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Dear Parents

It felt quite emotional delivering a good luck final assembly to Year 11 and Year 13 students. I am continually impressed by the resilience they have demonstrated throughout this year. We really hope this pandemic becomes a distant memory and that it does not blur what for the most part, has been a great time at RGS. It saddens us a great deal that we have not been able to give them the last two years they were hoping for and that they have earned. I too wanted to see the 1st XV winning the Natwest Cup (in truth, I just wanted to see them play). I hope this temporary pause on so many of these activities will make us appreciate them even more as we return to action. For those leaving the top of school, we would like to thank you for all the years of Sport, Music and Drama (in fact all the co-curricular activities) you have entertained us with over the years. It is in these arenas that many memories are made and not forgotten.

Whatever has been their passion, we hope they leave the RGS enriched, with great memories and a real sense of pride. We hope they leave us understanding the importance of respect and relationships and the value of doing the right thing, whatever the consequence. We thank them for all they have done at RGS and wish them every success for the future. It's a special school and they (and you as parents) have been a special part of it.

Eid celebration

Many of our community will be celebrating Eid today. We hope you enjoy this special time with your friends and family. We recently had an excellent presentation delivered by our Islamic Society sharing their experience of Ramadan. The students presented with passion and confidence and it was a very inspiring event.

School Exam Week

School Exam Week returns this summer. It is an important week for the students and staff. There are a number of reasons we run this week, primarily, so that our students get used to sitting exams in those younger years so that the "real" events are not a shock. It also gives valuable data and allows for any necessary intervention. However, it is just one part of the learning journey, it is not the be all and end all! Whilst we want our students to prepare, we still want them to have fun and play their cricket, tennis, instrument, Warhammer, PS4 or whatever their interests might be. Form Tutors have provided guidance today to their tutees on revision techniques; we hope this helps them in their preparation.

Into the Sixth - Year 11

Post half term the Year 11 students will begin a 3-week online preparation for A-level course. The students will sample work in the subjects they have chosen for A-level. This will give them a chance to confirm they have made the right choices but also allow them to get a head start for September. This programme proved very successful last year and allowed our current Y12 to make a strong start to their year.

Road Safety

We had a recent near miss outside the school. Can we please ask you to remind your son to be careful when crossing the road to school? Looking at a mobile phone whilst crossing certainly increases the risk of harm. Thank you for your support in this area.

Kind regards

Alex Wallace

Deputy Headmaster