSES

The RGS team qualified in first place in the regional heats before impressing at both the English National Schools Races and the British Schoolboys' International Ski Race event.

# TEAM SPORT

## BUDDING TALENT PROMISES A BRIGHT FUTURE

After a sun-drenched cricket season last year, a drenching of the more traditional English variety dominated the cricket term resulting in mid-May being the first dry block fixture and the traditional end-of-season finale, the RGS Cricket Festival, being disrupted by rain. An increasingly competitive fixture list saw RGS teams playing against schools such as Cranleigh School, Hurstpierpoint College and Whitgift School. Despite the calibre of opposition, there

were many notable performances throughout the season. The 1st XI boasted plenty of young talent which bodes well for the future: **Alexander Sweet** scored his second century for the 1st XI in the win over Trinity School; **Samuel Jelley** took 25 wickets; and captain **Jonathan French** scored 362 runs and took 24 wickets as he captained the side superbly. The Under 12As reached the finals day of the *Bunbury Jubilee* county competition losing narrowly to KCS

Wimbledon in the semi-final; they then went one better in the annual Reigate Grammar School six-a-side tournament by beating Trinity School in the final, off the last ball. In addition, the Under 14A team won the annual New Hall 20/20 tournament, beating the hosts in the final. As **Chris Sandbach**, Head of Cricket, commented in his end-of-term report: "Cricket at the School has a rich tradition, a powerful present and some exciting times ahead."



## ROWING GOLD

**Oliver Lucas, Matthew Sargent** and **George Wedlake** won gold medals at the British Rowing Junior Inter-Regional Regatta in a J14 coxed quad; the same boys then achieved bronze medals in the J14 coxed quads at the National Schools Championships.

## BROTHERS GAIN NATIONAL WINDSURFING RANKING

**James** and **Ben Barnwell** competed in the UK National Under 17 windsurfing series; James achieved a ranking of seventh nationally in his class, and Ben ninth. In the 2014 Techno World Youth Windsurfing Championships, James and Ben finished 12th and 15th places respectively in the world in the Over 17 open class for men, and took the 1st and 2nd positions for the boys' Great Britain group.

## COMPETITIVE KAYAKING

**Edmund Haws** competed in the Olympic Hopes Regatta for the GB sprint team and in the World Marathon Championships for the GB marathon team. He also won gold in the junior men's K4 1000m and silver in the K2 1000m in the Piastany International Regatta in Slovakia.

## BEST EVER FOR RGS SAILING

The RGS sailing team finished third in the British Schools Dinghy Racing Association International Team Racing Finals: their highest ever ranking.

## SWIMMING BUOYANT

**Calum Ferguson** reached the final of the Under 18 50 metre butterfly in the British International Swimming event.

## CHESS SUCCESS

The RGS chess team came third in the English Chess Federation National Finals to be ranked the third best school in the country. At an individual level, **James Golding, Harry Grieve** and **Daniel Sutton** all represented England in the Home Nations quadrangular tournaments.

## ATHLETICS WINNERS

In the English Schools Athletics Track and Field Cup, the RGS intermediate team finished in first place.

## RUNNING AWAY WITH THE CROSS-COUNTRY

In the Surrey Athletics Clubs Cross-Country Championships, **Gus Cockle** won the race to become Surrey Champion and **George Gathercole** came second. In the Knoles Run held at Sevenoaks School, Gus again came first followed by George in an impressive third place.

## FENCING TEAM TAKE BRONZE

In the British Schools Team Fencing Championships, the RGS Under 18A team won the bronze medal. **Sebastian Morton** achieved fifth place in the Public Schools' Championships.

## MORE INTERNATIONAL HOCKEY CAPS

**Edward Way** earned 16 caps by captaining the England Under 16 Hockey team and scoring seven goals including a hat-trick in the process.

## JUDO CHAMPION

At the HMC Judo Championships, **Ridley Hymas** won a silver medal.



# INDIVIDUAL HIGHLIGHTS

Coming second out of 150 competitors in the Topper National Series 2 event at my home club, Queen Mary's Sailing Club.

**Patrick Croghan, Age 15**

Representing England for the fourth time at junior level chess at the annual Home Nations Championship, a tournament in which I was unbeaten.

**Daniel Sutton, Age 17**

Being ranked twelfth in the world and first in Great Britain at the 2014 Techno World Youth Windsurfing Championships and beating my brother in all but one of the ten races.

