

The Review

2016-2017

The annual review of the
Royal Grammar School, Guildford



RGS GUILDFORD

FROM THE HEAD

Doing something for its own sake, for the pleasure of the innate satisfaction of a job well done is an admirable philosophy. In a world dominated by accountability and at a time when education is preoccupied by league tables and results, it is easy for schools to become obsessed by public examinations and those aspects which are assessed; indeed, it is easy to lose sight of what is most important in education. Victorian clichés about a healthy mind in a healthy body or the cultivation of virtue might be outdated, and yet they continue to articulate fundamental truths. Schools should nurture good citizens who have the tools and the skills to navigate life and reach their full potential without an ulterior motive. Assessment is important, but when examinations become all consuming, education suffers accordingly.



“Creativity is intelligence having fun.”

In this context, this selective insight into just some of the highlights of the last twelve months is particularly reassuring. Few of the aspects mentioned have an assessed end goal in mind, rather through the combined energy, passion and talent of our students – and with a staff who willingly devote time, patience and expertise to bring out the very best in them – the sheer pleasure of doing something to the very best of one’s ability is the sole motivating force. Every success has demanded single-mindedness, dedication, even a risk of failure but, above all, self-motivation and a spirit of co-operation. In the artistic, dramatic, sporting, musical and co-curricular spheres the boys have flourished and I hope this edition of *The Review* provides a flavour of this.

Albert Einstein once said, “Creativity is intelligence having fun.” For me, this quotation encapsulates the ethos of the RGS: talented individuals pushing themselves, and each other, to see what they can achieve because they want to and because they can. I continue to be immensely proud that our boys achieve such extraordinary standards and yet bear their successes with a lightness of touch, humility and decency: outdated, old-fashioned qualities, perhaps, but ones of which I think we should be rightly proud.

A stylized, handwritten signature in white ink, likely belonging to Dr Jon Cox.

Dr Jon Cox
Headmaster

ACADEMIC REPORT

Academic development is much broader than grades and percentages in public examinations. RGS boys have nurtured and pursued their interests in a number of ways, including participating independently in a number of national and international competitions and events with notable success over the last twelve months.

- ★ **Challenges and Olympiads:** RGS students continued to enjoy phenomenal success in the Mathematics and Science Challenges and Olympiads. In the Senior Mathematics Challenge, top scorers were Joshua Cudby and Cameron Gibson. In the British Physics Olympiad Callum Spencer and Thomas Spackman were both awarded Top Gold, reserved for the leading 50 applicants in the country; in the Cambridge Chemistry Challenge Joshua Cudby was one of the top 55 students out of 3,010 participants and won a Roentgenium Award. Jack Xia was invited to the Cambridge Training Camp as a result of his Roentgenium Award. In the UK Chemistry Olympiad competition Adam Wills set a new school record for the highest mark achieved by a Lower Sixth Former.
- ★ **CREST Awards:** A school record of 18 students were awarded their CREST Gold Awards for projects ranging from Safeguarding Sea Bass Populations, Soft Matter Physics and the Synthesis of Organometallic Compounds. Rory Hyatt and Oliver Platt advanced to the final of the prestigious Big Bang UK Young Scientists and Engineers Competition. This is the sixth consecutive year that RGS students have reached the final.
- ★ **Design and Technology:** Edmund Milton-Seall won a prestigious Arkwright Design Technology Scholarship and will be sponsored for the next two years by The Kobler Trust. Luke Kelly's innovative and professional design for a floor lamp received the award from *The Furniture Makers' Company* in *The Schools Design Prize*.
- ★ **Engineering:** In the Big Bang UK Young Scientists and Engineers Competition the RGS team won the IMechE Award for Engineering Design for their project, Remote Sensing of Hot-Tapping Incidents.



- ★ **Enterprise:** Team Evivo gained first place for their innovative and forward-thinking keyless lock in the business project final at Somerset House. RGS Young Enterprise company GoBillou swept the board of awards with their multi-lingual cookbook. Having been crowned West Surrey Company of the Year and also Best Trade Stand, they then won the title of Best Surrey Business and Business Most Likely to Succeed. They then progressed to the Young Enterprise Regional Finals, where GoBillou won Best Advert to advance to the National Finals.

- ★ **Essay competitions:** In the Fitzwilliam College, Cambridge University essay competition, Matthew Leslie won the prestigious Land Economy essay competition for his research on regional inequality in the UK; Nicholas Ratcliffe won their inaugural Architecture Competition, designing an extension for the College Library.

- ★ **Independent Learning Assignment:** William Heylen was crowned the winner at the annual ILA Presentation Evening for his presentation on the complex issue of the law on joint enterprise. Other topics presented by the finalists included gene manipulation, space travel, flipping robots, financial models, the Antigone myth, and a to-do-list app.

- ★ **Kids' Lit Quiz:** In the South England heat of the Kids' Lit Quiz, the RGS team emerged as winners.

- ★ **LAMDA:** In the latest set of LAMDA public speaking and drama examinations, RGS students achieved nine distinctions and two merits. Particularly noteworthy were Harry Dennis, Daniel Sampson and George Tench who all reached Grade 8 in the Fifth Form: an impressive achievement at this age.

- ★ **TEDx:** The iconic TED brand came to Guildford for the very first time as the RGS hosted TEDx Guildford, reinforcing Guildford's reputation as a dynamic centre for ideas and innovation. On the theme of high-performance mindset, the talks ranged from architecture to mental health, from computer gaming to living with disability, from cyber security to puppetry.

Geography:
Oliver Perkins published an online book entitled *The Message of the Clouds* investigating how to use the clouds to forecast the weather; the book is receiving rave reviews.



ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

GCSE RESULTS

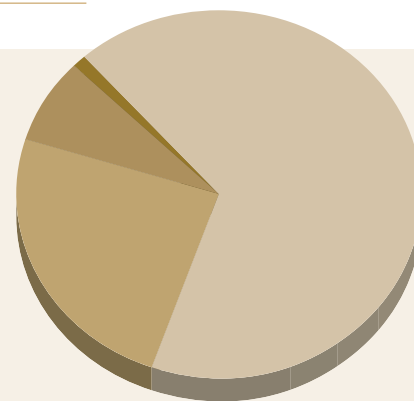
GCSE

141

candidates

SUBJECTS	A*	A	B	C	D-U	Entry
Art	2	7	7		1	17
Biology	107	24	8	2		141
Chemistry	93	35	12	1		141
Design and Technology	16	21	6	2		45
Drama	2	5	8	2		17
English Language	88	41	11	1		141
English Literature	86	32	19	3	1	141
French	56	26	4			86
Geography	37	25	7			69
German	11	5	2			18
Greek	3					3
History	54	27	9	1		91
Latin	53	14				67
Mathematics	128	13				141
Music	13	5	1			19
Physics	119	19	3			141
Religious Studies	34	30	5			69
Spanish	45	13	3			63
TOTALS	947	342	105	14	2	1410

These results are accurate as of 21 September 2017. The School continues to receive the outcome of re-marks so please consult the website for the most recent results.

