

Dear Parents and Boarders,

A relatively brief letter to simply say that we hope that everyone has had a good first week in boarding and at RGS. It has been brilliant to have the boarders back in Fraser Youens enjoying life, making new friends and getting reacquainted with old ones. For all our new boarders and parents an especially warm welcome, without forgetting all our returning boarders. For those who are new, please bear with us in terms of any early glitches the boys may have, especially in terms of IT and wifi as this takes the IT department some time to set this up. Guest wifi has been available in the meantime. We have had lots of questions of how and when it is best to contact your son. My advice would be to avoid 1900-1930 (supper) or when the boys are at prep or activity. If you are struggling to get hold of your son via his mobile please ring the main boarding line on 01494 551405 but please avoid mealtimes.



A water fight in glorious weather. Louis took on the giant water balloon which got him a little damp!!!! It's been fantastic to get activities up and running and we even managed to have a good old-fashioned water fight this week during the warm weather. Boarding should be very much about creating an environment that the boys feel happy and secure in and that they enjoy boarding and school life to the full. This weekend will see the school musical 'In the heights' take place after being postponed last term and I urge parents to get tickets for the performances across the weekend. Please check the website or order tickets via this link

<https://thelittleboxoffice.com/rgshw/>

Several of our boarders are involved and I wish them every success. To put on a performance during the pandemic has meant countless hours of rehearsals across months. It is also brilliant to see the RGS sporting programme back up and running with pre-season rugby matches last weekend and this and I am sure that those who are interested in Year 7, will find out a little more about Sport in their first Games afternoon on Friday. If I could give any new student at RGS advice it would be to get involved in as many clubs or activities as you can.

On the academic front it's great to see students back working hard with clear focus and I know that many of our Year 13s have already got concrete plans for university admissions and some have already completed personal statements if they are applying for Medicine or Oxbridge. Last Year's boarding results were, as ever stunning and I attach a summary document. I see no reason why the current Year 11 and Year 13 cannot achieve great results and we definitely be supporting them along this journey.

Ofsted Boarding Inspection 2019 'Outstanding'

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In terms of COVID 19 and risk we have spoken to the boarders and they have a huge part to play: washing hands, using sanitisers etc. We will be asking all boarders to test on a Sunday and Wednesday and for those returning after a weekend we do ask to see evidence of their LFD test. This is to try to protect those within the boarding environment. We have at present asked parents to minimise being in boarding but we are also acutely aware that we would want parents of our junior boarders to come in and see the boy's dorms and so if you are coming in on a Friday or Sunday please wear a mask.

Our first boarding trip other than the summer pub walk will be at Longridge on Sunday 26th September and I urge as many as possible to sign up. The letter is attached and there will be hard copies of the letter available on Friday. It would be brilliant to see lots of Year 7s and 8s there as it's a great bonding experience and our nobody got this opportunity last year.

Yours sincerely

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