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Friday 2nd February
2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our Careers Fair took place on Wednesday and was a resounding success with a record 45 colleges, universities and employers in attendance. A huge thanks must go to our Careers Officer Mrs Borley, Assistant Headteacher Ms Snasdell and our Trust Careers Lead Mrs Hayden for all their hard work in delivering such a wonderful event for our students. We are so grateful to all the exhibitors who attended and shared their insight and prospects with our students.

On Wednesday, all students across our Trust, over 6,000 young people, watched the Hear4You documentary by Roman Kemp, shining a light on mental health and what we can do to support our wellbeing. "No young person should ever feel alone." You can see our Tweet on page 11.

On Thursday we saw families of our Year 8 Students at their online Parents' Evening meetings. Over 90% of families attended, and these valuable meetings form a huge part of our school-home partnership. We hope these appointments gave a good insight into your child's progress and learning journey here at Ravens Wood.

There have been some exciting trips recently. On Monday, almost 60 students were treated to a visit to The Magic Circle in London and you can see some of their fantastic photos on Page 4. Last week, a group of Year 10 students joined other local schools on a collective trip to Cambridge University to learn about life at this prestigious institution. We hope everyone enjoyed these trips and thank you to the staff who accompanied students and organised the visits.

Our school production of *Alice* will be showing in the Main Hall on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th March - tickets will be available on ParentPay after the half term break so please do book early to avoid disappointment.

A reminder further to my letter on 26th January; next Thursday 8th February, students will be dismissed at the slightly earlier time of 2.45pm to allow staff to attend training events across Bromley Borough. I wish everyone a wonderful weekend and a restful half-term break the following week. Students will return to school on Monday 19th February at normal time to a Week B timetable.



Ms M. Lester
Headteacher



RWS CAREERS



We had over 1000 students across the school visit the Learning Commons for our annual Careers Fair on Wednesday 31st January.

The feedback we received from 45 visiting companies was overwhelmingly positive about our students attitude, behaviour and engagement. Thank you to everyone who participated and supported this event, it was an incredible success and we are now really looking forward to doing it all again next year.



Celebrating LGBT+ History Month in Science

Since 2005, SchoolsOUT UK have organised the annual LGBT+ history month, celebrated in February. The 2024 theme celebrates the contributions of LGBT+ people to Medicine and Healthcare, both historically and today. This theme also aims to highlight the experiences of LGBT+ people experiencing healthcare, and the inequalities that are still faced today. The medicine and healthcare theme encompasses examples of fantastic work in Science, that the Science department will be recognising in lessons over the next month.



Furthermore, the importance of LGBT+ inclusivity in the healthcare profession will be discussed during Ready to Learn.

See the images below to explore some of the role models that will be discussed in Science lessons this month.

Miss Winter, Teacher of Science

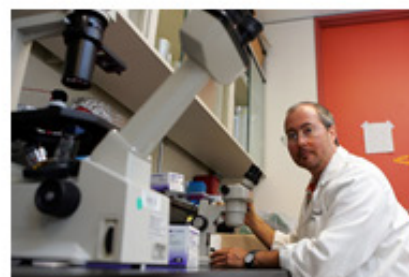


Dr Ronx, emergency doctor, TV presenter and author

<p>LGBT+ History Month 2024: Medicine</p> <p>Since 2005, SchoolsOUT UK have organised the annual LGBT+ history month, celebrated in February. The 2024 theme celebrates the contributions of LGBT+ people to Medicine and Healthcare, both historically and today.</p> <p>This year also aims to highlight the experiences of LGBT+ people experiencing healthcare, and the inequalities that are still faced today. SchoolsOUT choose a different theme each year that aims to 'normalise' the lives of the LGBT+ community. Join the celebrations online with #UnderTheScope</p> <p>Question - Why is it important to celebrate LGBT+ history month?</p>	<p>NHS Rainbow Badge Campaign</p> <p>Over the past 5 years, Rainbow badge and lanyard campaigns have been launched across the NHS.</p> <p>Have you spotted our Rainbow Badges?</p> <p>Question - Do you think a badge campaign has a big enough impact?</p>
<p>LGBT+ Experiences in Numbers</p> <p>Look at the data from a 2022 survey of NHS staff by the British Medical Association and consider the RWS food for thought questions.</p> <p>Only 36% of respondents felt that NHS recognises LGBTQ+ health and wellbeing needs.</p> <p>43% of LGBTQ+ NHS staff reported experiencing homophobia at work.</p> <p>1 in 8 LGBTQ+ NHS staff have considered leaving their job due to discrimination.</p> <p>74% of LGBTQ+ NHS staff feel their workplace is inclusive.</p>	<p>RWS Food for Thought</p> <p>Question - What do you think are some of the challenges faced by patients in the NHS?</p> <p>Question - How could the NHS be more inclusive of LGBT+ staff and patients?</p> <p>Question - What could schools do to become more inclusive of LGBT+ students? What can you do?</p>