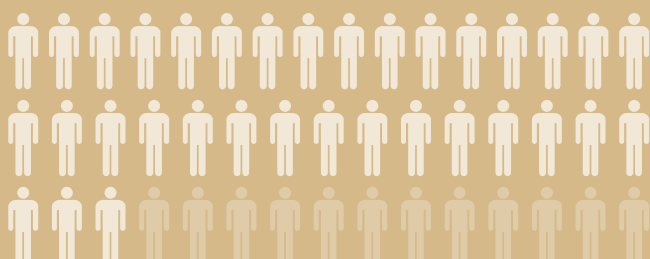


- 67.2% Grade A*
- 24.3% Grade A
- 7.5% Grade B
- 1% Grade C

92% of all grades were secured at A or A*.

92%

33 boys achieved the prestigious accolade of straight A* grades in their 10 - or more - subjects.



83 boys secured straight A* / A grades.

83

In Mathematics (141) and Latin (67 candidates)

141

67

every single student secured an A* or A grade.

In Biology 107 students secured an A* grade; in Physics an impressive 119 achieved the gold-standard grade.



AS LEVEL RESULTS

135

candidates

SUBJECT	A	B	C	D	E	U	Entry
Biology	27	2	4	3			36
Chemistry	25	3	5				33
Classical Civilisation	3		2				5
Design and Technology	4	2	1				7
Drama	4	2					6
Economics	54	12	4	2			72
Electronics	3						3
English Literature	12	11	3				26
French	9						9
Geography	30	3	3				36
German	2	2					4
Government and Politics	23	7	2	3			35
Greek	2						2
History	12	10	4	2			28
Latin	6		1				7
Mathematics	98	18	8	1	1	2	128
Music	3	1					4
Physics	50	7	2	1	1		61
Spanish	14	7	2				23
TOTALS	381	87	43	11	2	2	525

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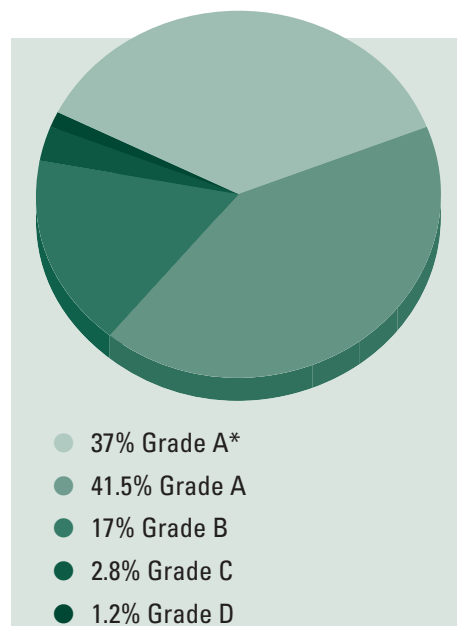
A LEVEL RESULTS

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candidates

SUBJECTS	A*	A	B	C	D	E	Entry
Art	1	2					3
Biology	8	10	5	2	2		27
Chemistry	14	16	6	3			39
Design and Technology	1						1
Drama		1	1				2
Economics	17	19	7	2			45
Electronics	1		2				3
English Literature	6	3					9
French	3	4	1				8
Further Mathematics	19	8	6				33
Geography	3	19	1				23
German	1	3					4
Government and Politics	6	14	10	1			31
Greek	1	2					3
History	2	12	4	1			19
Latin	4	4	1				9
Mathematics	43	38	17	1	1	2	102
Music	1	1					2
Physics	23	8	6	2	2		41
Physical Education		1					1
Religious Studies	1	6	4				11
Spanish	3	6	2				11
TOTALS	158	177	73	12	5	2	427

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100%

100% pass rate.

74 boys achieved the extraordinary accolade of a clean set of A* and A grades

74



In total, 37% of all grades were A*.

In 7 subjects – including Art, English and Music – every candidate received an A* or A grade.



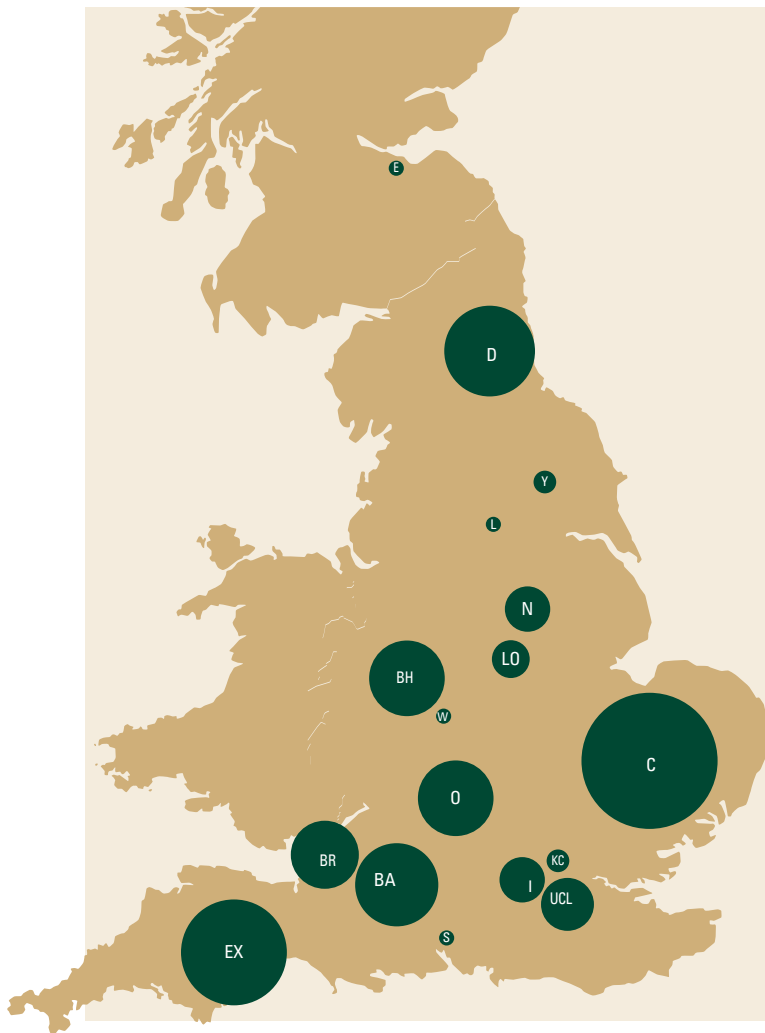
Over 78% of the grades were secured at A* or A grade.

>78%

The RGS was again ranked in the top three all-boys schools in the country.

