FAMILIES BULLETIN
16th October

# Keeping Up to Date with Your Child's Learning - Using Arbor




At Royal Greenwich Trust School, we want to make it as easy as possible for families to stay informed and support their child's learning. Arbor is our main platform for sharing important information about your child's school life, including home learning, attendance, behaviour and achievements.

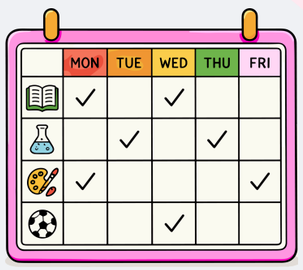
We encourage all parents and carers to download the free Arbor Parent App and check it regularly.

## What can you see on Arbor?

**Home Learning:** See what homework has been set, when it is due and whether it has been submitted.

**Attendance and punctuality:** Keep track of your child's attendance and any late marks.

**Rewards and behaviour:** Celebrate positive points and see any behaviour points or detentions.




**Timetable:** Check your child's lessons.

**School updates:** Recieve important messages, communications and school reports.

## How to get started - it's simple!

1



**Download the Arbor Parent App** from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store, or visit https://login.arbor.sc/

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If this is your first time, select **'Forgot your password?'** to set up your account.

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Enter the email address you have registered with the school and follow the instructions sent to your email.

## How can you support your child at home?

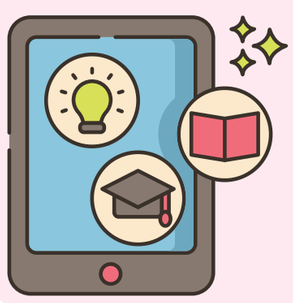
We recommend taking five minutes each week to look at Arbor together. You could:

Check upcoming homework deadlines and help your child plan their time.

Celebreate positive points and discuss any areas for improvement.

Review attendance and punctuality.

Encourage your child to take responsibility for their learning.



### Student App

Students also have their own Arbor Student App, where they can check homework, deadlines, attendance and behaviour points. Please encourage your child to use this regularly so they arrive at lessons organised and ready to learn.

### Need help logging in?

If you are having difficulties accessing Arbor, please contact your child's tutor or Head of Year. We can check that we have the correct email address and help you get started.

Tom Williams
**Deputy Headteacher - Curriculum**

# Dates for your diary

| Date | Event | Year Group | Timings |
|---|---|---|---|
| Friday 23rd October | Cultural Dress Day | All | All Day |
| Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October | October Half-Term (School Closed) | All | All Day |
| Monday 2nd November to Friday 13th November | Year 11 Mock Examinations | 11 | Various |
| Friday 20th November | INSET Day (School Closed for Students) | All | All Day |
| Monday 23rd November to Friday 27th November | Year 10 Core Assessments | 10 | Various |
| Thursday 3rd December | Year 11 Parents' Evening | 11 | 4-7pm |
| Monday 21st December to Friday 1st January | Christmas Break (School Closed) | All | All Day |
| Monday 4th January | INSET Day (School Closed for Students) | All | All Day |
| Monday 11th January to Friday 15th January | Year 7 Mid-Year Assessments | 7 | Various |
| Thursday 14th January | Sixth Form Parents' Evening | 12 and 13 | 4-7pm |
| Monday 25th January | Year 8 Mid-Year Assessments | 8 | Various |

# RGTS Clubs 2026-2027

Register your interest **via the Arbor App** by **4pm** on **Friday 23rd October 2026**



