



Royal Grammar School

**CLUBS, SOCIETIES AND
CO-CURRICULAR
ACTIVITIES**

2022-2023

Please see the named person in charge for further details

ART CLUB (GCSE)

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

Open to Year 11 Fine Art and Graphics pupils. This teacher-led 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 and Film Club is an opportunity for boys to create exciting and engaging pieces of work inspired by film and fantasy. Led by our Subject Ambassadors, boys will get access to a large range of art materials and support. The Club takes place on Tuesday lunchtimes, in Art 2.

ASTRONOMY GCSE CLUB

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

Open to Year 7 and above. You will have the opportunity to investigate issues related to Astronomy. Spaces Limited. See Mr Shepherd for more details.

BIKE CLUB

Tutor i/c: **Dr K Tilbrook**

So, the Bike Club is for those who have an interest in anything bicycle related. It is a club that needs those in it to drive it. I will be showing you how to look after your bike etc and taking you through their design, relating this to their function. Also, I hope to be able to organise some rides but that is assuming that the bikes to be ridden and suitable for the job, i.e. that they have been adequately maintained and that the rider has a good level of competence. Basically, you decide what you do. It's not for your entertainment but your participation! After school in Room B1. All year groups welcome.

BIOLOGY SOCIETY

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

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.

BOOKCLUB

Tutor i/c: **Mrs L Payne (Librarian)**

Open to all year groups, we will read and discuss all types of books that are available in the library – including non-fiction and specific genres such as horror, science-fiction and manga. We will be also shadowing the book awards such as the Carnegie Awards, the Booker Prize and the Waterstones YA Book Prize. A friendly informal club run by the librarian and the library Ambassadors, this is for both keen and reluctant readers – join up to get involved and become a RGS reading champion! Tuesday lunchtime in the library.

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 1.25 in Science room G2. 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 L9, there is a meeting for all year groups. Thursday break in L9 there is a 6th form meeting and on Friday lunchtime there is a student led meeting in L11.

CHESS/TCG SOCIETY

Tutor i/c: Mr H David

Members of last year’s Chess Society can meet again as before Lunch 2 Tuesdays in Room 9. Also welcoming any former members of the Trading Card Game (TCG) Society, who can play matches (Yu Gi Oh, Magic: The Gathering, etc.) in the same room on the same day and time. New members from any years welcome - we have experienced players willing to help you learn. Please speak to Mr. David for more information.

COMPUTER PROGRAMING & ROBOTICS CLUB

Tutor i/c: Mr D Travi

Open to all boys, Computer programming is the process that professionals use to write code that instructs how a computer, application or software program performs. Times and Venue: Room 30 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.

THE DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

Tutor i/c: Mr D Clatworthy – dofe@rgshw.com

With nearly 200 students taking part each year, DofE is at the core of RGSHW's Co-Curricular provision. Open to Year 9 upwards, participants have the opportunity to progress through all levels of the Bronze/Silver and 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 additional Residential section at Gold Level. Our Expeditions run at various times throughout the year and challenge students to step outside their comfort zones while undertaking a 2-5 day self-sufficient journeys be that locally in the Chilterns to more adventurous Wild Country in the Brecon Beacons or Lake District National Parks.

DUNGEONS & DRAGONS CLUB

Tutor i/c: Mr H David

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 – with no pressure to take part. Currently open to Year 10 who meet weekly on Thursdays Lunch 2, and Year 8 who meet Fridays Lunch 2, both in Room 9.

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 and is a great chance to learn the sport under the eye of our professional coaches. Junior Fencing Club (Year 8 and beginners in older years) meets every Wednesday from 3.45pm – 5.15pm. Senior Fencing Club (more experienced fencers in Years 9-13) meets every Thursday from 3.45pm – 5.15pm. Year 7 taster sessions will be held in the summer term.

FILM & TV SOCIETY

Tutor i/c: Mrs R Gilyeat (student run)

Open to Year 10 and above, this society aims to provide a friendly discussion on all film related matters. From debates of what to crown the greatest horror film of all time, to the breakdowns of classics, it offers a wide array of discussions giving each member a chance to put forward their ideas and form new friendships. Whether you're a seasoned film buff or just getting to grips with movies and wanting some recommendations, this club is a great place to share your passion. Tuesday break, Drama Studio/Room 24.

FIVES

Tutor i/c: Mr A Fletcher

Boys interested in playing Fives may practice at break and lunch throughout the week, whilst formal coaching sessions are delivered at lunchtime and between 3.45pm and 5pm on Thursdays. Places for these sessions are allocated following an application process to ensure equal opportunities for all. Fixtures are arranged for all age groups, with boys having the opportunity to represent the school in the National Schools' Championships, usually held at Eton College in March. The school shop stocks gloves and balls should boys wish to purchase their own.

