

Headmaster's Letter
20 November 2025



Dear Parent

WELCOME

We are very pleased to welcome Enas Dare who has joined our Chemistry team as a technician and, before my next letter, our new Estate Site Supervisor, John Attley, will be leading our maintenance team and supporting our Estates Manager.

VALETE

Sarah Wallace - Sixth Form Administrator. Mrs Wallace did an exceptional job in supporting the transition from a well established Sixth Form Team to a new team from 2024. She was the driving force behind the leavers' events and I know that her support of the Senior Prefects was greatly valued.

Paul Anderson worked as a Cover Supervisor and Assistant to Matron. His work was much appreciated.

Will Gardner 'Sports Grad' who has taken a Personal Trainer role in the independent sector.

We wish all colleagues well in the next stage of their careers and thank them for their contribution to RGS.

SPORTSMAN'S DINNER

Our longstanding Sportsman's Dinner was an outstanding evening with 420 guests (the highest number for many years, if ever) comprising current and former parents and OWs. David Flatman was MC as usual and the evening was made even more special by the return of OW, Matt Dawson. This is a pivotal fundraiser for our Rugby programme - our provision is only achievable thanks to those who support us in this way. My thanks to all who organised, attended and took part in the auction. I was pleased to be able to announce at the event, that our senior squad beat Reading Blue Coat in Round 3 of the Schools Cup with a 39-36 win - nothing short of a nail biter! Supporters and players alike are eagerly anticipating Round 4 this week against Radley, hoping for continued success in the competition.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations and the best of luck to Martynas Kazakevicius who has arrived in Tokyo to compete in the Deaflympics 2025 as a proud member of the Team GB swim squad. This is an incredible opportunity and a well-deserved reward for his unwavering dedication and hard work at Wycombe District Swimming Club. Follow all the action on the Deaflympics 2025 [Deaf Olympics Facebook Page](#).

It was a great pleasure to award Gavin Bhinder, Sebastian Lescott, Charles Owen and Aadi Patel with their Bronze Arts Award, from Trinity College, London.

MFL

'He who knows no foreign languages knows nothing of his own' (Goethe)

It has been a very busy term for the MFL department with a fantastic number of trips and competitions, giving students the opportunity to extend their learning beyond the classroom. I am so pleased that we have exchange visits up and running again - I know how much it benefitted my languages. I am still in touch with a French family, a relationship which started as an exchange and has lasted nearly 50 years. Here is a report from MFL Lead, Miss Sheppard.

Trips

Year 10-13 Germanists and Historians enjoyed a brilliant four-day trip to Berlin from 23-26 October, accompanied by Frau Sheppard, Mr Taylor and Mr Mulholland. Students had a chance to practise their German, as well as deepen their understanding of German history and culture with a jam packed itinerary taking in as many major sites and museums in four days as possible. Just after half-term Y10 and Y12 and Y13 French and Business Studies students then spent a week in Toulouse on the French exchange. This a long standing exchange, but we were delighted to be able to offer it to Y10 this year by forging a link with the Lycée's linked collège. A huge thank you to Mr Geering, Mme Bray, Mme Amarii and Mr Newton for organising and accompanying the trip.

As well as trips abroad the MFL department also regularly organises day trips related to languages. Our fantastic French assistante, Mme Dudley, took our sixth formers to the Institut Français on 16 October for a workshop on multiculturalism in France and Black History Month. Later on this term 28 Y9 German students will enjoy a trip to the Goethe Institut, and our sixth form German students will go to the BFI for a film study day as part of their A Level German course. A huge thank you to staff and parents who support our trips.

Competitions

So far this year we have had a school @Lancompetition for European Day of Languages (won by Hayden Gandhi in Y10), a House European Day of Languages quiz (won by Windsor), and a poetry recitation competition, which had 19 entries from across all year groups, with the majority of students going forward to the global final. Coming up we have a Y9 languages competition run by GCHQ (the UK intelligence services actively recruit linguists), a class spelling bee in all their languages for Year 7, and the global languagenut competition for Y7-11. We also got the results back from the prestigious Stephen Spender poetry translation competition that took place at the end of last year and are delighted to report 3 students were commended: Ali Aziz in Y13 for his translation and commentary of an Arabic poem, Pugalenth Sankar Muthu Pragatheesh in Y9 for his translation and commentary of a Tamil poem, and Yusuf Quereshi in Y11 for his translation and commentary of a French poem. Congratulations to all our winners, and good luck to those waiting for results of upcoming or recent competitions. It's always a delight to see how many of our students engage in these competitions to extend their language learning beyond their lessons.

DROP-OFF

May I just remind parents to drop off or pick up their youngsters responsibly at the start and end of the day. Four points in particular:

Do not:

- drive into the staff/sixth form car park
- use other people's driveways as a turntable
- park on zig zags on Hamilton Road

It would be helpful if:

- Chadwick St was avoided in the afternoon, to give school coaches space to manoeuvre.

SCHOOL HOUSE GATES

The vehicular 'in' gates to School House/Reception are currently not working and need to be kept closed during the day. If you are visiting the school for any reason, please park elsewhere and come in via the pedestrian gate.

Best wishes

Philip Wayne