



Royal Grammar School

CLUBS, SOCIETIES AND CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

2021-2022

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 lunchtimes 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 lead by the Biology Ambassadors. It is open to any student in the school who wishes to talk about Biology with other likeminded 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. Held in Biology on a fortnightly basis.

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 Tuesday lunchtime at 1.20 in Room 37. Playing Bridge can be used for the skill section of the Duke of Edinburgh’s 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. Wednesday break in L3, there is a meeting for all year groups. Thursday break in L11 there is a 6th form meeting and on Friday lunchtime there is a student led meeting in L11.

CHESS CLUB

Tutor i/c: Mr Clatworthy

Meets every Tuesday (Break & Lunch) in the Library

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.

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 1.35pm in Room 30.

COMPUTER PROGRAMING & ROBOTICS CLUB

Tutor i/c: Mr D Travi

Open to all boys, a new club for 2021/22. **Computer programming** is the process that professionals use to write code that instructs how a computer, application or software program performs. Times and Venue: CC Monday lunchtimes.

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 1.35pm in room 27.

DART KARATE

Tutor i/c: Dr J W Titchen

DART is a practical karate system focused on self-defence. It is known for its legal underpinning, close-range tactics and pressure testing scenario training. DART Karate classes have a strong emphasis on fun impact training, paired exercises, underpinning theory and good biomechanics. The RGS classes have been held on Wednesdays after school by the climbing wall since 2004. Throughout lockdowns we offered live classes on zoom and dropbox support coaching whenever in-person training has been unavailable and are now back with our RGS classes and High Wycombe evening classes.

Classes are open to all year groups with beginners always welcome. Instructor John Titchen teaches locally in addition to delivering karate and self protection seminars

throughout the UK, Canada, the USA and Europe. Visit 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 Monday's 4pm until 5pm in the canteen.

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S 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.

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.

HANDWRITING CLUB

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

Open to all years. Handwriting Club is held every Monday 2nd lunchtime 1.20-2.05pm 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 SOCIETY

Tutor i/c: Mr S B Taylor

Open to all students. The History Society provides an opportunity to debate and discuss all aspects of history, the Neanderthals to the Space Age. It takes place every Wednesday, first break, 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 I J Wilson

Meets everyday in the Upper Library at 13.20.

MUSIC ACTIVITIES

The Music Department will send out details of each ensemble/band as and when the rehearsals are ready to begin each term. 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 2023. Please see Mr Mullaly for further details.

1st Wind Band open to Years 9-13 who are Grade 6–8+ wind/brass/percussion players. Directed by Mr Mullaly, Monday lunchtime at 1.20pm.

2nd Wind Band open to Years 7–10 who are Grade 2–5 wind/brass/percussion players. Directed by Mr Mullaly, Tuesday lunchtime at 1.20pm.

Close Harmony (Singers Ltd) open by audition to Years 12–13 singers. Directed by Mr Mullaly, Wednesday and Thursday breaktimes at 11.35am.

Junior Strings open to Years 7–9 who are Grade 2–5 string players. Directed by Mr Chitham-Mosley, Tuesday lunchtimes at 1.20pm.

RGS Big Band for Grade 7 and above and by audition (spaces permitting). Directed by Mr J Craig, Mondays after school at 3.35pm.

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 3.35pm.

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 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 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 Thursday 3.45 to 5.15pm.

MATHS CHALLENGE CLUB

Tutor i/c: Mr N Y Cossins / Mrs J B Holmes

Maths Challenge Club will take place every Wednesday lunchtime in Room 32. It gives boys in all year groups from Years 7 – 13 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. Students can also enter the National Cipher Challenge competition. The Maths Challenge Club is led by the Maths Subject Ambassadors which is a team of 6 very talented and dynamic Year 13 Further Mathematicians.

MATHS STEP & MAT CLUB:

Tutor i/c: Mr F J Butler

Maths STEP Club runs every Wednesday afternoon Periods 7 and 8 in Room 33 in the Maths block, and the Maths MAT club runs every Wednesday 2nd lunchtime in Room 33, and both are coordinated by the Maths Subject Ambassadors. The STEP club is open to anyone in Year 13, and MAT club is open to anyone in Year 12 who are interested in solving challenging maths problems and are recommended for those considering maths-related degrees, and will need to take a Maths Admissions test for their chosen University course. The focus is on solving and discussing questions from STEP, MAT and other entrance tests and competitions.

THE RGS GAZETTE (THE SCHOOL NEWSPAPER)

Tutor i/c: Mr J Eve

The RGS Gazette is the school newspaper and is open to students in all year groups. Now in its second year, the Gazette is written, edited and designed by students and offers a great opportunity to communicate with the school community and get an insight into

how a paper operates. We aim to publish an issue every term and are always on the lookout for talented and enthusiastic journalists. Please speak to Mr Eve for more information. Times and venue TBC

MEDICAL SOCIETY (Medsoc)

Tutor i/c: Mr P J Wood & Mrs Azad

The Medical Society is for students in Years 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. We are also aiming to have meetings for Year 11 students to provide an insight into the academic requirements and personal qualities for studying medicine. Meetings will take place in Biology and dates will be announced during the first few weeks of September.