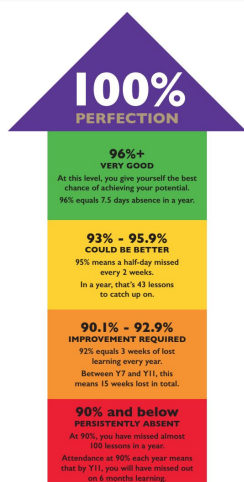
Robert Farley, former President for the Institute of Physics and Engineering in Medicine



Ben Barres, Neurobiology Researcher

Attendance

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



1st Place with 98% - 7E

2nd Place with 97% - 7D & 7H

3rd Place with 96% - 11C & 11G



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RWS MUSIC NEWS



ELTHAM COLLEGE

Eltham College Collaboration

On Monday 29th January, the Year 13 Music A-Level students took part in a performance workshop with A-Level students from Eltham College. The level of performance from both schools was exceptional and of a professional standard. We look forward to working collaboratively again with Eltham College in the future.



Dates for the diary:

5th March – A Level Recital (Drama Studio, 5.30pm)

19th March – Piano Showcase (LPBS Concert Hall)

26th March – Spring Showcase Concert (TBC)

Exam and Audition Success

Congratulations to Edward Marshall for passing recent guitar grade 1 with distinction.

Please contact: ing@rws.uk.net to share music exam results.

Congratulations to Charlotte Skeggs, Sabina Belmonte and Ethan Hunt for being cast as lead roles in BYMT's production of Legally Blonde.

Magic Circle Trip

KS3 Reward Trip - 56 students visited the Magic Circle this week with our very own Dynamo, Mr Ralph. Everyone had a wonderful time and learnt about the history of magic, saw some close up magic and were even taught a few magic tricks to amaze friends and family.





SCHOLASTIC Book Fair!

We are excited to announce that the library will be hosting the Scholastic Book Fair from 1st to 6th March! This pop-up celebration of reading not only places top-notch books directly into our students' hands but also helps raise rewards for the school to invest in even more fantastic reads for free.

It's a great opportunity for students to browse new stories, authors, and genres, even if they do not wish to purchase anything. The fair will be running at Break and Lunch times - all students welcome! More information on how you can purchase books at the fair will be released soon...

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more info



VS BATTLE OF THE BOOKS: Year 7's duel for their next epic Read!



Last week Mr Smith's reading lesson was transformed into a spirited literary battleground as Year 7 students took to the stage to present their picks for the next class read. Presentations were judged on their content, creativity and originality. The Year 7's displayed charisma and bundles of enthusiasm for the activity leaving the library buzzing in the aftermath. The book battle showcased not only the students prowess in presenting but also ignited a collective passion for reading.



Appeal for Equipment for the Quiet Garden

We are in the process of redesigning our Quiet Garden. If you have any of the following that you would be willing to donate to the school it would be most appreciated:

Shed, plastic greenhouse, plant pots, garden gloves, shears, garden forks, hand trowels, spades, rakes, hoe, watering cans, wheelbarrows, wellies, plants including fruit and vegetables and seeds.



If you are able to donate anything, please get in contact with Ms Saunders in the DT Department to arrange a drop off time.

Please do not give any equipment to students to bring into school:

MSA@rws.uk.net

 ParentPay

Bobble Hats



Our popular RWS bobble hats are on sale for students and parents to purchase via Parent Pay for £12.50.

They are perfect for the winter weather and when supporting our students pitch side.

Once purchased, they will be available to collect from Visitor Reception.

#BlackandGreen



RWS Safeguarding



You will have seen lately in the news that disposable vapes will be banned in the UK as part of plans to tackle the rise in youth vaping and protect children's health. Vaping is the inhaling of an aerosol (mist) created by a vaping device. The health risks include addiction, anxiety and depression, sleep problems, lung damage and exposure to cancer causing chemicals. Other health effects are possible but are unknown due to the current lack of long term research.

Parents, carers and anyone working with children can make sure young people understand the health facts about vaping and know about vaping and the law.

