



Royal Grammar School

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

2025-2026

Please see the named person in charge for further details

ART CLUB (GCSE)

Tutor i/c: **Mrs G 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 students to take a rigorous and explorative approach to their sustained body of work. Held on Wednesday lunchtimes, in Art 1, 2 and 3.

ART CLUB (Junior)

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

Open to Years 7–9, the Art Masterclass is designed to offer students an opportunity to learn from our Subject Ambassadors. Students can opt to develop new skills and techniques, such as oil painting, or improve existing skills in drawing, painting, or digital art. The Art Subject Ambassadors will support, encourage and advise how to get better, helping students grow in confidence in their artistic ability. Held on Monday lunchtimes, in Art 2.

ART CLUB YEARS 7-9

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

This club is a self-directed club. If you love creating your own art and simply have no space or opportunity to do so, come along to Art 2 on Thursday lunchtimes, to relax and create. The art equipment will be at your disposal. You can also use this opportunity to complete your art homework, if it is easier to do this at school than at home.

BOARD GAMES CLUB

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

Screen Free lunchtime in the Library with board games. Everything from chess to Uno! All games provided or bring your own. For all year groups. Limited numbers. Wednesday lunchtimes.

BOLD VOICES

Tutor i/c: **Miss S Kingsley & Mr C Mulholland**

Bold Voices is a discussion group where we talk about issues surrounding gender inequality, and how to recognise and challenge misogyny. It's hosted every two weeks on Wednesday lunchtimes in Room 38.

BOOK CLUB

Tutor i/c: **Mrs H 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! Thursday first break in the library.

CCF ARMY, RAF

Tutor i/c: Wg Cdr Matthews

Open to Year 9 in the summer term only and Year 10 and above in TAA all year. The CCF provides activities to promote the qualities of leadership, responsibility, self-reliance, resourcefulness, endurance and perseverance. Activities include range shooting, field exercises, military knowledge, navigation, climbing and flying. The CCF parades on Thursday afternoons, activities take place after school and on weekends. There is an annual charge for membership, students who sign up are required to stay for a full year at a time.

CHESS CLUB

Tutor i/c: Mr H David

Members of last year's Chess Club can meet again, as before, Lunch 2, in Room 9, on Wednesday lunchtimes. New members from any year are welcome – we have experienced players willing to help you learn. This year, we aim to put together a competitive team and start entering local and national competitions. Please speak to Mr David for more information.

CHRISTIAN UNION CLUB (CU) (All Year groups)

Tutor i/c: Mr S Booth

Snacks, games, new friends and learn more about Jesus and the Word. Any questions? Contact Mr Booth (sjb@rgshw.com). Tuesdays at 1.30pm in L9.

COOKERY CLUB

Tutor i/c: Mrs R Langan

Future MasterChefs in the making...your culinary journey starts here! Explore new flavours, master essential cooking techniques, and make fantastic food with friends. No experience required, just enthusiasm! Held on Friday lunchtimes, in the Cookery Room. Open to Years 8, 9, 10 & 11.

DART KARATE

Tutor i/c: Dr J 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. RGS classes have been held in the Sports Hall on Wednesdays after school since 2004. 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. **Please note this activity is run by an external company – for all enquiries, please visit www.dart-selfdefence.com**

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.

ENGLISH MENTORING

Tutor i/c: **Dr S Markham**

English mentoring is open to KS4 year groups and is a great opportunity for students to work on improving fluency with English skills that they find more challenging. Students work with a fellow student mentor who will help guide them through a requested challenging topic. Attending English mentoring will help improve students' understanding of answering specific exam questions, and also help improve their grades in English. English is also an opportunity to get help with any current classwork that you are struggling with. However, English mentoring is not just for those who are having immediate difficulty. English mentoring is additionally open to those who would like support with current units of study as well as consolidation of material ahead of end of unit assessments.

All English mentoring occurs on Monday lunchtime, in Rooms 26, 27 & 28. Currently open to Year 11, but extended to all Year 10 after Easter.

HANDWRITING CLUB

Tutor i/c: **Mrs R Marchant, Mrs C Reed, Mrs L Leonard**

The Club is open to students from all year groups who would like to improve their handwriting. Held on Monday lunchtimes, from 1.30pm to 2pm, in Room 21.