**James Barnwell, Age 16**

Competing for England at the Under 17 British Schools International Competition and winning the 3,000 metres race to become British Champion.

**Gus Cockle, Age 16**

In the 2014 Techno World Youth Windsurfing Championships, finishing fifteenth in the world in the Over 17 open class for men and second in Great Britain for boys.

**Ben Barnwell, Age 16**

Being presented with the MCC Award at Lord's for my 115 runs against the MCC on my debut for the 1st XI cricket team and then scoring the only century at the RGS this year.

**Alexander Sweet, Age 15**

Finishing in the top 16 of the Under 20 Great Britain selection event in fencing which gave me a ranking of sixth nationally at Under 17.

**Peter Robinson, Age 16**

Representing the Independent Schools Football Association Under 18 South England team against Kent Schools.

**Cameron Hooley, Age 17**

Representing the Under 19 British Cadet Rifle Team, The Athelings, at fullbore for the tour to Canada.

**Oliver Woolcott, Age 18**



Captaining the England Under 16 hockey team to a bronze medal at the prestigious Four Nations tournament in Spain.

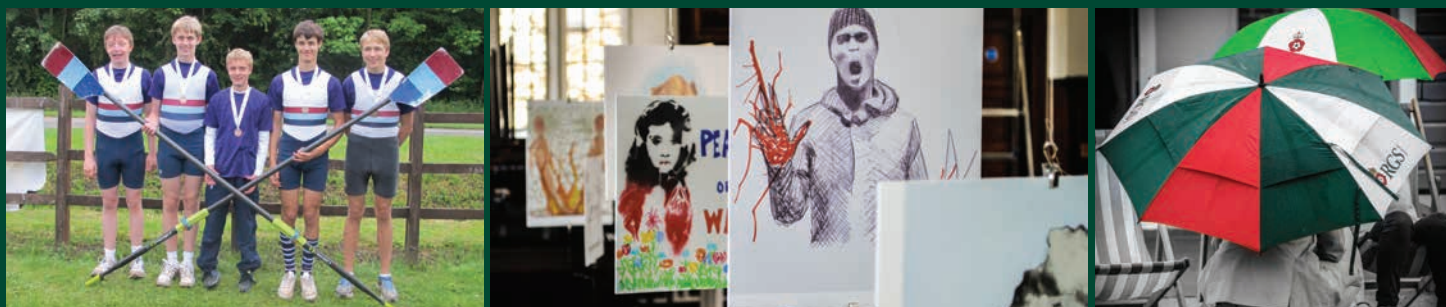
**Edward Way, Age 15**

Being selected for the 29er National Youth Squad of Great Britain and then qualifying for an invitational place at the 2014 European Championships in Kiel, Germany.

**Thomas Goodbourn, Age 17**



# JUST ANOTHER YEAR



Over 70 school clubs and societies

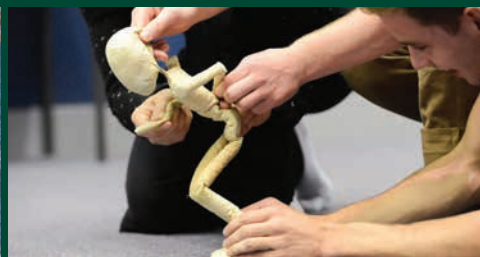


Cadets have attended in excess of 60 camps and courses incorporating leadership, power-boating, gliding, pool lifeguard training, canoeing, yachting, diving and fieldcraft, to name a few





# AT THE RGS



*36 Bronze, 24 Silver and 12 Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Awards to RGS boys within the last twelve months*



*256 boys in the RGS Combined Cadet Force*





# TRIPS



One academic year. Over a hundred trips. Academic, adventurous, cultural, sporting. All year groups. All corners of the globe. All unforgettable opportunities and experiences. The following are just a few, very selective highlights.



## France

An adrenaline-charged week in the French Alps provided unexpected fine dining and equally extreme climbing. The unrelenting demand of sport climbing, via ferrata, canyoning and multi-pitch climbing provided fear and satisfaction in almost equal measure. Relaxed afternoons and cuisine including wild boar on toast aided the daily recovery process.