TOP three

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS



UNIVERSITY DESTINATIONS

UNIVERSITY	NUMBER OF RGS STUDENTS
C Cambridge	18
EX Exeter	14
D Durham	12
BA Bath	11
BH Birmingham	10
O Oxford	10
BR Bristol	9
UCL University College London	7
I Imperial	6
N Nottingham	6
LO Loughborough	5
KC King's College London	3
Y York	3
E Edinburgh	2
L Leeds	2
S Southampton	2
W Warwick	2

66

66 boys have taken up places at London Universities in the last 5 years

81%

81% of all accepted offers were to Russell Group universities with a further 8% to Bath University.

8%

346 boys have received Oxbridge offers in the last ten years.



TOP 10 DEGREE COURSES

SUBJECT	NUMBER OF RGS STUDENTS
1 Economics	14
2 Engineering	13
3 History	13
4 Geography	12
5 Biological Sciences	11
6 Computer Science / Mathematics	11
7 Modern Languages / Asian Languages	10
8 Medicine	8
9 Physics	7
10 Politics / International Relations	4

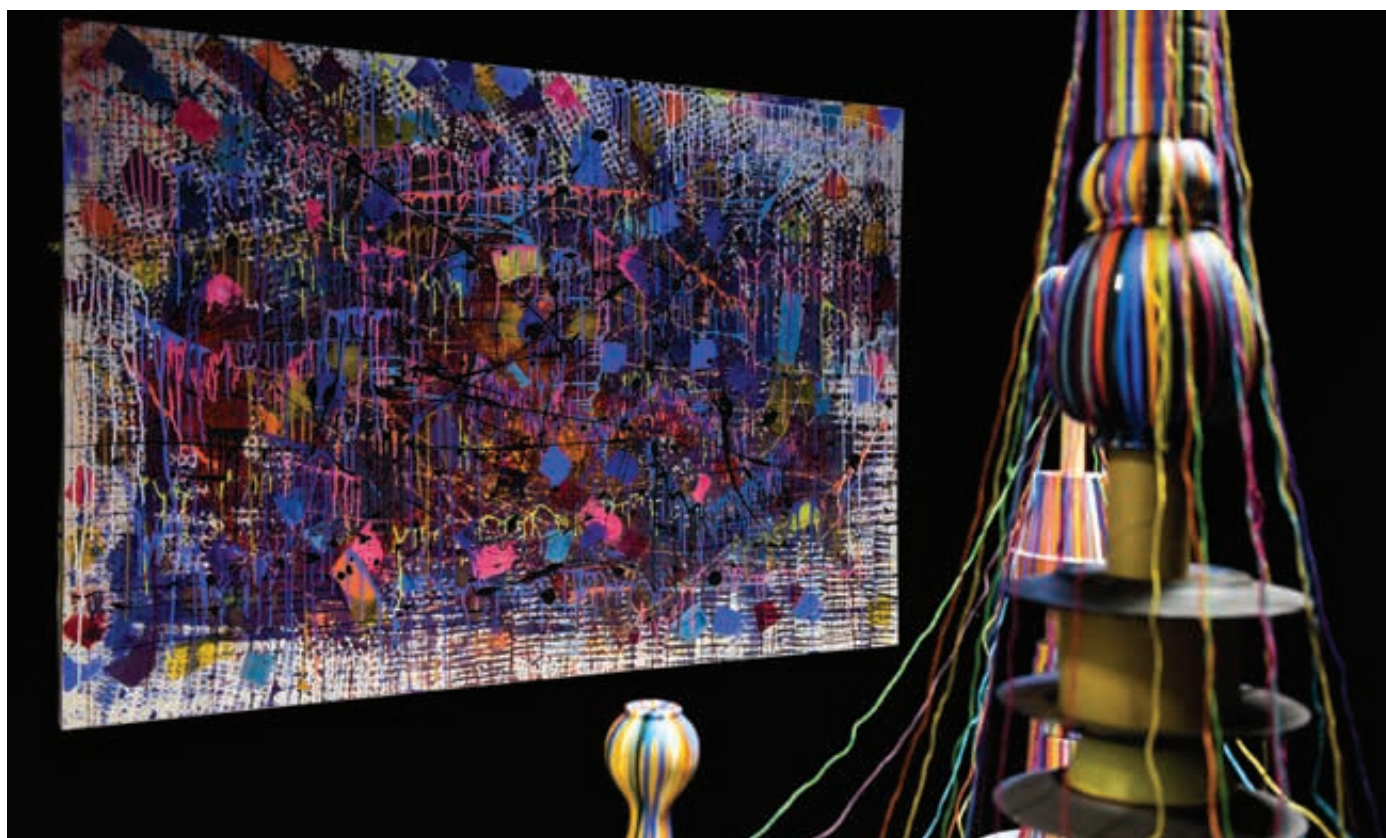
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231 boys have received offers from Durham over the last five years.

These figures include those who made post A Level applications in 2016/17.

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, innovation and maturity was displayed.



Toby Inchbald
A Level



Thomas Bates
GCSE



Alexander Humphries
GCSE



Jack Biddlecombe
A Level

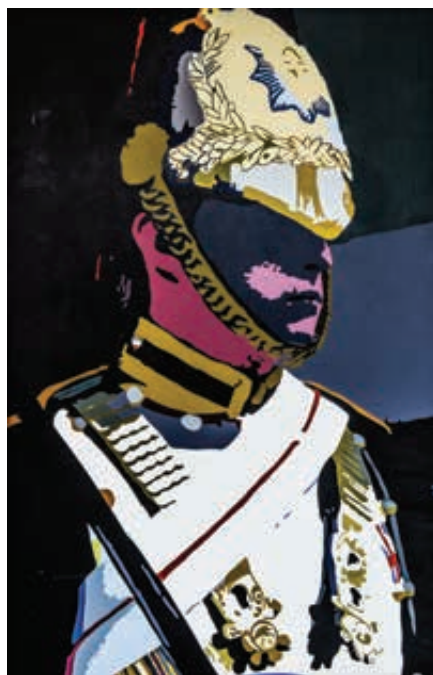
The annual Smoothey Art Competition produced a wide range of submissions in various media from students throughout the School. The spirit of Ronald Smoothey MBE, a former pupil and art master from the 1940s, remains very much alive in this competition as the energy, creativity and innovation – and, indeed, eccentricity – which epitomised Ronald provides the inspiration for students to express themselves with imagination and no little technical skill and with no theme or media restriction. Despite an astonishingly high standard of entry, the overall winner was the impressive scrap metal sculpture of two fighters created by Darcy Elliot inspired by his grandfather's collection of scrap metal and brief introduction to the art of welding. Darcy's eye for detail and vision were very much in evidence in this original and carefully crafted piece which remained truly loyal to the spirit of flair and enterprise of Ronald Smoothey.



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



Robert Fraser
A Level



Henry White
GCSE



DRAMA



AN EXCITING YEAR FOR DRAMA SAW A DIVERSE RANGE OF PLAYS BEING STAGED — FROM TRADITIONAL CLASSICS TO ORIGINAL PRODUCTIONS — WHICH ALLOWED BROAD PARTICIPATION BOTH ON AND BEHIND THE STAGE BY BOYS OF ALL AGE GROUPS.

