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# Rendlesham House



## From the HM



*“February is the border between winter and spring.” — Terri Guillemets*

We come to the end of a jam-packed half-term. The boys in Rendlesham have once again gone above and beyond, participating in a plethora of activities around Rendlesham and the College; they can be proud of their efforts. Rendlesham is the talk of the town at the moment, and I encourage the pupils to continue in this vein!

The term started with Wellbeing Week, and the boys quickly got involved in the initiatives organised by the Wellbeing Ambassadors. The pyjama day was well received, and the boys enjoyed being in relaxed wear during their lessons. The highlight of the week was the House Bake Off! Our bakers' amazing efforts were rewarded with first place as they put forward the best spread for the judging panel. Harry Wilmer was rewarded as the best baker in Rendlesham for his scrumptious banoffee pie.

Also in the first week was Junior House Hockey. The boys quickly came together and scored some great goals across the A and B sections, with Rendlesham placing third at the end of the event. It was a strong start to the hockey season, especially for the Year 9s, in their first season at the College.

Well done to the Year 9s, who put on an amazing Charity Fair as part of their Duke of Edinburgh programme. It was a fun-filled day with a variety of stalls, each offering plenty of sweets for participants.

During the term, the Year 9s and 10s engaged in fruitful discussions about masculinity, exploring its different forms and how we can encourage positive masculinity around the College. I was impressed with their level of engagement and could see that they enjoyed being part of these discussions.

Well done to the Year 11s, who successfully completed their mock examinations. They conducted themselves well during this process and have set the tone for their final examinations next term. I encourage them to take the feedback from Parents' Evening, along with their grades, and work on areas that need improvement.

The Year 12s led a wonderful assembly on the value of a good handshake and the different types of handshakes one may encounter. This was a fun way to get everyone involved and remind them of the importance of a firm handshake!

The Year 13s have been working hard to stay focused in preparation for their mock examinations after half-term. They have remained committed to their sporting fixtures and continue to play an important role within the House. I encourage them to keep up their efforts during their last few months in Rendlesham.

Lastly, a huge congratulations to the whole House! Their efforts to save energy have resulted in us being crowned winners of the annual Energy Saving Competition! This is yet another first, as no other boys' house has won this award since its introduction a few years ago.

# Messages from Kerry, Matron, and Michelle, our new domestic

Kerry:

I've been the matron of Rendlesham House since September 2011 and have truly enjoyed my position from day one. Seeing the boys arrive a little nervous and unsure on their first day of Year 9, then watching them walk out the door as young men at the end of Year 13, is a privilege.

My favourite part of the year is the lead-up to the House singing competition. Observing the young Year 9s working with and getting to know their older housemates, while attempting to bring the trophy home, is brilliant. It never fails to amaze me how quickly the new pupils are welcomed and absorbed into Rendlesham.

One thing I can say with certainty is that they make me laugh every single day, and no day is ever the same. I often think of us as one big happy. The boys are kind, considerate, and a pleasure to be around.

I leave home every morning and arrive at my Rendlesham home, making it the best job in the world.

Least favourite part? Trying to police whose turn it is to play FIFA at lunchtime.

But I can't have everything!

Michelle:

I have been at the College for six years. I worked for five years in Moreau and half a term in Pembroke. I was transferred to Rendlesham at the end of December last year, and I love it.

It is the nicest, friendliest House I've been in, and I have been warmly welcomed by everyone.

The boys are all so polite and courteous, always holding doors open and helping to carry things for me. It's almost made me want to trade in my daughters for sons!

## Few Reminders:

- Roll call is at 8:15, and pupils are reminded to be on time. If they arrive after roll call has closed at 8:30, they must go to reception to sign in.
- Requests for leave of absence from school, especially missing Saturday sport for non-medical reasons, must be emailed in good time to Mr. Hastings. Any other requests can be directed to Kerry or me.
- House Dinner – Saturday, 15 March. Pupils are welcome to board that evening. Please email Kerry by 10 March if you would like your son to board.

