

Dear All,

As we hit the mid-point of the school year of 2026, I thought it a good idea to give you a brief update on life in Fraser Youens House and at RGS. For many of our boarders, the academic end goals for this year are coming ever closer. Year 11 and Year 13 have recently received their mock exam results; I hope that your son has done well and is taking the time to reflect on his latest grades with a sense of perspective and purpose. We have put in place several supporting mechanisms for those who have underachieved.

As a boarding team, our tutors have met—or shortly will be meeting—your son to discuss these results. Our goal is to support him in setting realistic yet ambitious targets to ensure he achieves his considerable potential. Speaking of potential, it was excellent to see the vast majority of our Year 12s attend the recent 'Futures Evening' at RGS. This was a vital opportunity to explore post-18 options, ranging from degree apprenticeships and employment to university pathways. For those in all year groups, please remember that academic mentoring and subject-specific staff are available on duty to provide that extra "stretch" or support whenever needed.



Yr 13s bringing their musical talents to our Christmas dinner

House Life & Co-Curricular Highlights

While we look back fondly on the impromptu house renditions from our Yr 13s that closed out 2025, the focus this term has been keeping many of our boarders occupied during the wettest start to a year on record. The opportunities to get outside have been limited. Beyond the house, our boarders continue to be the backbone of RGS co-curricular life. It is rare to find a school activity that doesn't feature a Fraser Youens resident. This term alone, boys have been represented in:

- **Sports:** Rugby, Hockey, Cross-country, Swimming, Fencing, Squash, and Badminton.
- **Societies:** Music ensembles, Warhammer, Debating, CCF, and the Arts Awards.
- **Service:** The Interact Society continues to lead the way in charity work led by our senior boarders.

We are also eagerly anticipating the school musical, *Guys and Dolls*. [Guys and Dolls tickets](#) Several of our boarders have secured roles in the cast and directing, and I cannot encourage you enough to book tickets—the talent on display is always exceptional.



Political Debate in Fraser Youens led by our 6th form

Celebrating Success

I am delighted to announce that **Year 7 won the last Merit Evening**. They enjoyed a well-deserved evening of homemade pizza and a movie to celebrate their collective effort and positive contribution to house life. Our **Year 8 Boarders** took the crown for this half-term's Merits competition and will enjoy a reward evening next half term.



Yr 7s making Incredible pizzas on there Merit Awards Evening

Accompanying this letter is the list of our 'Boarders of the Week'. These awards recognise everything from academic and sporting success to community spirit and "stepping up" when it matters most. As a reminder, the winner gets the distinct honour of choosing the 'meal of the week' on a Thursday evening!

As our Year 13s turn their focus toward final exams and life beyond Buckinghamshire, we are beginning the process of electing new House Prefects. I want to thank the outgoing Year 13s for their leadership; they are instrumental in making Fraser Youens a supportive home from home environment. With offers coming in from a host of top universities; Cambridge, Durham, Nottingham and Leeds appear to be favoured by our boarders this year. Their hard work is clearly paying off and we wish them well in achieving the offers they have been given.

Important Dates: February 2026 & Beyond

Please note the following dates for the remainder of the Spring and Summer terms.

End of Half Term Thurs 12th February (RGS finishes 1530, FYH closes 1900)

Boarding House Re-opens Sun 22nd February (from 1900)

School starts Mon 23rd February 0800

March Exeat Weekend Friday 13th March (FYH closes 1900 and reopens Sunday 15th March 1900)

End of Spring Term Friday 27th March (RGS finishes 1230, FYH closes 1700)

Summer term Boarding House re-opens Sun 22nd February (from 1900)

I hope everyone has a restful and refreshing half-term break. For those boarders heading off on the RGS ski trip to Italy, I wish you blue skies and safe slopes!

Best regards,

Jon Scourfield