Facts to tell young people about vaping:

- Vaping is a way for adults to stop smoking – not something for non-smokers, especially children and young people to try.
- Vaping is substantially less harmful than smoking but that does not mean it is harmless.
- Vaping exposes users to some toxins, and we do not yet know what the risks might be in the longer term.
- Most vapes contain nicotine, which is an addictive substance that can be hard to stop using once you have started.
- Nicotine is more risky for young people than for adults, as evidence suggests the developing brain is more sensitive to its addictive effects.
- In the UK, it is against the law to sell nicotine vaping products to under-18s or for adults to buy them on their behalf.
- Some disposable vapes on sale are illegal and do not meet UK safety regulations. They can contain high levels of harmful substances.

THC vapes contain the chemical that gives the 'high' effect in cannabis. These are illegal in the UK. These vapes can be identified by the colour of the oil which is yellowy brown as well as the smell of cannabis. A small number of vapes have been found to contain dangerous and addictive substances such as 'Spice' and high levels of THC. 'Spice' is a nickname for a substance containing one or more synthetic cannabinoids.



Support for young people using alcohol and/or drugs is available from Bromley Changes Young People's Drug & Alcohol Services and you can access further information about substances at Talk to Frank.

**Disposable
vape ban**
latest news



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Christmas Box Appeal 2023

We want to thank everyone at **Ravens Wood School**.
Your wonderful donation of **75** shoeboxes to our 2023
Christmas Box Appeal helped to spread joy to
thousands of boys, girls, families and communities in
Bulgaria. Well done!

Thank you!



Dates for your Diary

Student's Early Close - Thursday 8th February (2.45pm)

Half Term - Monday 12th to Friday 16th February

Year 7 Parents' Evening - Thursday 22nd February

Year 9 Parents' Evening - Thursday 7th March



Please check the SOCS website for regular updates regarding
sporting fixtures <https://sport.rws.uk.net>


Health Matters - Year 9 Vaccinations

23 FEBRUARY 2024

NHS

Please be reminded to complete the form to confirm whether or not you would like your child in Year 9 to have their teenage booster vaccination on Friday 23rd February. This is a booster of their childhood immunisations for Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio as well as Meningococcal ACWY ;

<https://sav.hrch.nhs.uk/dtp/2023/bromley>

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RWS Sixth Form News



Preparing for Success



Sixth Form Sporting Success



A massive well done to our 1st XI football team who beat Coombe Wood School 2-0 in the last 32 of the National SuperLeague this week. Goals from Timi and Finn secured the win.

The first XV Rugby team came out on top on against John Fisher School with a 38-31 win this week. A tough fixture but the boys showed great resilience to come from behind and take the win.

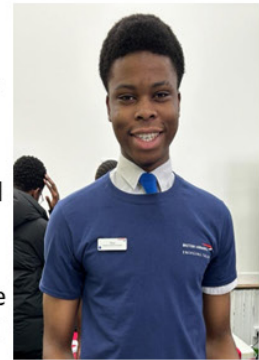
UCAS

Congratulations to our Year 13 students who completed their UCAS applications ahead of this week's deadline. A special mention to all members of the Sixth Form team and wider staff body who supported our students with their applications. We sent over 150 applications in total and students have already had some fantastic offers.



Careers Fair | Student Spotlight

I manned a stall at the 2024 Careers Fair to promote apprenticeships and graduate schemes with British Airways. My aim was to ensure that other people could learn more about the aviation industry, as it is a career path that not everybody knows about. Throughout the day, most of the RWS students I spoke with were very interested and although this might not be their chosen path in the future, they were engaged and asked thoughtful questions. I hope that during the day, some students have found out information that could open doors to a potential career in the wonderful aviation industry. This was a wonderful experience especially for me because it was my first time leading a stand for a big company like British Airways, holding a lot of responsibility, and it helped me to better my skill of leadership in a way.



Upcoming RWS Scholars Events

Title	Who	When
The Apprenticeship route	RWS Careers Lead	28th February
You only Live Once	Serious About Youth	7th March
Life as a BAFTA nominated Director	Charlotte Regan	20th March
Being a World Record Holder	Christopher Leek	Date TBC



Yr13 PPE2
W/C 5th Feb

Timetable is as follows

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
AM exams start at 8.50am	Geography PRE	Economics Film Studies	Biology English Comb English Lit Computer Science	Chemistry Design Tech Politics	Psychology Physics Theatre Studies
PM Exams start at 1.50pm	History PE Music	Sociology	Business Further Maths French	Mathematics Media	Contingency Session

Ravens Wood Sports



Basketball



Ravens Wood basketball is in full swing with our U12 and U13 boys currently competing in Basketball Englands Jr NBA competition. The U12's are representing the Orlando Magic and currently doing really well with a 2-2 win to loss ratio. The U13 boys are representing the Charlotte Hornets, both teams are having loads of fun and developing their skills each week.