ITALIAN CLUB

Tutor i/c: **Signor G Pizzuti**

🇮🇹 Ciao ragazzi! What about learning another language and culture? The Italian Club has finally landed at RGS! Join the club every Monday Lunchtime, to learn and have some fun with games, quizzes, tasty cooking demos and much more! Whether you want to learn the best pizza recipe 🍕, know more about vespas 🏍, football ⚽ or, "most importantly" how we use gestures when we speak 🤝, this is the right place for you, regardless of whether you already have some knowledge or you have never learnt the language of the Bel Paese. Don't forget to bring your own lunch! Vi aspetto! 🇮🇹
Meet in L1 - Language Department.

LANGUAGES DROP-IN CLUB - Y10&11

Tutor i/c: **Miss S Sheppard, Mrs R Langan & Mr S Booth**

Want to practise general conversation questions ahead of your speaking exam? Stuck with a particular grammar point? Then come to languages lunchtime drop-in every Wednesday first break, in L2. Sixth form language ambassadors and MFL teachers for all 3 languages will be on hand to answer questions, practise speaking and test you on vocab. You can drop in for 5 minutes or 10 minutes, or stay for the whole of break, or as long as you need. Regular practice, little and often, is what makes the difference! Start date: 17 September

MATHS BATTLES CLUB

Tutor i/c: **Mr F 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 Thursdays, 3.45pm to 4.45pm.

MATHS CHALLENGE CLUB

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

Maths Challenge Club will take place on Wednesday lunchtimes in Room 36. Any students interested in solving mathematical problems and doing mathematical challenges are welcome to attend. It gives students in all year groups from Years 7 – 11 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. It will be especially beneficial for those entering the UKMT Maths Challenges or Hans Woyda competitions, as well as those students attending Maths Battles. However, all abilities and ages are welcome. The Maths Challenge Club is led by the Maths Subject Ambassadors, which is a team of 7 very talented and dynamic Year 13 Mathematicians.

MATHS MENTORING

Tutors i/c: **Miss S Kingsley & Mr T Maruf**

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 below for relevant dates and times:

- Maths Mentoring is every Tuesday Lunchtime in the ground floor of the Maths Block (Rooms 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 & 36).

Currently open to Year 11, but extended to all Year Groups after October Half Term;
1.25pm - 2.10pm

MATHS STEP & MAT CLUB:

Tutor i/c: **Miss S Kingsley**

Maths STEP Club runs every Thursday lunchtime in Room 38 in the Maths block. It is open to anyone in Years 12 and 13 who are interested in solving challenging Maths problems, and recommended for those considering Maths-related degrees, who 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.

MEDIA TEAM

Tutor i/c **Mrs R Gilyeat**

The school Media Team is open to anyone who has an interest in recording, creating, and developing their media skills. You will be deployed to school events at various points of the year and asked to take photographs and record footage, as well as editing and uploading your material. Training will be given and senior students will mentor junior members of the group. The group meets prior to events to organise and discuss the brief. You will be more heavily involved at Sports Day and when whole school events are happening. An end of year Pizza lunch will also be provided to celebrate your work.

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 Mrs Jashari or Miss Ying.

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

2026 RGS Musical - open to anyone (often depending on parts available) by audition in November - involving weekly rehearsals leading to four performances of a show in March 2026.

2026 RGS Musical Pit Band - invitation only. Thursday after school, Easter Term only, at 3.45pm.

2026 RGS Big Band - for Grade 6+. Spaces permitting, please enquire with the music department to join this. Directed by Mr J Craig, Thursdays after school at 3:40pm.

RGS Swing Band - open to Years 7-13 who are Grade 4+. Directed by Mr Lewis, Friday morning at 8:40am.

1st Wind Band - open to Years 9-13 who are Grade 5-8+. Wind/brass/percussion instruments welcome. Monday lunchtimes at 1:25pm. Occasionally joins forces with Senior Strings to form Senior Orchestra.