## Spain

RGS boys enjoyed a taste of both the language and culture of the Catalonian region of Spain. Based in the Costa Brava town of Calella, the boys had mornings of Spanish lessons followed by afternoons immersing themselves in a variety of cultural, and not so cultural, experiences: in Girona, at the Dalí Museum, at a fantastic water park, sight-seeing in Barcelona, a visit to the Ancient Moorish Baths, and watching the World Cup.



## Morocco

The Scouts headed off to Morocco for an African adventure. A diverse and packed programme included trekking in the High Atlas mountains, visits to local Berber families, a tour of the film studios at Zagora on the edge of the desert, a camel trek into the Sahara and a night under the stars where English summer time failed to prepare the Scouts for the 50-degree temperatures, in the shade.



### Germany

The Combined Cadet Force winter adventurous training took place in the stunning setting of the Bavarian Alps. The cadets focused on improving their technical skills in an action-packed programme which included alpine skiing, avalanche rescue, a snow-shoe trek and snow shelter building. The boys also participated in Nordic skiing which encompassed biathlon, cross-country skiing and ski jumping.



### Greece

The Classics Department went in search of sites and sunshine as a week of idyllic Mediterranean weather accompanied each and every visit. The boys travelled from Athens where they experienced a blend of ancient and modern with the imposing Acropolis dominating the city. A whistle-stop tour then allowed visits to the sites at Corinth, Delphi, Mycenae and Olympia.



### Italy

The RCS continued to cement its fine reputation in music as the School followed up the tour to Malta the year before with a combined CHS and RCS wind band tour to Liguria in Northern Italy. Four exquisite concerts were rapturously received with observers assuming that the band was professional or at the very least, from a music academy. At one concert, nearly one thousand people crammed into a sea-front square to enjoy the music.





# COMMUNITY AND CHARITY

*RGS boys continued to make an impact upon the world outside the RGS as they seized the initiative to involve themselves in community and charitable events with humour, energy and enthusiasm.*

Charitable events abounded throughout the year as individuals, Tutor Groups, Houses and year groups participated in a range of ambitious and enterprising charitable fund-raising events. Krispy Kreme donuts were eaten, mufti was worn, moustaches were grown, raps were performed, pancakes were tossed, sponges were thrown, kabaddi was played: all in the name of charity. Significant sums were raised for the local and international charities chosen by the boys. The School's partnership with the two schools in Nepal continued to flourish through events including Nepal Day; the School was delighted to welcome Nirmal, the Headmaster of BhuPu school, and Hom, a senior English teacher at Janabikas who spent a week at the RGS.



The sell-out performances of the RGS Staff Pantomime, Jack and the Beanstalk, in aid of Kids Company, included a cast superbly led by Dame Peter Dunscombe and lovebirds Jack and Jill, played by Charlie White and Harriet Suenson-Taylor. Whether the mighty giant, voiced by the Headmaster, or the sight of Mark Burbidge in a tutu was the scariest part of the play was the source of much debate.

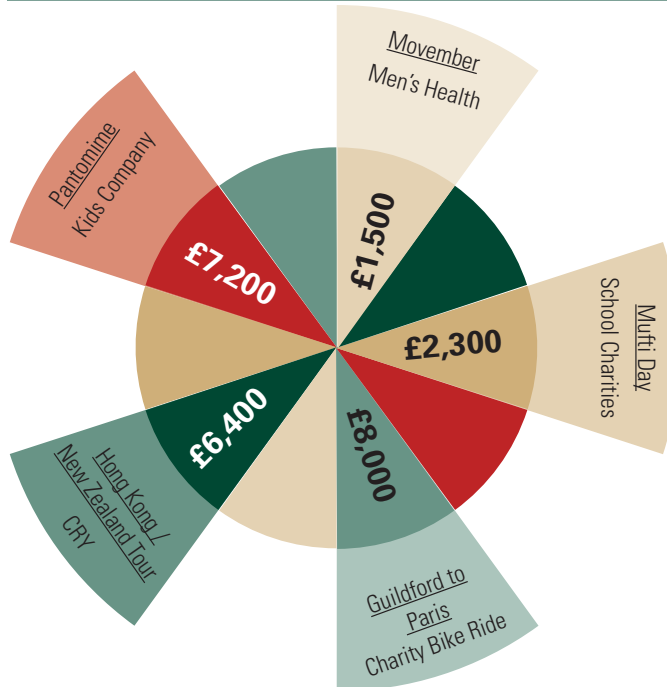
Brothers Jack and Harrison Porter achieved a new World Record at Hayling Island, together with 315 participants including Sir Richard Branson, for the largest parade of kitesurfers ever in one place. The event was undertaken to raise funds for youth charity Snow-Camp, the Royal National Lifeboat Institution and Virgin Unite.



