

HEADMASTER'S LETTER

14 June 2019

This is something of an interim update with several links for your interest. I hope that you are pleased with your son's exam performance and will support him to learn any lessons from the process. Likewise, GCSE and A level examinations are very nearly over. I hope that Year 11 and 13 boys enjoy the break from their studies once they are finished.

Our Prize Giving Ceremonies take place on July 8 (Senior) and July 9 (Junior). Those of you whose sons have won awards will undoubtedly attend - with great pride, I hope - but it would be good to see boys and families who are not, on this occasion, prize winners coming along to support their friends. The guest speaker for the Senior event is Sir Christopher Hum, former British Ambassador to China and more recently the Master of Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge. For the Junior event we are pleased to welcome back OW Tom Ravenscroft to speak to us - Founder and CEO of the Skills Builder Partnership.

I thought you may wish to read the following, if you have not already done so.

The Deputy Headmaster, Alex Wallace, has written an excellent [Ethos of Learning newsletter](#).

The Director of Boarding, Jon Scourfield (and Assistant Head) publishes a [termly Boarding Newsletter](#).

Many thanks to all boarding parents who completed the boarding survey. All categories were above 90% in the strongly agree category with overwhelmingly positive comments. We don't rest on our laurels and the suggestions will be looked at to aid our quest to constantly improve. I did rather like this comment...

My son thinks of Fraser Youens (the Boarding House) as his primary home. He loves it more than his home. He has really come on and is achieving his potential. The staff make it look easy but I am sure a lot of work and effort goes into making it above and beyond 5 star. The staff are excellent role models

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Play, drink and be merry...

Please don't forget to sign up for the [Beer and Gin Festival](#) preceded by the OW/RGS touch rugby tournament on Saturday 22 June.

Have your say....

Assistant Head, Mrs Forster, is hosting a [Parent Voice event](#) on the afternoon of 28 June.

Nice.....

[Jazz in the Quad](#) takes place on Sunday 30 June.

COMING UP

Before the end of the month we will be hosting our Barcelona exchange students, in addition, the Year 7 Buxton trip and Year 10 Geography field trips, the MCC Cricket day, Junior House Music competition, Year 12 Psychology Brain Day, DofE Expeditions and Science/Maths Olympiads all take place. I'll need, therefore, to write several more letters to you before the end of the term to report on the myriad of opportunities.

PARENT SURVEY

Please click on the link for our [annual parental survey](#). I would urge all of you to spend a few minutes completing this as it really does form an important part of our feedback loop. The tick box section is the same as previous years, which I introduced in my first year at RGS. This enables us to gather metrics and to ascertain trends and progress. The comments section gives you an opportunity to give your views freely. It would help greatly if this could be in bullet points as it assists the categorisation of opinion for the analysts. Many thanks in anticipation of your help with this – my comment, by now a 'hardy annual', is that the short amount of time on this may have a disproportionate benefit to the experience of your son, and others, at RGS. The survey will close at 3pm on 21 June 2019.

Philip Wayne