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RGS GUILDFORD
A TERM IN TWEETS

IMAGES WHICH CELEBRATE AND CAPTURE
THE LAST FEW MONTHS AT THE RGS



Social media provides a fly-on-the-wall snapshot into different people's worlds and, at a time where our community has been necessarily separated and isolated, it has provided a powerful way of uniting us. Whether it has been images of online lessons or activities, school buildings in the snow and sun, or the community engaging remotely in various challenges, these photographs have kept us together, brought a smile to our faces, and reminded us just how close-knit the RGS community is. *A Term in Tweets* provides a chronological series of snapshots of these extraordinary last few months. We hope in years to come these images can serve – against the backdrop of tragedy and huge sacrifice – to also remind us of the power of positivity, good humour and cohesion.



RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Dec 31, 2020

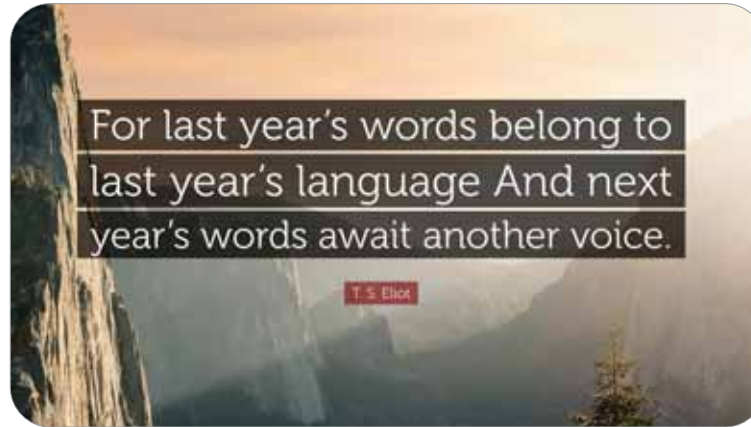
[#RGSGuildford](#) Following the recently announced *Government Guidance for Schools*, arrangements for the start of Lent Term 2021 have now been emailed to all parents.





RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Jan 4, 2021

[#RGSGuildford](#) Welcome back to remote RGS after the Christmas break. Don't forget it is the same staff, same students, same inspiration; just a different location once again. [#RGSTogether](#) [#MondayMotivation](#)



RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Jan 4, 2021

[#RGSTogether](#) Driving meaningful change. Building a truly anti-racist, inclusive culture starts with gathering honest, unfiltered feedback. Delighted to welcome [@flairimpact](#) for our Staff Inset.

Flair



RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Jan 5, 2021

[#RGSGuildford](#) Welcome back for the start of the Lent Term. Our gates may be closed but our minds are very much open. As a community, we remain absolutely committed to inspiring, engaging, challenging & supporting each & every student, physically or virtually. [#RGSTogether](#)

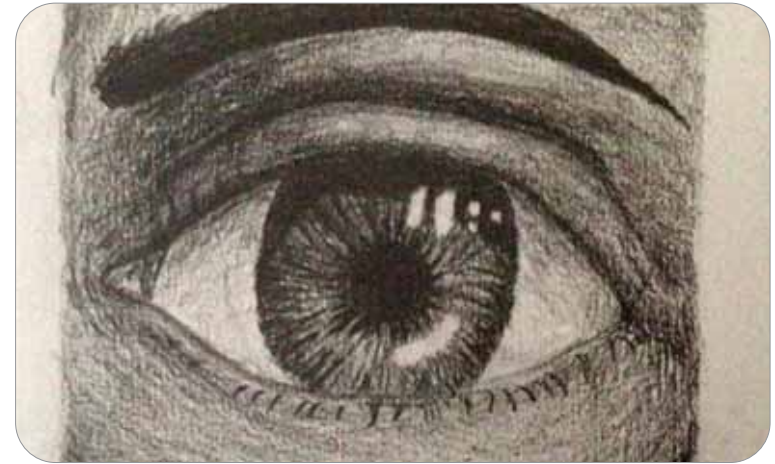




RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Jan 12, 2021
 #RGSGuildford Tutor time this morning as a Second Form Tutor Group unites remotely from throughout Surrey & beyond: positivity, chat & smiles the order of the day! #RGSTogether



RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Jan 14, 2021
 #RGSArt Lockdown cannot stop an artist! What a stunning drawing of an eye with such sensitive rendering by Second Form student, Dylan. #RGSTogether



RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Jan 14, 2021
 #RGSImages We are really missing having students physically in school. Not so sure the students are missing Bradstone Brook on a bleak, wet, grey Wednesday! #RGSTogether



RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Jan 15, 2021
 #RGSGuildford Fantastic response to the First Form cooking challenge set by Mrs Rathmell to her Tutor Group as boys prepared a meal for their family, & even did the washing up afterwards! #RGSTogether





RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Jan 18, 2021

#RGSGuildford Great way to start the (freezing!) week. Early morning fitness workout for junior boys with Mr Mullon, 21st-century, remote style: kitchen floor, Surface, & 30 minutes of intense exercise!



RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Jan 21, 2021

#RGSMusic A fantastic way to start the day: a modern-day, lockdown music rehearsal as perfect harmony is achieved from throughout Surrey and beyond! **#RGSTogether**



RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Jan 22, 2021

#RGSVolunteering Thanks to all those boys who willingly gave their time to entertain residents of Pilgrim Wood Residential Home with quizzes, music, magic & much more! **#RGSTogether**



RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Jan 15, 2021

#RGSsailing First Virtual Reality sailing match: not quite the same as being out on the open waters but, remotely, just about the best next thing!





RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Jan 24, 2021

#RGSSport The return of virtual sports fixtures & this time, with no sidelines to spectate from, parents are participants too! Get out & enjoy 3km with your son, to make your debut for the RGS!



RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Jan 24, 2021

#RGSSport A huge well done & thank you to the nearly 200 RGS families which took part in the inter-schools fixture. The photos, screenshots & positive comments gave a real sense of connection and community.





RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Jan 22, 2021 ⋮
[#RGSGuildford](#) Just fantastic to finish the week with blue skies & sunshine! Enjoy exercise, fresh air, & a break from screens this weekend. [#RGSTogether](#)



RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Jan 24, 2021 ⋮
[#RGSGuildford](#) What a difference two days make! Happy snowy Sunday from the RGS. [#RGSTogether](#)





RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Jan 28, 2021

#RGSSport Mr Wilkes & Mr Mullon perfectly in sync both in exercises & in kit during today's PE lesson recording! HIIT, SAQ & foam rolling sessions coming soon!



RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Jan 29, 2021

#RGSYE Congratulations @Firefly_Tech1 for winning Best Report Award @youngenterprise Dragons Den competition for their *Do Not Disturb* signs & @growful_co for winning Best Elevator Pitch Award.





RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Jan 29, 2021

#RGSGuildford With today's half day focused on refresh, recharge & take an extended break from screen time in daylight hours, good luck to all our staff & students with the RGS Step Challenge! #RGSTogether

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**Step
Challenge**



#RGSTogether

One School. One Afternoon. One Challenge.

Friday 29 January from 12.30pm

How many Steps can you record in just one single day? Walk, jog, sprint, climb: it's up to you! Just get outside – come rain, come shine – and keep those feet movin'. Wear your RGS kit with pride. Screenshot from your mobile phone required as evidence. Who will step up to the challenge? Please read the small print!



RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Jan 29, 2021
 #RGSGuildford Exercise & getting some much-needed mental peace take all sorts of forms: meditative, contemplative, reflective, & simply muddy! #RGSTogether



RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Jan 29, 2021
 #RGSGuildford *Mens sana in corpore sano* (a healthy mind in a healthy body): an afternoon to refresh, recharge & enjoy the stunning Surrey countryside. #RGSTogether



RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Jan 29, 2021
 #RGSGuildford Fancy bumping into you (socially-distanced & adhering-to-government-guidelines, of course)...! RGS staff & students enjoy sunshine, fresh air & exercise this afternoon. #RGSTogether



RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Jan 29, 2021
 #RGSGuildford Dogs throughout Surrey & beyond have also benefited from today's half day: it's so important to stay pawisitive during lockdown. #RGSTogether





RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Jan 30, 2021

#RGSGuildford Tutor Group 1L has focused on learning new skills including origami, rock painting, lighting a fire, DIY, sign language, juggling, photography, card tricks etc.



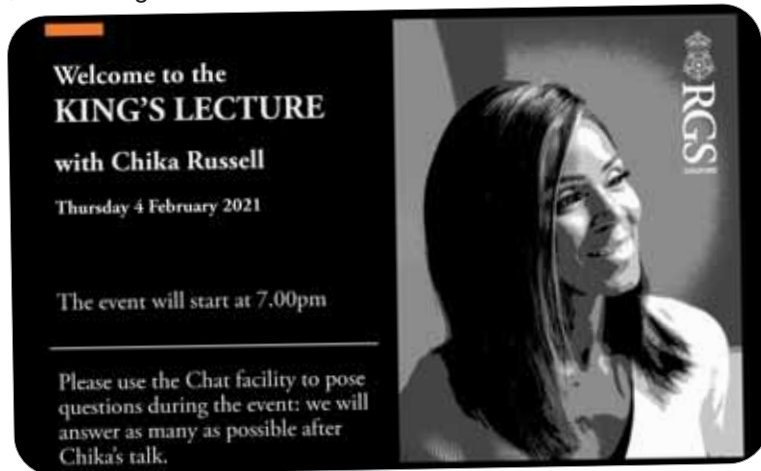
RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Feb 3, 2021

#RGSChess Mr Foster conducted simultaneous chess matches against a number of RGS students. Despite a phenomenal display of flexibility & concentration, he was defeated 3 - 6.



RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Feb 4, 2021

#RGSKingsLecture Really looking forward to welcoming [@ChikaRussell_](#) for this term's online lecture as she speaks this evening on Overcoming diversity & being included.



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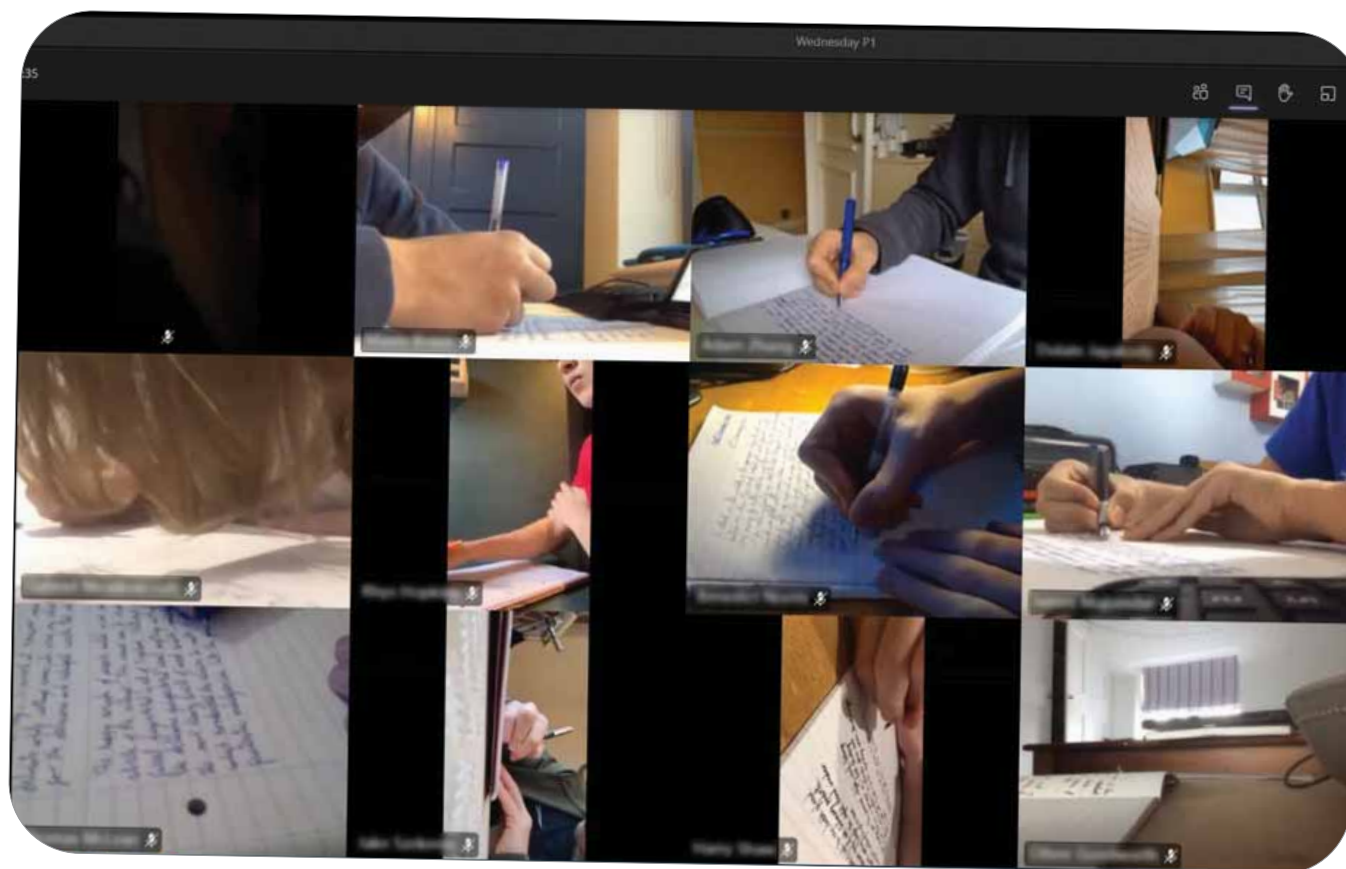
#RGSArt Remote learning no barrier to creativity, as junior boys focus on agamographs: a series of images that change at different angles, named after the Israeli sculptor, Yaacov Agam.





RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Feb 3, 2021

[#RGSGuildford](#) Unashamedly combining the very best of tradition & 21st-century innovation: creative writing & composition produced on lined paper with a pen, viewed by the teacher remotely.





RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Feb 7, 2021
[#RGSCharity](#) For authenticity (!) the snow has started falling for the Everest challenge as Austen House take steps to raise money for [@SOS_Initiatives](#). [#RGSTogether](#)

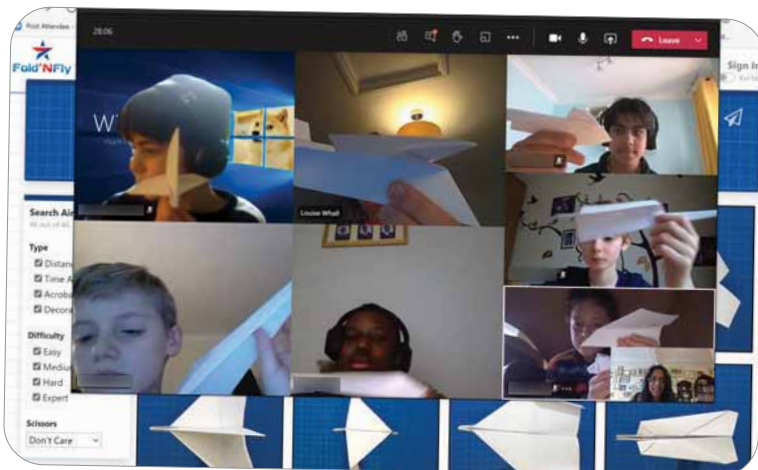


RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Feb 7, 2021
[#RGSCharity](#) Congratulations to everyone in Austen House! Mount Everest climbed in just one weekend! The £1,500 target smashed! Still time to contribute to this wonderful charity! [@SOS_Initiatives](#) [#RGSTogether](#)





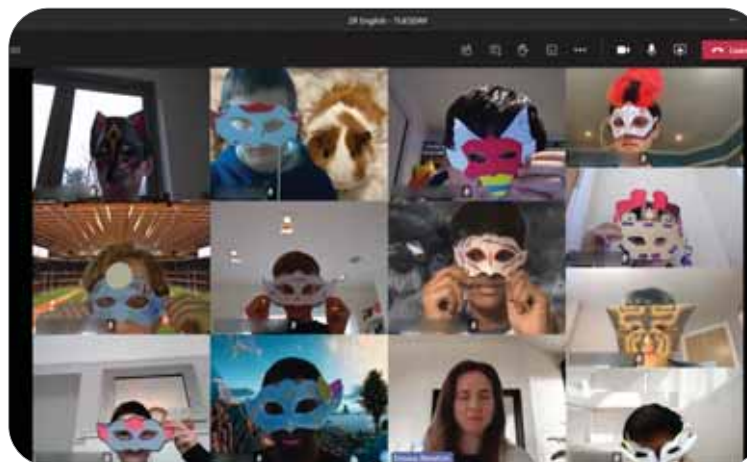
RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Feb 8, 2021
 #RGSGuildford Junior Science Club takes to the air as the science behind aviation & aerodynamics is investigated & put to the test with some pretty impressive results!



RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Feb 8, 2021
 #RGSGuildford Pride Society welcomed non-binary artist @ignatzhoch to share some of their comic series, Everything is Somewhat Repaired: experiences as a member of the LGBTQ community.



RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Feb 9, 2021
 #RGSGuildford Second Form students have been making masquerade ball masks in English to complement their study of Much Ado About Nothing: impressive creativity!





RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Feb 9, 2021

[#RGSImages](#) Regrettably, not convinced that we can justify that today should be a snow day... [#snowchance](#)



RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Feb 9, 2021

[#RGSGuildford](#) A moody, atmospheric & snowy Bradstone Brook as light slips away this afternoon. [@RGSGPE](#)





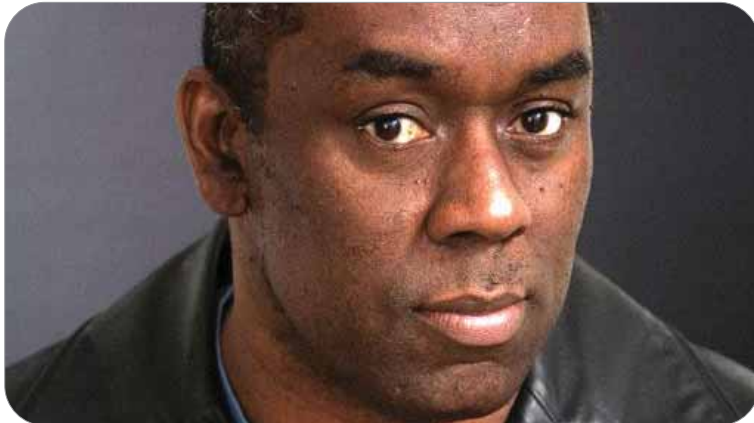
RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Feb 9, 2021
#RGSGreen Aradhya represented @RGSGuildford at the inaugural UK @EcoSchools meeting: part of a movement for real, student-led environmental change in the UK.



RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Feb 10, 2021
#RGSImages What a difference 24 hours makes! Beautiful sunset over the Old Building and Sixth Form Centre this evening.



RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Feb 11, 2021
#RSGuildford Author, DJ & reggae lyricist @brixtonbard shared his inspirational journey to becoming an award-winning writer. Great messages: overcoming adversity, self improvement, believing in your abilities.



RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Feb 11, 2021
#RSGuildford Thanks to author, slam poet & comedian @harrybakerpoet for sharing his experiences of becoming the youngest ever Poetry World Slam Champion. Fantastic advice for aspiring performance poets.

