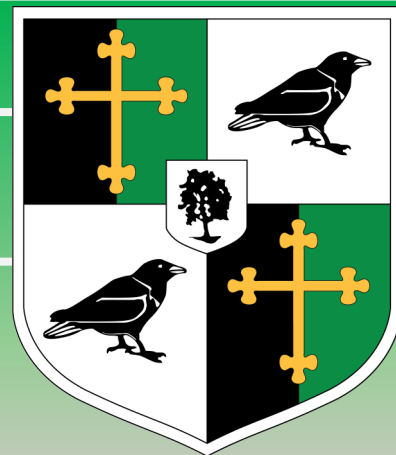


Friday 18th March 2022

Ravens Wood

Committed to excellence



Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly a big thank you to our brilliant Science department for delivering a fantastic Science Week for our students - students have taken part in some exciting experiments and there has been a selection of lunch time lectures from our Science teachers, lots of whom had exciting careers in the field before they joined the teaching profession. More information can be found on p2. We have been very proud indeed of our Year 11 and Year 13 students who have shown incredible resilience and determination as they complete their second week of mock exams and we look forward to seeing their results. Please remember to [book appointments](#) for Year 11 Parents' Evening on Thursday 31st March, if you haven't already done so. It is important to say that the organisation of these mocks is a real team effort and we are very grateful to our team of invigilators and SEND support staff for their care attention for our students. Particular thanks goes to Mrs Say our Examinations officer.

Our Music and Performing Arts departments have also been demonstrating a huge range of skills as they performed their Brass and Woodwind Showcase last week, which was wonderful, and we are all looking forward to *Holes*, our school production, which is almost sold out. This is followed swiftly by the Spring Concert on 30th March and tickets are available via [Parent Pay](#). Our Careers Fair on 9th March was a huge success and it was fantastic to see the Learning Commons buzzing with students, colleagues and over 30 different companies, all exploring future prospects for our students. Thanks goes to all involved and particular thanks to Mrs Patterson, Head of Careers Advice and Guidance.

As you may know, we are part of the Bromley School's Collegiate, a group of schools who train teachers. We have an incredible team of staff who support and mentor incoming trainees and I would just like to acknowledge the work they do in this respect. It really is invaluable into shaping the next generation of teachers, keeping our subject knowledge fresh and gaining feedback on our own teaching. My thanks go to Mr Hunt (Directors of STEM) who is our Senior Mentor.

One of the many things we strive for at Ravens Wood is helping our students develop skills in oracy. 'The limits of my language means the limits of my world' Wittgenstein. Students Years 7 and 8 have a fortnightly lesson in Oracy and Epics, where they are encouraged to express themselves verbally, with confidence, and an understanding of their audience. Our teachers enjoy seeing the students engage with each other, discussing questions such as; What makes someone a hero? What happened in the Trojan War? Should Gods be Almighty?

We have been supporting our students as best we can surrounding the ongoing situation in Ukraine. We know this is an incredibly challenging topic and it can be hard to know what to say to students who are upset by what they are seeing on the news. For some, they are being affected directly. If you have any specific concerns regarding a student or family within our community then please get in touch, either with your son/daughter's form tutor, or students can email talk@rws.uk.net. This email address can be used regarding any subject of concern, and is not limited to current events. There are outside agencies offering guidance to young people, their parents/carers and those that work with young people. Please see below some that we have found helpful. <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/>, <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/support> <https://www.mind.org.uk/information-support/for-children-and-young-people/>.

Please be reminded that Friday 25th March is a staff training day and therefore students will not be required in school. Staff will be using this important time to continue to develop our RWS Curriculum and to mark and moderate examination scripts for year 11 and 13. Can I also remind families that we will have an early close on Friday 1st April, as we end a full term and break up for the Easter Holiday.

8.30 - 8.50am	Registration with Form Tutors
8.50 - 9.50am	Period 1 as normal
9.50 - 10.50am	Period 2 as normal
10.50 - 11.20am	Extended break to allow students to purchase food from the canteen
11.20 - 12.10pm	Period 3
12.10 - 13.00pm	Period 4 (Years 11, 12 & 13 will be dismissed at 12.55pm)
13.00 - 13.15pm	Years 7-10 Registration and collection of mobile phones, followed by dismissal at 13.15pm.

Students will return to school on Tuesday 19th April for form time at 10.50am, we return on a Week A.

Thank you as always for your ongoing support.

Ms S Spence, Headteacher

Dates for your Diary

School Production 'Holes' - 21st to 23rd March

Staff Training Day - Friday 25th March

Late Start For Students - Tuesday 19th April

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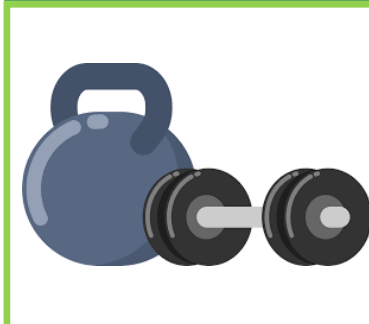
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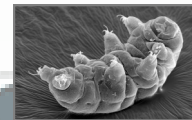
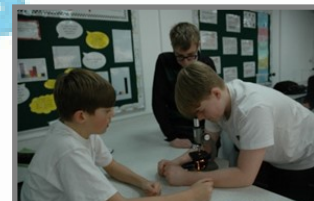
Remember, you can keep up-to-date with all of Ravens Wood's latest news by following us on Twitter. Simply search for @rw_school and follow us.



British Science week this year has been on the topic of growth. Across Year groups 7-10 students have taken time out of the usual Science curriculum and investigated different practical aspects of Science. Here are a few examples of the activities below.



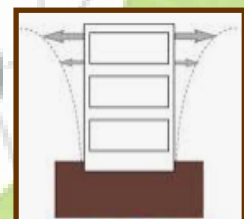
Students investigated the growth in the delivery service by posting a Pringle. Will it survive?



Students investigated the growth in Tardigrades.



Students Built rafts to grow plants in areas of flooding, will the rafts sink or float?



Students built skyscrapers to investigate the growth in height of buildings but will it survive an Earthquake?

