

Hogwarts@RGS

Following the launch of our Hogwarts@RGS event (see the next edition of RGS News), Ripon Grammar School became Hogwarts. Each of our school houses transformed into a Hogwarts house. Students could then earn points for their house by attending Professors' lectures or by entering competitions. Lectures took place each lunchtime as follows:



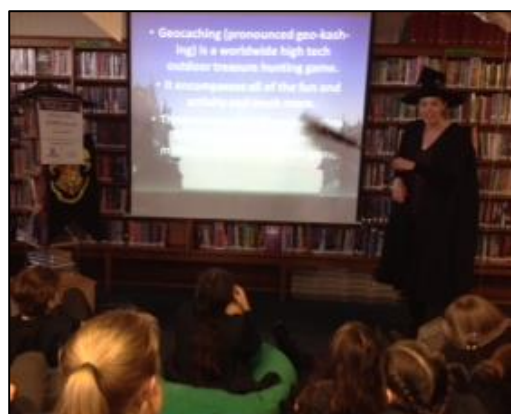
Monday – Professor Highton's Potions Class

**Tuesday – Professor Walker's
Defence Against the Dark Arts**

**Wednesday – Professor Griggs:
Invisibility Cloak – Fact or Fiction**

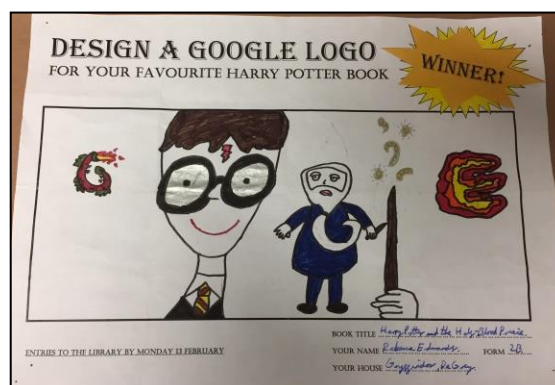
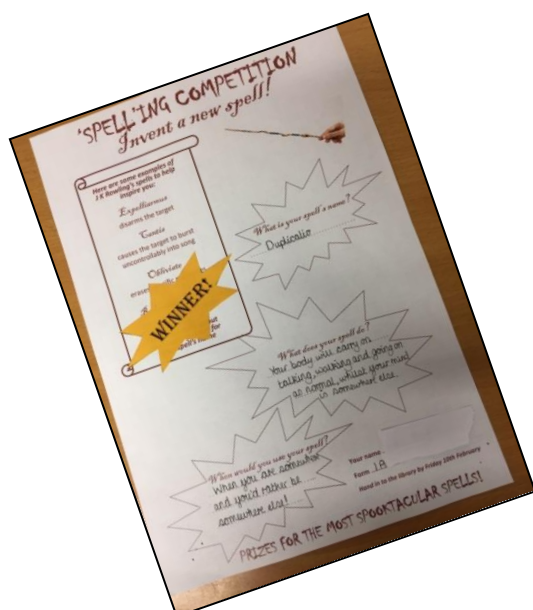
Thursday – Magic Workshop with Professor Barker

**Friday – Professor Wainwright:
The Marauder's Map and Geocaching**

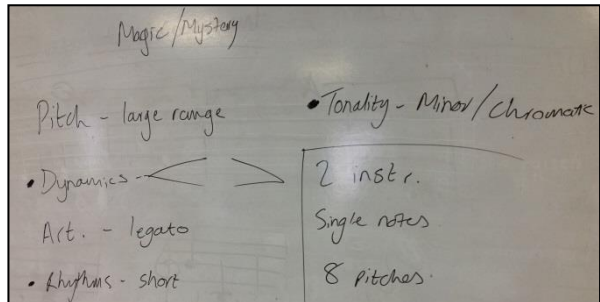


The lectures were great fun and extremely informative. Anyone who attended at least two lectures could earn their O.W.L. (Ordinary Wizarding Level) certificate and those who attended all the lectures were awarded their certificate for N.E.W.T.s (Nastily Exhausting Wizarding Tests).

Several competitions were also running through the week. To enter the 'Spell'ing competition students had to invent their own spell, thinking very carefully about the words they used and describing when they would use the spell. You could win a whole jar of Bertie Bott's Beans if you could guess how many there were (answer 219)! Finally, could anyone design a Google logo to represent one of the Harry Potter books?



In the classroom, as well, the theme continued. During music lessons the students listened to some of the score from the Harry Potter films and then had to compose a piece of spooky music containing all the right components.



First form Geographers had to practise their map-reading skills to tackle the RGS Marauder's Map, locating geography facts around school.

The Art Department's *Fantasy Imaginary Creatures Project* was the perfect fit for our Hogwarts event, with students creating the most beautiful display of fantastic beasts.



There really was a magical mood around school and, after an exhausting fortnight of themed work and fun, everyone was ready for a rest in the Cupboard Under the Stairs! A big thank you goes to all the students and staff who worked so hard to support the event.

Professor McDringagol

