ROYAL HOSPITAL SCHOOL

ALUMNI OFFICE

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ALUMNI TERMLY E-NEWSLETTER

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WELCOME

We're excited to bring you the very first edition of our alumni newsletter which will be landing in your inbox during half term. This new update is all thanks to the feedback you shared with us over the summer via the questionnaire we sent out. It's here to keep you in the loop with school and alumni stories, events, plus ways to stay connected. Happy reading!

If you have anything you would like to see in future editions, let us know, after all the newsletter is for you!

YEAR 12 INDUCTION DINNER

Teniola Lamidi (Howe, 2023) returned to RHS to be the speaker at the Year 12 Induction Dinner. She spoke about her journey growing up in Peckham to joining RHS as a bursary award holder through the Royal National Children's Springboard Foundation and RHS, to now studying at Royal Holloway; Teni shared powerful lessons on courage, opportunity and resilience.

She also spoke about overcoming homesickness, embracing new experiences, and learning to ask for help. Her message to our new Sixth Formers was clear: take the opportunities, be true to yourself and don't struggle alone.



ALUMNI VS. PUPIL CHESS TOURNAMENT



Saturday 27 September saw the return of the Alumni vs. Pupil Chess Tournament. The event consisted of 7 rounds; each person had a chance to play everyone who took part.

Congratulations to the winner, current pupil, Eytan and well done to all who played in such a lovely event! It was wonderful to bring together current and former pupils.



SCHOOL NEWS

TALK EDUCATION INNOVATION AWARDS 2025

Royal Hospital School has been named a finalist in the Talk Education Awards for Innovation in Education 2025 in the category of Inspiring Sporting Activities.
Read more here: https://tinyurl.com/mvw964xx

BRITISH KEELBOAT LEAGUE FINAL

The RHS Sailing team finished the British Keelboat League Final in second place! They beat the likes of the Royal Thames Yacht Club Academy, university teams from Dublin, Solent and Strathclyde and various other sailing clubs. The team achieved top three finishes in 13 of their 21 races with five race wins.
This is a truly exceptional performance from a team of very talented young sailors. They now have the opportunity to represent Great Britain in the European Sailing Champions League. Congratulations all!

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

The School's Philanthropy Committee, alongside, Rev. Kat Paige and Jo Latif hosted the Macmillian Coffee morning. Together the RHS community raised £737.94 - well done to all involved!

SECONDARY QUALITY GEOGRAPHY MARK

Our Geography department has been awarded the Secondary Quality Geography Mark by the Geographical Association for 2025-2028! This prestigious award is given to just 18 schools worldwide this year and RHS is proud to be one of only two schools in East Anglia to receive it. Over the past three years, the Geography department has worked tirelessly, providing extensive evidence to showcase the outstanding work and learning experiences the school delivers in Geography!

GREEN SKILLS SUMMIT

On Friday 10 October RHS proudly hosted the Babergh and Mid Suffolk Councils' 2025 Green Skills Summit Suffolk Climate and Green Skills Pupil Summit, facilitated by the InterClimate Network (ICN). As part of our commitment to supporting local communities and environmental education, we welcomed Year 8 and 9 pupils from 10 local schools for a day focused on collaboration, critical thinking, and climate action.
Read more here: https://tinyurl.com/3ffa4jrs

ENGLISH SCHOOL CHESS CHAMPIONSHIP

Thursday 16 October saw a group of 14 talented pupils travel to Brentwood School to take part in the English Schools Chess Championship qualifiers. It was a fantastic afternoon of strategy, focus, and friendly competition, with our players showing great skill and sportsmanship throughout.

They all played exceptionally well, team RHS A, narrowly missed out on qualification to the Regional Knockout stage. A special mention to Luke S and Vyom R who impressively won two matches out of three. Luke was chosen to play on board 1, facing the toughest opponents from each team!