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 Tuesday, second 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, 3.35–4.35pm.

ISLAMIC SOCIETY

Tutor i/c: Mr I Wilson

Meets everyday in the Upper Library at 13.25.

MATHS MENTORING

Tutor i/c: Mrs L M Woodbury / Miss D L Bench

Maths mentoring is open to all year groups and is a great opportunity for students to work on improving fluency with Maths skills that they find more challenging. Students will be paired with a fellow student mentor who will help guide them through a requested challenging topic. Attending Maths mentoring will help improve students' understanding of Maths, change the way they approach and think about maths topics, and also help improve their grades in Maths. Maths mentoring is also an opportunity to get help with any homework that you are struggling with. However, maths mentoring is not just for those who are having immediate difficulty in maths. Maths mentoring is additionally open to those who need to recap a topic before a test, or to consolidate extension material of recently taught topics. Maths mentoring is also a fantastic way for the mentors to improve their communicative and notational Maths abilities as they may need to provide an alternative means of explanation to students, which will improve the mentors' critical thinking skills. Students can sign up via their Maths teachers. Regular attendance is encouraged to get the most help from Sixth Form mentors.

All Maths mentoring occurs at lunchtime in the Maths block. See the table below for relevant dates and times.

Day	Room(s)	Year(s) (Mentees)
Monday	32	Year 12
Tuesday	33, 36	Year 10, Year 11
Tuesday	32	Year 7, Year 8, Year 9

MATHS BATTLES CLUB

Tutor i/c: Mr F J Butler

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 4.45pm.

MATHS CHALLENGE CLUB

Tutor i/c: Mr N Y Cossins / Mr K Busschop

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 36 in the Maths block, and the Maths MAT club runs every Thursday afternoon Periods 7 & 8 in Room 38, 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 (MAT) for their chosen University course. The focus is on solving and discussing questions from STEP, MAT and other entrance tests and competitions.

MEDICAL SOCIETY (Medsoc)

Tutor i/c: Mrs Roberts, Mr Rowe-Elliott & 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.

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)

2023 RGS Senior Musical open to anyone (often depending on parts available) by audition in October – involving weekly rehearsals leading to four performances of a show in March 2023. Please see Mr Mullaly for further details.

RGS Big Band for Grade 7 and above and by audition (spaces permitting). Directed by Mr J Craig, Mondays after school at 3.40pm.

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

1st Wind Band open to Years 9-13 who are Grade 6–8+ wind/brass/percussion players. Directed by Mr Mullaly, Monday lunchtime at 1.25pm.

2nd Wind Band open to Years 7–10 who are Grade 2–5 wind/brass/percussion players. Directed by Mr Mullaly, Tuesday lunchtime at 1.25pm.

Senior String Ensemble open to 9-13 who are grades 5-8+. Directed by Mr Mullaly, Tuesday after-school 3.40pm

Junior Strings Ensemble open to Years 7–9 who are Grade 2–5 string players. Directed by Mr Chitham-Mosley, Tuesday lunchtimes at 1.25pm.

Close Harmony (Singers Ltd) open by audition to Years 12–13 singers. Rehearsals take place on Thursday lunchtime at 1.25pm.

Chamber choir for students in Years 7-13, consisting of trebles, altos, tenors and basses. Audition required. Directed by Mr Chitham-Mosley, Friday after-school at 3.45pm – 4.45pm.

Senior Choir for students in Years 9-13 with tenor or bass voice. No audition required. Directed by Mr Mullaly, Monday and Friday mornings at 8.40am.

Altos Choir for students in Years 7-9 with changing/lower treble voices. No audition required. Directed by Mr Mullaly, Thursday mornings at 8.40am.

Trebles Choir for students in Years 7-8 with unchanged/higher treble voices. No audition required. Directed by Mr Mullaly, Tuesday mornings at 8.40am.

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.

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

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 Monday second break in Room 29.

THE PRIDE GROUP

Tutor i/c: Mrs R Gilyeat/ Miss M Smith

Open to all in the LGBTQIA community, or those who are questioning issues of their own gender and sexuality. This well attended club meets weekly to provide support and advice for young people and safe social space. Casual, open and welcoming. Regular social events are planned this year including pizza evenings, bowling, cinema trips and theatre visits. We have begun to develop links with other school communities and plan to continue to grow and strengthen these links this year. The focus is on inclusion, diversity, tolerance and kindness. We meet every Friday lunch time in the Drama Studio.

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 third 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 look-out for talented and enthusiastic journalists. Please speak to Mr Eve for more information. Times and venue TBC

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 across the day 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, land-based training takes place at school during the week with on-water sessions at weekends. 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.

