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Dear Parents of boys in current Year 10 and Year 9

#### THURSDAY AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES (TAA)

As part of their weekly timetable, all Year 10 and 11 students take part in one of the various activities offered on Thursday afternoons throughout the school year. We regard these activities as an important part of school life. They are intended:

- To allow extra time for boys to develop skills in areas in which they are already interested
- To offer them the opportunity to try something new
- To allow them to do something else that will be of value to the wider community

Information about the various activities is attached. If you would like any further details about the CCF please contact Squadron Leader Matthews ([srm@rgshw.com](mailto:srm@rgshw.com)).

We will do our best to give everyone their first three choices (**Year 11 students are given priority and, in some cases, may have two options and then private study for revision for the few weeks they are in school in the summer term**) but would emphasise that the numbers for each activity are limited and inevitably some boys will be disappointed. Please note that we cannot guarantee at this stage that every activity will run.

Y10/Y9 pupils: Please return the reply slip below the information to your Form Tutor by:

**Year 10 – Tuesday 5 March** – must give 4 choices in order of preference

**Year 9 – Monday 11 March** – must give 5 choices in order of preference

*Please note that any applications received after this deadline or without the number of choices as indicated above will miss the first cut.*

Yours sincerely



Miss H R Munday  
Assistant Head

#### Attached:

Information about each activity

Application Form – deadline for return as above

## YEAR 10/11 THURSDAY AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

\* = one year course

### CCF COMBINED CADET FORCE\*

The RGS has one of the most dynamic CCFs in the country and we run activities for boys on and off-site. The CCF (Combined Cadet Force) has three Sections: Army, Royal Navy and Royal Air Force. Our aim is to give cadets the opportunity to develop qualities of responsibility, self-reliance, teamwork, leadership, resourcefulness, perseverance and a sense of service to the community. These qualities are useful both in civilian life - to which most go - and in the Services. This purpose is reflected in a balance between military training and adventure training. On Thursdays, Sections train for their cadet qualifications in a way appropriate to each Service. During term time the majority of the training is at School but the Sections regularly go off-site in the holidays and at weekends. To gain full benefit, a member would be wise to go on the Field Days, Range Days and Weekend / Annual / Adventure Training Camps; these are optional but add greatly to the CCF experience. The Ministry of Defence also run a wide variety of courses for cadets. Promotion through the ranks gives practice in the exercise of genuine responsibility as well as being a very important contribution to the life of the Contingent. Those who join the CCF are expected to stay in the CCF for the whole year and to participate in all the activities. **Please note there is an annual subscription fee according to year group and section which for Year 10 2019-20 will be Army £215, RAF £145, RN £205 including all sailing. The subscription covers Initial Recruits Camp, non-issue kit, boots and administration.** If you feel that the cost involved is prohibitive, please contact Sqn Ldr Matthews in confidence and he will see if there is funding available to assist you.

### ART

Priority is given to those **not** doing Art for GCSE.

### BADMINTON (Autumn/Summer)

Beginners or experienced players – all are welcome.

### BASKETBALL (Spring)

Beginners or experienced players – all are welcome.

### BOARD GAMES

Pit your wits against other players. You will need to have some knowledge if you wish to play chess. All other games (such as Risk, Cribbage, Scrabble, Game of Life, War games) require enthusiasm but no specific knowledge!

### CHINESE\*

This is a beginners' language course for Y10-Y12 students with an added opportunity to learn something about the culture of China along with a termly cookery class.

### COOKERY

Survival in the kitchen! This course is an introduction to the basics of cookery – planning, budgeting, cooking and eating. **There will be a small charge (£15-20) for the ingredients needed.**

### DRAMA (Autumn)

This is a practical course offering students the chance to create, direct, perform and design their own drama pieces. It will be based on practical exploration of scripted and non-scripted work. The chance to see some live theatre will be offered with boys being encouraged to take advantage of the School's Vulture Club.