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FORM GROUPS BELOW WHO HAVE ACHIEVED THE TOP ATTENDANCE SCORE IN THEIR YEAR

Top Forms for Attendance w/e 11th March 2022

1st Place with 96.8% = 11C

2nd Place with 96.5% = 11D

3rd Place with 95.9% = 7C Congratulations!

MUSIC NEWS

Tickets are now on sale via Parentpay for our 'Broadway and West End favourites' Spring Concert on March the 30th. We are excited to present pieces from *Phantom of the Opera*, *Chicago*, *Hamilton*, the *Lion King* and many more. Rabble Chorus, Big Band, the Ravens Band, Pizzicato Strings, Super Smash Bros., BSV, Moonlight Sax, The Crescendudes, our Sixth Form Music Academy and many soloists are performing; it will be an event worth attending! #musicforall

Well done to the 25 Brass and Woodwind players who performed in the *Brass & Woodwind Showcase* last Thursday. It was superb to see and hear so many players all sharing their current pieces, be they absolute beginners or more experienced musicians. We had solos, duets and trios (and even a little bit of drum kit) performing everything from 'The Bare Necessities' to an arrangement of Gershwin's 'Rhapsody in Blue' and even Glen Miller's 'In the mood'. It certainly lifted everyone's mood and all the players left with huge smiles on their faces! Well done, Gents!

#workharddreambig

E Potter-Hicks, Director of Learning of Enrichment and Head of Music



EWS Music Department presents

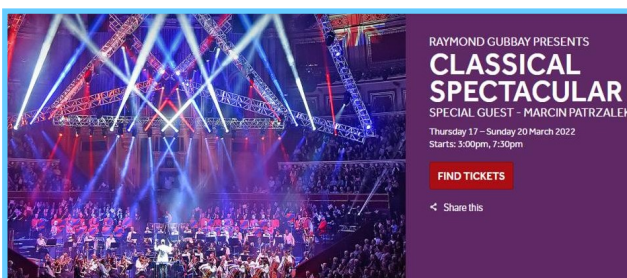
Spring Concert 2022

'Broadway & West End favourites'

March 30th
7pm
RWS Main Hall

Tickets now on sale via Parentpay

VISIT TO THE ROYAL ALBERT HALL



The Music Department took 50 students to the Royal Albert Hall on Thursday the 17th to see their famous 'Classical Spectacular' concert presented by the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra and Royal Choral Society. An opportunity built into the KS3 Curriculum, the trip offers anyone in Years 7-9 the chance to see and hear a full-size professional orchestra in a world-class venue. We are delighted to be able to offer trips again so music can be experienced live. This trip, and our other trip in April to see the 'Lion King' have proven so popular- watch this space for any further trips! #musicforall



Music & Performing Arts Spring 2022

RWS Performing Arts Spring Show

22nd-23rd March 2022

7.00pm, Main Hall

Tickets on sale from March 1st via Parentpay

Spring Concert

Wednesday 30th March 2022

7.00pm in the Main School Hall

Tickets on sale from 1st March via Parentpay

Plugged ii:

Showcasing guitars, basses and drums

NEW DATE Thursday 28th April 2022

6.00pm Main School Hall

NEWS FROM OUR DRAMA DEPARTMENT

Our LAMDA Teacher Starring in a TV Series

Congratulations to our LAMDA teacher Niyi Akin who has recently starred in a TV series on the BBC. 'Rebel Cheer Squad- A Get Even Series' tells the story of the elite Bannerman Independent School, where four teenage girls join together to fight injustice. They don't get mad.... they get even. Niyi plays the character of Evan and all episodes are available to stream on BBC Iplayer now. Niyi is a former Ravens Wood student, who studied GCSE Drama and GCSE Dance with us, he then went on to study at the BRIT School, followed by obtaining a first class degree at the very prestigious LAMDA Drama School. This year Niyi has returned to Ravens Wood to teach our LAMDA students.

Besides being a world renowned centre for training actors, LAMDA offer vocational acting qualifications. Our students meet with Niyi on a 1-1 basis for acting tuition. Our LAMDA students are soon to be taking their examinations, the highest grades have UCAS points attached. Thank you to Niyi for teaching our students so well, and GOOD LUCK to all of the students who take their exams at the end of this month. If you would like to sign up for LAMDA lessons for the new academic year, please contact Ms Ward (mward@rws.uk.net).



Farewell to our Step into Dance Teacher

We are very sad to say goodbye to our Step Into Dance Teacher, Rebecca Denby. Rebecca has been teaching at Ravens Wood since 2013, and our students both past and present have thoroughly enjoyed her lessons. Rebecca has choreographed numerous beautiful dances on our students, some of which have been performed at Sadler's Wells Theatre and The Southbank Centre, as well as at our own school hall. Recently Rebecca has been working with a group of 18 students from Years 7-9 on a choreography based on the artist Banksy. This will be performed on the 9th May in our school hall- save the date! This is an annual event called 'Step into Dance', in which many schools from across the borough join us to perform in our space. This is the first stage of an audition process to select groups to perform in a summer show, which will be held at a professional theatre in central London. If you would like to know more about our Step into Dance programme, please email Ms Ward (mward@rws.uk.net). We wish Rebecca the best of luck in her new role as Senior Creative Producer at the V&A Museum, London.



TRINITY LABAN CONSERVATOIRE OF MUSIC & DANCE



Are you passionate or enjoy participating in dance? CAT offers young people with potential in dance the opportunity to access high-quality dance training in Contemporary, Ballet, Hip Hop and Creative. CAT are looking for young people aged 12-17 for entry in September 2022.

Please click on the link for further information.

<https://arts-mail.co.uk/1OT3-7RN5V-9BFD68D8E65F175AVPLU7P14DAD0E2F9F0BAD1/cr.aspx>

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STEM & Medicine Summer Experiences: Ages 12-18



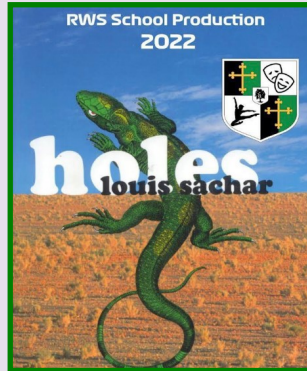
We have partnered with world-class professionals across 10 STEM-related industries to create the most immersive and exclusive work experience activities that school students can find this summer.