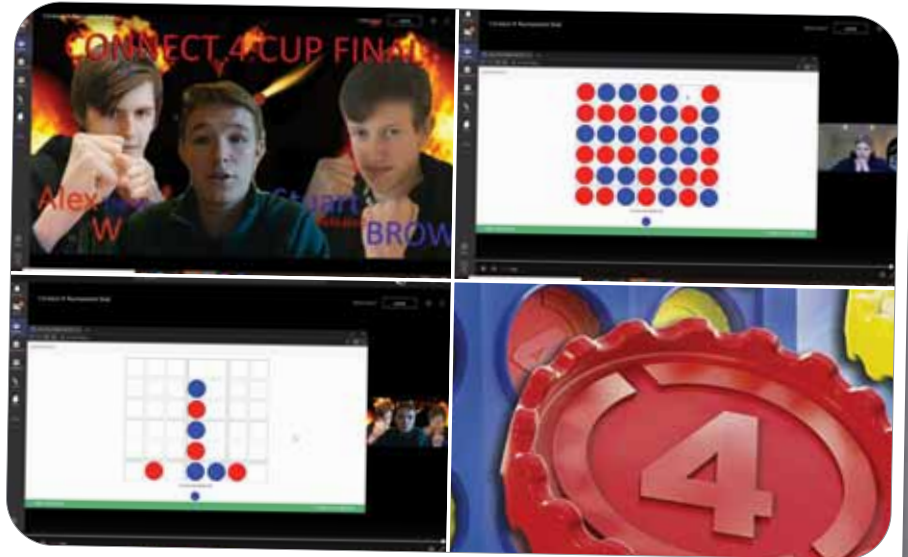




RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Feb 11, 2021
#RGSGuildford 140 competitors. Staff & students. 7 gruelling rounds. Exhilarating success & abject failure. The last 2 standing battle it out in a winner-takes-all final to be crowned Connect 4 Champion.



RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Feb 11, 2021
#RGSGuildford Simply unbearable tension! Silence reigns over houses throughout Surrey & beyond, as no-one dares draw breath...and the winner of the RGS Connect 4 Cup 2021 is Alex "The Warrior" Watson!





RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Feb 12, 2021

[#RGSAcademic](#) In the British Physics Olympiad, six students progressed to Round 2 securing 4 Top Golds, one Gold & a Distinction in the Astro Challenge: incredible results for RGS Physicists!





RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Feb 12, 2021

#RGSGuildford Debates at this week's Model United Nations Society: the treatment of Uyghur people in China & sustainable energy in the Arctic. Mature, sophisticated, insightful arguments.



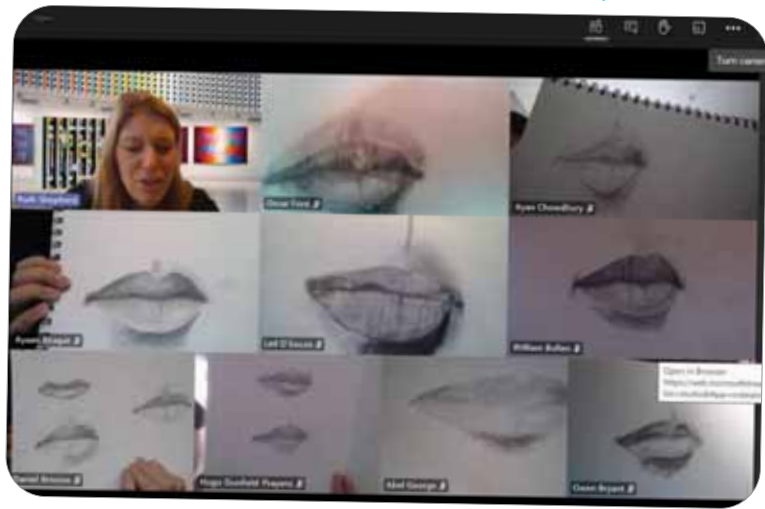
RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Feb 12, 2021

#RGSGuildford A touching *au revoir* or goodbye as Head of MFL & passionate beekeeper Madame Tournier goes on maternity leave. We're sure she'll miss the buzz of teaching...



RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Feb 13, 2021

#RGSArt Some fantastic, nuanced pencil-drawn, self-portraits from our Second Form students this week. #strikepose



RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Feb 14, 2021

#RGSArt Congratulations to the winners of the Smoothey Art Competition with the theme of Change, including Joshua Inglefield for his Warhol-style toilet roll series.





RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Feb 15, 2021
 #RGSGOG RGS Breakfast Club is live! An online thought leadership series: your opportunity to tap into the ideas, experience and expertise of the incredible RGS global network. #RGSPassitOn

In the Thick of It:
 Tim Smith OG 2008 Special Adviser
 Online | 6.30 - 7.30pm | Wed 10 March

Balance Work & Fatherhood:
 Ian Dinwiddy CEO of Inspiring Dads
 Online | 6.30 - 7.30pm | Tue 27 April

The Bravest Path:
 Gareth Davies OG 1999 Motivational Speaker
 Online | 6.30 - 7.30pm | Tue 21 Sep

the RGS Breakfast Club

PASS IT ON

Thought leadership for the RGS community



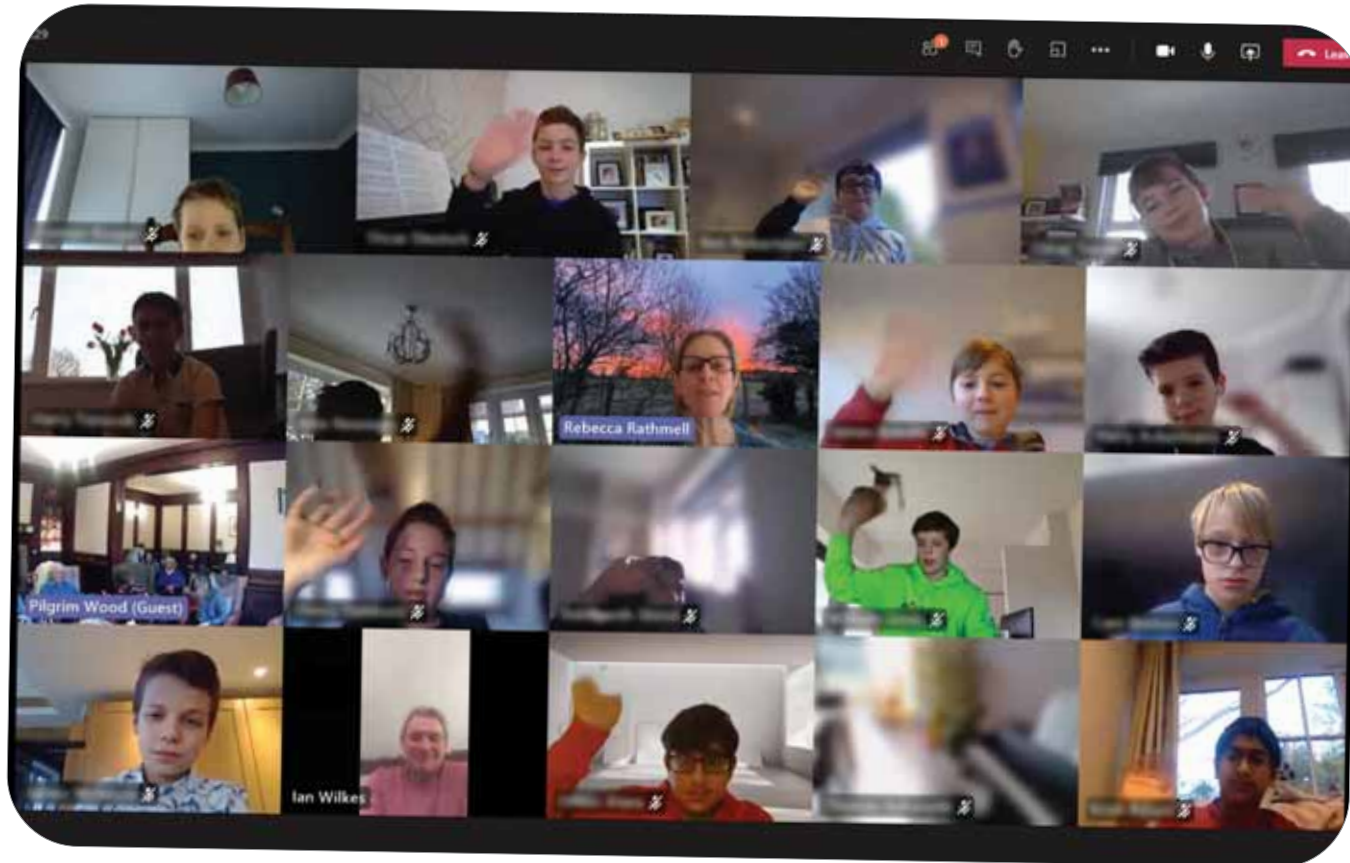
RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Feb 16, 2021
 #RGSDrama Third Form students have been designing model boxes for any novel/play of their choice this half term, with some impressive, innovative results.





RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Feb 23, 2021

[#RGSVolunteering](#) 16 boys provided virtual entertainment to the residents of Pilgrim Wood including music, poetry & quizzes. Their energy, enthusiasm & good humour were greatly appreciated. [#RGSTogether](#)





RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Feb 24, 2021
 #RGSSport Huge thanks to Dave Goodchild for his time & insight: some amazing take-home messages from a brilliant role model & an impressive athlete.



RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Feb 25, 2021
 #RGSGuildford We bid a sad farewell to RGS legend Lyn Robbins as she retires. Lyn has been the heart & soul of the School Office since 2001: endlessly friendly, smiling & supportive. You will be sorely missed, Lyn.



RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Feb 25, 2021
 #RGSGuildford We are so fortunate to have such passionate old boys who are so willing to give their time to support. Thank you! #PassItOn #RGSTogether



RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Feb 25, 2021
 #RGSGuildford We were delighted to welcome so many families to our online Offer Holders event last night as we answered questions about music, sport, induction, values & ethos. We hope you found it useful.





RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Feb 26, 2021



[#RGSImages](#) It's Friday! Perfect blue skies. The RGS grounds are looking stunning. Spring is well & truly in the air.





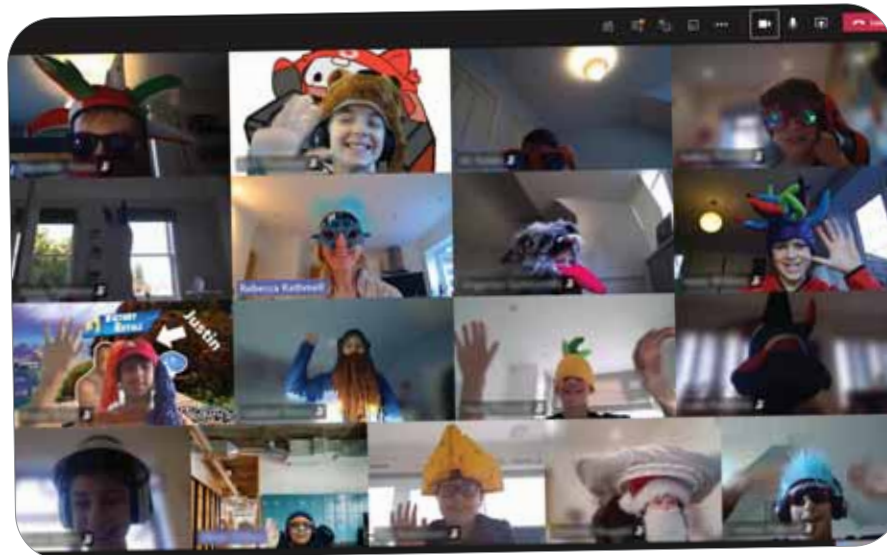
RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Feb 26, 2021

#RGSGuildford Thanks to Sam Cherry (OG '20) who delivered a fantastic talk & Q&A to Sceptics Society about studying philosophy at Oxbridge: so inspiring. #PassItOn #RGSTogether #RGSGOG



RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Feb 26, 2021

#RGSGuildford Sometimes it is simply best not to ask why...! Crazy-hat Friday. The sun is shining. The weekend is coming. The hats & smiles are both out in equal measure in a First Form Tutor Group!

