

8<sup>th</sup> July 2025

Dear Parents and Boarders,

As we approach the end of another year I want to wish everyone well for the summer holidays and to reflect a little on the past year. I myself will not be around for the last week of term as I am away with 45 students (including several boarders) on the South African rugby tour. I will be saying goodbye to the boarders on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July as boarders leave for the weekend. Mr Clark and Mr Richardson will of course be here along with the rest of the boarding team.

This past two weeks have been incredibly busy with Junior and Senior Prizegiving, Sportsday, Year 6 Transition, an open evening, the RGS Cricket Festival (which brings together the six Royal Grammar Schools), Jazz in the Quad, an RGS Artsfest and a collapsed timetable for Creative Olympics. In all of these events, we have seen our Boarders excel in whatever role they have taken or been involved in. In the final days there are a host of events on, involving all boarders, so please do take the time to read what events are happening and we would urge you to absolutely minimise taking out any boarders in the last week of term.



**Trips this year Go Karting, Thorpe Park, Longridge, Paintballing, Les Miserables, ice skating to name a few.**

The boarders have done exceptionally well this year and we are so proud of them. There are some impressive internal exam results and I'm convinced that our GCSE and A level results will also be very impressive. I would like to go on record that whilst academic success is important this is not our main focus within boarding. We want the boarders to enjoy themselves and have a great time as well as excel academically. We have seen so many smiling faces around boarding, great examples of community spirit and engagement. There have been many highlights for lots of our boarders earlier in the academic year both within FYH and school, and we want to celebrate the many successes of our boarders, whether they be in boarding, school or at home.



**Boarders help RGS to national semi-final, Boarders take the lead in Bonnie and Clyde, Boarder played Last Post at Remembrance Service.**

We do this by chatting with our boarders on a daily basis but we also celebrate with a 'Boarder of the Week' choosing a favourite meal for the house. This diverse recognition hopefully shows how we value all of our boarders and striving to be a 'Boarder of the Week' is a great way of gaining recognition not just from staff but from their peers as well. For this year's full list see attachment to this letter.

In terms of reports, all of the boarders with the exception of Year 11 and Year 13 (who have already had their report) should receive a boarder's report. I see many students working extremely hard within the boarding environment. This isn't just from an academic perspective but to see students excel in so many areas that are personal to them is fantastic. Whether it be passing a musical grade, selection for an RGS sports team, a lead role in the play, football at a local club, dance or drama it is all about 'Work hard, play harder'.



**One minute you are starting Year 7 and then suddenly it's RGS Sixth form life & then you're leaving!**

At the end of the academic year, it is often a time to wish students and colleagues the very best for the future. All old boys are always welcome back at Fraser Youens, so please do stay in touch if you are leaving. I would like to wish everyone a great summer and thank all the boarding team for their hard work across the year, especially those behind the scenes in terms of maintenance, catering and our committed domestic staff. In terms of staff we say goodbye to two tutors Mr Phillips who takes up the post of Head of Year 7 and Miss De Alwis who is changing careers. In their place we welcome Mrs Carr (Head of Economics) and Mr Connor (Teacher of PE).

Enjoy the summer break and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in Fraser Youens in September. Please don't forget that RGS finishes at 1300 on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July. All rooms need to be cleared of all possessions and rubbish with the boarding house closing for the summer at 1700.

I attach the key calendar dates for next year but below are some key upcoming dates.

### **Upcoming important dates**

Mon July 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Pub walk and BBQ.

Tues July 15<sup>th</sup> Cinema trip.

Weds July 16<sup>th</sup> Whole House Cricket Tournament.

Thurs July 17<sup>th</sup> Last night activities culminating in a tug of war.

Fri July 18<sup>th</sup> FYH closes at 1700. Boarders can be collected at any point from 1300 onwards.

Start of new academic year - Thurs 4<sup>th</sup> September – Yr 12 arrive at 1900.

Fri 5<sup>th</sup> September Induction Day for Year 7 & Year 12. Year 7 to arrive at FYH at 8.15am

Sun 7<sup>th</sup> September - All Boarders to arrive from 7.00 pm.

*Ofsted Boarding Inspection 2023 'Outstanding'*

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Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'J I Scourfield', with a small flourish at the end.

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