Mr Richards - Head of Basketball



Kent Schools Cross Country championships

On Saturday 20th January Billy Pharoah (year 7), Ben Evans, Matthew Tootell, Finn Gotkine (year 8), Nathan Clark (year 10), Ryan Alford-Smith (year 11), Harry Fage, Lola Bischoff (year 12) and Olivia Magee-Brown (year 13) were selected to run for Bromley in the Kent Schools cross country races. There were excellent performances all round with Harry and Ryan both making it into the top 10.

With the help of Ravens Wood students, Bromley was 1st team in the Year 7 Boys, 1st in the Intermediate Boys, 1st in the Junior Boys, 2nd in the Senior Boys and 3rd in the Senior Girls. Congratulations to all those that have now been selected to represent Kent in the upcoming Inter-Counties races in February and March.

Ms Butler, Specialist Teacher

Rugby

We finish off our Rugby season this week with a block fixture versus John Fisher School. This season we have fielded 19 teams across all age grades, playing over 200 games.

Congratulations to our U14's, who have had excellent cup runs within the county and nationally. They lost to Epsom College last week in Round 5 of the School Sport Magazine National U14 Cup. We look forward to seeing their progression into next year's Kent and National Cup.

Congratulations to our Rugby Academy players Matthew and Zac who represented Saracens U18's last week versus Leicester Tigers, they have also been selected to play against Gloucester this weekend. With the Jimmy Cup and Roslyn Park National Seven's still to play for with our Rugby Academy, there's lots of rugby still to come.



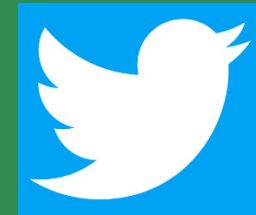
Mr J Forrest - Head of Rugby

Learn To continually explore and discover new skills, ideas and knowledge

Lead To lead by example and inspire those around you

Excel To be the best you can be through effort and endeavour

@rw_school @rwspe @RWSMusicDept



Ravens Wood School @rw_school · Jan 24

This week, Mr Tysall shared a powerful and emotive personal family story in assembly as part of International Holocaust Remembrance Day. We thank him for sharing.

13 likes, 856 views

Ravens Wood School @rw_school · 19h

In form time this morning, all groups from Y7 to Y13 watched the Ronan Kemp #Here4You documentary which shines a light on mental health and what we can do to support our wellbeing. This was part of a @ImpactAcad wide initiative and was really well received. #LearnLeadExcel

8 likes, 492 views



Ravens Wood School @rw_school · Jan 18

RWS 11 students are continuing their impressive engagement in their studies. Intervention sessions were full and the 'How to Revise In...' assemblies started with some key tips and resources from our English Department. #LearnLeadExcel

6 likes, 1K views

Ravens Wood School @rw_school · 18h

Some KS3 students (and magicians) who have demonstrated our core values had a brilliant day at the Magic Circle in London today! #LearnLeadExcel

11 likes, 400 views

Ravens Wood School @rw_school · Jan 20

A great 49-12 win for our U16s Rugby team against Brighton College today. The tries came from E Lee (3), D Lloyd (2), F Brook and J Saunders, with seven conversions from D Lloyd. #WeAreBlackAndGreen

2 likes, 1 retweet, 28 likes, 1.7K views

Ravens Wood School @rw_school · Jan 18

A group of Year 10 students visited Cambridge University today and enjoyed a tour of Gonville and Caius College in the sunshine after a talk about university life. #LearnLeadExcel

1 like, 11 likes, 1K views

Ravens Wood School @rw_school · 19h

The RWS careers fair has been in full swing today. Thanks to all those employers who gave up their time to support our students in KS3, 4 and 5. #LearnLeadExcel

1 like, 9 likes, 461 views

Ravens Wood School @rw_school · 13h

Our Year 13 A Level music students took part in a performance workshop at @ElthamCollegeUK in preparation for their exams today. #LearnLeadExcel #WeAreBlackAndGreen

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Ravens Wood School @rw_school · Jan 18

In the afternoon, students got to look at rare books and try out scientific oddities at the Whipple Museum

5 likes, 515 views

Ravens Wood School @rw_school · Jan 17

This week 'Off Cut Engineers' were given the theme of ROBOTS and were asked to design and make their own creation with scrap wood. They did an amazing job as ever! #LearnLeadExcel

6 likes, 807 views

#WeAreBlackAndGreen