

## HEADMASTER'S LETTER 27 May 2022

Dear Parent



### Valete

We say goodbye to Julia Gregson, who has been our Cookery Technician since 2013. Cookery is a vital skill and we know that many boys benefit from the techniques they learn in the sessions. The falafels are legendary.

### Congratulations to:

Hollie Kennerley, Biology Technician who has recently become engaged.

Theo Fischer (Year 12) who is one of two students of Sixth Form age, from 21000 entries from across the country, to be selected to exhibit their work as part of the Royal Academy Online Summer Exhibition this year. This is an outstanding achievement for Theo and for our excellent Art Department. Theo's work was called Beekeepers; an image can be seen at the top of this letter.

### Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty The Queen

I am sure that many of you will be taking part in Jubilee Events. This coming Sunday, a number of our brass players will be performing at All Saints Church, High Wycombe, for the Lord Lieutenant's Civic Service - as I am playing the organ for the service, I shall be delighted to work with these great young musicians.

This afternoon, we will have held our Year 7 Jubilee 'picnic' and Tug o' War. Look out for some photos on Twitter @RGSHW.

Our librarian, Hilary Payne, has assembled a great selection of books from each decade of the Queen's reign. There is also an exhibition of photos of The Queen's visit to RGS in 1962, when she opened the Amersham Road Junior Block.

### Leavers' Day

We all enjoyed Leavers' Day; the Sixth Form Team arranged a phalanx of inflatables (Bucking Bronco et al), barbecues, ice cream vans and speeches to send Year 13 on their way. Staff have had a great affection for this year group all the way through – I thank them all for their contribution to RGS and wish them every success and happiness in the future.

## Biology Journal Article – The Mitosis Series: Mr Rowe-Elliott writes:

*'Students across Key Stage 3 – 5 have been involved in writing optional journal articles or completing research around any area of Biology – there were over 50 submissions and the Biology ambassadors (Josh Jankiewicz and Krishnan Tewari) have edited and produced the final journal. We, in Biology are pleased to encourage a wider sense of interest in the subject and are delighted with the commitment shown and standard of submissions. Please keep an eye out for information regarding the next article!'*

<https://fliphtml5.com/bookcase/fkhnp>



## Year 7 History Competition Winners

This term, the History Department has created an exciting new academic competition for Year 7 historians. The challenge was to create a piece of historical fiction, grounded in reality but with a narrative twist. There were many excellent and diverse entries with topics as different as the Munich Crisis, the Fall of Constantinople, and the Battle of Hastings. The entries that the History Department received were truly excellent both in terms of historical depth and creative writing. The winners, Akain Gunawardana (7WI) and Sulaiman Mian (7WI) both produced outstanding pieces of independent work. I was very pleased to present both lads with a certificate; they will both receive House points and an Amazon gift voucher for their efforts. Congratulations to them both! Many thanks to Mr Carr for arranging this opportunity.

## Ros Rochefort

A number of our boys attended Bledlow Ridge School prior to joining RGS. I was very sorry to learn of the sudden death of the previous Headmistress, Ros Rochefort, whilst visiting her sister in Australia. Ros worked with me closely when the new transfer test was introduced for Buckinghamshire Grammar Schools a few years ago; a passionate educator and, more recently, school governor.

## Dates for your diary

- [Beer & Touch Rugby Festival](#) – Saturday 25 June 2022  
After a two-year hiatus, we are pleased to announce the Beer & Touch Rugby Festival is back! A great afternoon is guaranteed.
- [School of Rock letter](#) & [poster](#) – [Little Box Office](#) opens today. Between the two casts there are ninety students involved, so do book early.
- [Jazz in the Quad](#) on Sunday 3rd July 2022 - 1pm (gates open at 12.30pm). This is a wonderful afternoon of great music, a barbecue and a farewell to leaving musicians.
- [RGSPA Online Yoga Session](#) - 18 June. The Parents' Association are arranging this event as an opportunity for the School community to connect and to raise funds for a great cause - your son's education.

May I take this opportunity to wish you an enjoyable week and a relaxing Jubilee Bank Holiday weekend.

With best wishes

Philip Wayne