Brand new for 2022: watch a real-life surgery taking place; explore an aeroplane being converted into a refuelling hybrid jet; work with psychologists on a mental health ward; analyse fingerprints and blood splatter on a crime scene. And much more!

Our Medicine and Engineering experiences are already over 70% full so students should register as soon as possible.

View & Register: Ages 15-18

View & Register: Ages 12-14

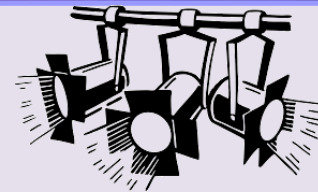


Every time the Dance and Drama department put on a production, there is always at least one very problematic prop that's incredibly hard to source. This year Ms Ward and Miss Burgess were challenged to direct a scene in which the character of Zero hits Mr Pendanski with a shovel! Like in many shows gone by, Mr Jones has come to the rescue! A big thank you to Mr Jones who has helped to create several props for this year's show: the structure of the trainer, oars and the all important shovels. We really appreciate Mr Jones' help.

Thank you to Mr Haskell and the ICT team for designing the projection wall to feature in our production of 'Holes', as well as working late into the night to build it, and focus all of the lights. This is a really big job and the production would not be possible without Mr Haskell, Mr Hughes, Ms Ellis, Mr Sinclair and Mr Curry dedicating their time to help. Thank you also to Mr Southworth, the Media Department and Media students for filming and editing lots of footage that will feature in 'Holes', as well as creating the programme, leading on all of the marketing and photography.

We would also like to say a huge thank you to the following Media students:

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| Anderson-Coles, Evie | Ogunlaru, Raphael |
| Bashford, Joshua-James | Paul, Nishana |
| Birant, Mehmedali | Purves, Sebastian |
| Boamah, Cherise | Ravikumar, Sujevan |
| Clark, Hudson | Sianga, Andrew |
| Dartnell, Kieran | Broadhurst Jake |
| Hanrahan, Archer | Corke Stanley |
| Kefford-White, Lily | Forward Ronan |
| May, Adia | Griffin Heath |
| Muhammad, Amir | King Edward |
| Nair, Jack | Kiszegi Erik |
| Nemeth, Isabelle | Townsend-Griggs Don |
| Norman, Lucas | |





Y7 Bake Off Heat - We couldn't have done it batter ourselves!



On Monday 7th March, our Year 7s took part in the first round of the Interform Bake Off competition. There were brownies, muffins and cookies galore as our Y7 forms avidly tried and tested their peer's bakes. Each form had to vote for their top two star bakers to make it through to the grand finale on Monday 21st March. Well done to everyone who took part in the first round and we are looking forward to tasting all the delicious contributions created for the next round.

As part of the competition, we would like to share one of the recipes and stories of our star bakers. Joel in 7H had quite an eventful weekend in preparation for the bake off, his mum told us "Joel spent last week planning his cake, wrote an ingredient list, got himself organised even going to a specialist cake shop to buy a box on Saturday morning. He then cooked a cake on Saturday afternoon which disappointingly sunk.... Saturday night he made another cake.....the one he bought into school today". It was this delicious chocolate cake that secured Joel a spot in the Grand Finale on Monday 21st March. Miss McKenzie caught up with Joel to see how he found the first round of the Bake Off. "It was stressful because I didn't know if the second cake was going to sink," Joel said, "but eventually it worked which made me feel great. After my first attempt sunk, I knew I would have to be resilient because if I hadn't made my second cake I wouldn't be through to the next round. Since getting through to the Grand Finale I have applied for the actual Bake Off." We wish Joel the best of luck in his application.

Below is the recipe for Joel's "unbeatable eatable Chocolate Cake" and some photos of him crafting both of his attempts:

M McKenzie, Director of KS3 and Head of Sociology

CAN'T-GO-WRONG CHOCOLATE CAKE
A moist chocolate cake that really can't go wrong and keeps well.

<p>SERVES 8</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 100g (6 1/2 oz) plain flour 2 level tsp cocoa powder 1 level tsp bicarbonate of soda 1 level tsp baking powder 150g (5 oz) caster sugar 2 tbsp golden syrup 2 large eggs 150ml (4 pint) sunflower oil 150ml (4 pint) milk <p>For the icing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50g (2 oz) butter 4 level tsp cocoa powder, sifted 3 tbsp milk 150g (5 oz) icing sugar, sifted 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1 Preheat the oven to 160°C/Fan 140°C/Gas 3. Grease two 20cm (8 in) round sandwich tins and line the bases with non-stick baking paper. 2 Sift the dry ingredients into a large bowl and then make a well in the centre. Add the syrup, eggs, oil and milk. Beat with an electric mixer until thoroughly blended. 3 Pour the mixture into the tins and bake in the preheated oven for 30-35 minutes, or until the cake springs back when lightly pressed with your fingertips. 4 Turn out on to a wire rack, remove the paper and leave to cool. 5 To make the icing, melt the butter in a small pan over a gentle heat. Add the cocoa, stir to blend and cook gently for 1 minute. Stir in the milk and icing sugar, remove from the heat and mix very well. Leave on one side, stirring occasionally, until the icing thickens. 6 Sandwich the cakes with half the icing and then use the remainder to ice the top, swirling with a knife to give an attractive appearance.
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RWS CAREERS

It was fantastic to welcome companies, universities and colleges back in to school last week for the Ravens Wood Annual Careers Fair.

Students from all year groups engaged with representatives from Exeter University, NHS, Investment 20/20, London South East Colleges, NatWest Bank, The Met Police and many more.

Many thanks to our visitors who took time to offer our students some fantastic advice.

