FAMILIES BULLETIN
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Seneca Learning
A Quick Guide for Parents

Why homework matters



Homework is an important mechanism for additional practice, revision and consolidation of what is learned in lessons

Students who regularly complete homework assignments are far more likely to leave school with good grades.

What is Seneca Learning?

Seneca Learning is an online larning and revision platform that helps students learn new material, pratise what they have learned and prepare for tests and exams.

Students work through short explanations, interactive questions and recieve instant feedback. Seneca encourages students to recall information regularly, helping them identify areas where they need more practice.

Find homework timetables



You can find the homework timetables on the RGTS website. Each timetable explains when homework is set and collected for each subject

Checking this and asking your child what homework they have can help you guide them towards completing their assignments.

How you can help at home



Create a regular routine

Choose a time each evening when homework must be completed. Homework should be completed in a quiet uncluttered space with no access to unnessessary devices e.g. phones.



Use rewards or incentives

For example, insist that homework is completed before they are allowed to watch TV or play.

Subjects at RGTS using Seneca



History



Geography



Music



Drama



English

How to access Seneca using Microsoft

Students can access Seneca using their school Microsoft account through Single Sign-On (SSO).

1 Go to Seneca



Open the Seneca Learning website and select **Log in.**

2 Choose Microsoft

Microsoft

Select **Sign in with Microsoft.**

3 Use the school account

Enter your child's school Microsoft email and password

4 Start Learning!

Once logged in, your child should see their Seneca courses and any assignments set by their teachers.

More information

The following webpage explains the login process in more detail: Seneca Support

Tom Needham
Assistant Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Date	Event	Year Group	Timings
Thursday 1st October	Early Dismissal for Students	All	Years 7, 10, 11 -1.15pm Years 8, 9 - 1.30pm Years 12,13 - 1.25pm
Thursday 1st October	Year 6 Open Evening	All (Student Volunteers)	4-6.30pm
Thursday 8th October	How to Revise Evening	11	4-6pm
Thursday 8th October	Sixth Form Open Evening	11	4-7pm
Thursday 15th October	Year 7 Meet the Tutor Event	7	4-7pm
Friday 23rd October	Cultural Dress Day	All	All Day
Friday 20th November	INSET Day (School Closed for Students)	All	All Day
Thursday 3rd December	Year 11 Parents' Evening	11	4-7pm

Early Closure - Thursday 1st October 2026

The school will close earlier on Thursday 1st October 2026 to allow our staff to prepare for our annual Open Evening.

Our Open Evening is an important opportunity for prospective families to visit the school, meet our staff and students, and experience first-hand the high expectations, opportunities and welcoming culture that we are proud to offer.

Dismissal times

The dismissal time for each year group canb be found below.

Year Group	Dismissal Time
Years 7, 10, 11	1.15pm
Years 8, 9	1.30pm
Years 12, 13	1.25pm



All students will have the opportunity to have lunch before they are dismissed.

Some of our students will be supporting the event as student ambassadors. Families of students who volunteer will receive a separate communication with further information, including arrangements for the evening.

Emer Houston
Assistant Headteacher

Year 7 Meet the Tutor Event - Thursday 15th October 2026

Bookings are now live

Book your appointment

Appointments are now live and can be booked through the Arbor App.



Need help?

If you are having any difficulties making a booking, please contact the school office and we will be happy to support you.

Why this event matters

Meeting your child's tutor is an important opportunity to discuss how they are settling into secondary school and their progress so far. We can also support with any questions or concerns you may have.

Working Together

Strong communication between home and school helps ensure every student is support to thrive at RGTS.



We look forward to seeing you

Please book your appointment via Arbor and join us for this important opportunity to meet your child's tutor.

Scott Gardner
Executive Assistant and Office Manager

Year 11 at the Woolwich Works Futures Fair

A Fantastic day of inspiration and opportunity

Our Year 11 students had the opportunity to explore a diverse range of career pathways, apprenticeships, colleges and further education opportunities, gaining valuable insight into the options available to them beyond Year 11.

Making Connections

Students engaged with employers and education providers.

Exploring Possibilities

Students asked thoughtful questions and began to shape their aspirations for the future.

Brighter Futures

The event helped students make informed and confident decisions about their next steps.













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TIME 4-6PM

Yr11 How to Revise MASTERCLASS

PARENTS & CARERS EVENING



This informative evening is designed to equip parents with practical strategies, guidance, and resources to help their child achieve their full potential in Year 11 and prepare for life beyond GCSEs.

What Makes RGTS Special? - Year 8 Student Voice

For our Year 8 students, school is about more than lessons and results. Is it about feeling seen, knowing that you belong, and recognising just how far you can progress.

We asked three Year 8 students to reflect on their experiences at Royal Greenwich Trust School special. Their responses highlighted three powerful themes: **validation**, **belonging** and academic progress.