2nd Wind Band - open to Years 7-10 who are Grades 1-5. Wind/brass/percussion instruments welcome. Tuesday lunchtimes at 1:25pm. Occasionally joins forces with Junior Strings to form Junior Orchestra.

Senior String Ensemble - open to Years 9-13, who are Grades 5-8+. Monday lunchtimes at 1.25pm. Occasionally joins forces with 1st Wind Band to form Senior Orchestra.

Junior String Ensemble - open to Years 7-9, who are Grade 2-5. Tuesday lunchtimes at 1.25pm. Occasionally joins forces with 2nd Wind Band to form Junior Orchestra.

Senior Choir - for students in Years 9-13, with tenor or bass voices. No audition required. Monday and Thursday mornings at 8.40am.

Altos Choir - for students in Year 8/9 with changing/lower treble voices. No audition required. Tuesday and Friday mornings at 8:40pm.

Trebles Choir - for students in Year 7-9 with unchanged/higher treble voices. No audition Required.

- Year 7 Trebles choir: Wednesday morning at 8:40am
- Year 8/9 Trebles choir: Tuesday morning at 8:40am

Chamber Choir - for students in Year 7-13. Consisting of trebles/sopranos, altos, tenors and basses. Directed by Mrs Jashari. Friday Lunchtimes at 1:25pm and Friday after school 3:45-4:45pm.

Mini Close Harmony - for Years 7-9. Anyone who is a keen singer is invited to join! Thursday Pre-school at 8.40am.

Close Harmony - join by auditioning. Open to Years 10-13 singers. Rehearsals take place on Thursday lunchtimes at 1:25pm.

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

Trad Jazz Band(s) - by invitation. Please see music staff for further details.

Rock & Pop Groups - Wednesday lunchtimes at 1.25pm. For anyone who wants to be involved in a rock/pop group, or is already in one and needs allotted rehearsal time!

Classical Guitar Ensemble - Wednesday morning at 8.40am. A small fee is payable to the guitar tutor for this group.

Music Technology - Wednesday lunchtimes at 1.25pm. For anyone interested in learning more about music tech!

Piano to Percussion - Friday lunchtimes at 1.25pm. For any pianists and/or drummers who want to experience playing orchestral percussion (marimba/timpani/vibraphone etc)

Brass ensemble - Tuesday morning at 8.40am. For all years who are Grade 2+ on any brass instrument.

PHILOSOPHY & ETHICS CLUB

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

Room 8 – Starting after October half term, Monday lunchtimes for students in all years. The purpose of the club is to give students a platform to freely debate and discuss ideas around life, death and fundamentally how we should live our lives. Students are very welcome to attend without contributing if they wish.

PRIDE GROUP

Tutor i/c: **Mrs R Gilyeat, Mrs J Watson, Mr C Mulholland & Ms E Wheeler**

Open to all in the LGBT+ community, those who are questioning issues of their own gender and sexuality, and their allies. This group meets weekly to provide support and advice for young people and a 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 first break time, in Room 24.

ROWING

Tutor i/c: **Mr G Staden**

The RGS Boat Club is open to students 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 in Marlow at the Boathouse site next to Gossmore Park 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. Students 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 parents, particularly through Friends of RGS Rowing, which allows us to participate in these events and to offer rowing to students of abilities ranging from novice to aspiring international athletes. For all enquiries, please contact: Mr Staden (gas@rgshw.com).

SCIENCE CLUB

Tutor i/c: **Miss A Brown**

Science club is open to students in Year 7 and Year 8. Students will carry out independent investigations over the course of approximately 12 weeks working towards the Bronze CREST award. Places are limited. Location - C1, time - Monday lunch.

SPORTING ACTIVITIES

Tutors i/c: Various

There are a wide variety of other sporting activities on offer during break, lunchtime and after school, some of which are seasonal. Please refer to the Co-Curricular Schedule, issued via school comms each half term and hosted on the school website, for the most up to date information. Pupils may sign up for these activities via their [SOCS Cocurricular](mailto:SOCS_Cocurricular) account. If you have a query, please contact Mrs Henry (cah@rgshw.com), or Mr Crinyon (nic@rgshw.com).