E Paterson, Head of Careers
















RWS Citizenship

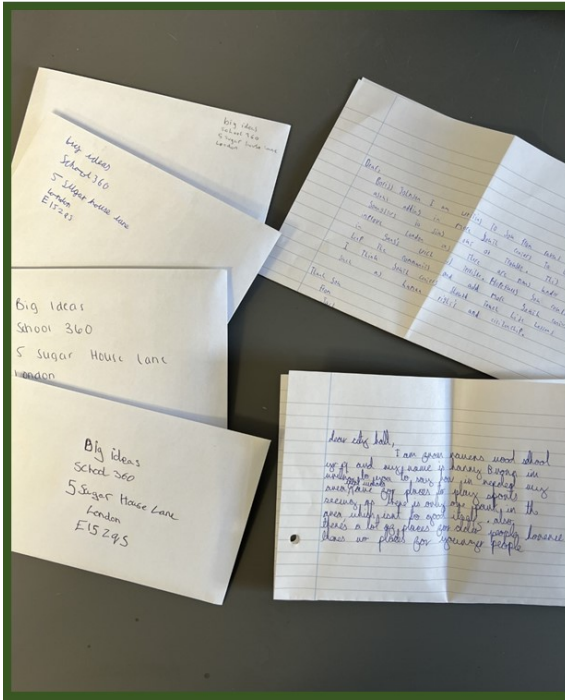


Year 9 Citizenship students have been writing letters to London, following a workshop hosted by GameChangers.

The workshop inspired the students to consider what they love about living in London, as well as the changes that they would like to see in their local areas.

Letters have been written this week and have been sent to London City Hall. Well done gentlemen for your fantastic attitude towards being active citizens within your communities.

- Ms Brown, Head of Citizenship



Year 7 Birthday Celebrations

Our Year 7 students who celebrated their birthdays over the past two weeks, enjoyed cake and a drink with Ms Spence this week.

We look forward to sharing all of our Year 7's birthdays over the coming year.



World Cinema Club

Fridays 1.10-1.35pm
Room ML2

Want to see some cool films you won't see at the cinema?
Want to find out what young people around the world are watching?
Join us in room ML2 for a film and some popcorn from 1.10pm to 1.35pm every Friday.

All films are subtitled in English.

How to survive at school when you're dyslexic

Panel based question & answer session



St. Nicholas Church Hall (Village Hall) • Church Lane • Chislehurst BR7 5PE

Wed 23rd March 2022
Doors open 7.45pm
Event starts at 8pm

A panel-based Q & A session



Advice and Support from the Dyslexia Association of Bexley, Bromley, Greenwich & Lewisham
 ☎ 0300 999 1800 • ✉ info@dyslexiawise.co.uk
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INTERESTED IN CATERING? **We're hiring.**

Catering Assistant

Catering assistant required for 25 hours per week term time only to support the kitchen team. Serving students, basic prep work and cleaning.

£9.80 per hour

LUNCHTIME CATERING

All year groups are able to purchase food from Accent Catering at break and lunch times. Therefore, please ensure that your son's/daughter's Parent Pay account is topped up - there is no facility to top up accounts using cash on site.

TREAT YOURSELF TO BREAKFAST

REMEMBER! Accent Catering are open daily from 8.00am to 8.25am with the following menu choices:-

Monday, Wednesday and Friday - Bacon bap, Sausage bap or Vegetarian Sausage bap - £1.50, 2 x Hash Browns £1.20

Tuesday and Thursday - Full English, any 4 items for £1.60, choose from Egg, Sausage, Bacon, Hash Brown, Beans and Toast (extra items 60p each)

MENU Week 1: 21 st February, 7 th March, 21 st March					
	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
£1.80	Beautiful Burgers Classic beef burger (G, Sa) Sonic beef burger All served in a bun Add mayonnaise (E), pickled onions, fried onions, and ketchup Sticed cheese (Mk) Potato wedges	Asian Station Chicken Curry with Rice (G, M, S, So) Vegetable Curry with Rice	Best of British Roast Chicken and Gravy (G) Roast lamb loaf (Co, G, Mu, So) Accent sage & cranberry Stuffing (G, E, M) Cranberry Sauce Roast Potatoes Carrots Batsans	Italian Beef Lasagne (G, M, E) Vegetable lasagne (G, M, E) Garlic Bread	Fish & Chip Shop Jumbo Sausage (G) Veggie Keema Pattie (G, So, E, M) Oven Baked Chips Peas Baked Bean Chungy Tartare sauce Ketchup (Su, So, M, E)
£2.50	Chili Taco, sour cream and salsa (Su, So, G, Co) Daily pasta bar and salsad bar	Vegetable Stir Fry with Rice and Sweet n' Sour Sauce (Su, So, G) Daily pasta bar and salsad bar	Ciabatta with Spicy Meatballs and Cheese (G, M, Mu) Daily pasta bar and salsad bar	Cajun Grilled haloumi Burger and Coleslaw with Baked Cajun Wedges (Se, Mu, M, E, G) Daily pasta bar and salsad bar	Baked fish finger wrap, filled with oven baked chips and pea shoot salad (G, F, E) Daily pasta bar and salsad bar
£0.70	Baked lam Sponge with Custard (G, M, E)	Warm Blueberry Muffin (Mk, E, G, Su)	iced Vanilla Sponge (Mk, G, E)	Apple and Berry Crumble with Custard (G, M, E)	Chocolate Sponge Pudding with Chocolate Sauce (Mk, E, G)

ALLERGENS
 Co = Celery, Cr = Crustacean, E = Eggs, F = Fish, G = Cereals containing Gluten, L = Lupin, M = Milk, Mx = Mustard, N = Nuts, P = Peanuts, Sa = Sesame Seeds, So = Soya, Su = Sulphur Dioxide

LOOK OUT FOR SPECIAL MENUS
 CHINESE NEW YEAR (21st FEB - 27th FEB)
 RED NOSE DAY (18th MAR)
 NATIONAL BBQ WEEK (1st APR - 7th APR)
 PLATINUM JUBILEE (2nd JUNE)
 STREET SAFETY (1st JULY)
 WHEELIEBIN ON! (1st AUG)
 BRITISH PHOENIX (1st SEP)

RED NOSE DAY

Special Day!
 - LIMITED EDITION MENU -

RED NOSE DAY
 Friday 18th Mar

TRY SOMETHING FROM OUR SPECIALLY THEMED MENU TODAY ONLY!

We're supporting Red Nose Day in the kitchen today!



NEW CATERING MANAGER

All of the students and staff at RWS send a very warm welcome to our new Catering Manager June Ware.