The Thwarting of Baron Bolligrew



Swashbuckling heroes and fights. Medieval madness. Dastardly dragons. Evil wizards and magic spells. *The Thwarting of Baron Bolligrew* was the perfect festive production as the heroic and strait-laced knight, Sir Oblong Fitz Oblong (Max Fleming) is sent by the suitably pompous and dim Duke (Max Birtley) to slay a vicious dragon on a far-away island. Here he tangles with Baron Bolligrew (Ellis Baker), the deliciously flamboyant and crooked tyrant of the island, along with his henchman and charismatic partner in wickedness Squire Blackheart (Jack Gamble). Humour is never far below the surface with slapstick moments, sharp one-liners, pantomime-style action, clever musical interludes, fantastic costumes, imaginative staging and some great cameo roles including the savvy yet mischievous Mike Magpie (John Gray). The enchanting double act of Dr Moloch (Aradhya Soneja) and Mazeppa Magpie (Solomon Poole) as well as the emergence of the flaming-red eyes and booming voice of the dragon take the action in a more sinister, mysterious direction as the final



denouement sees the eagerly-anticipated slaying of the dragon. Sustained applause was well deserved for a talented cast and a ripping yarn which had more than delivered all the ingredients for an irresistible fairy tale.



ANOTHER COUNTRY



"You can't beat a good public school for learning to hide your true feelings", acknowledged George Reeve as he convincingly played the gay, disruptive schoolboy Guy Bennett. Set in an English public school in the 1930s, the play is by turns funny, painful and relevant as the actors powerfully captured the hierarchies, the endless quest for power and status, and the harsh cruelties and realities of public-school life. The richly developed and brilliantly defined characters sparked off each other through the slick dialogue steeped in the prejudices and attitudes of the time. Benjamin Hawken conveyed the intensity of the mischievous, scholarly communist Tommy Judd while light relief came from Wharton, played by Dominic Baker, who portrayed the comic-pathetic fag with real sensitivity. A talented cast presented the idiosyncratic characters with conviction and no little maturity; in particular, Fraser Dupuis deliciously captured the rebellious uncle, Vaughan Cunningham. The atmospheric set, lighting, sound and costume



evoked strongly the bourgeois mood of the time. Despite the era, the play still resonated as the audience reflected on a play which probes deep into the psyche of each individual and their battles with their private and public personas.



WEST SIDE STORY



The ambitious joint GHS and RGS production brought the spirit of the West End to Guildford as the students tackled one of the most famous and iconic musicals, *West Side Story*, originally performed on Broadway in 1957. With music by Leonard Bernstein and lyrics by Stephen Sondheim, and inspired by Shakespeare's *Romeo and Juliet*, the production transported the audience to the Upper West Side neighbourhood in New York City in the mid-1950s. With the rivalry simmering between the two street gangs, the Jets and the Sharks, the social problems are exacerbated when Tony, a former member of the Jets and best friend of the gang leader, Riff, falls in love with Maria, the sister of Bernardo, the leader of the Sharks. The actors demonstrated remarkable maturity, nuance and confidence, none more so than Myles D'Angelo playing the star-struck lover Tony. Flamboyant costumes and staging, slick dance routines, a technically-gifted orchestra, and an instantly recognisable sound track – including *Maria*, *America* and *I feel pretty* – ensured the audience were fully immersed in the spirit of the time and humming the infectious tunes long into the night.

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BASTONIA



RGS LINGUISTS AND OTHER ANIMALS



BEECHAM BOYS

Music

Another inspiring year for music at the RGS incorporated performances in settings from the intimate to the grand scale, from local to international. The quality of musicianship impressed appreciative audiences and further cemented the School's established reputation for musicianship at the very highest level.



Dido and Aeneas

This year's – now traditional – opera performance in the courtyard of the Old Building was Purcell's much-loved *Dido and Aeneas*. Once again, audiences were delighted and amazed in equal measure by the extraordinarily accomplished playing and singing that was produced by the RGS forces under the direction of Assistant Director of Music, Sam Orchard. The chorus work was always assured and impressive but particular mention should be made of the soloists, all of whom were outstanding. Matthew Hawkins' confident Aeneas was marked by a warm tone and a real sense of line while Matthew Sargent's Sorcerer demonstrated that he could already tackle a really demanding counter-tenor role with ease. Other soloists, Ridley Hymas, Yousuf Mirza and Roshan Patel were also on fine form, as were our two visiting sopranos, Bethan Thomas and Anna Leon as Dido and Belinda. The orchestra, led by Ronan Thomas, accompanied with sensitivity and style and it was good to see the RGS's new harpsichord being put through its paces by continuo player extraordinaire, Joe McHardy.



Southern Pro Musica Concert

RGS musicians had the honour of joining forces with professional orchestra *Southern Pro Musica* for a concert in the atmospheric surroundings of Holy Trinity Church. Alexander Acomb performed the first movement of the Lalo Cello Concerto in D minor with great drama and poise, setting the musical standard astonishingly high. The audience was then thrilled to hear the exciting and exotic Marimba Concerto by Rosauero performed with great humour and style by Joseph Bate who demonstrated masterful technique. The second half was opened by Alistair Baumann who gave a deeply moving performance of the entire Elgar Cello Concerto in E Minor. Finally, Callum Champion delivered the first movement of the Tchaikovsky Piano Concerto No.1 with incredible passion and energy. As always, Director of Music Peter White conducted the orchestra in this gruelling programme with great skill and sensitivity as the audience was left profoundly moved by an evening of extraordinary musicianship.

Music notes

The Joint RGS and GHS Schools' Chamber Choir sang Evensong in venues including Merton College Oxford and the historic Rochester Cathedral which, dating back to 604AD, is Britain's second oldest cathedral.

Thomas Jones was invited to join the National Youth Guitar Ensemble, a group comprising just 16 musicians.

Matthew Hawkins sang a solo in the recording of BBC's Morning Worship service, broadcast on BBC Radio 4 from St Mary's Church.

RGS musicians enjoyed notable success in significant numbers at the Godalming Festival. Particularly noteworthy were Samuel Jones who won both the Under 19 class and the Bach 16 and over class in the organ competition, and Callum Champion who won the Concerto Prize, making it the third year in a row for RGS pianists.

Edward Ball gained a London College of Music Performance Diploma on the harp (DipLCM) with an exceptional mark of 92% (distinction).



Musician of the Year

The final of the RGS Musician of the Year, the Steynor Prize, proved to be an exquisite evening of music which had the appreciative audience captivated from start to finish by the extraordinary talent and diversity of the boys. The School was honoured to welcome as adjudicator Michael Chance CBE who has established a worldwide reputation as one of the foremost exponents of the male alto voice. Michael had the unenviable task of selecting a winner and admitted that the decision was made all the harder as it was the highest standard of any school event he had had the privilege of witnessing. As he acknowledged, each of the performances demonstrated astonishing virtuosity and composure and it was humbling to hear such extraordinary talent. By the narrowest of margins, Michael awarded the Steynor Prize to a performance which had displayed poise, which was scrupulously attentive to the wide variety of markings in the piece and which had lovely overall sense of architecture: Simon King's breathtaking rendition of Chaconne by Bach-Busoni.