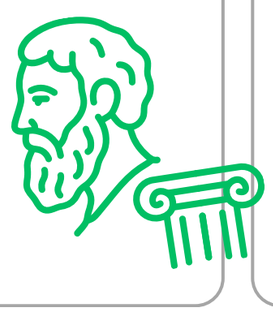




## Monday

### Philosophy Club

**Staff:** Ms Thapen
Afterschool
**Time:** 3:15-4:00
**Room:** 2.15
**Capacity:** 20
Years 7-13



## Monday

### Drama Cinema Club

**Staff:** Mr Sit
Afterschool
**Time**: 3:15-4:00
**Room:** G01
**Capacity:** 30
Years 7-11



## Tuesday

### Young Enterprise

**Staff:** Mr Ullah
Afterschool
**Time**: 3:15-4:00
**Room:** 1.36
**Capacity:** 30
Years 10-13



## Tuesday

### Jazz Orchestra & Choir

**Staff:** Mr Spall
Afterschool
**Time**: 3:15-4:30
**Room:** G56
**Capacity:** 30
Years 7-11



## Tuesday

### RGTS Newsroom

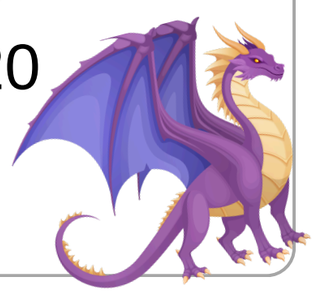
**Staff:** Mrs Morgan-Clunis
Afterschool
**Time**: 3:30-4:30
**Room:** G49
**Capacity:** 15
Years 7-13




## Thursday

### D&D Club

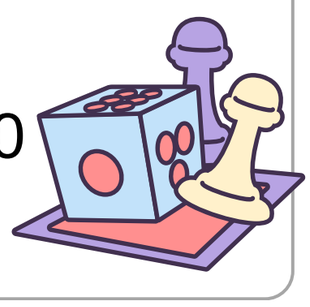
**Staff:** Ms O'Hanlon
Afterschool
**Time**: 3:15-4:00
**Room:** 2.15
**Capacity:** 20
Years 7-13