June is no stranger to Ravens Wood having previously worked here for 9 years, 9 years ago!!

June is looking forward to getting to know all the students and staff and introducing exciting theme day events!

Welcome June!

EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

News and updates from around the school on issues around inclusion, equality and diversity



In our most recent Diversity meeting, our ambassadors were able to meet with two guest speakers – Cllr. Valerie Bossman-Quarshie and Lexine King – who gave an interactive session about how to reject racism in schools. Not only was this enlightening for our ambassadors, who learned a bit more about themselves, but for the school overall, gaining a deeper understanding about the rich cultural background that binds us together.

The session began asking the question: “How would you describe yourself?” From this, a number of words came to mind – Hard-working, kind, sociable – Interestingly, very few responses were linked to our own cultural heritage, something that our guest speakers picked up on. With further discussion, the speakers and our ambassadors began to delve deeper into our identities, going around the room to say their different ethnicities and nationalities – And what a range we have! With students from Jamaica, India, Ghana, Ireland, America and China to name a few; it really showed that there is such a diverse culture in our school that we should embrace. Even our ambassadors’ definitions of “diversity” varied, with references to freedom of expression, an equal treatment of different races and genders and the shift of importance from someone’s appearance to their actions.

It was truly fascinating to hear the different stories and experiences from different cultures, and the impact of social media and how that has influenced the attitudes of our students, both positively and negatively. With all these ideas taken on board, it made our ambassadors return to the main premise of the session – How can we reject racism in education?

To begin to welcome diversity, we can begin to identify what unites us, despite our differences: A common factor that we noted during this session was the connection we have to our food. There are so many different cuisines and tastes, and yet, the meanings behind it are the same – with our excellent catering service, Accent Catering, perhaps we can explore our diversity this way. Certainly, with the discussions starting, there are steps that will be taken, by both our pupils and our staff, to celebrate and appreciate the cultural diversity present at Ravens Wood.

By Reuben Vengan, Year 13 Diversity Ambassador



Discussions you can have at home



Here is a selection of what we have been learning in Ready to Learn about Equality and Diversity in the news.

Smashing stereotypes

Since the start of the pandemic, demand has risen for respirators to protect front-line health care workers and those working in key industries. This is a **world wide team**.

- Senior product engineering specialist, Audra Wilson, grew up in Warwickshire
- Senior product engineer, Sandra Chauruka, is originally from Zimbabwe.
- Product engineering specialist, Andre Jorge, is a Brazilian who moved to Germany to oversee the new production line.
- Product engineering leader, Julien Magniez, is originally from Bordeaux in France.

Question – Why is it important that this team is diverse?

Smashing stereotypes: Jaipal Sachdev

"I identify as an LGBTQ+ individual and when I was choosing the engineering route, there was a distinct feeling that science and engineering wasn't for gay men. I have always been fascinated with science and engineering. I think this stemmed from my curiosity as a child. I was always asking questions about everyday things we take for granted. Growing up, I had an interest in the environment, energy, and sustainable fuels. I wanted a career that would allow me to contribute positively to society, and this led me to choose a degree in chemical engineering."

Question – Why do you think Jaipal thought science 'wasn't for gay men'?

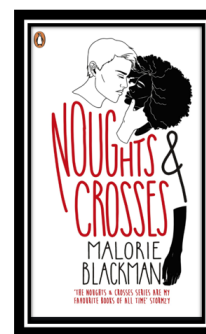
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Companies with female leaders outperform those dominated by men, data shows

Women should play a central role in the UK's post-pandemic economic recovery, with evidence revealing companies with more female leaders outperform those dominated by men, according to House of Commons research.

But only eight women, and no women of colour, are currently employed as CEOs in the FSTE 100, while women hold only 14% of executive directorships and 38% of all directorships, according to the Fawcett Society's Sex and Power report 2022.

Click [here](#) to find out more.



Year 7 and 8 Book Club

Tuesday lunchtimes in ML2.
Miss Hemetsberger has copies of the book. Please contact her to request a copy ah@rws.uk.net or speak to her in person.

“Against a background of prejudice and distrust, intensely highlighted by violent terrorist activity by Noughts, a romance builds between Sephy and Callum - a romance that is to lead both of them into terrible danger.”



Nic Janvier in Year 11 leads the book club if you would like to speak to him directly.



VIELEN DANK LEO!

Leo, our brilliant German Language Assistant, is sadly leaving us soon to return to Germany and continue his studies.

His support has been invaluable for our Key Stage 4 and 5 students, in particular for Year 11, 12 and 13 in their preparation for the speaking exams. They are very lucky to have the opportunity to practise their speaking skills one-to-one or in small groups with a native German speaker.

Leo has also created great displays for our MFL classrooms, which are helping all students to improve the complexity of their writing.

Vielen Dank für alles, Leo, und wir werden dich vermissen!

RWS Music has received a flyer for a summer school at the world renowned Chetham's Music School in Manchester. Participation will be inspirational, motivational and look amazing on your CV. Please see attached flyer for more details. #workharddreambig



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A summer school like no other...

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- Hone your skills with other young musicians in instrumental classes, ensembles, choirs and orchestras!
- Experience amazing music facilities at our state-of-the-art Manchester city centre campus!
- Perform on The Stoller Hall stage!

Open to all musicians aged 11-17, grade 4 upwards
Register now: chethamsschoolofmusic.com

RWS UNIFORM



Uniform sales are run by the PSFA on a completely voluntary basis. Purchasing new or second-hand uniform from the PSFA allows all profits to be given back to the school which benefits all students.

RWS new uniform can be ordered from Mrs Clarke by calling: 07956 103786 or by emailing:

merylclarke@hotmail.com

For your convenience, our price list can be found here

[RWS Uniform Price List](#)

More information about uniform can be found on our website [HERE](#) and acceptable footwear [HERE](#)

Second-hand Uniform: Please email: ravenswoodpsfa@yahoo.com

m. (Donations of good quality logo items would be gratefully accepted - Please contact us for drop off/pick up details).



If you would like to find out more about the PSFA or have any great fundraising ideas, please contact us: ravenswoodpsfa@yahoo.com

Follow us on Twitter: [@RW_PSFA](https://twitter.com/RW_PSFA)



SPORTS AND PE KIT

Students and parents can purchase additional sports and PE kit from our kit provider PlayerLayer.