*In the calendar year 2013, the money raised for charity by RGS boys exceeded £32,000*



## It's all for charity

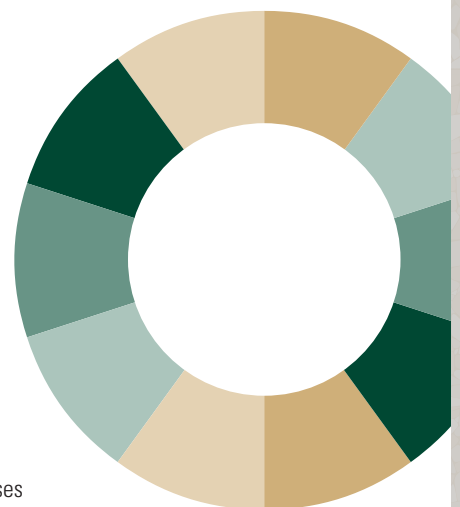


Members of staff laid their inhibitions aside to perform bespoke raps for an event, organised by Hamonde House, which raised money for Pancreatic Cancer UK. The dazzling duo of MC Hoskins and MC Williams provided the warm-up before MC Baker took on MC Leamon, and in spite of his bilingual efforts, MC Baker was forced to concede defeat to the verbal acrobatics of the man who was ultimately crowned Staff Rap Battle Champion. The show concluded with 'Witts, Witts Baby' versus MC Whittaker's memorable rap, "Geography is just colouring in".



The annual GHS Fashion Show provided the opportunity for RGS boys to strut their stuff on the catwalk as the audiences were treated to a colourful spectacle of fashion, dance and music. Money was raised for the Alice Ramsey Trust, a charity set up in memory of a former GHS Head Girl who died of a brain tumour.

## RGS in the community



Masterclasses

Primary School Project

Community Service Group

Summer School

Latin Primary School Project

Chelsea Academy

Nepal Partnership Schools

Link School in Cambodia

String Scheme

Schools without Walls

# GOVERNORS AND STAFF

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## Members of Academic Staff

<b>Headmaster</b>	J M Cox, BSc, PhD	Southampton	Biology	2007
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<b>Deputy Head (Pupils)</b>	A U Woodman, BSc, MA	Edinburgh, Kings College University of London	Biology	2004
<b>Assistant Head (Curriculum)</b>	P J Dunscombe, BSc	Sheffield	Mathematics, Careers	2003
<b>Assistant Head (Marketing and Communication)</b>	J W Pressley, MA	St Hugh's, Oxford	Classics	2000
<b>Assistant Head (Teaching and Learning)</b>	P J Bridges, BSc	Birmingham	Economics	2011
<b>Head of Upper School and Head of Sixth Form</b>	T W Shimell, M.Chem	University College, Oxford	Chemistry	2007
<b>Head of Lower School and Head of Third Form</b>	N E Wild, BA	St John's, Durham	Religious Studies	2000

