

Headmaster's Letter
26 March 2026



Dear All

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Andrea Brown joined RGS as a Chemistry Technician in 2010 and has supported countless teachers and several thousand students in the setting up of practical work for the subject. Andrea drove the CREST awards through the Science Club, which she set up (there is a report below). Andrea is a keen volunteer with various local environmental groups and is looking forward to more time in 'the great outdoors'.

Jennie Evans joined RGS as HR Manager in 2022 and has led the department from strength to strength. Jennie has relocated to Stockport with her family, essentially returning 'home'.

My thanks to these excellent colleagues who shall be greatly missed.

Welcome

We are very pleased to welcome Tim Waterhouse as our new HR Manager. Tim brings considerable HR experience from the commercial world to RGS.

Guys And Dolls

The Music Department pulled off a triumph of a show with Guys and Dolls. A very strong cast, the performers adeptly navigated the wonderful songs and dialogue. I'm particularly proud of the fact that all the technical work, light sound and stage management, was student led. Likewise the excellent band comprised predominantly of students. My thanks to colleagues at DCHS, Henley College, Holmer Green and Wycombe High for allowing their students the time to take part in the dress rehearsals, which are, of course, essential for the success of the show. Although the audience was a little thin on the first night, word spread and we had good houses for the rest of the week - particularly the last night, which was sold out. Many thanks to Mrs Jashari, our Director of Music, for her leadership of the production and her musical direction - her customary attention to detail paid off!

Public Exams

GCSE and A Level exams will be with us very shortly after the Easter Holiday. I spoke to Year 11 students last week about the importance of a solid, sustainable revision programme. In case you missed it, I put what I said into a letter for parents - [Year 11 Letter to Parents](#). This is essential for Year 13 too, but I take the view that they have been through GCSEs and should know exactly what they need to do. This includes looking after themselves and taking time to relax as well. Staff are here to help and will readily do so, once we return. For a more light-hearted Revision Guide, here is the annual outing of my [Headmaster's Revision Guide](#) which I wrote some years ago.

Crest Award - Science Club projects - A report from Miss Brown

'We had a bumper crop of successful CREST projects last term! Congratulations to our Y7 and Y8 students Eesa Hayat, Sayon Nanomi Arachhige, Aarav Raghuram, Ryan Hans, Anuansh Abhilash, Arjun Krishna Kumar, Nicholas Babic, Arham Jain and Nitish Rajagopal who achieved the Bronze Award. Under the broad theme of survival, the students investigated preserving food; keeping warm; obtaining clean water; building shelters and growing plants in artificial light. They undertook over 10 hours of independent scientific planning, research, experimentation, analysis and evaluation in order to earn this national award from the British Science Association.'

Technology Tournament - Friday 27th February 2026 - Chiltern Hills Academy - A report from Mr Marshall:

'This year's challenge involved solving a contextualized engineering-based problem using materials such as balsa wood, dowel, elastic bands, string, wire, pulleys, motors and glue guns. The task was to "design and build an electric vehicle able to travel inside a 100mm diameter pipe. The motor speed needs to be reduced using pulleys, and the vehicle must be reversible". To accomplish this, teams required a solid understanding of speed ratios, pulleys, how to reverse the polarity of a motor and how to make a switch. 12 schools took part in this event, kindly organised by the Chesham Rotary Club, and hosted by the Chiltern Hills Academy, Chesham. Outcomes were variable, ranging from near-expertly engineered to only partially functional. In addition to the mechanical model, marks were awarded for the quality of each team's design folder and teamwork. One of the three RGS intermediate teams won in their age range. The winning team included James Drury, Zach Richards, Haiyang Sun, and Lithum Weerasinghe.'

USA Universities

The Boarding Schools' Association is pleased to introduce a [free webinar](#) for parents on navigating the USA undergraduate application process. The one-hour session on Monday, 30 March, 18:00 – 19:00 will be delivered by Anthony Nemecek, Chief Educational Consultant and Robert Patterson, Chief Executive Officer, Banyan Educational Consultancy.

The webinar will provide a comprehensive overview of USA undergraduate study and its application process. Different to UCAS, all aspects of the process will be discussed, including insights into how applications are evaluated.

Events

It was a great pleasure to welcome so many families to our Iftar a few weeks ago. It is always wonderful to see families worshipping together and to enjoy a communal meal as the fast is broken. Excellent speeches and an entertaining quiz rounded off the evening nicely. Eid Mubarak.

Last night, I was pleased to attend the FRORGS awards, where the sterling efforts of our lower school rugby teams are recognised.

Tonight, if you read this in time is our Belonging Evening. The event will showcase presentations, songs, recitals and speeches by students on Belonging and what it means to them. There will also be a West African Drumming presentation, Dhol drumming and Bhangra dancing to add a vibrant splash of music to this multi-cultural celebration. There is no charge, but please do [register](#) so the organisers know how many are planning to attend.

Please take a look at [Little Box Office](#) to see forthcoming events - there are many things taking place after the holiday which will cater for a variety of tastes.

Thank you for your support this term. May I take this opportunity to wish you all a very relaxing break and, if you celebrate it, a very Happy Easter.

With best wishes

Philip Wayne