With students needing to wear PE kit several times a week, parents can buy optional additional sports wear from the website, that students can wear on their PE days. These items include additional sports T-shirts, RWS sports rain jacket (with pockets), RWS tracksuit bottoms (with pockets) and RWS 1/4 zip fleece.

Items can be purchased via: www.playerlayer.com/teams/ravens-wood-school

Mr A Jones

Teacher of Physical Education



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Free School Meals/Pupil Premium Payments are available to all eligible pupils attending Bromley maintained schools.

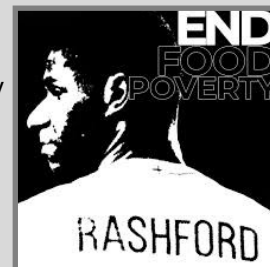
If you are not already in receipt of free school meals an application must be submitted to secure both Free School Meals and the Pupil Premium Payment.

HOW TO APPLY



Application forms are available from Bromley Schools, or you can apply online:

https://www.bromley.gov.uk/site/xfp/scripts/xforms_form.php?formID=180



Bromley Council have published details of Household Support Fund grants available to support vulnerable households and families, with or without children, who require it over the coming months. The support is available for Bromley residents until 31 March 2022 (or until the fund has been utilised).

Please click on the link for further details:- <https://bromleyeducationmatters.uk/Article/93210?>

INTERMEDIATE MATHS CHALLENGE RESULTS 2022

Congratulations to the 49 students participating across Years 9, 10 and 11 in the Intermediate Mathematics Challenge! Special consideration for those students who achieved Bronze, Silver or Gold awards and to the 4 students who are bouncing their way into the next round, the Kangaroo!



THE RESULTS ARE IN FOR THE INTERMEDIATE MATHEMATICS INDIVIDUAL CHALLENGE...

Congratulations to the following students:



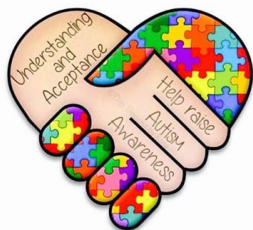
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MATHEMATICS

Bronze Award			Gold Award	
Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 10	Year 11
Mattheo Gamlath	Rayan Ali	James Barry	Ivan Sioma (Best in Year)	Ali Abdulhameed
Liam McNally	Jack Davis	Freddie Brookes		Alex Green (Best in School)
Henry Pragnell (Best in Year)	Ben Image	Harvey Bullen		Daniel Harper
Toby Somerville-Cotton	Theo Lewry	Toby Foyer		
Mateo Taylor	Zach Price	Alex McCartney		
Silver Award				
Year 10	Year 11	Henry Monahan		
Harry Fage	George Barnes	Stefan Popescu		
Joshua Frampton	Denis Fetahu	Michael Stevenson		
Alex Rutter	Zach Mahoney	Laurie Sullivan		
Robert Watkins	Luca Mehta	Harvey Towell		
	Nico Papanicolaou			
	Tharun Selva			
	Louis Weekes			
	Oscar Witcombe			

About the top 2300 students nationally get put through to the next rounds and all Gold students have been selected.

Good luck to them as they complete this next stage!





WHAT'S ON? MARCH

Early Intervention and Family Support
Safer, more secure and happier families are at the heart of everything we do

SOCIAL COMMUNICATION (INCL AUTISM) FAMILY SUPPORT SERVICE NEWSLETTER

Hello from the NEW Social Communication Needs Family Support Service. Welcome to our newsletter, highlighting events and support relevant to Social Communication Needs and Autism within Bromley Borough for parents and carers of children and young people (0-25).

I'm Catriona Hardiman (Cat) and am here to help signpost you to the support and services within the London Borough of Bromley. I aim to help you find your next steps at whatever stage of your social communication journey. To contact me please email: autisticspectrumcondition@bromley.gov.uk - we can then either find time to talk or, if you prefer, via email. (My working pattern is usually Monday - Thursday 9:30 - 14:00).

Our new Social Communication Support Service works in close partnership with Bromley Mencap. Bromley Mencap will work with families who need more intensive support.

Bromley Mencap's Specialist Family Support Service will be delivered by Autism Family Support Workers Sarah Clark (previously Sarah Jefferies) and Jasmine Berry. It will consist of short term specialist intervention and support for families who with more complex issues.

The aim of both services is to ensure that children with Social Communication Needs (including Autism) and their families feel supported.

All referrals to Bromley Mencap for Social Communication Needs inquiries now come through me, Cat Hardiman via autisticspectrumcondition@bromley.gov.uk

SEND Matters LIVE is back @ The Glades
Wednesday 23rd March - Saturday 26th March 11am - 4pm

SEND Matters Live is back for four days at the Glades in our store opposite Lush on the 2nd floor of the Glades. Come and meet me on Thursday 24th between 11am - 2pm. The event provides an opportunity for parents, carers, professionals and young people with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (0-25) to speak to experienced professionals in SEND from across the Local Authority, Health, Social Care and volunteer partner agencies.

Everybody is welcome to pop in for information, advice, signposting or just a chat. There is no need to book but for more information about the event please email sendmatters@bromley.gov.uk

Bromley Y promotes the emotional wellbeing and mental health of children, young people and families by enabling change, fostering resilience and helping them build healthy relationships.

Bromley Y is offering **free webinars** for young people and parents. Upcoming topics include Understanding Anxiety, Low Mood, Managing Worries and Academic Stress, School Avoidance and Understanding Your Child's fears and Worries (aimed at parents of U11s).

For March - July dates and to book [click here](#) or for further information please contact **Bromley Y**

vyhsc Bromley 14-25 Transition Day, Monday 25th April 2022 10am - 3pm, at The Warren BR2 7AL

Join Your Voice in Health and Social Care. To find out more about transition planning and the support available in Bromley for young people Preparing for Adulthood across the pathways of:

- Education, Employment and Training
- Health and Wellbeing
- Developing Independence
- Community Inclusion (friendships and support networks)

For more information email VYHSC at parentengagementservice@vyhsc.org.uk

BROMLEY CHILDREN PROJECT
Autism related courses in March include Anxiety, Meltdowns, PDA, Sensory Issues, Puberty, and a NEW session Looking After Yourself. Full timetable attached. To book, find updated timetables or for any other information, email parenting.courses@bromley.gov.uk

Let nature into your life

Bluebell Walk

Sunday 1 May 2022 at Cudham, Kent

Ever been on a countryside ramble and wondered what that beautiful plant was called? Or what type of bird you've seen flying overhead?