# Academic Staff

S W Armstrong, MA	Lincoln, Oxford	Chemistry	2008
E J Badham, ARCS, BSc, CBiol, MSB	Imperial College, London	Biology	1978
M F Baggs, BA	Oxford Brookes	Physical Education, <i>Hockey</i> , <i>Deputy Head of Sixth Form</i>	2010
S J Baker, BA	Wadham, Oxford	Modern Languages	2009
Mrs L Z Banerji, BSc	Stellenbosch	Mathematics	2012
A H S Barras, BA, MA, PhD	University of London	English	2006
E T Batchelar, M.Chem, D.Phil	Jesus, Oxford	Chemistry	2010
Mrs S E Besley-Quick, BA	Magdalen, Oxford	Classics	2014
M C Bird, BA*	Nottingham	Religious Studies, <i>Young Enterprise</i>	2010
S G Black, MMath	Keble, Oxford	<i>Mathematics</i>	2005
Miss S K H Blair, BSc, MSc	Cardiff	Economics, <i>Fifth Form</i>	2010
J L Bodmer, BSc, PhD, MBA	Birmingham; Brunel; Henley	Chemistry, <i>Examinations</i>	2000
Mrs M C Booth, BEd	Exeter	Mathematics, <i>Entrance Assessments</i>	1978
C S Bradford, MPhys	St John's Durham	Physics	2013
J S Braithwaite, BSc, PhD	Imperial College, London; The Royal Institution of Great Britain	Chemistry	2011
Mrs P A Brooks, MBA	Brunel	<i>Economics</i>	2012
M A Burbidge, BSc, BA	Birmingham; Open	Physics	1998
E K D Bush, MA	Exeter College, Oxford	<i>Classics</i>	2006
J A Casale, BSc, MBA	Bristol; City	Mathematics, <i>Housemaster</i>	1997
D H Chambers, BMus, PCASS	Surrey; Royal Coll. Music	Music	1997
Mrs S Cooper, BA	St Anne's, Oxford	Classics	2012
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A M J Curtis, MA	St Edmund Hall, Oxford	<i>Art</i>	1993
Mrs H M Curtis, BA	Reading	English	2003
A C Dodd, BA, MA *	King's College, London	History, <i>Housemaster</i>	2006
A H Dubois, BSc	Aberdeen	Biology, <i>Housemaster</i>	1994
C George, BSc	Bristol	Mathematics	2013
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Miss N S Goul-Wheeker, MA	St John's, Oxford	Classics, <i>Fourth Form, Mentoring</i>	2010
C J Grace, BA, MA, LTCL, AMusLCM	Birmingham; Surrey	Modern Languages	1980
Mrs L Griffiths, BA	Wesley College	Religious Studies	2014
Mrs K Handley, BSc	Sheffield	Mathematics	1996
Mrs F A Hobbs, BSc	Imperial College, London	Mathematics, <i>Teacher Training Mentor</i>	2010
L M Holland, BSc	Birmingham	Physics, <i>Electronics</i>	1986
J P Hood, MA, MSci	Selwyn, Cambridge	Physics, Mathematics, <i>Scholars</i>	2010
P J Hosier, BA, MEd	University College, London	Modern Languages, <i>Senior Housemaster</i>	1980
D M Hoyle, BEng	Hertfordshire	Design and Technology	2005
E J Hudson, MA, MSc, PhD	King's, Cambridge; Imperial College	<i>Biology</i>	2011
Mrs S F Hudson, BSc, MSc	Southampton; Kingston	Chemistry	2008
M R Jenkins, BSc	University College of Swansea	Mathematics, <i>Housemaster</i>	1985
M J Jennings, BA	Warwick	Mathematics	1989
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Miss S Kendell, BSc	Manchester	Mathematics	2001
Mrs M N Kennedy	University of London	<i>Learning Support</i>	2011
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G M Knight, BA	Exeter	Modern Languages	1984
K J Knight, BSc, MSc	Portsmouth	Design and Technology	2008
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P G Nathan, BA	Durham	<i>Classics, General Studies</i>	1998
Miss J Newman, AGSM, CRD	Guildhall School of Music & Drama	Music	2008
Miss E J Newton, BA, MA	Selwyn, Cambridge; IOE, University of London	English	2014
S J Orchard, BMus, MMus	University of London	Music	2009
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Miss K E Price, BA, MA	Middlesex; Royal College of Art	Art, Design and Technology	2012
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C J L Sandbach, BA	Oxford Brookes	Physical Education, <i>Cricket</i>	2012
J R Saxton, MA	Hertford, Oxford	History	1987
R E J Seymour, BEd, FRGS	Leeds	Geography	1972
A J Shakeri, BA	Corpus Christi, Oxford	History	2014
S B R Shore, BEd	Loughborough	Physical Education	1977
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Miss K E Sullivan, BSc	Sheffield	Mathematics	2012
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A J W Thorn, MA	Queens', Cambridge	Mathematics	1971
S G Thornhill, MA, DPhil	Magdalen, Oxford	Physics	1990
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L A Whall, BA, PhD	St John's, Cambridge; Basel	Biology	2014
C J White, BA	Nottingham	Religious Studies	2013
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I Wilkes, BEd	College of St Mark & St John	<i>Director of Sport</i>	1998
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J C Witts, BSc	Southampton	Geography	2009
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