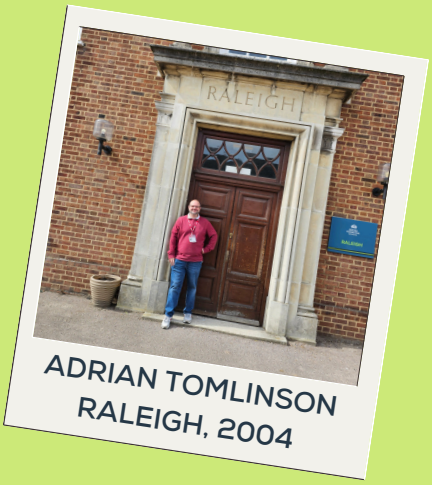


TOURS

We love welcoming alumni back to RHS so we can share the school with you. Your visits are an important part of maintaining strong connections to our alumni community. To provide the best experience for our visitors, we encourage tours during the school week and term time, allowing you to see RHS at its best and most active. If you'd like to visit, just email us - our contact details are on page 4.



CHARLES PITCHER
NELSON, 1966



ADRIAN TOMLINSON
RALEIGH, 2004



THOMAS TAM
ANSON, 2014

HAVE YOU GOT SOMETHING TO SHARE?

We love sharing your news and stories with alumni and the wider RHS Community. If you have something you would like us to share email us, we love hearing from you.

- New business start-up
- Memories from school days eg. school photos: you in your number ones, groups of friends, plays/musicals you took part in, memories of sports matches etc.
- Raising money for charity
- Reunions with school friends
- Events you are planning
- What you have been up to since leaving RHS eg. careers to date, retirement adventures
- AND anything else you would like to share with the RHS Community

E-MAILS FROM THE ALUMNI OFFICE

We are currently exploring a new format for our mailings in the hope they will look more engaging and colourful. This will be happening in the next few weeks so don't be alarmed if things have changed a little when you receive mailings from us in the coming weeks. If you have any questions, or concerns about if an email has come from the RHS Alumni Office, just let us know.

IN OTHER NEWS

ESSEX CRICKET

Congratulations to alumnus Charlie Allison (Cornwallis, 2023) who has had a fantastic season with Essex County Cricket Club. In his first season of First Class Cricket he scored 3 centuries. Charlie signed a two-year contract with Essex in October 2024 and will stay with the club until the end of the 2026 season. Well done, Charlie - we look forward to seeing what comes next!

At the end of season dinner Charlie won three awards: Men's Player of the Year, Men's Player's Player of the Year & Men's Young Player of the Year. Huge congratulations!

HEART OF EM

Did you catch our recent news story about EmJ Clark (Cornwallis, 2012) who has recently founded Heart of Em, her new floristry business. The business developed from a lifelong love of flowers and a desire to create arrangements that don't just look beautiful but carry meaning and emotion.
Read more about it here: https://tinyurl.com/HeartofEm

ATLANTIC ROW

Thank you Monty Callow (Drake, 1974) who gave us the heads up that Sqn Ldr Mark Jacklin (Anson, 1988) is taking part in the World's Toughest Row and will be rowing across the Atlantic for the second time!

Last time Mark and his team took on the challenge in 2004 they completed it in 78 days. We look forward to following the race once it starts on the 12 December: https://www.worldstoughestrow.com/the-atlantic/

This will be the second year in a row a member of the RHS alumni community has taken part in the race.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

REMEMBRANCE WEEKEND - SAT 8 & SUN 9 NOVEMBER
Book here: https://www.trybooking.com/uk/FGCG

LES MISÉRABLES PERFORMANCES - WED 26, THURS 27 & FRI 28 NOVEMBER
Book here: https://tinyurl.com/RHSLesMisPerformance

LES MISÉRABLES PRE-SHOW DINNER & PERFORMANCE - SAT 29 NOVEMBER
Book here: https://tinyurl.com/RHSLesMisDinner

FRIENDS OF RHS CHRISTMAS FAYRE - SAT 6 DECEMBER: 10:00 - 16:00
No need to book, just turn up. The event takes place in the assembly hall, parking on parade ground.

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