STAGE LIGHTING AND SOUND CLUB

Tutor i/c: Mrs N Jashari

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

STEM RACING CLUB (previously F1 in Schools).

Tutor i/c: Mr G Roberts

This is a fast-paced engineering and design challenge where students create and race miniature cars powered by compressed air. Working in teams, students use CAD, 3D printing and precision manufacturing to develop their designs, before testing them on the race track. The programme builds key STEM skills alongside teamwork, problem-solving, branding and presentation, with opportunities to compete in regional and national competitions. Participation also supports pathways into engineering and other design and technology careers.

Sessions are held Tuesday lunchtime in the Design & Technology workshops. Open to all students in Years 8, 9 & 10.

TABLE-TOP ROLE-PLAYING GAMES CLUB

Tutor i/c: Mr H David

Open to all students. TTRPGs such as Dungeons & Dragons are interactive experiences that use 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 there are groups for Yrs 8-11, who meet in Room 9, as follows:

Year 8 – Thursday lunch

Year 9 – Wednesday & Friday lunch

Year 10 – Thursday lunch

Year 11 – Friday after school

Year 7s looking to start a campaign in school are welcome and should speak to Mr.David for more information.

WARHAMMER CLUB

Tutor i/c **Mr A McDonald-Smith**

Unleash your strategic genius and artistic flair with the RGS Warhammer Club! Open to all year groups, we're a thriving community where you can dive into epic fantasy battles, or command futuristic armies with collectable miniatures. This hobby isn't just about games; it's a brilliant way to build confidence, develop fine motor skills, and forge lasting friendships.

Bring your own models to our sessions, ready to build, paint, or battle against your mates! Whether you're a seasoned veteran, or completely new to the world of Warhammer, our club is the perfect place to hone your skills and connect with fellow enthusiasts.

Beyond our regular meet-ups, we try to host an annual painting competition and, when possible, organise a trip to Warhammer World, the global headquarters of Games Workshop!

Ready to join the ranks? We meet every Tuesday after school in B3.

CLUB	STAFF	DAY	TIME	LOCATION
ART CLUB (GCSE)	Mrs G Francis	Wednesday	Lunchtime	Art 1, 2 & 3
ART CLUB (JUNIOR)	Mrs G Francis	Monday	Lunchtime	Art 2
ART CLUB YEARS 7-9	Mrs G Francis	Thursday	Lunchtime	A2
ASTRONOMY SOCIETY	Mr O Harris	Tuesday	After School	Room 34
BOARD GAMES CLUB	Mrs H Payne	Wednesday	Lunchtime	Library
BOLD VOICES	Miss S Kinglsey, Mr C Mulholland	Wednesday	Lunchtime	Room 38
BOOK CLUB	Mrs H Payne	Thursday	First Break	Library
CAREERS SOCIETY	Mrs S Thakrar	Friday	Lunchtime	Room 32
CCF/ARMY/NAVY/RAF	Wg Cdr Matthews	Thursday afternoons and weekends		
CLASSICS SOCIETY	Mrs D Dicks	Friday	Lunchtime	C1
CODING SOCIETY	Mr D Travi, Mr P Craven	Monday	Lunchtime	G4
COMPETITIVE CHESS SOCIETY	Dr S Majidi	Tuesday	Breaktime (every other week)	P1
CHESS CLUB	Mr H David	Wednesday	Lunchtime	Room 9
CHRISTIAN UNION CLUB	Mr S Booth	Tuesday	Lunchtime	L9
COMPUTER SCIENCE SOCIETY - GAME DEVELOPMENT, PROGRAMMING & ROBOTICS	Mr D Travi, Mr P Craven	Thursday	Lunchtime	G4

