



Royal Grammar School

# CLUBS, SOCIETIES AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

## 2020 - 2021

Please see the named person in charge for further details

## **ART CLUB (GCSE)**

**Tutor i/c:** Mrs G C Francis

Open to Year 11 Art boys. This teacher-led after school session helps support the current GCSE course. The additional time enables the boys to take a rigorous and explorative approach to their sustained body of work. Held on Wednesday 3.40-5.00pm in Art 2.

## **ART CLUB (Junior)**

**Tutor i/c:** Mrs G C Francis

Open to Years 7–9, the Junior Art Homework Club is an opportunity for boys to create exciting and engaging pieces of practical based homework with access to a large range of art materials and support. The Club takes place on Thursday lunchtimes, in Art 2.

## **ASTRONOMY GCSE CLUB**

**Tutor i/c:** Mr O Harris

Open to Year 8 upwards. We study the Astronomy GCSE course with the option of sitting the exam to gain a 4th Science GCSE. There is no commitment to do the exam, you can come along just to enjoy the subject. Spaces limited. See Mr Harris for more details.

## **BIOLOGY SOCIETY**

**Tutor i/c:** Mr P Wood

The Biology Society is a discussion group led by the Biology Ambassadors. It is open to any student in the school who wishes to talk about Biology with other like-minded students. Participants are encouraged to put together their own presentations on topics that extend what is taught in Biology lessons. Outside speakers are also invited to speak to the group.

## **BRAINS OF 13**

**Tutor i/c:** Mr A C Balaam

A “University Challenge” style quiz open to teams of 4 in Year 13 only. The competition runs one lunchtime a week over the year, initially as a round robin, then as a knock-out.

## **BRIDGE CLUB**

**Tutor i/c:** Mr K Watson

Open to all year groups. Classes taught by experienced instructors on Tuesdays at lunchtime in Room 37. Playing Bridge can be used for the skill section of the Duke of Edinburgh Award and RGS Sixth Form 360° Award.

## **CCF ARMY, NAVY, RAF**

**Tutor i/c:** Sqn Ldr Matthews

Open to Year 10 and above. The CCF provides activities to promote the qualities of leadership, responsibility, self-reliance, resourcefulness, endurance and perseverance. Activities include sailing, flying, camps, range shooting, field exercises and military knowledge. They take place on Thursday afternoons and at weekends. There is an annual charge for membership.

## **CHAPLAINCY**

**Tutor i/c:** Mr S J C Booth

We have lots of meetings, some for all age groups, some for specific year groups. On Monday lunchtime in L3 there is a meeting for Year 13. On Wednesday break in L3, there is a meeting for all year groups. On Thursday break in L11 there is a Sixth Form meeting and on Friday lunchtime there is a student-led meeting in L11. We also have outside speakers so look out for fliers advertising these.

### **CHESS CLUB**

**Tutor i/c: Mr D Clatworthy**

Details to be confirmed.

### **CHINESE CLUB**

**Tutor i/c: Mrs M Merry**

Chinese club is a fun way to learn beginner's Chinese through games and songs. Thursday lunchtimes in L13.

### **CLIMBING CLUB**

**Tutor i/c: Mr D Clatworthy**

New for the 2020/2021 academic school year. Hosted on the schools own climbing wall in the main Sports Hall. Information will be sent out shortly regarding sign up.

### **COLLECTABLE CARD GAMES**

**Tutor i/c: Dr A Jackson**

Magic the Gathering, Yu-Gi-Oh, Pokémon, all are welcome. Club decks available for use. Monday lunchtimes 1.45pm in Room 30.

### **COMPUTER PROGRAMMING & ROBOTICS CLUB**

**Tutor i/c: Mr D Travi**

Open to all boys, a new club for 2020/21. Computer programming is the process that professionals use to write code that instructs how a computer, application or software program performs. Information will be posted on the Clubs & Societies board

### **DEBATING CLUB**

**Tutor i/c: Mr D Corcoran**

Sixth Form pupils are invited to lead and contribute to the RGS Debating Society. Pupils are actively encouraged to take a leading role in this society; Mr Corcoran will choose a leading body of sixth formers to liaise with in order to outline an appropriate program of topics. Each week, it is the responsibility of the leading sixth formers to choose teams from their peers (for and against); it will also be their responsibility to organize and run that week's topic and debate. Sixth formers are also welcomed to be part of the debate's audience with no pressure to take part. Open to Year 10 and above, meets weekly on Mondays at 1.45pm in the Upper Library.