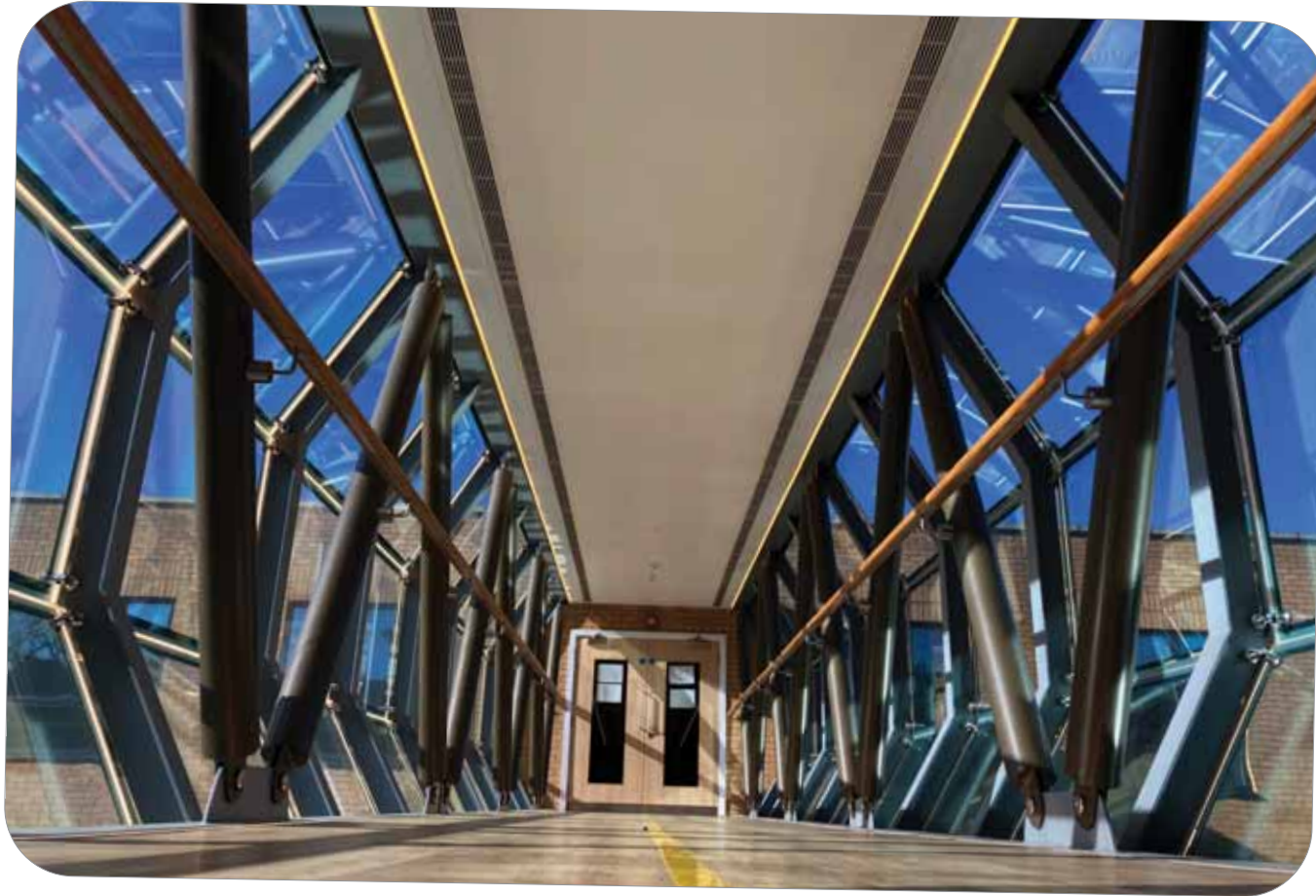




RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Mar 2, 2021



[#RGSImages](#) Electric blue sky as the John Brown Building bridge looks resplendent in the sunshine.



RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Mar 3, 2021

#RGSSport A fascinating insight into the life of an international superstar. Thank you **@Hallam_Amos** for your advice both on the world of rugby & medicine. Best of luck for the rest of the Six Nations.




RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Mar 3, 2021

#RGSAcademic In the Chemistry Olympiad, 7,160 elite students from 666 schools took the 2-hour exam. Alex achieved an exceptional & unprecedented score of 96%. An astonishing achievement.



RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Mar 4, 2021

#RGSGuildford Boys have been marking World Book Day by completing challenges, including reading in unusual places, reading a book with your pet & reading a book with a yellow cover.





RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Mar 5, 2021



[#RGSGuildford](#) A real buzz around the RGS today as our wonderful staff - support & teaching - prepare meticulously for the return of our boys to school.
[#RGSTogether](#)





RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Mar 5, 2021



[#RGSGuildford](#) Smiling faces aplenty behind their masks: you'll have to take our word for it, however! The testing continues with extraordinary efficiency & individual care. [#RGSTogether](#)





RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Mar 7, 2021
#RGSGuildford The countdown to our return to school continues.
Just 1 day to go! #RGSTogether



RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Mar 8, 2021
#RGSTogether As we mark International Women's Day, staff show their commitment to #ChooseToChallenge. A challenged world is an alert world & from challenge comes change. #IWD2021





RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Mar 8, 2021

[#RGSGuildford](#) Welcome back! With an amazing 1,900 tests undertaken so far & all the preparations & precautions firmly in place, the School is absolutely buzzing with energy, enthusiasm & chat this morning.



RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Mar 9, 2021

[#RGSGuildford](#) After being away for so long, just delighted to have [@HolroydHowe](#) & their lovely staff cook our delicious lunches for us once again!



RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Mar 9, 2021

[#RGSGuildford](#) Unashamedly enjoying normality & routine as classrooms around the School are filled once again with the buzz of discussion, debate & dynamic learning.





RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Mar 9, 2021

#RGSSport Lovely to see the boys out in the sunshine just enjoying each other's company & playing some free-flowing hockey this afternoon. @RGSGPE @RGSGHockey



RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Mar 9, 2021

#RGSSport With a physical return to school, an opportunity to focus equally on a healthy mind & a healthy body. @RGSGPE





RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Mar 10, 2021

[#RGSGuildford](#) The sciences and practical subjects have provided students with plenty of opportunities for hands-on experiments this week, including a Fifth Form class working on titration in Chemistry.



RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Mar 10, 2021

[#RGSGuildford](#) The charged dome of the Van de Graaff generator serves to stress the importance of barbers opening in Guildford as soon as humanly possible!



RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Mar 10, 2021

[#RGSMusic](#) Music practices start again in earnest as the Recital Room comes alive with the sounds of First Form strings this morning.





RGS Guildford @RGSGuildford · Mar 11, 2021



[#RGSImages](#) Friendship & support, a sense of community & camaraderie, smiling & laughing, just simply enjoying life: that is what the RGS is truly about. Great to be physically back in school. [#RGSTogether](#)



Thank you to every single individual – boys and parents, staff and governors, and the wider community alike – who have contributed so much to ensuring that despite our gates being closed for much of the term, the RGS has remained vibrant, positive and enriching: yet another illustration of the fact that far from rhetoric, #RGSTogether is a reality.