COMPUTER SCIENCE SOCIETY - TECHSOC	Mr D Travi	Wednesday	Lunchtime	G4
COOKERY CLUB	Mrs R Langan	Friday	Lunchtime	Cookery Room
DART KARATE	Dr J Titchen	Wednesday	15:40	Sports Hall
DUKE OF EDINBURGH	Mr D Clatworthy		Throughout the year for Years 9-13	
ECONOMICS MAGAZINE	Mrs M Carr	Friday	Lunchtime	Chapel 1
ECONOMICS SOCIETY	Mrs M Carr	Monday	Lunchtime	Chapel 1
ELIOT SOCIETY	Mrs N McDonagh	Monday	Lunchtime	Room 1
ENGLISH MENTORING	Dr S Markham	Monday	Lunchtime	Rooms 26, 27 & 28
GEOGSOC	Mr P Greenhalgh	Monday	Lunchtime	Room 16
HANDWRITING CLUB	Mrs R Marchant, Mrs C Reed, Mrs L Leonard	Monday	Lunchtime	Room 21
HISTORY SOCIETY	Mr S Taylor	Tuesday	Lunchtime	Room 21
INTERACT SOCIETY	Mrs S Byrd	Wednesday	First Break	Room 10
ISLAMIC SOCIETY	Mr I Wilson, Mr D Durning, Mr J Webb, Mrs R Khan	Daily	Lunchtime	Upper Library
ITALIAN CLUB	Signor Pizzuti	Monday	Lunchtime	L1
LANGUAGES & CULTURE SOCIETY	Ms S Sheppard	Monday	Lunchtime	L2
LANGUAGES LUNCHTIME DROP-IN CLUB	Miss S Sheppard, Mrs R Langan, Mr S Booth	Wednesday	First Break	L2
LAW SYMPOSIUM	Mr E Phillips	Friday	Lunchtime	Room 37
MDV - YEAR 12 SOCIETY	Mrs L Roberts	Monday	Lunchtime	B1
MDV - YEAR 13 SOCIETY	Mrs S Sudhakaran	TBC	TBC	B1
MATHS BATTLES CLUB	Mr F Butler	Thursday	15:45-16:45	TBC
MATHS CHALLENGE CLUB	Mr T Woolliams	Wednesday	Lunchtime	Room 36
MATHS MENTORING CLUB	Miss S Kingsley, Mr T Maruf	Tuesday	Lunchtime	Rooms 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 & 36
MATHS STEP & MAT CLUB	Miss S Kingsley	Thursday	Lunchtime	Room 38
MEDIA TEAM	Mrs R Gilyeat	Ad Hoc	Ad Hoc	Room 24
MEDSOC CLUB	Mrs D Sudhakaran, Mr L Rowe-Elliott, Mrs S Thakrar	Monday	Lunchtime	Biology
MODEL UN SOCIETY	Mr S Taylor	Monday	Lunchtime	Queen's Hall
MUSIC ACTIVITIES	Music staff	Daily	Various	Music Block

PHILOSOPHY & ETHICS CLUB	Mr J Webb	Monday	Lunchtime	Room 8
POKEMON SOCIETY	Mr G Pizzuti	Thursday	Lunchtime	L1
POLITICS SOCIETY	Mr S Taylor	Monday	Lunchtime	Room 21
PRIDE GROUP	Mrs R Gilyeat, Mrs J Watson, Mr C Mulholland, Mrs E Wheeler	Friday	First Break	Room 24
PUBLIC SPEAKING & DEBATING SOCIETY	Miss N McDonagh, Mrs N Wafa	Thursday	Lunchtime	Room 26
RGS GAZETTE SOCIETY	Ms N Wafa	TBC	TBC	Room 2
ROWING	Mr G Staden		Various	
SCHOLARLY SERVICE SOCIETY	Mr E Phillips	TBC	TBC	Online
SCIENCE CLUB	Miss A Brown	Monday	Lunchtime	C1
SIKHSOC	Mr D Durning, Mr J Webb	Tuesday	Lunchtime	Room 8
SOUTH ASIAN SOCIETY	Mr H David	Monday	Lunchtime	Room 16
SPORTING ACTIVITIES	Various		Various	
STAGE LIGHTING & SOUND CLUB	Mrs N Jashari		Activities occur when there is a need	
STEM RACING CLUB	Mr G Roberts	Tuesday	Lunchtime	DT Workshops
TABLE-TOP ROLE-PLAYING GAMES CLUB	Mr H David	Wednesday to Friday	Lunchtime/ After School	Room 9
WARHAMMER CLUB	Mr A McDonald-Smith	Tuesday	After School	B3