### **DART KARATE**

**Tutor i/c: Dr J W Titchen**

DART is a practical karate system focused on self-defence. It is known for its close-range tactics, non-linear approach, limb manipulation, soft blocking, powerful strikes, legal underpinning and pressure testing scenario training. DART Karate classes have a strong emphasis on impact training, paired exercises, underpinning theory and good

biomechanics. The RGS classes have been held on Wednesdays after school by the climbing wall for 16 years. Open to all year groups with beginners always welcome. Instructor John Titchen teaches karate locally in addition to delivering karate and self-defence seminars throughout the UK, Canada, the USA and Europe. Visit [www.dart-selfdefence.com](http://www.dart-selfdefence.com) for further information on the system and instructor.

### **FPV DRONE RACING CLUB**

**Tutor i/c:** Mr L Rowe-Elliott

A first-person video (FPV) drone club for boys that will allow them to learn how to pilot a racing drone, with the opportunity to learn more about the technology as well as take part in races throughout the year. Open to Years 8-10 Tuesday after school in the canteen.

### **THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD**

**Tutor i/c:** Mr D Clatworthy

Open to Year 9 upwards. Participants have the opportunity to progress through all levels of the Bronze/Silver/Gold Awards, learning and developing new skills along the way. Each level of the award has four sections to complete: Volunteering, Skill, Physical and Expedition, with an additional Residential section at Gold level.

### **DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB**

**Tutor i/c:** Mrs L Taylor

Open to all boys. D&D is an interactive experience that uses improvisational storytelling. Players assume the roles of heroes, undergoing an adventure, the direction of the story is also randomised by using dice to show the outcome of certain choices or actions adding depth to the story as a whole. Beginners welcome. Please speak to Mrs Taylor for more information. Meeting in the room at the back of the Library at lunch times, day tbc.

### **FENCING**

**Tutor i/c:** Mr J N Eve

Open to Year 8 upwards, and to any Year 7 with previous fencing experience. The Fencing Club is held after school in the Sports Hall. Year 8 meet every Wednesday after school until 5.15pm. Years 9-13 meet every Thursday until 5.15pm (Year 8 are also welcome on a Thursday after they have mastered the basics). Year 7 taster sessions will be held in the summer term.

### **FIVES**

**Tutor i/c:** Mr A Fletcher

All boys who are interested in playing Eton Fives for the School may practise at break and lunchtimes. Coaching takes place at lunchtime and 3.45pm - 5.00pm on Thursdays. Home and away fixtures are arranged for all age groups. The School Shop stocks gloves and balls for boys to purchase. Many boys are selected to represent the school in the National Schools' Championships, usually held at Eton College in March each year.

### **GREENPOWER ELECTRIC RACING CAR CLUB**

**Tutor i/c:** Dr G Brown

The Club is open to all students in Years 9 -13 inclusive, who have a budding or fully-fledged interest in science and engineering and will enjoy the challenge of designing, building, improving and racing full-sized electric racing cars against other schools. The

School has two Formula 24 car kits (12 to 16 years) and the senior boys have scratch-built their own F24+ car (16 to 25 years).

Building / improving the cars takes place in the Science Block on Tuesdays at 3.45 – 5pm. Race days are normally on Sundays at different motorsport venues in the southeast of England, with the season running from April to October, including an end of season finale at different motorsport venues (Goodwood in 2020). Each car has a team consisting of 12–15 students and therefore availability of places for new members is limited and assigned on a first come, first serve basis. However, unsuccessful applicants in Year 9 are retained on a waiting list and have priority if they still want to join the club in year 10. The Club values highly the support of volunteers and parents in both the construction of the cars and in allowing us to participate at these race events.

