



Royal Grammar School

CLUBS, SOCIETIES & Extra-Curricular Activities

2017 / 2018

Please see the named person in charge for further details

ART CLUB (GCSE)

Tutor i/c: Mrs G C Francis

Open to Years 10 and 11, the Art Club is for personal/private work, or to continue with school coursework. Held on Wednesday 3.40-5.00pm in Art 1 and Art 3.

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. Held on Thursday lunchtimes, in Art 2.

ASTRONOMY CLUB

Tutor i/c: Mr P W Glendining

Open to all year groups. Meets Thursdays at 3.50pm in room P4.

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 P W Glendining

Open to all year groups. Classes taught by experienced instructors on Tuesdays at lunchtime in Room 36.

CCF ARMY, NAVY, RAF

Tutor i/c: Squadron Leader S 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 a termly charge for membership.

CHAPLAINCY

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

There are some weekly and some fortnightly meetings for all age and particular age groups held at break times. The student led Christian Union also meets once a week. See Mr. Booth for details.

CHESS CLUB

Tutor i/c: **Mr J A Rizk**

Chess club takes place Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime in Room 35 for casual practice. There will also be an after-school session on Wednesday with an external coach attending to train pupils in the School's chess team as well as those who wish to develop their game. We have a full fixtures list playing some of the most prestigious chess schools in the country including Eton College and Reading School. There will also be ranking matches and entry to English Schools Federation competitions.

DEBATING CLUB

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

Open to Year 10 and above, meets weekly on Mondays at 1.30pm 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. RGS classes are held every Wednesday after school by the climbing wall in the Sports Hall. 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, USA and Europe. Visit www.d-a-r-t.org.uk for further information on the system and instructor.

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Tutor i/c: **Mr C R Greenhough**

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 each Wednesday after school until 5.15pm. Years 9-13 meet each 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 Silvey

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 to 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: Ms R S Marchant

Open to all years. Handwriting Club is held every Monday lunchtime from 1.45 – 2.15pm in the Student Development Centre. 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 senior History students. The History Forum takes place on Wednesday lunchtimes in room 29.

HISTORY SOCIETY (Junior)

Tutor i/c: Mr F M Hammons

Open to students in Years 7-9. The Junior History Society takes place on Friday lunchtimes in Room 22. Discussions, investigations, debates – come along and get involved.

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

Open to all year groups. Meets on Friday at 1.45pm in the Drama Studio for prayer.

MUSIC ACTIVITIES

Tutors i/c: Various (see below)

1st Windband open to Years 9-13 who are Grade 5–8.

Run by Mr T P Venvell, Monday at 1.35pm.

2nd Windband open to Years 7–10 who are Grade 2–4.

Run by Mr T P Venvell, Tuesday at 1.35pm.

Alternative Guitar Ensemble open to all ages. Thursday at 8.45am.

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

Close Harmony Singers open by audition to Years 12–13.

Run by Mr T P Venvell, Wednesday and Thursday at 11.45am.

Guitar Ensemble run by Mr G Holwill, Wednesday at 8.45am.

Senior Brass/Wind Ensemble open by audition to Years 10–13 who are Grade 6–8.

Run by Mr T P Venvell, Wednesday 1.35pm.

Junior Strings open to Years 7–9 who are Grade 2–4 string players. Run by Mr Mullaly, Tuesday at 1.35pm.

RGS Big Band for Grade 6 and above and by audition.

Run by Mr J Craig, Mondays at 3.45pm.

Senior Choir Wednesday 8.45am.

Senior Orchestra open to Years 9–3 who are Grade 5–8.

Run by Mr T P Venvell, Tuesday at 3.45pm.

Swing Band open to Years 8–11 who are Grade 4–6.

Run by Mr Mullaly, Wednesday 1.35pm.

Trad Jazz Band, by audition. Run by Mr T P Venvell, Thursday at 1.35pm.

Ukelele Club open to all ages. Run by Mr Mullaly, Monday at 8.45am.

Year 7 & 8 Choir Tuesday and Friday, 8.45am.

Year 9 Choir Monday and Thursday, 8.40am.

MATHS MENTORING

Tutor i/c: Mrs J B Holmes

Open to all year groups on a Wednesday 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. This will take place in Room 34 in the Maths block.

MATHS CHALLENGE CLUB:

Tutor i/c: Mrs C. A. Wells

Maths Challenge Club runs every Monday lunchtime in Rm7.

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 activities. We will also run sessions on a variety of recreational mathematical ideas and discoveries. The club is led by Mrs.Wells and a team of enthusiastic Sixth Formers.

MEDICAL SOCIETY (Medsoc)

Tutor i/c: Mr P J Wood

The Medical Society is for boys in Years 11, 12 and 13 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.

PHYSICS STUDY CLUB

Tutor i/c: Mr K Watson / Mrs P Dove

Open to boys in Years 9-13. Boys will be asked to sign up via their Physics teachers for drop-in sessions. Regular attendance is encouraged to get the most help from mentors. Held on Tuesday lunchtime in P2.

POLITICS SOCIETY (Polsoc)

Tutor i/c: Mrs Sanum Khan

Open to boys in Years 10–13 for discussion and debates on current politics and political events. Meets every Tuesday lunchtime 1.40-2.15pm in room 20.