DEVELOPMENT

Ever since the RGS's foundation in 1509, the School has continually innovated and evolved to ensure our facilities provide an inspiring environment appropriate for education in the modern world. The latest project, the building of the John Brown Building and the linking glass bridge, has marked an exciting new phase for the RGS, providing a dynamic learning environment for all our boys, irrespective of their academic interests and passions.



“an inspiring environment appropriate for education in the modern world”

“creatively-designed classrooms and collaborative working spaces filled with natural light”





“developments have been sensitive to the historic environment, juxtaposing traditional stone and brickwork with architecturally award-winning modern steel and glass structures”

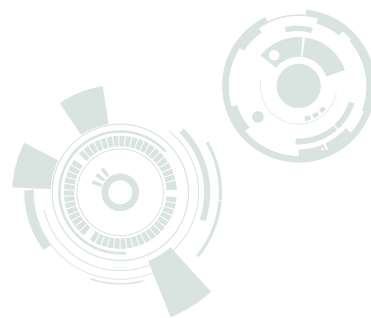


“the importance of delivering a building which inspires and connects us to our community”

“the interests of the students firmly at the heart of the strategy”



DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY



The newly-opened John Brown Building provided a stunning Design and Technology Centre with state-of-the-art rooms and cutting-edge technology. This environment has allowed the students to continue to innovate and realise their ambitious designs in various media.



A Level Guy Solan Folding Travel Seat



IGCSE Benjamin Norbury Cheese Board



AS Level William Childs Bluetooth Speaker System



IGCSE Gavin Crump Tool Storage Box



IGCSE
Alexander Humphries
Chocolate Chess Set



A Level Dauan Choi Cycling Visor

GOVERNORS & STAFF

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School Management Team

Headmaster:	J M Cox, BSc, PhD	Southampton	Biology	2007
Deputy Head (School Development):	G T Williams, MA	Lincoln, Oxford	History	2008
Deputy Head (Pupils):	A U Woodman, BSc, MA	Edinburgh, Kings College University of London	Biology	2004
Director of Studies:	P J Dunscombe, BSc	Sheffield	Mathematics, <i>Careers and Higher Education</i>	2003
Senior Master:	J W Pressley, MA	St Hugh's, Oxford	Classics	2000
Chief Operating Officer:	R A Ukiah, MA			
Bursar and Clerk to the Governors:	K M Perceval, BA, ACA			
Assistant Head (Research & Development):	P J Bridges, BSc	Birmingham	Economics	2011
Assistant Head (Learning):	N S Goul-Wheeker, MA	St John's, Oxford	Classics	2010
Assistant Head (Partnerships):	T W Shimell, MChem	University College, Oxford	Chemistry	2007
Assistant Head (Teaching):	H R Wiggins, MA	Trinity, Oxford	History	2013
Assistant Head (Operations):	N E Wild, BA	St John's, Durham	Religion and Philosophy	2000
Assistant Head (Co-Curricular):	S J H Yetman, BSc	University College, London		2001

Academic Staff

D Amis, BA	University of Wales, Cardiff College	English	2016
S W Armstrong, MA	Lincoln, Oxford	Chemistry	2008
S J Baker, BA	Wadham, Oxford	Modern Languages, <i>Teacher Training Mentor</i>	2009
M Bailey, BSc *	Brunel	Design and Technology	2017
J A R Bass, BA, MA	Leeds; King's College London	<i>History</i>	2016
E T Batchelar, MChem, DPhil	Jesus, Oxford	Chemistry	2010
S E Besly-Quick, BA	Magdalen, Oxford	Classics, <i>Lower Sixth Form</i>	2014
S G Black, MMath	Keble, Oxford	<i>Mathematics</i>	2005
J L Bodmer, BSc, PhD, MBA	Birmingham; Brunel; Henley	Chemistry, <i>Examinations</i>	2000
M C Booth, BEd	Exeter	Mathematics, Admissions	1978
C S Bradford, MPhys	St John's Durham	Physics, <i>Scholars</i>	2013

J S Braithwaite, BSc, PhD	Imperial College, London; The Royal Institution of Great Britain	Chemistry	2011
P A Brooks, MBA	Brunel	Economics	2012
M A Burbidge, BSc, BA	Birmingham; Open	Physics	1998
E K D Bush, MA	Exeter College, Oxford	<i>Classics</i>	2006
A P Calverley, MSci, PhD, FRAS	Durham; Darwin, Cambridge	Physics	2017
J A Casale, BSc, MBA	Bristol; City	Mathematics, <i>Housemaster</i>	1997
D H Chambers, BMus, PCASS	Surrey; Royal Coll. Music	Music	1997
C J Clarkson, BA	Open	English	2016
G M Clements, BA	Emmanuel, Cambridge	Geography, <i>Athletics</i>	2016
S Cooper, BA	St Anne's, Oxford	Classics	2012
G D G Cover, BSc	Brunel	<i>Director of Sport</i>	2015
W D Cowx, BSc, MSc	Aberystwyth; Salford	Geography, <i>Housemaster</i>	1984
S J Cox, BA	Royal Holloway, University of London	Drama	2017
J C Crouch, BSc	Nottingham	Biology	2017
A M J Curtis, MA	St Edmund Hall, Oxford	<i>Art</i>	1993
H M Curtis, BA	Reading	English	2003
M M Creagh, BA, MSc, PhD	Exeter; Nottingham; Exeter	Modern Languages	2016
A C Dodd, BA, MA *	King's College, London	History, <i>Fourth Form</i>	2006
A H Dubois, BSc	Aberdeen	Biology, <i>Housemaster</i>	1994
B Dudley, BSc	Chichester	Physical Education, <i>Rugby</i>	2016
J Dunne, BA, MA	Sussex	English	2017
C George, BSc	Bristol	Mathematics	2013
N W Gough, BSc, MSc	Cardiff	Economics, <i>Head of Upper School and Upper Sixth Form</i>	2008
L Griffiths, BA	King's College, London; Wesley College, Bristol	Religion and Philosophy, <i>Business Enterprise, Housemaster</i>	2014
A R Gyford, MSci	University College, London	Mathematics	2015
S T Herman-Wilson, BA	Christ Church, Oxford	Religion and Philosophy	2017
F A Hobbs, BSc	Imperial College, London	Mathematics	2010
L M Holland, BSc	Birmingham	Physics, <i>Electronics</i>	1986
D N Holiday, BA	Durham	History	2017
J P Hood, MA, MSci	Selwyn, Cambridge	<i>Physics, Mathematics</i>	2010
P J Hosier, BA, MEd	University College, London	Modern Languages	1980
D M Hoyle, BEng	Hertfordshire	Design and Technology, <i>Mentoring</i>	2005
E J Hudson, MA, MSc, PhD	King's, Cambridge; Imperial College, London	<i>Biology, Admissions (Academic)</i>	2011
M R Jenkins, BSc	University College of Swansea	Mathematics, <i>Senior Housemaster</i>	1985
M J Jennings, BA	Warwick	Mathematics	1989
A W J Jessett, MMath	Bath	Mathematics	2016
J B Kelly, BA, MA, MA (RCA)	University of Wales; Royal College of Art; Kingston	<i>Design and Technology</i>	1999
M N Kennedy, BA	University of London	<i>Learning Support</i>	2011
A B Kirkland, BSc	King's College, London	Mathematics	2016
W-S Lau, MChem, MRSC	Hertford, Oxford	<i>Chemistry</i>	2006
R J A Lemaire, BA	Leicester	Modern Languages	2016
A R Lowe, BA	Leeds	Modern Languages, <i>Spanish, Football</i>	2005
J Marchiafava, Lic.	Toulouse 2	Modern Languages, <i>Second Form</i>	2013
M-L McCarter, Lic., MA	Tours	Modern Languages, <i>German</i>	2013

