FAMILIES BULLETIN
05 Sept

Welcome to the first edition of our Families bulletin which will come out to you every Friday and will contain key information and guidance for all families. We will always have a lead article aimed at most families followed by items that are more targeted towards families of young people in different year groups. Do give us your feedback so that we can improve the bulletin over time by emailing info@rgtrustschool.net with the title Families Bulletin Feedback.

Welcome back to all families, I do hope you have enjoyed the sunshine this summer and had some relaxation. At RGTS we have had a busy summer. We hosted our most successful summer school to date with our new Year 7 students over August.





We had two results days with our Year 13 and Year 11. The average grade achieved across the sixth form was a Distinction and the success here means that we have students going to university in the Autumn at some exciting new places. Some of our success stories include:



Bibav achieved outstanding results of D*D*D* in Engineering and is now preparing to further his studies in Electronics at Southampton University.



Adam achieved an outstanding set of DDD in Business and Finance and is now preparing to study Business Management at Queen Mary University of London.



Shashank proudly celebrates achieving grade 8 or above in all of his GCSE subjects and is now planning to continue his studies at either Newham Collegiate Sixth Form or London Academy of Excellence Stratford



Jasmine proudly celebrates achieving grade 7 or above in six of her GCSE subjects and is now set to continue her academic journey at Thomas Tallis School, where she plans to study Biology, Chemistry, Maths and Drama

Core Expectations

We have introduced our amended core expectations to all students this week. All of our students will become use to this language and expectation over time. Staff and student voice was used to formulate our core values, and we feel they encapsulate what we want for our students: you want them to learn, to be safe and kind.



Start of the school day

Arrival – The school gates will be opened from 8:15am.

Students must be in school by **8:35am**.

Late to school:
It is essential that students arrive at school on time. Students arriving after 8:40am will be issued with a late mark which will result in a 30-minutes detention, unless a valid reason is provided by families through a signed note in the planner or a call to the absence line.



Absences

Unplanned absences:

- In the event of an unplanned absence such as illness or unforeseen family emergency, the parent/carer will need to phone the school on 0208 312 5480 Option 1 (Years 7-11) or Option 2 (Year 12 & 13) by 8:30am.

- If a member of staff is unable to take the call, please leave a message on the answer phone. Please clearly state your child's name, tutor group and reason for absence when leaving a voicemail.

- If no call or message is received regarding your child's absence then the Attendance Team will contact you via school comms text message service, by phone call or by email.

- Please book medical appointments out of school hours, we know you will want your child in school already to learn and succeed.

- Planned absence - The school does not authorise long term absence as the norm, however, in an emergency or the very rarest occasion. If it is needed please, then advance notice must be given in writing to the attendance team so an appropriate response can be provided. If the parent/carer is applying for a leave of absence, then they must do so via a leave of absence application form followed up by a letter to be considered for authorisation by the Headteacher.

Asma Khan
Head of School

Upcoming Dates

Date	Event	Year Group	Time
Thursday 18th September	Year 8 & 9 Information Evening	Year 8 & 9	6:00pm - 7:00pm
Thursday 25th September	Year 11 Information Evening	Year 11	6:00pm - 7:00pm
Thursday 25th September	Year 13 Information Evening	Year 13	6:00pm - 7:00pm

Year 7

Dear Families,

It is with great excitement that we welcome our new Year 7 students to the Royal Greenwich Trust School community. Starting secondary school is an important milestone, and we are committed to ensuring that every child feels settled, supported, and inspired as they begin their RGTS journey.

At RGTS, our core values of Responsibility, Grit, Teamwork, and Success underpin everything we do. From the moment students arrive each morning, we expect them to demonstrate responsibility through their actions, to show grit in the face of challenges, to work together as part of a supportive community, and to celebrate success in every step of their learning and personal growth. This term, we will be focusing particularly on our shared expectations of calm corridors, correct uniform, and a positive climate for learning, ensuring that our students thrive in an environment where they can achieve their very best.

To welcome our new cohort, we wanted to share a powerful reflection written last year by Destiny (9M) as she looked back on her own journey from Year 7 and 8 into Year 9. Her words capture the spirit of resilience, growth, and unity that we hope every student will experience

<u>Ceremonial Poem by Destiny (Year 9)</u>

As I stand up tall and broad and look around,
I wonder not only, about how far I've come and things
I've done but also the people who have brought me along on this run.
And I realise, that I'm not the only one, there are plenty of students like me,
That will definitely agree on how we came to be,
On how we 've become a team, a family.
We grew through tests and awkward years,
Through midnight talks and teacher walks over tears
Open-hearted fears if no one nears to hold
Our hand in order to take us back to land.
I've come here to tell every single one of you
That you should be proud and loud on how
You've been singled out to receive a reward and I would
Love for you all to know that through the ache of change, we grow,
Beyond the limits we once did know.
The past whispers, but the future calls
And in that voice, we break our walls.
RGTS is a victorious step in our journey that teaches us to be closer to others
And
In the halls where dreams are born,
A quiet strength begins to form.
It's in the hearts of those who fight,
Not for the win, but for what's right.
Responsibility, a helping hand,
To guide us through, to help us stand.
We rise, we stumble, we learn, we grow,
In every step, the memories we sow.
Through every test, through every student life,
Grit fuels the heart, ignites the light.
When the test is long, and the class feels cold,
It's the courage within that makes us bold.
Success isn't given, it's earned each day,
In the small things we do, in the words we say.
It's in the late nights and the early dawns,
In the rewards earned , and the strength that spawns.
But it's not just one, it's all of us here,
Together we rise, together we cheer.
When we lift each other, we stand so tall,
For together we soar, and together we fall.
Teamwork is the bridge that leads us on,
With every hand held, we carry our wrongs.
When we push and pull, when we give and take,
It's the power of unity that makes us great.
So let us walk, side by side,
With responsibility as our guide.
With grit in our hearts and success in our hands,
Together we'll rise, together we'll stand.
In this place, we learn to fly,
With hope in our hearts, we reach for the sky.
In RGTS together we'll bond. Thank you for listening.
And allowing me to take you along.
Please do give your child a pat on the back as they really do deserve that.

