



RGS FRIENDS OF MUSIC

Supporting Music at RGS



Welcome!

Read on to see what Friends of Music have been contributing towards in the Music Department this year, our upcoming dates for your diary, and how you can get involved!

Dates for your Diary

**Chamber Choir
Evensong -
Wednesday 2nd July**
Chamber Choir
takes an exciting
trip to Oxford to sing
an evensong service

**Musicals in the
Making - Sunday 5th
October 2025**
Joint RGS/CMA and
surrounding schools
take part in a day
of exploring musical
theatre tunes!

**Autumn Soiree -
Thursday 9th
October 2025, 7pm**
An evening of solo
performances and
small jazz bands

**Musical Gala
Evening - Saturday
15th November 2025**
An evening going
back in time
through previous
RGS productions,
featuring ex-RGS
students!

RGS Music 2024-2025

It's been a fantastic and incredibly busy year for the music department, filled with performances and memorable moments. Our production of *Bonnie and Clyde* was a huge success, showcasing the incredible talent and dedication of our students both on stage and behind the scenes. We celebrated the festive season with a beautiful Carol Service, and throughout the year, students have performed in multiple concerts and evensongs, sharing their music with the school and wider community. One of the most exciting highlights was our House Music competition, where St James took home the win in a thrilling display of creativity and school spirit. It's been a year to remember!



What have FOM funded this year?

Music Technology A-Level: Computers and Software

From September 2025, RGS Music will be launching a new A-Level Music Technology course. Support from the Friends of Music has allowed us to purchase new computers and industry-standard music software giving students the tools they need to explore music production, recording, and sound design at a professional level. It's an exciting step forward for our department, and we can't wait to see the creative projects our students will produce!



A Message from our Chairman

We are so lucky for our boys to be able to experience such a varied musical offering, from many concerts throughout the year to the fabulous *Bonnie and Clyde*, with a range of termly and festive events in between. None of this could be possible without the tireless dedication of the Music Department staff who go above and beyond to ensure that the rich history of music provision at RGS continues.

Through the kind generosity of parents and others who attend events (and happen to be partial to a glass of wine) we have raised significant funds this year, all of which, in a small way, go to support the expense of running a busy music department. We have also been able to assist with funds to support the introduction of Music Technology course in the coming academic year.

I would personally like to thank the core helpers at FoM this year: Ruth, whose ability to shop know no bounds, Wendy and Pete, who are always ready to help and are more than the sum of their parts, ex-FoM Secretary Lisa who always offers to shop and is on-hand to assist, and Melissa who ensures the smooth planning and running of events and is the organisational brain behind FoM. Without their support FoM, and the financial support it lends to the school, would likely cease to exist.

However, we are always in need of additional support and if you are looking for unpaid bar work then FoM is the place for you! If you are able to help in any way please do speak to one of us at the events or email rgshwfriendsofmusic@gmail.com. Thank you to those of you who support via membership; if you would like to become a member then please reach out as above.

Here's to another successful musical year next year!

- Elliot Toms

Dates for your Diary (cont.)

**November Showcase
- Thursday 20th**

November 2025, 7pm

Join us for our first big concert featuring all bands, orchestras, ensembles, and choirs in an exciting musical showcase!