## Thursday

### Games Club

**Staff:** Mrs Thapen & Mr Hydes
Afterschool
**Time**: 3:15-4:00
**Room:** 2.15
**Capacity:** 20
Years 7-13



## Thursday

### Humanities Homework Club

**Staff:** Hums Team
Afterschool
**Time**: 3:15-4:00
**Room:** 2.15
**Capacity:** 20
Years 7-9



## Thursday

### Sparx Maths Club

**Staff:** Ms Li & Ms Arnott

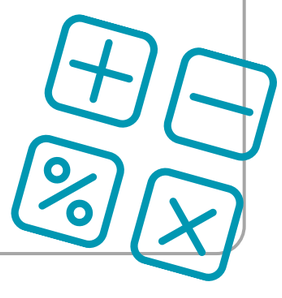
Afterschool

**Time**: 3:15-4:00

**Room:** 1.36

**Capacity:** 25

Years 7-11



## Thursday

### Vex Robot Club

**Staff:** Mr Adegoke

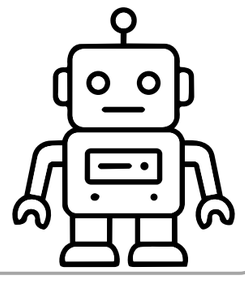
Lunch & Afterschool

**Time**: 3:15-4:00

**Room:** G37

**Capacity:** 8

Years 7



## Thursday

### Spanish Club

**Staff:** Mr Daley & Mr Omar

**Time**: 3:15-4:00

**Room:** tbc

**Capacity:** 30

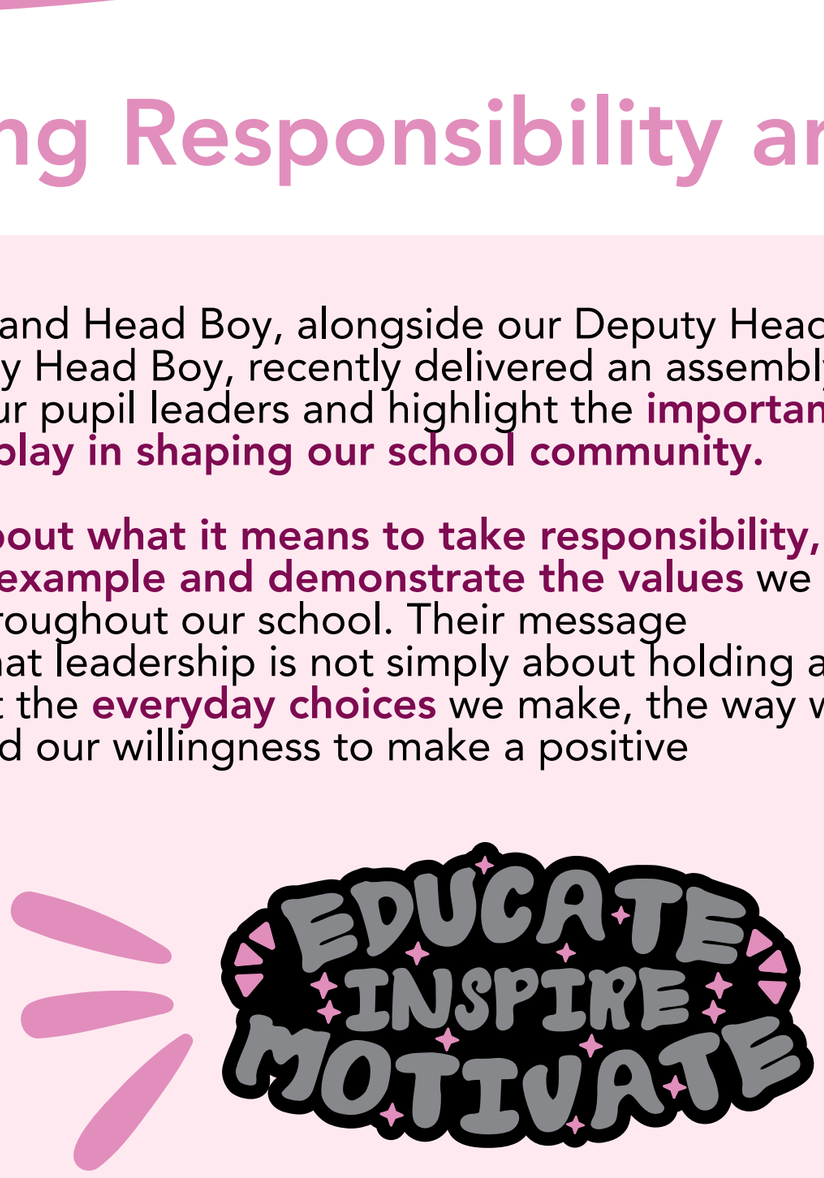
Years 7-9



# Taking Responsibility and Setting the Standard

Our Head Girl and Head Boy, alongside our Deputy Head Girl and Deputy Head Boy, recently delivered an assembly to introduce our pupil leaders and highlight the **important role students play in shaping our school community.**

**They spoke about what it means to take responsibility, set a positive example and demonstrate the values** we want to see throughout our school. Their message reminded us that leadership is not simply about holding a title; it is about the **everyday choices** we make, the way we treat others and our willingness to make a positive difference.





Our student leaders in action!




## Every Student Has a Part to Play

The assembly also emphasised that every student has a part to play in contributing to school life. Whether through **supporting classmates**, showing **kindness and respect, taking pride in our environment** or sharing ideas to improve the school, everyone has something valuable to offer.

Our student leaders encouraged their peers to **take initiative**, **be responsible** for their actions and recognise that even **small contributions** can have a meaningful impact. By setting **high standards** for ourselves and encouraging others to do the same, we help create an environment where everyone can thrive.







## Building a Stronger Community

At the heart of this message is a strong sense of **belonging and community**. Our student leaders demonstrated that leadership is about bringing people together, listening to different perspectives and ensuring that everyone feels they have a voice. As we continue to develop our culture of responsibility and high expectations, we encourage all pupils to take pride in being part of our school, support one another and remember that **we all have a role in making our community a place where everyone belongs**.

Vidhya Sirso
**Head of Year 8**

# Year 7 Transition Workshops
# Jack Petchey Talk About Transition



**Next Monday, 19th October**




Our Year 7's are having a Jack Petchey 'Talk About Transition' Workshops, next Monday 19th October.

The Jack Petchey Foundation was set up by Sir Jack Petchey CBE to inspire and motivate young people across London and Essex to do their best and reach their full potential.

These workshops form an important part of our Year 7 transition programme, supporting students to develop their confidence, communication skills and resilience as they settle into secondary school.

The talk the talk transition workshops are the next stepping stone of our RGTS transition programme supporting student to:

- Build positive relationships
- Promote well-being
- Build confidence in their new surroundings and form groups
- Improve connections with peers
- Develop oracy skills, speak confidently in front of others and engage an audience

Carmen Maynard McLeod
**Head of Year 7**

# Year 7 Meet the Tutor - Parent Voice

Thank you to all our Year 7 parents and carers who attended our **Meet the Tutor event on Thursday 15th October**. We hope you found the evening informative and valued the opportunity to meet your child's tutor, learn more about school life and explore how we can work together to support your child's successful transition to secondary school.

