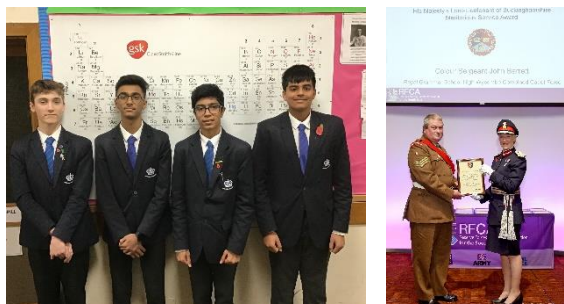


HEADMASTER'S LETTER 10 November 2022



Dear Parent

Thank you so much to parents who have attended our Future Us Campaign events and to those who have been able to support our campaign. To date, we have received gifts or pledges of almost £350,000. This is an incredible response in a six-week period. We are aiming to raise £500,000 before Christmas.

The Sixth Form Centre is being funded by the School, the Foundation, Old Wycombiensians (former students) and the generosity of parents. This truly is a community 'pulling together' to make this long-awaited facility come to fruition.

The build is going well and is on target to be opened early in the new year which means that our current sixth formers will benefit almost immediately, as will all boys over time. I would love to be able to share our plans with every parent. If you have been unable to attend the reception associated with your son's year group, I am now taking this opportunity to invite you to our final events. The dates are Tuesday, 15th November and Monday, 5th December and will be held in the Upper Library. Both events start at 7pm with a welcome drink (soft or Prosecco) and canapés, with the presentation taking place shortly afterwards. Both receptions will last about 90 minutes and there will be short presentations at each, followed by a Q & A session where you will have the opportunity to ask any questions about the building plans and the campaign. Please be assured that you will not be asked for money on the evening. It would help with catering if you could indicate your attendance by completing [this form](#).

COMBINED CADET FORCE

Our CCF are busy this week; they will be an important presence at our Remembrance Service on Friday which takes place in the Quad (unfortunately we cannot invite parents due to building works). On Sunday, they will march through High Wycombe town centre and attend the Civic Service of Remembrance at the Parish Church of All Saints.

The photograph above is of our Staff Sergeant Instructor, Colour Sergeant John Barratt, receiving his Lord Lieutenant's Meritorious Service Award, from Countess Howe for his sterling support to the CCF at both RGS and the Pioneer Academy Stoke Poges, to whom he is released one day each week. (Credit: Kevin Poolman Photography). These awards are keenly sought after and awarded in acknowledgement of Service to the community. The citation noted that CSgt Barrett is present whenever either unit is out and about on activities, personally involved in the delivery of cadet training. He also produced online training for the cadets during the national lockdowns. Day to day CSgt Barrett provides administrative support to CFAVs for all training serials in the week and at weekend events. Because most of our volunteers are building their military experience through the CCF, they are greatly supported by being fully prepared in advance. CSgt Barrett's real skill is imparting his wealth of Service experience, so that everyone is better placed to train the cadets.

SCIENCE SUCCESS

[The Salters' Institute](#) specialises in the promotion of chemical related sciences within education, and part of their outreach is recognising excellence within A-level winners throughout the UK, through their A-level Award.

The Institute is very pleased to recognise Kieran Cranley (who left RGS Year 13 in the summer) as one of the top Physics students in the UK. He has been invited to an award ceremony at the Salter's Hall in the City. Kieran is currently taking a gap year and is working in our Physics Department.

Well done to Ishaan Barthakur (Y11), Oscar Panayi (Y10), Divit Batra (Y9) and Daksh Patel (Y9) who spent this afternoon representing RGS in the Chiltern and Middlesex regional heat of the Royal Society of Chemistry Top of the Bench Competition. They came joint 3rd out of 19 teams and narrowly missed out on 2nd place by just half a point.

FENCING SUCCESS

Congratulations to Gavin Harries on winning the Bronze medal in the Warwick age group U19s foil competition (to add to his Bronze medal in the epee three weeks ago).

SUPPORT FOR YOUR SONS

CAREERS

We are very proud of our Careers Provision at RGS. Please do have a read of our Careers Bulletin – whilst particularly pertinent to older boys, there is [aspirational information](#) you may wish to share with your sons.

SIXTH FORM ADMISSIONS

We were delighted to welcome 250 families to our External Sixth Form Candidates evening last week. Rest assured that our own students take precedence and that all who meet our entry requirements will be offered a place. We look forward to welcoming you (one parent) and your son to the Sixth Form Open Evening on Tuesday 22nd November (booking details already sent out), where students will be able to find out more about individual subjects and hear about the Sixth Form experience that boys will enjoy. Here is a link to a useful guide about [choosing A Levels](#).

WELLBEING

Taking care of your sons is a privilege and something that you rightly expect of us. I should like to point you to information about our Counselling service [here](#).

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

AUTUMN SHOWCASE

Following our Autumn Soirée before half-term, you are now warmly invited to join us for one of the biggest concerts in the annual RGS Music calendar. All the main RGS ensembles will be showcasing what they have been preparing this academic term, including performances from: 1st Wind Band, 2nd Wind Band, Senior Strings, Junior Strings, Senior Choir, Junior Choir, Chamber Choir, Close Harmony, Swing Band, and Big Band. It promises to be a musical extravaganza with music to suit all! Tickets are sold out; if you wish to join the waiting list, please email resources@rgshw.com.

BURNS NIGHT

FRORGS are holding a 'Burns Night' on Saturday 28 January; this is an excellent event and is likely to sell out quickly. Please click on the [link](#) for further details and how to book.

With best wishes

Philip Wayne