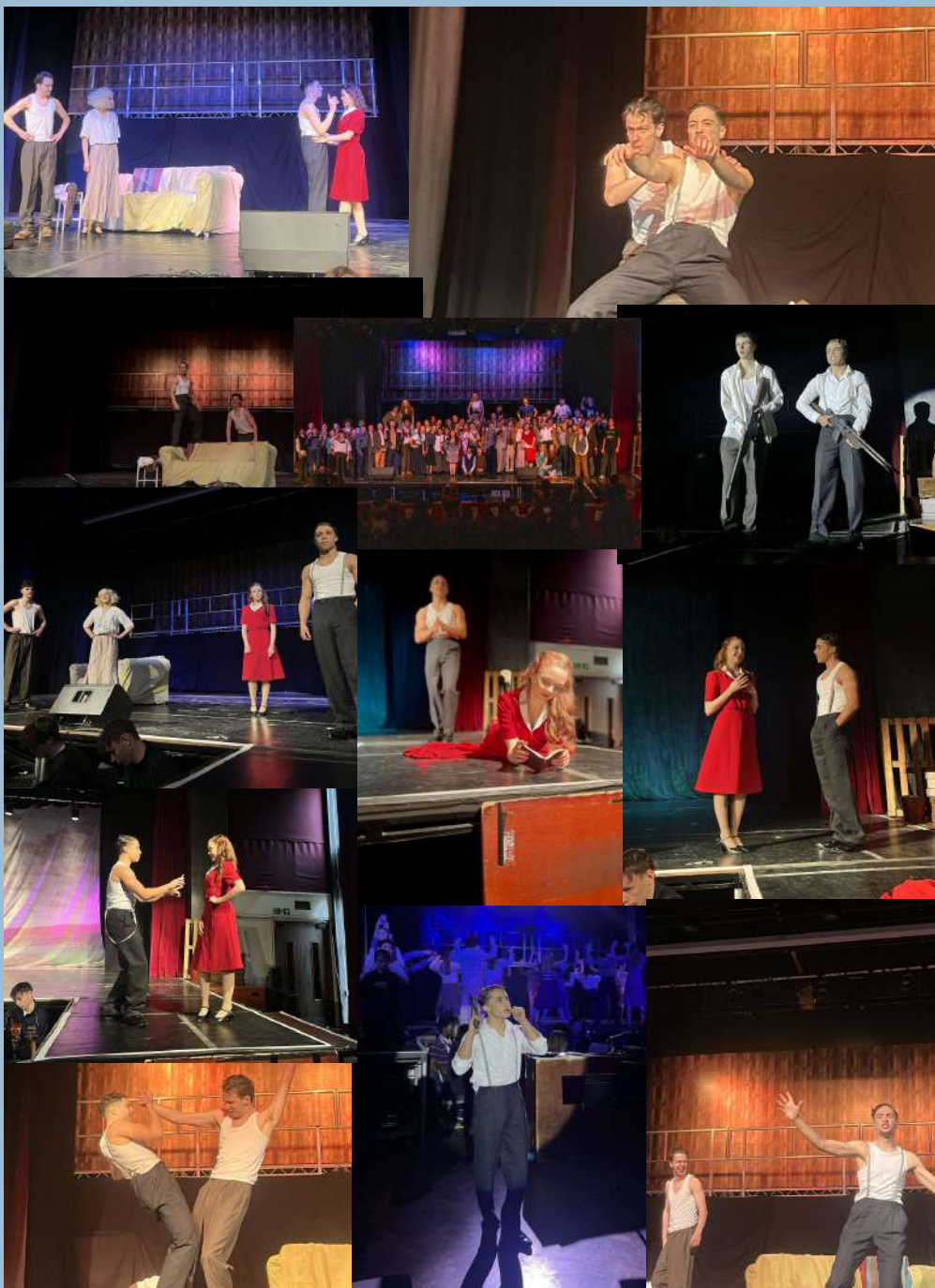
**Carol Service -
Monday 8th December
2025**

Join us for one of the highlights of the RGS year - with singing from Junior and Senior choir, and our chamber choir.



Bonnie and Clyde 2025

Our school musical Bonnie and Clyde was a huge success, captivating audiences with its powerful performances, stunning set design, and dynamic musical numbers. The cast and crew brought the story to life with incredible energy and professionalism, earning standing ovations each night. It was a true showcase of our students' talent and dedication, and a proud moment for our entire school community.



Student Voices

Hear from a few of our students about their time in the Music Department this year!

What has been your favorite memory or performance in the music department this year, and why did it stand out to you?

- I have loved doing house music because I love the competitive environment combined with music (Leo, Year 9)
- I enjoyed the Spring Showcase as I enjoyed the Polovtsian Dances (Callum, Year 9)

How do you feel your musical skills or confidence have grown over the year, and what helped contribute to that growth?

- I am more confident with my solos as I've performed in front of an audience in the queens hall multiple times (Kayiza, Year 13)
- My guitar skills have improved by joining Swing Band and having some lessons (Leo, Year 9)

What did being part of the music department mean to you this year, and how did it impact your experience at school?

- I was part of a community in the school surrounded by people with the same mindset (music ambassadors) and helped ameliorate the image of the music department (Kayiza, Year 13)
- Best part of school! (Fraser, Year 11)
- I love being part of the music department at school and it helped me feel like I had things to look forward to throughout the day which helped me get through lessons (Callum, Year 9)



Music Ambassadors 2025-2026

Introducing our new Music Ambassadors for the Music Department 2025-2026!



Gabe, Louis, Jack, Dani, Oscar, and Stephen will be helping develop our department with new ensembles and projects, bringing bringing fresh ideas, creative energy, and exciting opportunities for all our young musicians.

We're thrilled to have them on board!

Why join FOM?

If you would like to support the vibrant range of events run by the Music Department, and continue the extensive musical opportunities offered to RGS students, please join the Friends of Music.

As a Friend of Music, you get priority seating at all events. All funds are invested back into the school Music Department.

Contact

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To get in touch with FOM, please email the RGS at **rgshwfriendsofmusic@gmail.com** and ask them to forward on to the FOM.

A Message from the Director of Music

As we come to the end of a fantastic year of music-making, I want to thank all our students, parents and staff for their enthusiasm, dedication, and creativity. Highlights have included our production of Bonnie and Clyde, the Year 7 string scheme where every student has begun learning the violin, and preparations for launching A Level Music Technology, generously supported by Friends of Music and the School Development Fund. Looking ahead, we're excited to welcome girls into the Sixth Form and are already planning an exciting programme of musical events for the Autumn term!



How can you help Friends of Music?

There are a number of ways you can help us and it really is very rewarding!

Are you a budding cocktail shaker or outstanding shopkeeper? We always need help behind the bar or with snacks and the associated logistics at concerts!

We really do need help. Each year we lose key members of the team so we are constantly looking for new members. It's really not that demanding. We meet once per half term mainly to plan the next term and have a chat about how brilliant Music at the RGS is! Scan the QR code to find out more!

