FAMILIES BULLETIN
13th March

RGTS Is a Mobile Free School

At RGTS, we are committed to creating the best possible learning environment for all students. Our **no-phones-in-school** approach is designed to protect learning time, support student well-being, and build a respectful and focused school community.

This isn't about punishment — it's about giving every student the chance to succeed.

Why We Are a Mobile Free School

1. Reducing Distractions

- Better focus in lessons: Mobile phones can interrupt learning through notifications, messages, and social media.
- Improved academic outcomes: Research shows that phone-free classrooms help boost engagement and support stronger academic progress.



2. Preventing Misuse and Supporting Safety

- Cyberbullying prevention: Phones can be used to share unkind or inappropriate messages.
- Reducing cheating: Removing phones helps maintain fairness during assessments.
- Protecting privacy: Taking photos or videos in school can lead to conflicts and breaches of privacy.

3. Encouraging Social Interaction

- More face-to-face connections: Without phones, students are more likely to talk, play, and build friendships during break times.
- Less social pressure: A break from social media supports healthy self-esteem and reduces anxiety.

4. Promoting Responsibility and Respect

- Learning to follow community expectations: Sticking to the policy helps students understand shared responsibility.
- Supporting staff: A clear and consistent rule helps teachers maintain calm, purposeful classrooms.

5. Supporting Mental Health

- Reduced screen time: Time away from devices during the school day supports wellbeing.
- Less online drama: Phone-free time limits digital conflicts that can affect school life.



Our School Mantra: "See It, Hear It, Lose It"

This phrase is displayed across the school and helps everyone understand our expectations around phone use.

What Happens If a Phone Is Seen or Heard?

- First time: The phone will be confiscated and taken to reception. The student may collect it at the end of the school day.
- Second time: The phone will again be taken to reception — but this time it must be collected by a parent or carer.

Mr. Brougham
Deputy Headteacher - Inclusion

How to request time off for your child for Eid

We hope that all of our families are looking forward to their Eid celebrations and we wish all our students and their parents/carers a blessed Eid al-Fitr next week.

The school will stay open as normal on **Thursday 19th March and Friday 20th March**, as we have many non-Muslim students who are still expected in school.

To request time off for your child for Eid, please complete the online form below. If you have any questions, please contact our attendance team by emailing rgtsattendance@rgtrustschool.net.



Eid Student Absence Request Form – Fill in form

By completing the form, you do not have to call the school on the day to report your child's absence.

Please note that the school is **unable to authorise more than a day** for the religious observance of Eid.

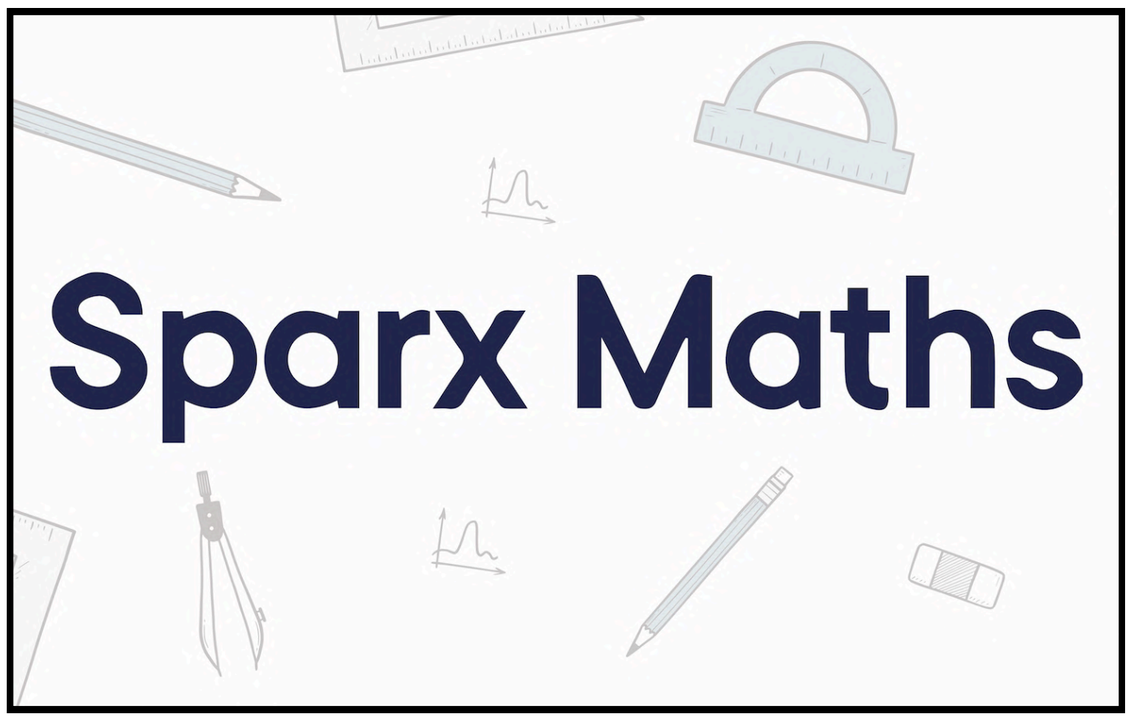
Eid Mubarak to all your family.