## **HANDWRITING CLUB**

**Tutor i/c: Mrs R Marchant and Mrs L Leonard**

Open to all years. Handwriting Club is held every Monday lunchtime in the room at the back of the Library. Work is done in small groups or individually in a fun and relaxed atmosphere. Access to a self-taught touch-typing package is also available at these sessions.

## **HISTORY FORUM**

**Tutor i/c: Mr S B Taylor**

Open to all students. The History Forum provides an opportunity to debate and discuss all aspects of history, the Neanderthals to the Space Age. It takes place on Wednesday lunchtimes in Room 29.

## **HOMEWORK CLUB**

**Tutor i/c: Mr J N Eve**

Open to Years 7–10. A permission slip must be signed by a parent before a pupil can join and attend whenever he wishes to. Homework club runs Monday to Thursday in the Library, 3.45–4.45pm.

## **ISLAMIC SOCIETY**

**Tutor i/c: Mr A R Wallace**

Meets every day in the Upper Library at 13.45.

## **MUSIC ACTIVITIES**

Due to Covid restrictions, the Music Department will send out details of each ensemble/band as and when we are confident rehearsals can be run safely. Students will be contacted directly, but if any student has a specific request to join an ensemble, then they are welcome to speak to Mr Mullaly or Mr Chitham-Mosley.

**Tutors i/c: Various (see below)**

**2021 RGS Senior Musical** open to anyone in Years 9-13 and by audition in October – involving weekly rehearsals leading to a show in March 2021. Please see Mr Mullaly for further details.

**1<sup>st</sup> Wind Band** open to Years 9-13 who are Grade 6-8+ wind/brass/percussion players. Directed by Mr Mullaly, Monday lunchtime at 1.35pm.

**2<sup>nd</sup> Wind Band** open to Years 7-10 who are Grade 2-5 wind/brass/percussion players. Directed by Mr Mullaly, Tuesday lunchtime at 1.35pm.

**Clarinet Ensemble** by audition. Run by Mrs Downie, Tuesday morning 8.30am.

**Close Harmony (Singers Ltd)** open by audition to Years 12-13 singers. Directed by Mr Mullaly, Wednesday and Thursday breaktimes at 11.45am.

**Guitar Ensemble** both Junior and Senior versions. Directed by Mr Robeson, Tuesday or Wednesday mornings at 8.45am.

**Junior Strings** open to Years 7-9 who are Grade 2-5 string players. Directed by Mr Chitham-Mosley, Tuesday lunchtimes at 1.35pm.

**RGS Big Band** for Grade 7 and above and by audition (spaces permitting). Directed by Mr J Craig, Mondays after school at 3.45pm.

**Senior Choir** for tenors and basses in Years 10-13 (or younger singers with changed voices). Directed by Mr Mullaly, Wednesday mornings at 8.45am.

**Senior Chamber Ensemble(s)** open by audition/invitation to Years 10-13 musicians who are Grade 7-8+. Please see Mr Mullaly for further details.

**Senior Orchestra** open to Years 9-13 who are Grade 5-8+. Directed by Mr Mullaly, Tuesday after school at 3.45pm.

**Swing Band** open to Years 8-11 who are Grade 4-7. Directed by Mr Chitham-Mosley, Thursday morning at 8.40am.

**Trad Jazz Band(s)**, by audition – please see Mr Mullaly for details. Rehearsals TBC

**Year 7 & 8 Choir** - Directed by Mr Mullaly, Tuesday and Friday mornings, 8.40am.

**Year 9 Choir** - Directed by Mr Mullaly, Monday and Thursday mornings, 8.40am.

## **MATHS BATTLES CLUB**

**Tutor i/c:** Mr V Chernov

A Maths Battle is a competition between two teams of students, where each team presents their solutions to the opposition who challenge their answers. The idea is similar to that of a sports team, so competing regularly and training in between the competitions is expected. RGS Students compete every half term against each other and frequently compete with students from other schools. Maths Battles are run with the help of WeSolveProblems charity. The club is held on Wednesdays at 3.45pm to 5.00pm.

