

19th May 2026

Dear Parents,

As we head into the final stretch of the year, I wanted to update everyone on life in Fraser Youens. Firstly I hope that you are all aware that RGS is tightening up on mobile device use within school. [RGS letter to parents](#). For our boarders this means little change as boarders in Years 7-11 have never had their phones during the school day. We have recently seen a huge increase in the amount of time some of our boarders wish to spend on their phones and unfortunately this correlates to a drop in activities and clubs currently undertaken (not true for many of our boarders). If we did not run daily boarding activities some boarders would now opt not to be doing any activities at all and just be on phones, if given total choice. We are now looking to reward students who are more active and restrict device use for those who are choosing not to participate in school clubs or activities. [Boarding device management](#)

A sincere thank you to those parents who have already completed the parental survey. If you haven't yet had the chance, please do take a few moments to click on the link [Boarding Parent Survey](#) below and share your thoughts; your feedback is incredibly valuable to us as we look to keep improving the boarding experience. [Feedback from survey](#)

Public exams are now well underway. Both our Year 11s and Year 13s are on study leave, with the vast majority choosing to remain in the house to focus. It goes without saying that we wish everyone the very best for their exams. It is always bittersweet to say goodbye to our Year 13s. Whether they have been with us for two years or seven, we hope they have made the most of every moment.



I'm sure the Year 13s all enjoyed the iconic Leavers Day celebrations and the excellent Leavers meal with the boarding staff last Friday. There were plenty of laughs, the odd tear or two, and some great memories shared. A few awards and memories shared by both the Year 13s and staff. I think Mr Clark and I probably got worst chat/jokes. This weekend sees our penultimate boarding trip of the year with a large number of boarders going paintballing.



It would be hugely remiss if I didn't say a massive thank you for the work done by our outgoing Year 13 Prefects, who truly set the tone for the entire house. As they move on, we are delighted that our new Perfect team is now well embedded. A special mention goes to Thomas Schofield, who has been appointed as

Head of House, supported by our new Senior Prefects: Zain, George, and Thomas Wharfe. We have every confidence they will continue the high standards set by their predecessors.

At this stage of the year, I also want to thank all the boarders involved in our Mentoring programme. Many of the students who have mentored younger boys are in Year 11 and Year 13; despite the pressure of their own exams, they have continued to offer support and hard work to their fellow boarders up until study leave.

This half term has been short but incredibly busy. My appreciation goes to those boarders who helped out with the Year 6 Induction evening, supporting the next group of boarders who begin to make that transition. It was also fantastic to see Boarders representing the school in their first-ever cricket matches and athletics events, some stunning artwork and involvement in CCF or the Spring Music extravaganza. DofE numbers continue to be incredibly high across Bronze and Silver and well done to the four Year 12 boarders who trekked across the Brecon Beacons in practice for their Gold award.

As we approach the May half term holiday, I hope everyone has a chance to refresh. Mr. Richardson will be meeting with each year group to go over exam tips and revision strategies, as Year 7-10 will be sitting internal exams after the break. While I hope everyone enjoys some downtime, a fair amount of revision will also be required in order for everyone to fulfill their true potential.

Friday 22nd May RGS finishes 3.30 pm (Fraser Youens closes at 7.00 pm)

Sunday 31st May Boarders return from 7.00 pm onwards

Monday 1st June School Starts

Friday 17th July End of Summer Term School finishes 12.30 pm (Fraser Youens closes at 5.00 pm)