PUBLIC SPEAKING

Tutor i/c: Mrs J Holdsworth

Pupils are invited to audition for a place in the School teams. The Senior Team is open to 6th Form and Year 11 and the Junior Team is open to Years 8 and 9. Competitions will take place after Christmas. There will also be a Year 7 and 8 inter-form public speaking competition run by the English Department during the summer term. All boys will participate.

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 Library Office. 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: Dr M Goodier

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 Thursday and in the mornings at weekends. 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.

SCIENCE CLUB

Tutor i/c: Mr J H Young

Open to Years 7-8 at lunchtimes in G2 or G3 for fun science activities (day to be advised).

SIKH SOCIETY

Tutor i/c: Mr Noyes

The Sikh Society at RGS is a society open to all years (7-13) and will run Monday lunchtime in Room 16. 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.

SPORTING ACTIVITIES

Tutors i/c: Various

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

- Director of Sport – Mr D Pettifer
- Athletics – Mr D Pettifer
- Badminton – Mr D Pettifer
- Basketball (Recreational) – Mr D Pettifer
- Cricket – Mr B Berryman
- Cross-Country – Mr D P Gallagher
- Fencing – Mr J N Eve
- Fives – Mr A Silvey
- Football (During TAA) – Mr D O'Reilly
- Hockey – Mr S Clarke
- Rowing – Dr M Goodier
- Rugby – Mr J Honeyben
- Self Defence – Dr J W Titchen
- Squash – Mr E J Wolton
- Swimming – Mr B Berryman
- Table Tennis – Mrs S L Morsing
- Tennis – Mrs L M Woodbury

SQUASH CLUB

Tutor i/c: Mr E J Wolton

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.

STAGE LIGHTING AND SOUND TEAM

Tutors 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 all year groups. The club meets in the Space on Tuesdays 3.50-5.00pm, except when examinations or other events are taking place in the Queen's Hall.

VULTURE

Tutor i/c: **Mrs J L Holdsworth & Mrs R Gilyeat**

Open to all seniors (Years 10 to 13). Three evening visits in the Autumn and Spring terms. A cultural society which offers as many diverse experiences as possible, including theatre, opera, musicals and ballet. Payment is a one-off £85.00 fee.

WORLD CHALLENGE

Tutor i/c: **Mr C R Greenhough**

Open to Years 8 and above, World Challenge designs and delivers outdoor educational programmes for school groups. This could be anything from a one week to a four-week expedition across the world! Over the past two years, through World Challenge, RGS ran expeditions to Croatia, Morocco, Norway, Iceland, Tanzania and Ecuador.

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 develops 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	3.40-5.00pm	Art 1 & 3
ART CLUB (JUNIOR)	Mrs Francis	Thursday	1.30pm	Art 2
ASTRONOMY	Mr Glendining	Thursday	3.50pm	Physics 4
BRAINS OF 13	Mr Balaam	Annual Event		
BRIDGE CLUB	Mr Glendining	Tuesday	1.30pm	Room 36
CCF/ARMY/NAVY/RAF	Squadron Leader S Matthews	Thursday afternoons & occasional weekends		
CHAPLAINCY	Mr Booth	Weekly	1.30pm	tbc
CHESS CLUB	Mr Rizk	Tues & Thurs	1.30pm	Room 35
DEBATING	Mr Corcoran	Monday	1.30pm	Upper Library
DART KARATE	Dr. Titchen	Wednesday	3.40pm	Sports Hall
DUKE OF EDINBURGH	Mr Greenhough	Throughout the year for Yr 9-13		
FENCING	Mr Eve	Wed & Thurs	3.45pm	Sports Hall
FIVES	Mrs Silvey	Thursday	3.45pm	Fives Courts
HANDWRITING CLUB	Mrs Marchant	Monday	1.30pm	Library
HISTORY SOCIETY	Mr S Taylor	Friday	1.30pm	Room 22
HOMEWORK CLUB	Mr James Eve	Mon-Thurs	3.40-4.45pm	Library
ISLAMIC SOCIETY	Mr A Wallace	Friday	1.45pm	Drama Studio
MATHS BATTLES	Mr Jamie Rizk	Monday	4-5.30pm	Room 35
MATHS MENTORING	Mrs J Holmes	Wednesday	1.30pm	Room 34
MUSIC ACTIVITIES	Mr T Venvell	Daily	1.30 & 3.40pm	Music Block
MEDICAL SOCIETY	Mr P J Wood	Monday	1.30pm	Biology Dept.
PHYSICS STUDY CLUB	Mr K Watson	Tuesday	1.30pm	P2
POLITICS SOCIETY	Mrs Sanum Khan	Tuesday	1.40pm	Room 20
PUBLIC SPEAKING	Mrs J Holdsworth	Summer Term		
READING CLUB	Mrs J Jones	Wednesday	1.30pm	Library
ROWING	Mr C De Kock	Training confirmed depending on weather		
SIKH	Mr S Noyes	Monday	1.30pm	Room 16
SPORTING ACTIVITIES	Mr D Pettifer	Daily – notices given out depending on sport		
SQUASH	Mr E Wolton	Thursday	1.30pm	Off site
TABLE TENNIS	Mrs S Morsing	Tuesday	3.45-5.00pm	The Space
VULTURE	Mrs Holdsworth	Theatre trips arranged and advised to attendees		
WORLD CHALLENGE	Mr C Greenhough	Trips advertised annually		
YOUNG ENTERPRISE	Dr M Goodier	Tuesday	3.45-5.00pm	Careers