### FIVES (Autumn/Spring)

There are only 2 state schools in the country with 3 Fives courts between them, 2 of which are at RGS! Fives is similar to squash but played with the gloved hand rather than with a racket. There will be the opportunity to play at other schools who have well developed teams and facilities. **If you are in the school Fives team and wish to do Fives for 2 terms rather than one please indicate this on the form (Fives – school team).**

### FOOTBALL

For players of all abilities. Played on the School Astros.

## INDIVIDUAL ATHLETIC DEVELOPMENT

This time provides individual students with the opportunity to develop an area of physical/technical/tactical skill, which will allow them to maximise their potential in their chosen sport. For those in team sports, this could link in with their Individual Development Plans.

## JAPANESE\*

This is a beginners' language course for Y10-Y12 students with an added opportunity to learn something about the culture of Japan along with a visit to Wagamama's later in the year to try some Japanese dishes.

## LIBRARY

This activity is designed for anyone interested in books and in acquiring skills related to the running of a library.

## MEDIA STUDIES (Spring/Summer)

This is a practical and theoretical course which will look at radio, TV, film, newspapers, current issues and advertising. It is hoped that a visit to the British Film Institute will be possible as well as talks from people within the media industry.

## MUSIC (Autumn/Spring)

A practical music making and composition session - musical ability on at least one instrument is essential.

## SOCIAL SERVICE\*

We aim to encourage boys to have a sense of social responsibility by helping those who are less fortunate or younger than themselves. Boys spend approximately one hour helping old people in their homes, people in hospital, and children in primary schools. Where possible, boys help as near to their own home as practicable. This establishes a very useful relationship between the boys and the community in an atmosphere of help and trust. In recent years we have also had boys doing voluntary work at a vet's, a charity shop and a local library – placements which they have organised themselves but which we have been able to support.

## SQUASH (Spring)

Beginners or experienced players – all are welcome.

## STAGE SOUND AND LIGHTING\*

This is for those who are, or wish to become, members of the Stage Sound and Lighting Team.

## SURVIVE & SAVE (LIFESAVING) PROGRAMME (Autumn)

The RLSS UK Survive & Save Programme is a series of awards that challenge and develop your skills and knowledge in aquatic survival, rescue, sport, and fitness. Elements of the course will include life saving techniques and rescue, first aid and CPR and the different hazards associated with water. You will need to be able to swim confidently, at least 100m continuously and be comfortable jumping in and going to the bottom of the pool. The course leads onto the full pool lifeguarding qualification (NPLQ). There would be a small charge for this course of £15 to enable full certification.

## TABLE TENNIS (Autumn/Spring)

Beginners or experienced players – all are welcome.

## TENNIS

We shall use the courts at Hazlemere Club (Autumn/Spring) and the School Astro (Summer). You will need to **provide your own racket**.

## Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Please note that the following are approved activities for the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award provided that they are undertaken for a minimum of 12 weeks. Boys taking part in the Award should see Mrs Henry to collect the relevant activity log.

CCF Army	Chinese	Fives	Social Service	Survive & Save
CCF Navy	Cookery	Japanese	Squash	
CCF RAF	Drama	Library	Stage Lighting	

## THURSDAY AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES

Name: .....

Form: .....

1	Art	7	CCF RAF*	13	IAD	19	Squash
2	Badminton	8	Chinese*	14	Japanese*	20	Stage Lighting*
3	Basketball	9	Cookery	15	Library	21	Survive & Save
4	Board games	10	Drama	16	Media Studies	22	Table tennis
5	CCF Army*	11	Fives	17	Music	23	Tennis
6	CCF Navy*	12	Football	18	Social Service*	24	

\* one year course. If accepted you will be expected to remain in the activity for three terms

Please write below in order of preference your choice of TAA. Return to your Form Tutor by:

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1 .....

4 .....

2 .....

5 Y9 only.....

3 .....

Boy's Signature: .....

Parent's/Guardian's Signature: .....