**We would value your feedback!** We kindly ask families to take a few moments to complete our short Parent Voice questionnaire. Your feedback will help us celebrate what worked well and identify ways to improve future events and strengthen our partnership with families.

**Complete our Year 7 Meet the Tutor Parent Voice questionnaire here.**



Emer Houston
**Assistant Headteacher**

# Year 11 Study Skills Event – Parent Voice

Thank you to all our Year 11 families who attended last week's Study Skills event. We would welcome your feedback to help us evaluate the event and continue improving the support we provide to students and families as they prepare for their GCSE examinations.

We kindly ask parents and carers to take a few moments to complete our short feedback questionnaire. Your views are important to us and will help shape future events and workshops.

Complete the Year 11 Parent Voice Questionnaire




Eoin Drumm
**Assistant Headteacher - KS4**

# Greenwich Sixth Form Open Events

## Why open events matter

Please take note of the open events below. It is extremely important that students attend these events wherever possible, as they are a valuable opportunity to see what is available beyond prospectuses and websites.

| School / College | Date(s) | Time(s) | Notes |
|---|---|---|---|
| Leigh Academy Halley | Thursday 19th November | 5pm to 6.30pm | |
| Harris Academy Greenwich | Thursday 5th November | 4.30pm to 7.00pm | |
| Leigh Academy Blackheath | Wednesday 11th November | 5pm to 7pm | Adult must attend. |
| London South East Colleges | Thursday 15th October<br>Tuesday 2nd March<br>Saturday 25th June | 5.30pm to 7.30pm<br>5.30pm to 7.30pm<br>10am to 1pm | |
| Plumstead Manor | Thursday 5th November | 5pm to 8pm | External students from 6pm<br>Book tickets on Eventbrite |
| Shooters Hill College | Wednesday 4th November<br>Wednesday 13th January<br>Wednesday 10th March | All events run from 4.30pm to 6.30pm | BSL Signers avaliable upon request |
| St Mary Magdalene | Thursday 22nd October | 4pm to 6.30pm | Adult must attend. |
| The John Roan School | Tuesday 10th November | 5.30pm to 7pm | |
| Thomas Tallis Sixth Form | Wednesday 14th October | 5pm to 8pm | Adult must attend. |
| Woolwich Polytechnic Boys | Wednesday 21st October | 4pm to 5.30pm or 4.45pm to 6pm | Book on Eventbrite.<br>Must wear school uniform. |

### Plan your visits

Add dates to your calendar and avoid leaving visits until the last minute

### Ask Questions

Ask about courses, entry requirements, enrichment and destinations

### Be Prepared

Check if you need to book or need an adult with you




Ben Dalby
**Head of Year 11**

Royal Greenwich Trust School

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# CULTURE WEEK

CELEBRATE ♥ RESPECT ♥ BELONG

WEEK BEGINNING 19 OCTOBER

A week to celebrate the diversity, identity and heritage that makes our RGTS community so unique.

Different cultures

Shared stories

Stronger together

## FORM TIME LEARNING

Explore different cultures, traditions and perspectives through fun and thought-provoking activities.

## STUDENT AMBASSADOR ASSEMBLIES

Hear from our student ambassadors as they share their cultures, experiences and what belonging means to them.

## LUNCHTIME CONVERSATION CARDS

Try out new languages, learn key phrases and start conversations with others.

## CULTURES MESSAGE BOARD

Share your thoughts, celebrate your heritage and leart from the RGTS community.

## TRADITIONAL MUSIC & FOOD

Enjoy a range of traditional music and food on our special day.

## TRADITIONAL DRESS DAY

FRIDAY 23 OCTOBER

Wear traditional clothing or something that represents your culture or heritage.

LET'S FILL RGTS WITH COLOUR, PRIDE AND IDENTITY!




CELEBRATE DIVERSITY | PROMOTE RESPECT | BUILD BELONGING | EMPOWER VOICES

You belong here.
You matter here.
You are RGTS.