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J S Thorpe, BSc	University of Wales, Cardiff	Biology	2016
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D Morgan	School Counsellor
S J Styles	Physics Technician
S R Townsend-Smith	Chemistry Technician
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D Walsh	Library Assistant
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IGCSE Benedict Cox Fireplace Log Storage



IGCSE William Vaughan Bedside Table



IGCSE Cameron Salter Minimalist Reclining Chair



IGCSE Oliver Taylor Extending Table



IGCSE Frederick Floydd Bamboo Bike Frame



IGCSE Charles Hubbard Bird House

MAJOR SPORTS



The philosophy of *Sport for All* was very much in evidence throughout the year as over 20 teams regularly played competitive fixtures against other schools on a Saturday. Indeed, Super Tuesday saw a whole year group playing simultaneously against Portsmouth Grammar School in hockey matches.



The RGS more than holds its own

RGS rugby has continued to thrive in the very harshest of environments. South East England is saturated with some of the strongest rugby playing schools in country and yet the RGS more than holds its own in this company. The Under 16s led the way with the A team securing a succession of excellent results, including wins over Cranleigh School, Epsom College and St Paul's School. The 1st XV improved steadily as a unit, the highlight being a 29 – 17 win against NatWest Cup quarter finalists The Judd School. The 1st XV also took huge credit for two

extremely narrow losses to Cranleigh School and Epsom College, two of the country's most formidable rugby opponents. The Under 15A team impressed in the NatWest Cup, a win away from being the first team in a number of years to remain in the premier national cup competition after Christmas. Tom Rogers, Head of Rugby, commented: "Whether it is through a determined narrow loss, a convincing win or a well-earned draw the commitment of RGS boys continues to impress staff, spectators and society referees each week."



MAJOR SPORTS

SNATCHING VICTORY WITH A MATTER OF SECONDS LEFT



Hockey at the RGS picked up where it left off last season with extraordinary, and increasing, numbers of boys playing in competitive fixtures. In just nine weeks, RGS teams were involved in nearly 200 fixtures: an incredible effort from all boys and staff. Highlights of a successful term included the Under 14A team which

made it to the regional quarterfinals and the Under 16As which finished top in their pool and beat Cranleigh School in the regional quarterfinals. The 1st XI had another satisfying season, beating St George's College, Weybridge and Lancing College convincingly in the National Plate competition. On an individual note, RGS has seen seven boys selected for the England Hockey Performance Centres as well as Joshua Powell who has been selected for the Advanced Apprenticeship in Sporting Excellence programme. The highlight of the season, however, was undoubtedly the 3rd XI team which played 16 and won 16 to be officially crowned the best 3rd XI team in the country. They saved their best performance for last, where they found themselves snatching victory with a matter of seconds left in their season.



RGS TEAMS FLOURISH IN THE SUNSHINE

With the backdrop of summer conditions, immaculately-prepared wickets and rolling Surrey countryside, RGS teams flourished in the sunshine. Success ran through the School right from the youngest students with the Under 12A team losing only once all term. Thomas Humphreys was the mainstay of the team scoring two centuries against Caterham School (107*) and Reed's School (150*). Other highlights of the season included the fabulous cup runs by the Under 13As and Under 14As with both teams making the finals day in their respective competitions. Our block fixtures against Dulwich College, Lancing College, Reed's School and St John's School were extremely pleasing with so many notable individual and team performances throughout. The other centuries also deserve special mention: Abhay Gonella (105), Harrison Green (105*) and Joseph Sheldon (100*). With the ball there were both six- and five-

wicket hauls for Yuvraj Gandhi (6 – 12), Alexander Tiplady (6 – 18), George Kemkers (5 – 15), Abhay Gonella (5 – 17), Charlie Kershaw (5 – 20) and Alistair Curran (5 – 51). Team of the year, however, was undoubtedly our Under 15B team which remained unbeaten all season to be ranked top Under 15B team in the country.



INDIVIDUAL HIGHLIGHTS

The extraordinary range of choices of sports available to boys at the RGS - and the specialist coaching on offer - allows them to find their passions and pursue their interests to the level which suits each individual. The impressive number of national and international successes highlights the fact that our boys effectively balance the demands of curricular and extra-curricular pursuits.

Athletics: Ben Watkins came second overall in the Surrey Schools' Combined Events Athletics Championships, achieving Personal Bests in every event in the process.

Chess: Harry Grieve won the UK Chess Challenge Terafinal to become the UK Chess Challenge Champion 2017. He was fifth seed from over 40,000 entrants and won all his games, beating the first, second and third seeds in the process to take the title. Amardip Ahluwalia was crowned Under 13 Chess Champion in the British Chess Championships and has been representing England. Alexander Golding is currently the highest-ranked player in England for his age and has recently become the 2017 English Youth Grand Prix Under 14 Champion; he also finished first in the National Junior Squad Under 14 Championships. James Golding has also been impressing and has played twice in the Main British Chess Championships.

Cross-Country: The RGS intermediate team finished third in the country in the national finals of the English Schools Cup.

Eventing: Joseph Lethbridge took the top spot in the British Eventing 90 on Maris Piper III with a dressage score of 21.

Fencing: In the Surrey Youth Fencing Championships, RGS fencers enjoyed notable success: Kenny Okoroafor won gold in the Under 16 Épée to be crowned County Champion. In the British Schools' Teams Fencing Championships, the Under 18 team secured bronze medals in the Épée. On an individual level, Leo Kamstra proudly wore national stripes in the England Fencing Under 13 Épée team that competed in Poland finishing 22nd from 208 competitors. The highlight of a number of international appearances was a first place in Germany.