## **MATHS CHALLENGE CLUB:**

**Tutor i/c:** Mr T A Woolliams

Maths Challenge Club takes place every Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> lunchtime in Room 36. It gives boys in all year groups a chance to familiarise themselves with the UKMT Maths Challenge Papers as well as the opportunity to try out some of the Maths Team Challenge games and problem-solving activities. We also run sessions on a variety of recreational

Mathematical ideas and discoveries. The Club is led by the Maths Subject Ambassadors which is a team of very enthusiastic Sixth Formers.

### **MATHS MENTORING**

**Tutor i/c: Mr S Armitage**

Open to all year groups on a Tuesday lunchtime. Boys will be asked to sign up via their Maths teachers. Regular attendance is encouraged to get the most help from Sixth Form mentors. The mentoring will take place in Rooms 33 and 35 in the Maths block.

### **MATHS STEP CLUB:**

**Tutor i/c: Mr T A Woolliams / Mr D P Gallagher**

Maths STEP Club runs every Friday afternoon Periods 7 and 8 in Room 33 in the Maths block and is coordinated by the Maths Subject Ambassadors. It is open to anyone in Year 12 or 13 who is interested in solving challenging maths problems and is recommended for those considering maths-related degrees. The focus is on solving and discussing questions from STEP and other entrance tests and competitions.

### **MEDIA & PUBLISHING SOCIETY**

**Tutor i/c: Mr J Eve**

Open to year 10-13, a new club for 2020/21. Focusing on all aspects of media, news and print. The society aims to support students looking to gain a practical understating of the industry operations. Please speak to Mr Eve for more information. Times and venue tbc.

### **MEDICAL SOCIETY (MedSoc)**

**Tutor i/c: Mr P J Wood & Dr G Webb**

The Medical Society is for boys in Year 12 who are interested in pursuing a career in Medicine, Veterinary Medicine, Dentistry or an allied subject. We support boys in their application to Medicine, including giving help with UCAS applications, personal statements, work experience and interview practice. We have regular meetings and external speakers who come in and address the students. Monday after school in B1.

### **PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB**

**Tutor i/c: Mr D Clatworthy**

New for the 2020/2021 academic school year. All levels of experience welcome. Covering the basics of frame construction through to border photography concerts such as the rule of 3rds and the exposure triangle. We will also be looking to hold a half termly off-site visit. Information will be sent out shortly regarding sign up.

### **PHYSICS STUDY CLUB**

**Tutor i/c: Mr O Harris**

Open to all year groups. Boys can attend these drop-in sessions, without prior notice, to discuss classwork and homework with Sixth Form Physics prefects and mentors. Weekly one to one mentoring can also be arranged with Sixth Form Physics mentors at a convenient time upon request. Monday lunch 2 is for year 7 and 8, Tuesday lunch 2 is for year 9, 10 and 11, Wednesday lunch 2 is for year 12 and 13.

### **POLITICS SOCIETY (PolSoc)**

**Tutor i/c: Mr S Taylor**

Open to all students for discussion and debates on current politics and political events. Meets every Tuesday lunchtime 1.40-2.15pm in Room 29.

## READING CLUB

**Tutor i/c:** Mrs J P Jones, Librarian

The Reading Club is open to all boys in the School, with older boys advising and encouraging younger years with their reading choices. It is held on Wednesday lunchtimes in the room at the back of the library. We try to read a wide range of fiction books, and discussions are often lively as all views are welcomed. Reading Club members also read and review books that have been shortlisted for the prestigious national Carnegie Children's Book Award. Turn up on Wednesday lunchtimes with your lunch and enjoy the Reading Club Books and Biscuits experience!

## ROWING CLUB

**Tutor i/c:** Mr B Gascoine

The RGS Boat Club is open to boys from Year 8 upwards. Novice rowers begin by attending an introductory course over the Easter holiday in Year 8. Rowing training takes place on the Thames at Longridge Activity Centre near Marlow after school Monday to Friday and in the mornings at weekends. Coaching is provided by a team of qualified and experienced coaches who deliver the programme, which is founded on British Rowing's best practice in sculling technique. During the winter, when rowing on the Thames is not possible, land-based training takes place at school. Boys compete in races locally and at national level, where we have had considerable success over the last few years. The Club values highly the support of volunteers and parents, particularly through Friends of RGS Rowing, which allows us to participate in these events and to offer rowing to boys of abilities ranging from novice to aspiring international athletes.