I feel like my teachers see me

"Teachers notice when you've done something well and they tell you. It makes you feel proud of yourself and makes you want to keep going. Even when something is difficult, you feel like someone believes you can"



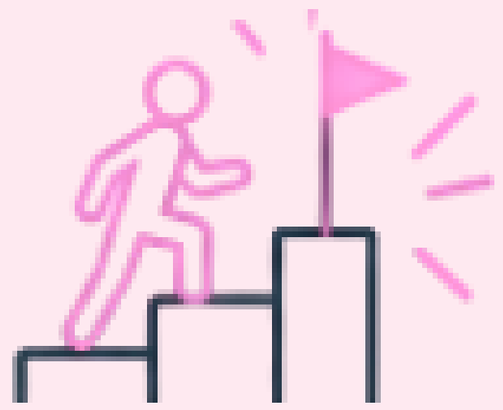
I feel like I belong here

"I like that can be yourself here. You have your friends, your teachers and people who support you. You don't feel like you're on your own."



I can see that I'm making progress

"I've realised that I can improve if I keep working at something. When you look back at what you could do before and what you can do now, you can see the difference. It makes you want to achieve more."



This is an important part of the Year 8 experience: understanding that progress is not always about getting everything right immediately. It is about effort, resilence and recognising that learning develops over time.

At Royal Greenwich Trust School, our Year 8 students feel valued, find a sense of belonging and see themselves making progress both as learners and as young people.

Vidhya Sirso
Head of Year 8

Year 11: Mocks, Revision and Masterclasses

With the November mock examinations getting closer, our message to Year 11 students remains simple: start early, revise regularly and make full use of every opportunity for support.



November mock examinations

Year 11 mock examinations will take place from Monday 2nd November to Friday 13th November.

Students should now be revising regularly at home. Short, focused revision sessions completed consistently are much more effective than trying to do everything last minute.

How families can help

- Ask your child to show you their mock examination timetable. Students will receive this on Monday 28th September.
- Check that they have started a regular revision routine.
- Ask what they are currently revising in each subject.
- Check that they have the right revision guides and resources.
- Encourage them to speak to their subject teacher straight away if they are unsure what to revise or are missing resources.
- Reinforce the importance of excellent attendance and punctuality.
- Make sure they attend any Masterclasses or other academic support they have been assigned.

Five things every Year 11 student should be doing now

1: Attend school every day and arrive on time.

2: Revise regularly rather than leaving it until the last minute.

3: Attend every Masterclass or intervention they have been assigned.

4: Ask for help quickly if there is something you do not understand,

5: Use your revision guides, lesson resources and teacher support fully.

Year 11 Masterclasses

We had an extremely strong start to our Year 11 Masterclass programme this week, with English, Maths and Science sessions already underway. Attendance has been excellent, and we would like to thank students and families for their support.

All Year 11 Masterclasses will begin in full next week.

We will write to all parents and carers with an overview of the Masterclasses their child is required to attend.

Masterclasses normally run from 3.10pm until 4.00pm, and attendance is compulsory for students who have been allocated a place.

Students are selected for Masterclasses because we have identified an area where additional teaching, practice or support will help them make further progress. It is therefore extremely important that students attend every session they are assigned.

Masterclass schedule

Day	Masterclasses
Monday	Maths, Sociology, History and Spanish.
Tuesday	English and Health and Social Care.
Thursday	Business, Computer Science, Drama, Food, RE, Science, Sport and Art.
Friday (morning)	Geography - 7.45am

Please note: Geography Masterclass takes place on Friday morning at 7.45am, rather than at the usual after-school Masterclass time.

Please check the communication sent home carefully so that you and your child know which sessions they are expected to attend and on which days. Students only need to attend the Masterclasses to which they have been allocated.



The work students put in over the coming weeks will make a significant difference to how confidently they approach their November mocks and, ultimately, their final GCSE examinations.

Thank you to parents and carers for continuing to support us in keeping Year 11 focused, organised and working hard.

Eoin Drumm
Assistant Headteacher

Year 11: Post-16 Pathways

An exciting time for Year 11

It is an exciting time for Year 11 as students explore their post-16 options. This week, we welcomed Rita Stibbe, Head of Sixth Form at The John Roan School, who delivered an assembly about the different courses and opportunities available there.

Futures Fair at Woolwich Works

On Tuesday, we took the entire Year 11 cohort to the Futures Fair at Woolwich Works. Students were able to speak to a wide range of professionals and representatives from educational institutions. Some of our students were interviewed at the event and gave mature and thoughtful responses to the questions they were asked. Feedback from students was positive with many expressing excitment about the opportunities they had discovered.

What's next?

Alongside the daily guidance we provide, our next two assemblies will feature visits from Plumstead Manor and Shooters Hill College. Our students are growing in awareness and confidence about their options with each passing week.

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
Eltham Hill School	Thursday 8th October	5pm to 7pm	Adult must attend.
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 Tuesday 2nd March Saturday 25th June	5.30pm to 7.30pm 5.30pm to 7.30pm 10am to 1pm	
Plumstead Manor	Thursday 5th November	5pm to 8pm	External students from 6pm Book tickets on Eventbrite
Royal Greenwich Trust School	Thursday 8th October	4pm to 7pm	Book on our website.
Shooters Hill College	Wednesday 7th October Wednesday 4th November Wednesday 13th January 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.
Leigh Stationers' Academy	Thursday 1st October	4.30pm to 7pm	Book online.
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. Must wear school uniform.

Ben Dalby
Head of Year 11