

21st May 2019

Dear Parents,

I cannot believe that we are fast approaching the last half term of the academic year and we are now in the full swing of the exam period. GCSE and A level exams have started and most of the Year 7-10 boarders have Language exams prior to the half term break. We want to wish all the boarders the best of luck for these exams, including Years 7-10 & 12 who have school exams straight after half term.



Last minute coaching tips by a Czech international -Touch tournament followed by the first BBQ of the summer.

It is great to see so many boarders outside enjoying some mixed summer weather and we have already had our first BBQ of the summer on a cold, grey evening after the House Touch rugby tournament, won by Charlie Wood's inspired team. Please see our boarding blog for further details. This half term's 'Boarders' of the Week' have been Alex, Will, Hugh, Adil, Mushota, Arya, Lewis and Jack. The reasons have ranged from Model United Nations to, appointment as Head of House, passing Music Exams and commitment in House Activities. All of these students have been able to choose a 'meal of the week.'

Our Year 13 boarders have now officially finished their academic lessons, enjoyed the Leavers' Ball and their Leavers' Day. I wish them well, not only for their exams but also for the exciting future that lies ahead.



Leavers' Day Celebrations

We are rightly proud of the young men who attend RGS and reside in Fraser Youens and I hope that those who are leaving RGS and boarding will look back fondly at their time and will stay in touch as Old Boys. Boarders consistently outperform the rest of the school and I am confident that this year our boys will continue to excel and go on to attend top universities. This is an opportune moment to thank all the Year 13s for their input into house life over the years and particularly the past year, as House Prefects. We will be having a special Leavers Meal before the Year 13s finish their A levels. One little anecdote to share with you all, the Head of Boarding was about to give four Yr13 students a hard time for being on an online Game during revision time. He then discovered they were actually revising Physics A level via Kahoot, perhaps that is why they are so successful and it is so encouraging to see them all working together to achieve their own individual goals.



Seven years of RGS, 'Get me out of here!'



Revision or downtime?



Model United Nations Representatives

I would be hugely grateful if parents of boarders could complete our latest online survey, link attached: [2019 Parent Survey](#). The survey will be open for two weeks. I am a huge believer that the House should not stand still and therefore it is important to get regular feedback regarding your son's boarding experiences. We surveyed the students earlier in the year and we have a Head of Boarding and Head of House question time arranged. This gives every student an opportunity to ask any questions they wish directly to myself as Head of Boarding and to our Head of House (Head Prefect, Mushota Chibulu).

For Years 7-10, school exam week starts on Monday 3rd June. Copies of exam timetables have been posted in the boarding house and all students should have their own copy to help plan revision carefully. I would hope that all of the boarders will spend considerable time revising over the half term break. Mrs Gallagher has met with each year group to discuss revision techniques and planning for such exams.

Finally, I wish everyone a great half term holiday. A special mention to Mr Young, one of our Boarding Tutors who gets married on the first weekend of the holiday, James, huge congratulations and we all hope you have a fantastic day.

I've included some key dates relating to Fraser Youens House for you all in the coming weeks:

Key dates:

Friday May 24th School finishes 3.00pm - Fraser Youens House closes 7.00pm.

Sunday June 2nd Fraser Youens House re-opens 7.00pm - Monday June 4th School starts.

Monday June 3rd to Friday June 8th School Exam week Yrs 7-10.

Monday June 3rd to Friday June 14th Yr 12 UCAS exams.

Friday July 19th Last day of term. School finishes 1.00pm. FYH closes at 5.00pm.

Yours sincerely

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