## SIKH SOCIETY

**Tutor i/c:** Mr Noyes

The Sikh Society at RGS is a society open to all years. We endeavour to provide a social platform for everyone and enforce a strong sense of companionship and security across and within year groups. An aspect of the Society will be educational, informing people about Sikh history and legend as well as modern issues surrounding Sikhs worldwide. There will be occasional outside speakers and we will also run entertainment such as Q&A sessions and small games and occasionally some traditional Indian food will be brought in to the session. Traditionally we meet on Monday lunchtime in Room 16. Please speak to Mr Noyes for more information

## SPORTING ACTIVITIES

**Tutors i/c:** Various

Sporting activities on offer at RGS, some of which are seasonal, are listed below, – please see the notice board in the Sports Department for further information.

- Director of Sport – Mr D Pettifer
- Athletics – Mr D Pettifer
- Badminton – Mr P Hoyle/Mr S Booth
- Basketball – Mr D Pettifer
- Cricket – Mr A Fletcher
- Cross-Country – Mr D P Gallagher
- Fencing – Mr J N Eve
- Swimming – Mr D Pettifer
- Table Tennis – Mrs S L Morsing
- Tennis – Mrs L M Woodbury



- Fives – Mr A Fletcher
- Football (during TAA) – Mr M D O'Reilly
- Hockey – Mr S Clark
- Rowing – Mr B Gascoine
- Rugby – Mr J Honeyben
- Self Defence – Dr J W Titchen
- Squash – Mr P Glendining

## **SQUASH CLUB**

**Tutor i/c: Mr P W Glendining**

All squash players of a reasonable club standard of play are invited to join the junior (Under 15) and senior (Over 15) squads. Teams play at local squash clubs (Holmer Green, Beaconsfield and Booker) in friendly matches against local opposition. We participate in the All-England Schools Competition and have progressed to the finals on three occasions in recent years, including the year before last.

## **STAGE LIGHTING AND SOUND TEAM**

**Tutor i/c: Mr A C Balaam**

Open to a limited number of boys from Year 9 upwards. Activities occur whenever there is a need and boys must apply to join.

## **TABLE TENNIS CLUB**

**Tutor i/c: Mrs S L Morsing**

Open to Year 7 only currently. The Club meets in the Space on Tuesdays 3.45-5.00pm, except when examinations or other events are taking place in the Queen's Hall. Please bring your own bat if you have one (maximum 29 boys)

## **WARHAMMER CLUB**

**Tutor i/c: Mr A Richardson**

Warhammer Club is an RGS society open to all year groups. Warhammer is a hobby that engages young people with fun games and collectable miniatures, encouraging them to develop skills and gain confidence through building and painting the models whilst developing friendships and social skills. Whether you wish to fight skirmishes in a world of fantasy battles or command armies in the grim darkness in the far future, the Warhammer hobby has something for everyone. Club members typically bring their models to a session, where they can either build and paint or battle their models against their friends. The Club welcomes both experienced hobbyists and novices and aims to develop the hobby skills of both. Every year we also run a painting competition and trip to the global headquarters of the Warhammer hobby, Warhammer World. We meet every Tuesday after school in B3.

## **YOUNG ENTERPRISE**

**Tutor i/c: Dr M Goodier**

The RGS participates in the Young Enterprise Company Programme. The Company Programme allows Year 12 Students to gain practical experience of running a business and to develop skills in areas such as communication, teamwork and finance. Students set up and run their own companies from September through to the Area Finals in March. The best teams can progress through County and Regional stages to the National Final.

Each team is expected to attend a company meeting with their Business Advisors on Tuesdays from 3.45-5.00pm. Potential participants should also be aware that there will be a number of training and selling events during the evening or at the weekend during the course of the competition. Success in the Company Programme is dependent upon the level of commitment that participants make, but it is fair to say that participants generally gain a great deal from being willing to get involved and moving out of their comfort zones.

