The Royal Meteorological Society is an academic organisation, set up in 1850 in Aylesbury, Buckinghamshire, which aims to increase the understanding of weather and climate for the benefit of all. It is a member of the European Meteorological Society and the Science Council.

Anyone who has a genuine interest can be a member. Companies and Schools can also become members of the Society with numerous benefits. If a school becomes a member then they can use meteorological instruments for school projects and even apply to go on educational courses. Corporate members include Met Office, National Grid, Meteogroup (Europe’s Largest Private Weather Company).

Metlink is the educational portal, which is a useful resource for schools and a guide for those wishing to obtain qualifications or have a career in the field. The Society offers a Chartered Accreditation (Chartered Meteorologist or CMet). This indicates to clients and employers that the individual has, and is maintaining, a high level of knowledge.

The Society also gives out awards every year which recognise ‘contributions to the field of observation and instrumentation’, innovations, publications, educating the public about meteorology and photographs.

For those who wish to carry out research into the weather and climate but need financial help in order to do this, RMS offers bursaries to their members.

Recently, the Climate4Classrooms website was set up by RMetS in conjunction with Royal Geographical Society and the British Council. Its objective is to provide schools with current meteorological data and projections which indicate the potential impact of enhanced global warming for the UK. This is for the use of schools to give students an opportunity to get climate change into perspective and, also increase their interest in the subject.