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Dear Parents

The start of the summer term is always special and this year is no exception; the fine weather and reduced restrictions have enhanced this feeling further. The students and staff have settled back into school life well and there is a real buzz around the site. It is so nice to see the students back playing competitive sport, the sound of bat on ball and freshly cut grass are one of the great delights of the summer season. We are delighted to have so many students involved in co-curricular activity which is where many memories are made. Please continue to encourage your sons to get involved in as much as possible.

### Ramadan

Many of our students are currently observing Ramadan. This is a very special time of year for our Muslim community. One of the highlights of the year, in normal times, is when the School hosts an Iftar for the whole community. It is a wonderful event and I always come away inspired and better informed about this very special month. It is an important time for reflection to allow oneself to appreciate how fortunate we are and to consider what one can do to help others and improve our own character. Numbers at this breaking of the fast event have increased year on year and we look forward to hosting this again next year.

### Creativity

I had the great pleasure today of observing some incredibly impressive Year 9 Art Animation work. Two colleagues and I were the judges. The work produced was exceptional, especially when you consider that much of the work has been completed over lockdown. The teamwork, passion and creativity demonstrated by all groups was of the highest level. Getting to judge these kinds of events are a real perk of the job and the boys did not let themselves or their teachers down. Well done!

### GCSE and A-level Teacher Assessed Grades

As mentioned in my last letter, Mr Eve and the staff have been working hard in recent months to create our Teacher Assessed Grades procedure. The presentation is stored on the School's Student Development Area. Your son has access to the area [here](#). We would encourage you to watch it with him. Please use the Powerpoint App to ensure you can hear the sound.

### Last few days

We are incredibly grateful for all the support with the PA Crowdfunding Campaign. It is most generous of you. There are just a few days left until it closes. [Here](#) is the link should anyone wish to make a last-minute donation.

## Testing

Just a gentle reminder to continue to encourage your sons to take their LFD tests on a Wednesday and Sunday by 6pm ideally. Those students observing Ramadan please try to submit your results once the fast is broken. As the country starts to open up, we need to continue to ensure we do all we can to keep the school safe.

## Uniform

Now shops and barbers are opening up, can we ask for your support in ensuring your son arrives to school looking smart and in full school uniform. We want our students to be proud to wear the RGS badge.

Kind regards

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