Football: On a competitive circuit playing some of the strongest schools in the south, the 1st XI had an encouraging season reaching the quarterfinal of the Trinity Cup and also defeating the likes of Wilson's School.

Hockey: Fraser Boulton was selected for the Wales Under 18 hockey development squad.

Ice Hockey: William Lawson, captain of the Guildford Under 15 team and also part of the South West of England side, was selected for the Under 15 England team.

Rowing: Joseph Bryant was part of the quad representing the Thames London region which won the Junior Rowing Nationals to be crowned Junior National Champions.

Sailing: Patrick Croghan was selected for the UK National Youth Sailing Squad for 29ers; as he finished third overall at the National Grand Prix down in Weymouth. Oliver Perkins was selected for the Great Britain Optimist sailing team.

Scuba diving: Dimitri Perricos achieved the status of Master Scuba diver, the highest level qualification for recreational scuba diving.

Shooting: In smallbore the RGS team was crowned Surrey County Champions, winning the Lord Mancroft trophy; came second in the Eley Cadet Forces' .22 Team competition; and remained unbeaten during the Lent Term, including a defeat of the formidable Wellington College. In fullbore the RGS came in the top three in all but one competition. In the main Imperial meeting Miles Horton-Baker reached the final stage of the Queen's Prize, a feat which was last achieved by one of our cadets some thirty years ago.

Skiing: The RGS Under 16 and Under 19 ski teams raced in the English Schools' Finals and were placed eighth and fifth respectively in the country. The Open age group team was selected to represent England and achieved sixth best English school in the School Ski Racing British Finals.

Swimming: Max Windle was selected to represent the South East Schools Division at the National Swimming Championships.



Chess: After an outstanding season at school level all three senior teams secured victories against Wilson's School which ensured the 1st team won the Surrey County Chess Association Division One. Building on this, the RGS Under 19 team travelled to the final of the England Chess Federation School Championships. This competition, founded in 1957-58 and now in its sixtieth year, saw a total of 130 teams from 92 schools entering the competition. Sixteen teams travelled to the finals at Uppingham School where they played four games over two days. Having won their first three games, the RGS team - comprising Amardip Ahluwalia, Omeet Atara, Alexander Golding, James Golding, Harry Grieve and Luke Nelson - then beat Hampton School in the final to be crowned national chess champions and collect the impressive silver cup, first donated by The Sunday Times in 1957.

Quiz: Which lexicographer described the Giant's Causeway as 'worth seeing but not worth going to see'? Which Irish writer won the Nobel Prize in Literature in 1923? These were just two of the questions which the all-conquering Junior Schools Challenge quiz team answered correctly as they were crowned national Junior Schools Challenge Quiz champions. The team comprising captain Sebastian Norris, Ferdinand Al-Qassab, Joshua McGillivray and Alex Mitchell travelled the length and breadth of England in their pursuit of quiz glory. After securing the title of Regional Champions, their relentless quest continued. In the National Finals, despite trailing for most of the match against King Edward VI School, Stratford-upon-Avon, the RGS team finally built up an unassailable lead to become officially and deservedly the national champions.

CO-CURRICULAR

The exceptional range of co-curricular activities is one of the greatest strengths of the School. Such activities are central in developing the character of the boys and in nurturing teamwork, leadership, independence and resilience.

OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM:



Gorge walking in Stonycroft Gill in the Lake District on the CCF Summer Camp.



CCF Open Water divers about to dive the Inland Sea on Gozo, while on their CCF Summer Expedition.



On their way to the top, boys ride the chair to the glacier on the Junior Ski Trip to Les Deux Alpes.

“Just under a half of all boys doing Period 8 activities are involved in the Combined Cadet Force, Outdoor Pursuits and Explorer Scouts.”



Canoeing down the River Wye on their DofE Silver Qualifying Expedition.



A happy Gold DofE group on their qualifying expedition in the Lake District.

“Over 70 school clubs and societies take place regularly from air rifle to architecture, from sailing to electronics, from photography to robotics.”



Rest and relaxation on Stand-Up Paddleboards on the CCF summer diving expedition to Malta.

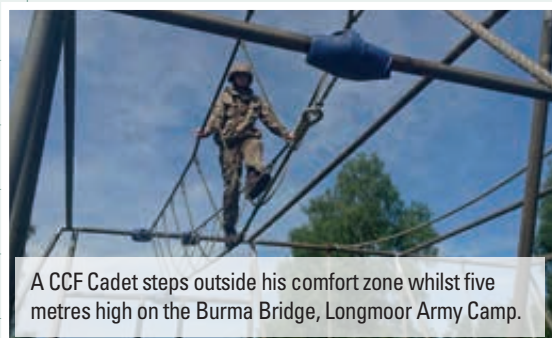


Ski Race Training in the shadow of the Eiger, on the British Schoolboys International Race event.



Four newly-qualified CCF Open Water divers practise their buoyancy in the clear, warm waters of Gozo at the site of the Azure Window.

“5 Field Days occur each year when the normal timetable is suspended and every single boy and member of staff is involved in co-curricular pursuits.”



A CCF Cadet steps outside his comfort zone whilst five metres high on the Burma Bridge, Longmoor Army Camp.

“Every Monday afternoon, the co-curricular life of the School takes precedence during Period 8 activities”



Teamwork and physical challenge combined on the army obstacle course for cadets on a Field Day at Longmoor.



The monkey bars at Oakhampton Army Camp prove to be no challenge for our CCF Army cadets, with everyone staying dry.

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.



United States of America

One of the most extraordinary and ambitious school trips in recent memory saw 33 boys and four staff making the ultimate sacrifice of leaving behind the rainy 10°C conditions of the UK for the sunny 31°C Florida coastline and NASA's Kennedy Space Center. The trip proved fascinating on many levels: seminars with astronauts on the astro-biological challenges of spaceflight; the rocket building engineering challenge; observing the resting place of the last operational shuttle; the visit to the famous Apollo moon-landing exhibition; the simulated sky diving centre and, of course, Cocoa Beach!



United States of America

With the race for the White House entering the home straight, the RGS headed off on the Washington and New York trip. A packed itinerary in New York included visits to the Top of the Rock, Statue of Liberty, 9/11 Memorial and Museum, Financial District Tour and Aladdin the musical. This was followed by a tour of the UN, walk around Central Park and a visit to the Met museum. On to Washington the group visited the Pentagon and Arlington Cemetery, the Capitol building, the Senate and the Smithsonian museums. A particular highlight was a tour of the Washington Post, followed by a Question and Answer session with Steven Pearlstein, the Pulitzer 2008 Prize winner.



Italy

The tempting allure of pizza, pasta, ice-cream and, of course, breath-taking classical sites proved to be irresistible as the biennial Junior Classics trip saw 89 boys and ten staff visit Rome and the Bay of Naples. An action-packed itinerary embraced the classical and contemporary, sunshine and storms, haute cuisine and, perhaps, more rustic fare. The iconic Colosseum, the imposing Baths of Caracalla, the beautifully preserved streets of Herculaneum, the haunting expressions of the plaster-casts in Pompeii and the stunning beauty of Capri were real highlights.