On our Bluebell Walk, you'll meet tour guides along the way, ready and waiting to tell you fun facts about the flora and fauna you're wandering within. Book your place today to enjoy the beautiful bluebells, ancient trees and rare birds at this educational and fun event.

www.stchristophers.org.uk/bluebell
More than just a hospice

Registered charity 20667 registered with the Fundraising Regulator at St Christopher's February 2022

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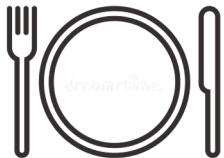
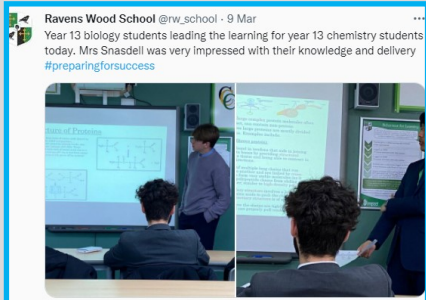
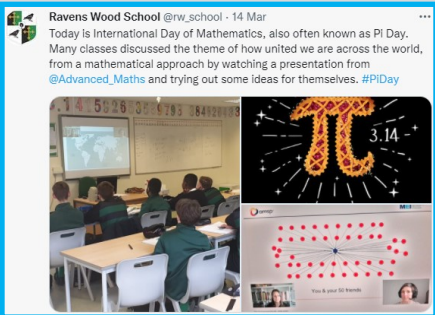
WE MAKE MUSIC

ARTSTRAIN x Bromley Libraries

BROMLEY CENTRAL LIBRARY - Wednesday 13th April - 10-4pm
PENGE LIBRARY - Wednesday 6th April - 10-4pm
ORPINGTON LIBRARY - Thursday 14th April - 10-4pm
BIGGIN HILL - Thursday 7th April - 10-4pm

As part of the Platinum Jubilee Cultural Programme in Bromley we will be delivering one-day courses in Songwriting and Music Production in Bromley Libraries. If you are 11-16 years old and interested in how to start a song, write lyrics or use music software - register your interest for one of these dates by emailing: jenny.hawke@gll.org ... or sign up at one of the libraries listed above.

@rw_school - Recent tweets from RWS
Keep up with the latest news as it happens!



PRE
Table Talk
March

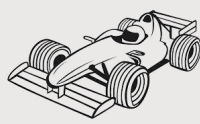


Dinner conversations are a great opportunity to engage with your children in rich conversation, share important lifelong interest in the news. Talking at meal times helps to benefit the health, emotional and academic outcome for children of all ages. Here is a topic guide to help get talking this March!!

- Year 7 :** Do all Christians agree with each other on Christianity?
- Year 8 :** Are you a theist atheist or agnostic?
- Year 9 :** Is it always good to forgive?
- Year 10 :** Why do human rights exist?
- Year 11 :** What is the most important religious belief?

AMAZING DT ENGINEERS

Offcut Engineers finished their F1 cars during DT. Themed around CRY, Fairtrade, Kick it Out, Mental Health Awareness and LGBTQ+, our young designers have really impressed us all. [#STEM](#) [#Works](#)



BROMLEY Y
Building Strengths

Understanding and Managing Anxiety

Anxiety webinar for young people struggling with physical symptoms and anxious behaviours

This one hour session covers:

- What anxiety actually is and where it comes from
- A range of physical and mental anxiety symptoms
- How anxiety can become a vicious cycle
- Step-by-step approaches to gradually overcome anxiety
- Coping strategies and distraction techniques

Bromley Y practitioners host this free session once a month on **Wednesdays at 4.30pm** via Microsoft Teams.

Upcoming sessions

16th March	8th June
6th April	6th July
4th May	

To help participants feel comfortable, we ask cameras and mics to be turned off throughout, with optional interaction via the chat function.

Book your place on the [Bromley Y Eventbrite Page](#).




BROMLEY Y
Building Strengths

Managing Anxious Thoughts

Anxiety webinar for young people struggling with thoughts & worries

This one hour session covers:

- The role thoughts play in keeping anxiety going
- How anxious thoughts impact our mood and behaviours
- Why anxious thoughts do not deserve our attention
- Coping strategies and techniques to contain worries and what ifs
- The difference between worries and problems


Bromley Y practitioners host this free session once a month **at 4.30pm** via Microsoft Teams.

Upcoming sessions

Thurs 10th March	Tues 14th June
Tues 12th April	Thurs 14th July
Thurs 12th May	

To help participants feel comfortable, we ask cameras and mics to be turned off throughout, with optional interaction via the chat function.

Book your place on the [Bromley Y Eventbrite Page](#).



BROMLEY Y
Building Strengths

Tackling Low Mood & Depression

Webinar for young people who are struggling with mood and motivation

This one hour session covers:

- Mental and physical symptoms
- The impact of low mood and depression
- Things that keep us stuck in our low mood
- How to balance activities to boost mood and motivation
- Strategies to tackle negative thinking patterns

Bromley Y practitioners host this free session once a month **at 4.30pm** via Microsoft Teams.

Upcoming sessions

Tues 22nd March	Tues 28th June
Tues 26th April	Thurs 28th July
Thurs 26th May	

To help participants feel comfortable, we ask cameras and mics to be turned off throughout, with optional interaction via the chat function.

Book your place on the [Bromley Y Eventbrite Page](#).



BROMLEY Y
Building Strengths

Managing Academic Stress: Developing Healthy Study Habits

Webinar for Y10-Y13 students

This one hour session covers:

- The impact of stress on wellbeing and study habits
- What stress actually is and its link with anxiety
- Practical strategies to structure revision and stay motivated
- Top tips to tackle the study traps of procrastination and perfectionism
- Ways of maintaining a healthy balance of activities during revision and exams


Bromley Y practitioners host this free session via Microsoft Teams.

