



Dear All

Mobile Phones

Thank you for your support of our refreshed mobile phone processes. Students have co-operated well so far; we have been keen to embed the new habits during the Summer Term.

Security

You will have read my letter of last week about our strengthening of security procedures, following our internal review. If you, by any chance, missed it here is the [link](#). I will write with more details, 'the why?' etc in a future letter.

Uniform - Years 7-11

Before you click on the uniform link below, please do know that I appreciate that 'school rules' can sound petty to adult ears, particularly because they may re-ignite memories of our own teenage impressions of them. You'll also surely acknowledge that you've sent your son to RGS, a school which expects its students to look smart. The rules are fairly simple and should be open to minimal interpretation. Please do read them before you go shopping. [Uniform](#)

Our Newest Old Wycombiensians

Year 13 students are coming to the end of their time at RGS as most examinations have now taken place. This Friday, they will enjoy their Leavers' Ball in Cookham - always a fabulous event. I have written to our leavers, urging them to stay in touch with RGS.

Queen's Hall and Junior Block Heating

I am delighted to inform you that we have been awarded a grant, from the DfE, of almost £1m to replace the heating in the Queen's Hall and Junior Block (the 1960s building on Amersham Road). Many of you will have experienced the cold in the winter months and the excruciating heat in the summer, in both the Queen's Hall and classrooms. Apart from efficiency, this will give us the opportunity to replace a system which is nearly 70 years old as well as some modest opportunities to introduce cooling in key areas.

The English-Speaking Union - Report from Miss Wafa

"RGS is the winner of the national ESU Churchill-Public Speaking Competition 2025-2026. Our team consisted of two Year 11 students (Emad and Jamie) and one Year 10 student (Don). The former were returning contenders to the competition, having made it through to the Grand Final last year, alongside their another Year 11 student (Zeph). He won Best Chair 2024-2025 and was cordially invited to meet the ESU's Patron, HRH Princess Anne at an event hosted in Dartmouth House in December 2025. Our Year 10 student (Don), who was new to the competition this year, garnered a full array of compliments from the panel of judges on his charisma and humour throughout. More than 1,500 students from over 200 schools took part in this year's competition, which culminated in a day of exceptional public speaking at Dartmouth House on 1 June. Our very best of congratulations to the winning students for what is a phenomenal achievement."

Music at The House of Commons

The Grammar School Heads' Association was hosted by an MP on the House of Commons Terrace to celebrate the work of our sector. I was immensely proud that four of our musicians, Harley, Leo, Anish, and Leila formed a string quartet to leaven the occasion, with some background music.

I was pleased to receive the following feedback by email:

"The students were truly outstanding ambassadors for The Royal Grammar School. They are musically talented well beyond their years, were smartly dressed, polite, courteous, and an absolute delight to have at the event. Thank you so much for joining us at the House of Commons reception. The musicians were truly fantastic and, in the words of our CEO and many of the delegates, 'the best group we have ever had perform.' Their choice of music was perfect for the occasion and added enormously to the atmosphere of the evening."

I wholeheartedly concur!

Academic Journal

You may enjoy reading the Sixth Form [Academic Journal](#). Some excellent, scholarly articles written by our students.

Congratulations to:

Our CCF, who not only passed the biennial inspection with flying colours, but also secured 'Silver' on the Cadet Cambrian Patrol. This is one of the most prestigious and grueling two-day military skills competitions for the Combined Cadet Force (CCF) and Army Cadet Force (ACF). Hosted annually in the rugged Cambrian Mountains of mid-Wales, it challenges teams of eight cadets to navigate approximately 25 km of unforgiving terrain while carrying full kit and participating in realistic, evolving tactical stands.

RGS OW Jack Mason has been awarded a Chief of the General Staff Commendation in the King's Birthday Honours List 2026. Jack is currently serving as a Captain in 7 Brigade, also known as the Desert Rats from their campaign in North Africa during WW2. Jack is a former CSM in the RGS Army Section, CCF.

With best wishes

Philip Wayne