

**20 January 2021**

Dear Parents and Students

### **Co-Curricular – Year 7-13 Update**

Firstly, on behalf of the Royal Grammar School, I would like to extend our appreciation for the amazing effort and commitment shown by all students and the wider RGSHW community. Your diligence and self-motivation, as well as your dedication to always go the extra mile in order to achieve the best possible results, is humbling and admirable. As we are aware the last 12 months have been a difficult time for all. In my previous update I said that memorable experiences lead to memorable learning. I believe that now more than ever this is critical to the motivation and enjoyment of all students, as well as enormously benefitting their emotional health and wellbeing.

Over the next few weeks, we will be launching a number of Co-Curricular challenges and competitions to give students an opportunity to engage in their own areas of interest and passions as well as supporting their personal growth and development alongside their virtual class-based education. These events will range from a Short Film Challenge to a Virtual House Sport Competition in collaboration with Mr Pettifer, Director of Sport, alongside a Codebreaking Battle and a number of other exciting opportunities.

We also want to hear about your own Co-Curricular undertakings and projects. Please share your personal stories, challenges & adventures with us @RGSHWTrips as you go through learning to be resilient in new ways and undertake your home school experience, #RGSHWchallenge.

Mr Pettifer, the Co-Curricular & Sports team at RGSHW and I are dedicated to supporting students as they try to navigate a changing and challenging world. Please do reach out anytime if you have questions or we can help in anyway. It is genuinely a privilege to work with such remarkable students and my full focus is on ensuring that no student is unable to seek support and guidance.

Yours sincerely

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