POLITICS SOCIETY (Polsoc)

Tutor i/c: Mr S Taylor

Open to all students for discussion and debate on current politics and political events. Meets every Tuesday first break in Room 29.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Tutor i/c: Mr Corcoran

Pupils are invited to audition for a place in the School teams. The Senior Team is open to Years 10-13 and the Junior team is open to Years 7-9. Competitions will take place after Christmas and any successful team will go on to represent the School in the Rotary Club County Competition. The first round of the competition is usually mid-January. There will also be a Year 7-8 inter-form public speaking competition, 'RGS Speaks', run by the English Department during the summer term. All boys will participate. Sixth form pupils are also invited to lead and contribute to the RGS Debating Society.

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 are the first to see the new books and 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.

SPORTING ACTIVITIES

Tutors i/c: **Various**

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Sporting activities on offer at RGS, some of which are seasonal, are listed below. Please see the noticeboards in the Sports Department for further information or email sportsadmin@rgshw.com

- Athletics – Mr J Honeyben
- Badminton – Mr P Hoyle/Mr S Booth
- Basketball – Mr L Huelin
- Cricket – Mr A Fletcher
- Cross-Country – Mr D P Gallagher
- Fencing – Mr J N Eve
- Fives – Mr A Fletcher
- Football (during TAA) – Mr 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
- Swimming – Mr L Huelin
- Table Tennis – Mrs S L Morsing
- Tennis – Mrs L M Woodbury

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 and limited to 24 boys currently. The Club meets in the Space on Tuesday's 3.45-5.00pm, except when examinations or other events are taking place in the Queen's Hall. Places are allocated on a first-come-first-served basis each term via a letter in school comms.

WARHAMMER CLUB

Tutor i/c Mr L Pettengell

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 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	1.20pm	Art 2
ART CLUB (JUNIOR)	Mrs Francis	Thursday	1.20pm	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	1.20pm	Room 37
CCF/ARMY/NAVY/RAF	Sqn Ldr Matthews	Thursday afternoons and weekends		
CHAPLAINCY	Mr Booth	Weekly	various	various
CHESS CLUB	Mr Clatworthy	Tuesday		
CHINESE CLUB	Mrs Merry	Thursday	1.20pm	L13
COLLECTABLE CARDS	Dr A Jackson	Monday	1.25pm	Room 30
COMPUTER PROGRANING & ROBOTICS CLUB	Mr Travi	Tuesday	1.20	Computer Centre
DEBATING	Mr Corcoran	Monday	1.20pm	Room 27
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		
FENCING	Mr Eve	Wed & Thurs	3.45-5.15pm	Sports Hall
FIVES	Mr Fletcher	Thursday	Lunchtime and 3.45-5.00pm	Fives Courts
HANDWRITING CLUB	Mrs Marchant	Monday	1.20pm	Back of the Library
HISTORY FORUM	Mr Taylor	Wednesday	11.35am	Room 29
HOMEWORK CLUB	Mr Eve	Mon-Thurs	3.35-4.45pm	Library
ISLAMIC SOCIETY	Mr Wilson	Daily	1.25pm	Upper Library
MATHS BATTLES	Mr Chernov	Thursday	3.45-5.15	Maths Dept
MATHS MENTORING	Mr Armitage	Tuesday	1.30pm	Rooms 33 & 35
MATHS CHALLENGE	Mr N Cossins	Wednesday	1.20pm	Room 32
MATHS STEP CLUB	Mr Butler	Wednesday	P7&8	Room 33
MEDICAL SOCIETY	Mr Wood	Various	1.20pm	Biology Dept
MUSIC ACTIVITIES	Mr Mullaly	Daily	Various	Music Block
POLITICS SOCIETY	Mr Taylor	Tuesday	11.35am	Room 29
PUBLIC SPEAKING	Mr Corcoran	Spring and Summer Term		
READING CLUB	Mrs Jones	Wednesday	1.20pm	Library
RGS GAZETTE	Mr Eve	TBC	TBC	TBC
ROWING	Mr Gascoine	Training confirmed depending on weather		
SIKH SOCIETY	Mr Noyes	Monday	1.30	Room 16
SPORTING ACTIVITIES	Various	Daily – notices given out depending on sport		

SQUASH	Mr Glendining	Thursday	1.20pm	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 Pettengell	Tuesday	3.30-5.00pm	B3
YOUNG ENTERPRISE	Dr Goodier	Tuesday	3.35-4.45pm	Science Block