If you need to get in contact regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact either Mrs Sirso, Head of Year 7 on Sirso.V@rgtrustschool.net or myself on Houston.E@rgtrustschool.net.

Emer Houston - Assistant Headteacher (Year 7)
Vidhya Sirso - Head of Year 7

Years 8 & 9

As we embark on another academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to share our vision and expectations for Year 8 and Year 9 students at our school. At the heart of our educational philosophy are our core values: Respect, Grit, Teamwork, and Success. These principles guide our students not only in their academic pursuits but also in their personal development and interactions with one another.

For our Year 9 students, this year marks a significant milestone as they begin their journey towards selecting their GCSE options. This process is an exciting opportunity for them to consider their interests and aspirations, and to explore subjects that will shape their future academic and career pathways. We will provide comprehensive guidance and support to help them make informed decisions, ensuring they are well-prepared for the challenges ahead.

I would also like to invite you to our forthcoming **Year 8 and 9 Information Evening on 18th September**. This event will provide an overview of the curriculum and give insights into what to expect throughout the year. It will be a valuable opportunity for you to learn more about our educational offerings and how we can work together to support your child's education.

As we proceed through the year, I encourage you to engage with your child about their experiences, aspirations, and the choices they will be making. Together, we can support them in embodying our core values as they navigate their educational journey.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Let us work together to ensure a successful and fulfilling year for our Year 8 and Year 9 students.

If you need to get in contact regarding your child, then please contact Mr Marshall, Head of Year 8 on Marshall.S@rgtrustschool.net or Miss Ihezie, Head of Year 9 on Ihezie.b@rgtrustschool.net and myself on Nott.C@rgtrustshool.net.

Chris Nott
Assistant Headteacher (Year 8 & 9)

Years 10 & 11

As we move into another academic year, I wish to take this moment to outline our aspirations and expectations for our Year 10 and Year 11 students.

In Year 10, students will commence their GCSE subjects, marking a pivotal step in their academic journey. We are dedicated to providing the support and resources needed to help them succeed in their chosen courses. This year will set the foundation for their GCSE exams in Year 11, and we will prioritise equipping them with effective study habits and exam techniques to maximise their potential.

Additionally, Year 10 students will have the opportunity to participate in Work Experience. This invaluable experience allows them to gain practical insights into the working world and explore potential career pathways. We encourage students to actively engage in this process, as it will prepare them for the transition to further education or the workforce.

To support our Year 11 students, we will host a **Year 11 Information Evening on 25th September**. This event will provide vital information regarding the GCSE examination process, key dates, and how parents can help support their children during this critical year. I highly encourage all families to attend, as it will offer a great opportunity to ask questions and gain insights into helping your child navigate their final year of secondary education. Sign up information for this event will be shared next week in the families bulletin.

As they prepare for their GCSE examinations, we will also be offering guidance and strategies to help manage the stresses that can accompany this stage. Our goal is to ensure your child feels supported and well-prepared for their next steps.

If you need to get in contact regarding your child, then please contact for Ms Senior, Head of Year 10 on Senior.D@rgtrustschool.net or Mr Dalby, Head of Year 11 on Dalby.B@rgtrustchool.net and myself on Drumm.E@rgtrustschool.net.

Eoin Drumm
Assistant Headteacher (Year 10 & 11)

Travel Disruption

Extension of Cycleway 4

We have received notification of upcoming works in the surrounding area, scheduled to commence in the Autumn Term.

A new extension of Cycleway 4 will establish a continuous, segregated cycle route between Greenwich and Woolwich. This initiative aims to enhance safety on our streets and improve public spaces, thereby encouraging greater use of walking and cycling. The construction is set to begin in the summer of 2025, with an anticipated completion date in 2027.

Families can access further information about the works through the following link (https://tfl.gov.uk/travel-information/improvements-and-projects/cycleway-4-extension).

While we do not have a specific date for the commencement of the works at this time, we will ensure that we keep you informed of any developments as we receive them.

Scheduled TFL Strikes

Tube and DLR strikes - September 2025
Strikes are planned on the Tube and DLR between 7 and 12 September. If they go ahead, we expect services will be disrupted.

- On Sunday 7 September, there will be disruption across the Tube, with limited services running

- From Monday 8 to Thursday 11 September 2025, Tube services will be severely disrupted, with little to no service expected

- On Tuesday 9 and Thursday 11 September 2025, there will also be no service on the DLR

If you need to travel, other TfL services, including the Elizabeth line, London Overground and trams, will be running normally but are likely to be extremely busy. At times, they may not be able to stop at stations shared with the Tube.

We would advise that you and your child plan your journeys as all travel routes will become congrested.