Upcoming sessions

Tues 15th March
Tues 12th April
Thurs 12th May

To help participants feel comfortable, we ask cameras and mics to be turned off throughout, with optional interaction via the chat function.

Book your place on the [Bromley Y Eventbrite Page](#).



BROMLEY Y
Building Strengths

Wellbeing Webinars

Which one is right for me?

- Struggling with anxiety?
 - Experiencing physical symptoms such as shallow breathing, nausea or shaking?
 - Avoiding situations that make you feel anxious?
- Always running through different scenarios in your head?
 - Do you experience racing thoughts and what if's?
 - Do you find yourself going over and over the same worries?
- Do exams give you anxiety?
 - Are you struggling with procrastination or perfectionism?
 - Do you end up feeling run down and overwhelmed when revising?
- Is your mood lower than usual?
 - Struggling to find motivation?
 - Spending more time by yourself due to how you feel?

Sign up at our Eventbrite page



These free sessions are hosted by Bromley Y practitioners every month at 4.30pm on Teams to help you look after your mental health and wellbeing.

If you have questions about any of these topics or would like some advice around your mental health or wellbeing, you can text with one of our practitioners via The Signpost.

THE SIGNPOST
Text support for 16-18 year olds
07480 635 025

BROMLEY Y
Building Strengths

Workshop for Parents & Carers

Emotionally Based School Avoidance

Initial Steps to Support Your Child's Attendance

- Reflect on common reasons for school avoidance and associated challenges
- Learn practical strategies to help you explore the issue with your child
- Consider factors which contribute to school avoidance becoming a vicious cycle
- Consider ways to encourage and facilitate regular attendance

This free webinar runs for 90mins and is hosted by Bromley Y practitioners via Microsoft Teams


Since the onset of the pandemic, we have seen a significant increase in the amount of children and young people who are reluctant to attend school. This has a massive impact on family life, creating tension at home.

This session is suitable for parents/carers of children and teens who are showing initial signs of emotional difficulties related to school or whose attendance has started to be affected.

Upcoming sessions

Sat 23rd April	10.30am
Tues 14th June	1pm

Places can be booked on the [Bromley Y Eventbrite Page](#).



BROMLEY Y
Building Strengths

Webinar for Parents & Carers

Helping Children with Anxiety

A free, one-off session supporting parents and carers of school-aged children

- Understand more about anxiety in children and young people
- Consider ways to help your child build confidence and overcome fears
- Find out about strategies to help your child explore and manage worries
- Learn more about local services and online options for further support

Each webinar lasts for 90 mins and is delivered online via Microsoft Teams, facilitated by Bromley Y practitioners.

Primary Webinars

Thurs 17th March	1pm
Thurs 28th April	10.50am
Tues 17th May	1pm
Sat 18th June	10.30am
Tues 12th July	10.50am

Secondary Webinars

Wed 23rd March	1pm
Fri 22nd April	10.50am
Wed 25th May	1pm
Tues 21st June	1pm
Thurs 21st July	10.50am

To assist smooth running of the session, you will be asked to kindly turn off your camera and microphone. Participation via the chat function is optional.

Places can be booked on the [Bromley Y Eventbrite Page](#).





FOOTBALL NEWS

Year 8 were unlucky in their National Cup semi-final. They dominated possession but coming out the wrong end with 2-1 result.

The Academy 1st Team are carrying the flag in the Kent Cup and travelling to Cleve Park for the semi final on Monday 21st March. They currently lie second in the league and on Wednesday travel to play Canterbury Academy who currently lie top.

All teams have won their first rounds in the District Cup and carry Green & Black forwards!

Mr Begum, Master In Charge of Football



BASKETBALL NEWS

The Year 11's unfortunately lost to a well drilled Folkestone Academy in their Kent cup ¼ final. The boys have had a terrific season and will look to bounce back in the district competition.

The Year 8's and 9's also bowed out of the Kent cup in the semi-finals with losses to Beths and Langley. Both teams gave it their all and the games could have gone either way!

We have the Year 7's and U18's in their Kent cup semi finals next week so keep an eye on Twitter/Instagram for up to date results!

Mr Pillow
Master In Charge of Basketball

MATCH RESULTS

U14A vs Langley Park CC Semi Final Lost 31-55

U13A vs Beths Grammar CC Semi Final Lost 39-51

U16A vs Hayes School Area Cup Won 50-34

U16A vs Folkestone Academy CC Qtr Final Lost 44-49

U12A vs Haberdashers' Area Cup Won 44-13

U13A vs Charles Darwin Area Cup 45-18



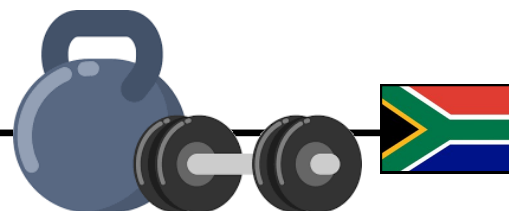
It has been an outstanding week of Rugby 7's here at RWS, with three tournaments taking place.

Our Year 7s got us off to an ideal start by going unbeaten in their tournament to be crowned the 2022 Judd Invitational 7's champions! Player of the tournament going to Harry Loom for his dazzling footwork.

The Year 8 side were then in action at the Kent 7's and produced some outstanding rugby to finish the day with a record of 3 wins, 1 draw and 1 loss in the top tier of the county competition. Player of the tournament going to Finn Garraty for his outrageous tally of 9 tries!

Our Year 11s also had their Kent 7's competition this week, where they were valiant losers in the semi finals, finishing the day having won 5 and only lost 1. Player of the tournament going to Ed Milne for some moments of individual brilliance, alongside some real tactical nous.

Mr Petty, Master In Charge of Rugby



SOUTH AFRICA TOUR PREPARATIONS HAVE BEGUN!

Our preparations for the 2023 Rugby Tour to South Africa have begun! It has been great to see so many students involved in the early morning strength and conditioning sessions, with a great deal of progress being made already. We have 63 students involved from Years 9 and 10 and the students are learning the core principles of rugby-specific strength and conditioning.