Upcoming Key Dates

Date	Event	Year Group	Timings
Wednesday 18th March	INSET Day (School Closed)	All	All Day
Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April	Easter Holiday	All	All Day
Monday 30th March - Thursday 2nd April & Wednesday 8th April	Year 11 Intervention Sessions (Full offer on our Easter Menu)	Year 11	10:30am - 1:30pm
Friday 3rd April	Good Friday (School Closed)	All	All Day
Monday 6th April	Easter Monday (School Closed)	All	All Day
Monday 13th April	INSET Day (School Closed)	All	All Day
Tuesday 14th April	All students return to school	All	8:30am
Wednesday 13th May	Twilight (Early Dismissal)	All	12:50pm onwards

Club Spotlight: Sparx Maths Homework Club

The Maths Department at RGTS is excited to launch the Sparx Maths Homework Club next Thursday, 19th March, from 3.10pm to 3.50pm in Room 1.23. This will run weekly and is open to all year groups.



Pupils will have the opportunity to use the school computers to complete their online maths homework with the support of a maths specialist. This is an excellent opportunity for pupils to work in a small group setting and receive one-to-one help with their homework.

Please do encourage your child to attend!

Mr Rahman
Head of Department - Maths

Year 11 News: Easter Revision Menu – Supporting Students in the Run-Up to GCSEs

As we continue to prepare our Year 11 students for their upcoming GCSE examinations, we are pleased to share details of our Year 11 Easter Revision Menu. These focused sessions have been carefully planned and discussed with subject teams to ensure students receive high-quality, targeted support during this crucial stage of the academic year. The sessions will run from **Monday 30th March - Thursday 2nd April and Wednesday 8th April.**

The Easter Menu offers a structured programme of revision opportunities designed to strengthen subject knowledge, reinforce key skills, and boost confidence ahead of the exam period. Each session has been created to address the specific needs of students, drawing on recent assessments, mock examinations, and teacher insight to provide the most valuable and impactful support possible.

You should support your child to make the right choices. Read the menu with them and select the session that meet their needs. If they are already confident and secure with a particular subject they should not be attending the session for it. Most young people like to study what they enjoy and are already achieving well in. They need to make be more strategic. Help them understand that their focus should now be on the areas where they are less confident. Therefore, if they are struggling with a particular subject they should aim to sign up to that subject.

We will also be offering two independent silent sessions on **Tuesday 31st March and Wednesday 1st April**. Students can utalise these days to do revision in our school Library. To access this space students will need to sign up when the link is shared.

We strongly encourage students to make the most of these sessions, as they provide an excellent opportunity to consolidate learning and prepare effectively over the break. Engagement with revision at this stage can make a substantial difference to outcomes in the summer.

A sign-up link will be shared with students early next week, enabling them to register for the sessions they wish to attend. We kindly ask parents and carers to encourage their child to review the options carefully and select the sessions that will best support their individual progress.

To view the Easter Menu, please use the following link: RGTS Year 11 Page

Mr Drumm
Assistant Headteacher - KS4

Year 11 News: Prom Update - Discounted tickets and free prom clothing

I am very excited to announce that Year 11 will have their prom on **Thursday 18th of June at The Dreadnought Building, Greenwich University**. This is an exciting event we hold every year to celebrate our students' achievements throughout their journey at RGTS!

The prom will run from **5.30pm until 8.30pm**.

Tickets will cost £34.55.

As you know, **attendance between now and the final exams is crucial**. Therefore, we are **offering discounts for good attendance**. Students who already have 90%+ attendance so far this year are eligible for the below prizes:

From **Monday 16th March** up untill GCSE Examinations:

- If you achieve 95% attendance or above AND arrive to tutor time no later than 8.45am each day = 50% off prom ticket (26-27 days attended)
- If you achieve 90%-94% attendance AND arrive to tutor time no later than 8.45am each day= 30% off prom ticket (24-25 days attended)

In addition, we are putting together a wardrobe of prom clothing to support families that may struggle to buy appropriate garments for their children. This will include all manner of smart, formal items for boys and girls. Please could students come and see me if they would like to look at what is available.

I look forward to rewarding as many of our students as possible in the weeks ahead!

Mr Dalby
Head of Year 11

WAKE UP WEDNESDAY

Streaming services are popular with children – but autoplay, endless content & personalised recommendations can make screen time spiral.

Our latest #WakeUpWednesday guide explores the risks and shares practical tips for safer streaming.

To see the poster this week, please use the following link:

Wake Up Wednesday



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COMMUNITY NEWS

Unmissable Opportunity for Students Interested in Working in Finance

In August, JPMorgan are hosting a work experience programme.

They're looking for curious and enthusiastic students aged 14 to 16, who are interested in learning about the finance industry.

To be eligible for the work experience programme, you must live within a reasonable commuting distance of the JPMorgan Chase office in Canary Wharf, i.e. no more than 90 minutes of travel.

This programme takes place over three sessions. To be eligible, you must be able to attend all sessions. Please click the link for more details

https://uptree.co/events/jp-morgan/541814702/