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Dear Parents

Firstly, congratulations to the Year 12s who have finished their UCAS exams this week. The attitude and approach of all our students during this exam period has been exemplary. These are stressful times for our young men and they have equipped themselves exceptionally well. Of course, I haven't seen the results yet!

It is lovely that we are able to host the MCC for their annual cricket match against the 1st XI. The only downside is that we do not have spectators to enjoy the game (or more importantly, the lunch!). I have just returned from watching some lessons in the Science Block and did look out the window to see an early wicket for the RGS. Let's see what happens!

As mentioned in the Headmaster's letter on Monday, it will not be the usual end to the summer term that we have become accustomed to over the years. It is with great regret that a significant number of events have had to be cancelled or have moved online (again). However, when going around the site, there is the usual school atmosphere. Boys are polite, kind and great fun. This was typified to me this week whilst taking Year 10 Games. I take groups for softball. I am no great softball coach, I think of myself as more of a motivator and commentator! Within each group, you have lads who could hit the ball out the school grounds and others who are just delighted to make contact with the ball. However, they all get on with one another, they all support each other and it makes it a real pleasure to be involved. They also always thank you for taking the session (which in my eyes is far more important than hitting a home run!).

We are in the process of moving house this week. As you can imagine my 3 children are finding this exciting but also have moments of feeling quite apprehensive and sad. Recently, my daughter was in tears when discussing the move. When I enquired why, she looked up with snot dribbling down her nose to splutter, "Does that mean we won't be able to see Phil (Mr Wayne, the Headmaster!)". I must admit, I too, will no doubt be tearful and full of snot when the time comes but this I considered was a rather extraordinary reaction. When I delved deeper, what I had missed through the snot and spluttering were the last words "...Phil's dog!" Even as a rare visitor at weekend rugby matches she has felt part of the RGS family. I really hope that next year your whole family can be properly welcomed back to RGS; it is a lovely community for everyone associated with the School.

Looking after our local community - Parking and Drop-off

Please can you help us to maintain positive relationships with our local community. If stopping anywhere in the local estate, please can you be mindful of local residents trying to leave for work and other duties. Can I also remind you that private bays are not to be used for drop-off and pick-up. Finally, could you remind your sons who walk to school to ensure they keep to pathways when walking through the estates and do not congregate in garage and/or parking areas. Many thanks for your support in this matter.

Coming out on top

Our Year 8, 9 & 10 athletes spent Monday representing RGS at the ESAA Athletics competition at Hillingdon stadium. Our team, made up of a great mix of experienced and first-time competitors, put in a great shift across the day with the juniors finishing in the top spot and our seniors coming joint 1st as well. An excellent achievement.

All the boys in the team played their part and represented their school fantastically and now have the next round to look forward too.

Year 11 and Year 13 being onsite

We are delighted that many Year 11 and Year 13 students are returning to represent the School in various activities. It is, however, important that these students continue to complete their LFD tests twice a week. It is imperative we keep the School safe and open. Should your son have run out of tests please contact Resources.

I wish you all an enjoyable weekend.

Kind regards

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