RUBIK'S CUBE CLUB

Tutor i/c: Mrs S Byrd

Are you brilliant at solving the Rubik's cube? Are you trying to learn and need some help? Have you always wanted to be able to solve a cube but don't know where to start? Come along to Thursday first break in Room 10. Open to all year groups.

SCIENCE CLUB

Tutor i/c: Mr J H Young

Science club is for Year 7 and 8 students. Students will be carrying out investigations to work towards a CREST award over the course of approximately 10 weeks in the first and second terms. Places are limited. The RSC global experiment is run in term three and is open to all.

SPORTING ACTIVITIES

Tutors i/c: Various

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 – Ms O Caesar
- Badminton – Mr L Huelin
- 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 – Mr L Huelin

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.

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.

VULTURE

Tutor i/c Mrs R Gilyeat

Open to year 12 and 13, this society involves three prepaid trips to the theatre over the course of the academic year, primarily November to March. In the past we have taken students to see RSC's Titus Andronicus at the National Theatre, as well as several other National Theatre productions, and productions of The Woman in Black, The Grinning Man, The 39 Steps, Homecoming, Midsummer Night's Dream, watch the show and then discuss on the way home. This is an excellent way to boost cultural and creative literacy as well as a pleasant way to spend an evening. After school - venue to be confirmed.

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 the Spring. 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 or Wednesdays from 3.30-4.30 pm. 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	Lunchtime	Art 2
ART CLUB (JUNIOR)	Mrs Francis	Tuesday	Lunchtime	Art 2
ASTRONOMY	Mr Shepherd	Please see Mr Shepherd		
BIKE CLUB	Dr Tilbrook	Rm B1 afterschool (day to be confirmed)		
BIOLOGY SOCIETY	Mr Rowe-Elliot	Led by Biology Ambassadors - fortnightly		
BOOKCLUB	Mrs Payne	Tuesday	Lunchtime	Library
BRAINS OF 13	Mr Balaam	One lunchtime a week		
BRIDGE CLUB	Mr Watson	Tuesday	Lunchtime	G2
CCF/ARMY/NAVY/RAF	Sqn Ldr Matthews	Thursday afternoons and weekends		
CHAPLAINCY	Mr Booth	Weekly	various	various
CHESS/TGC SOCIETY	Mr David	Tuesday	Lunchtime	Room 9
COMPUTER PROGRAMING & ROBOTICS CLUB	Mr Travi	Monday	Lunchtime	Room 30
DART KARATE	Dr Titchen	Wednesday	3.40pm	Sports Hall
DUKE OF EDINBURGH	Mr Clatworthy	Throughout the year for Years 9-13		
DUNGEONS & DRAGONS	Mr David	Friday	Lunchtime	Room 9
FENCING	Mr Eve	Wed & Thurs	3.45-5.15pm	Sports Hall
FIVES	Mr Fletcher	Thursday	3.45-5.00pm	Fives Courts
HISTORY FORUM	Mr Taylor	Tuesday	Lunchtime	Room 29
HOMEWORK CLUB	Mr Eve	Mon-Thurs	3.35-4.45pm	Library
ISLAMIC SOCIETY	Mr Wilson	Daily	Lunchtime	Upper Library
MATHS BATTLES	Mr Butler	Thursday	3.45-5.15	Maths Dept
MATHS MENTORING	Mr Armitage	Mon/Tue	Lunchtime	Maths block
MATHS CHALLENGE	Mr N Cossins	Wednesday	Lunchtime	Room 32
MATHS STEP CLUB	Mr Butler	Wednesday	P7&8	Room 36
MATHS MAT CLUB	Mr Butler	Thursday	P7&8	Room 38
MEDICAL SOCIETY	Biology Dept	Various	1.20pm	Biology Dept
MUSIC ACTIVITIES	Mr Mullaly	Daily	Various	Music Block
POLITICS SOCIETY	Mr Taylor	Monday	Lunchtime	Room 29
PRIDE GROUP	Mrs Gilyeat	Friday	Lunchtime	Drama Studio
RGS GAZETTE	Mr Eve	TBC	TBC	TBC
ROWING	Mr Gascoine	Training confirmed depending on weather		
RUBIK'S CUBE CLUB	Mrs Byrd	Thursday	Break	Room 10
SCIENCE CLUB	Mr J H Young			
SPORTING ACTIVITIES	Various	Daily – notices given out depending on sport		
SQUASH	Mr Glendining	Thursday	Lunchtime	Off site
STAGE LIGHTING	Mr Balaam	Activities occur when there is a need		
VULTURE CLUB	Mrs R Gilyeat	Throughout the year		
WARHAMMER CLUB	Mr Pettengell	Tuesday	3.30-5.00pm	B3
YOUNG ENTERPRISE	Dr Goodier	Tues/Wed	3.30-4.45pm	Science Block