CLUB	STAFF	DAY	TIME	LOCATION
ART CLUB (GCSE)	Mrs Francis	Wednesday	3.40-5.00pm	Art 2
ART CLUB (JUNIOR)	Mrs Francis	Thursday	1.30pm	Art 2
ASTRONOMY	Mr Harris	Please see Mr Harris		
BIOLOGY SOCIETY	Mr Wood	Led by Biology Ambassadors - fortnightly		
BRAINS OF 13	Mr Balaam	One lunchtime a week		
BRIDGE CLUB	Mr Watson	Tuesday	1.30pm	Room 37
CCF/ARMY/NAVY/RAF	Sqn Ldr Matthews	Thursday afternoons and weekends		
CHAPLAINCY	Mr Booth	Weekly	various	various
CHESS CLUB	Mr Clatworthy	TO BE CONFIRMED		
CHINESE CLUB	Mrs Merry	Thursday	1.30pm	L13
CLIMBING CLUB	Mr Clatworthy	TBC	TBC	Climbing Wall
COLLECTABLE CARDS	Dr A Jackson	Mon	1.45pm	Room 30
COMPUTER PROGRAMMING & ROBOTICS CLUB	Mr Travi	TBC	TBC	TBC
DEBATING	Mr Corcoran	Monday	1.30pm	Upper Library
DART KARATE	Dr Titchen	Wednesday	3.40pm	Sports Hall
DRONE RACING CLUB	Mr Rowe-Elliott	Please see Mr Rowe-Elliott		
DUKE OF EDINBURGH	Mr Clatworthy	Throughout the year for Years 9-13		
DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB	Mrs Taylor	TBC	1.30pm	Back Library
FENCING	Mr Eve	Wed & Thurs	3.45-5.15pm	Sports Hall
FIVES	Mr Fletcher	Thursday	3.45-5.00pm	Fives Courts
GREENPOWER ELECTRIC RACING CAR	Dr Brown	Tues Years 9-11 Wed Years 11-13	3.45-5.00pm 3.45-5.00pm	Science G3 Science G3
HANDWRITING CLUB	Mrs Marchant	Monday	1.30pm	Library
HISTORY FORUM	Mr Taylor	Wednesday	1.30pm	Room 29
HOMEWORK CLUB	Mr Eve	Mon-Thurs	3.45-4.45pm	Library
ISLAMIC SOCIETY	Mr Wallace	Daily	1.45pm	Upper Library
MATHS BATTLES	Mr Chernov	Wednesday	3.45-5pm	
MATHS CHALLENGE	Mr Woolliams	Wednesday	1.30pm	Room 36
MATHS MENTORING	Mr Armitage	Tuesday	1.30pm	Rooms 33&35
MATHS STEP CLUB	Mr Woolliams	Friday	P7&8	Room 33
MEDIA & PUBLISHING SOCIETY	Mr Eve	TBC	TBC	TBC
MEDICAL SOCIETY	Mr Wood	Various	1.30pm	Biology Dept
MUSIC ACTIVITIES	Mr Mullaly	Daily	1.30 / 3.40pm	Music Block
PHYSICS STUDY CLUB	Mr Harris	Mon, Tue, Wed	1.30pm	P3
POLITICS SOCIETY	Mr Taylor	Tuesday	1.40pm	Room 29
READING CLUB	Mrs Jones	Wednesday	1.30pm	Library

ROWING	Mr Gascoine	Training confirmed depending on weather		
SIKH SOCIETY	Mr Noyes	Monday	1.30	Room 16
SPORTING ACTIVITIES	Mr Pettifer	Daily – notices given out depending on sport		
SQUASH	Mr Glendining	Thursday	1.30pm	Off site
STAGE LIGHTING	Mr Balaam	Activities occur when there is a need		
TABLE TENNIS	Mrs Morsing	Tuesday	3.45-5.00pm	The Space
WARHAMMER CLUB	Mr Richardson	Tuesday	3.45-5.00pm	B3
YOUNG ENTERPRISE	Dr Goodier	Tuesday	3.45-5.00pm	Science Block