Malta

The warm, clear waters of the Maltese Islands were the perfect location for the Combined Cadet Force summer expedition. The novice divers all gained their Open Water qualification, as well as becoming experts in fish identification. The more experienced divers participated in wreck and deep diving; those who did not already have it, were also awarded their PADI Advanced Qualification. The highlight was diving the Blue Hole on Gozo and experiencing the new crags, valleys and swim-throughs created by the collapse of the Azure Window.



Italy

With amazing venues, fabulous weather and appreciative audiences, the 70-strong joint Guildford High School and RGS Chamber Choir and Orchestra enjoyed a memorable six-day tour of Italy. There was a busy schedule of concerts and services with performances in Verona, Lazise, Mantua and Venice, including the atmospheric and historic setting of St Mark's Basilica. As concerts took place in the evenings, the days were free to relax by the hotel pool and to enjoy being tourists; highlights included a boat trip across Lake Garda and sightseeing in Verona, Mantua and Venice.



Cambodia

36 boys spent the whole of July in Cambodia undertaking a fantastically varied, multi-phase expedition. The clear highlight was the week spent teaching in schools in remote villages in the north-east of the country, including Tiem Kram the school built by the RGS in 2010. Another highlight for all was the jungle trek, which included plenty of opportunities for swimming in and over waterfalls, as well as some close encounters with the local wildlife.



Singapore / Malaysia

After a fantastic 2016 / 17 hockey season for the RGS 1st XI, the boys from the Lower Sixth and Fifth Forms headed for the sweltering humidity of South-East Asia. From temples, towers and night markets to being chased by monkeys in botanical gardens the RGS hockey team had a great trip. The boys played at some of the best hockey venues in the world against some excellent opposition including a noteworthy 2-2 draw against the Singapore National Under 18 team.



Sri Lanka

Beach cricket, street cricket, back-yard cricket: the passion for the sport was evident on every street corner as the RGS went on tour to Sri Lanka. The typically friendly and hospitable Sri Lankan welcome and the opportunity to play at international and first-class venues provided a once-in-a-lifetime experience for the tourists. The RGS played five matches in seven days in 35°C heat as well as enjoying a number of cultural visits, including the Temple of the Tooth, an elephant orphanage and a tea factory.



COMMUNITY AND CHARITY

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

Nominated Charities

Almost £15,500 was raised during the academic year which was distributed equally between our nominated local, national and international school charities:

Shooting Star Chase: a leading children's hospice charity caring for babies, children and young people with life-limiting conditions, and their families.

Parkinson's UK: a charity that drives better care, treatments and quality of life. "Together we can bring forward the day when no-one fears Parkinson's."

Born in Africa: a charity which stimulates social and educational development in children, striving to create economically self-sustainable adults."



Volunteering Fair

The annual Volunteering Fair saw a number of charities and volunteering groups visiting the School as boys took the opportunity to immerse themselves in very worthwhile community – both local and further afield – initiatives. Representatives were on hand to talk about everything from children's hospices to conservation. In addition, throughout the year, a number of weekends were spent on conservation work in the Surrey countryside by groups of boys and staff.

Christmas Fair

Christmas came early to the RGS as the School enjoyed a festive make-over for the Christmas Shopping Evening. A vast number of stalls, as well as RGS Young Enterprise companies, provided the perfect inspiration for Christmas shoppers with stylish, innovative gifts on sale. Great atmosphere, plenty of glitter, and decadent presents all contributed to a successful event as significant sums were raised for the School's charities.





Fashion Show

The theme of this year's Fashion Show was musicals which took the audience on a trip down memory lane from the 1920s classic production of Buggy Malone to the modern-day Mamma Mia, from Singing in the Rain to the Wizard of Oz, from Grease to Cats. With tight choreography, memory-provoking music and almost 200 students involved, the latest trends in the fashion industry were elegantly modelled on the catwalk. The boys looked surprisingly at ease as they modelled an array of clothing far removed from their usual RGS sports kit! The evening finished, in the traditional way, with prom dresses and dinner jackets being fashioned, to rapturous applause from the audience. The event raised £5,700 for the Alice Ramsay Trust, a charity established in memory of a former GHS Head Girl who tragically died of a brain tumour.



Bake Off

The Great RGS Bake Off reflected colourfully and imaginatively the book-inspired theme, from the cerebral to the more surprising. Spot the Dog made an appearance in a hamper, while others sought inspiration from the *Hungry Caterpillar*, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* and *Alice in Wonderland*; even the Periodic Table was showcased! The standard across the board from staff and students was extraordinary as the panel of judges including the Headmaster rated the cakes on taste, presentation and wow factor. Katherine Walker won first prize in the staff competition with Mr McGregor's Garden from *The Tale of Peter Rabbit*, while Thomas Ward secured first place with his cake inspired by *Animal Farm*.



Cambodia Ball

The combination of glamour and generosity ensured the Cambodia Ball was a night to remember, with our Nepali visitors in attendance as guests of honour. The School's links with Cambodia began with the construction of the RGS link school at Tiem Kram, Ratanakiri province, in 2010. The school is 100% dependent on funds donated to stay open. A spectacular black-tie event included live music, magic and a Cambodian-themed meal. Thanks to the generous donation of prizes and auction items – including a signed Six Nations 2017 England shirt from Old Guildfordian and full England international Jack Clifford – over £18,000 was raised from the ball alone, thus securing the immediate future of Tiem Kram and continuing a lasting legacy in one of the poorest areas of Cambodia.

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

In an increasingly global context to the boys' education, the RGS has forged meaningful links with organisations nationally and internationally. These partnerships with schools in Cambodia and Nepal, as well as our school in Qatar, serve to provide a global dimension and perspective. Particular highlights of the year included a visit from our Nepali colleagues and the four-week expedition to Cambodia when three RGS teams visited our school in Tiem Kram.





JUST ANOTHER YEAR AT THE RGS



THE FINAL WORD

Previous school:

Lanesborough School

Most enjoyable aspect of being School Captain:

Setting out chairs for assembly!

Most embarrassing moment at RGS:

At assembly stumbling through my first "Can we have silence now, please?"

Sporting highlight:

Scoring 118 in cricket for the 2nd XI against St George's College, Weybridge

Pet hate:

People who slurp drinks

Favourite meal at RGS:

Fish fingers in a wrap

Choice of famous actor to play you in a film of your life:

Nick Cage

If you could be any cartoon character who would you be:

Rick Sanchez from Rick and Morty

As a child what did you want to be when you grew up:

A painter

If you were a superhero what superpower would you choose and why:

Shape-shifting: it provides infinite possibilities!

One thing that makes you proud of the RGS:

The fantastic sense of community

Final nugget of wisdom:

Stay humble

Max James

School Captain



