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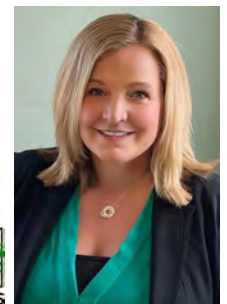


Friday 19th July 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the final edition of our newsletter for this academic year. It has been a busy and successful year, and I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our wonderful staff and students for their hard work in making this year such a success. Since our last newsletter, we have welcomed new staff members who will be joining us in September for an Induction Day. We also had the pleasure of welcoming our new Year 7 students during their induction day, where they experienced a taste of secondary school life through engaging classroom activities, sports field events, and a sampling of the school canteen. On 10th July, we held our 20th annual Ben Morgan Run. Organised every year by Mr Galler, Head of Geography, this event is in remembrance of Ben, a student at our school who sadly lost his life at an early age. The run has grown bigger and better than ever, with enthusiastic support from staff, students, and Ben's family. This Monday, we held our RAM Awards at the Orpington Odeon. A special thanks to Mr Southworth and the Media staff for their hard work in making this event so successful and popular among our students. Our Year 10 students have been inducted as they move into Year 11, and our Year 12 students have had a taste of Year 13 during their Futures Day. These transitions are crucial as they become role models for the younger students in our school. This week, we enjoyed a wonderful Key Stage 3 Sports Day on Wednesday. The sun was shining, and our students relished the opportunity to compete and work together as a team. You can read more about this event on page 12 of this newsletter. During the last two weeks of term, we have also been celebrating our students' achievements in their Year Group Prize Award Assemblies. It is always rewarding to end the academic year with these wonderful accolades. I also want to remind our students to stay safe over the summer and return to us in September fit and well. Please see page 15 of this newsletter for our advice regarding safeguarding concerns during the holiday period. As we close on this academic year, my thanks go to you, our families, for your ongoing support. By working together, we can maximise our students' prospects and education for their future success. On behalf of myself, the staff, and the governors, we wish you a wonderful summer break and look forward to welcoming our students back in September.

Ms M. Lester
Headteacher



BEN MORGAN MEMORIAL RUN

A huge thank you to everyone for their support during the Ben Morgan Memorial Run.

We had at least 115 runners, including 26 staff! 4 teams completed 13 laps. The winners were from the Rugby Academy and were comprised of Jake, Oliver, Harry and Teddy. The RWS Run Club came in second.



PE (Mr Pillow, Mr Beardsmore, Mr Griffin, and Mr Lovell) topped the staff chart, finally breaking the dominance of the Geography Department, with Science coming in second.



Each year Lesley, Ben's mother, attends the run. She asked me to pass on her thanks to the school. A massive thank you also to those who supported the event and donated to the charity. So far we have raised £123 which will be donated to the CRY charity. The event exemplifies our Black & Green values.

RWS Sixth Form News

Future's Day

Year 12 students took part in a 'Futures Day' on Wednesday 17th July. The purpose of the day was to enable students to consider and evaluate their 'next steps' choices and support with their transition into Year 13. All students received a copy of their End of Year Report, which outlined all assessment data from Year 12. This allowed students to review their end of year assessment results and with the support of their form tutor, complete an academic review and an action plan.

Students also used the Unifrog platform to delve into university destinations, apprenticeship opportunities and the world of work. Unifrog is a careers and destinations online platform which will enable them to access careers and next steps guidance. It will support students in ensuring they choose the right University courses/destinations and/or apprenticeships.

Students were given an insight into the UCAS platform, the stages in completing their UCAS application and support with starting their personal statement. A very productive day and well done to all students for engaging in this day so well. A number of students met with members of the Sixth Form team to discuss end of year data and the support on offer as they move into year 13.



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YEAR 6

TRANSITION DAY



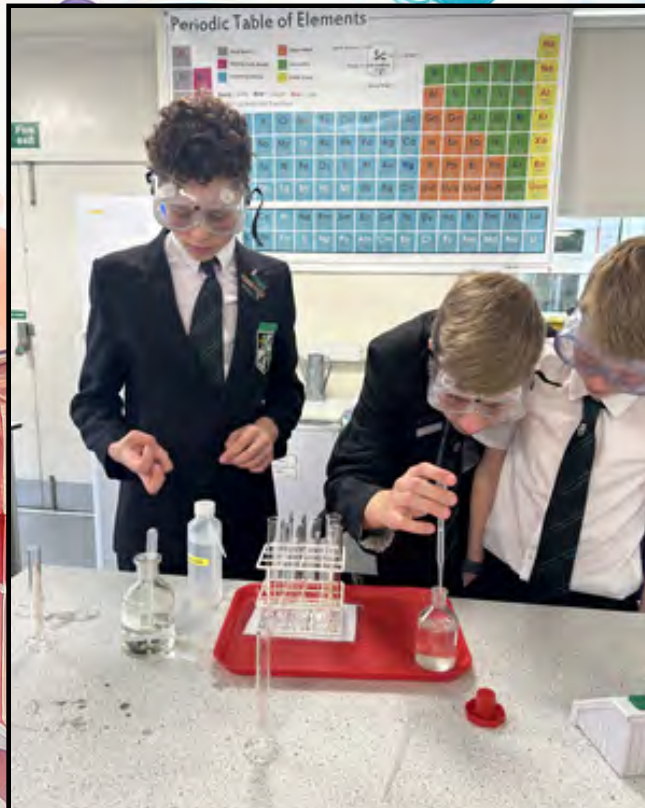
On Tuesday 9th July, our new Year 7s had their first proper taste of life at Ravens Wood at Transition Day. Our new students had a brilliant day full of lessons and activities to set them up for success in the new academic year. Students started the day getting to know their form tutors and new peers, taking part in ice breakers and considering how secondary school is different to primary school. Every student was kindly gifted a book from our wonderful PSFA. This year's book is 'A Wolf Called Wander' by Rosanne Parry; a brilliant story for them to get stuck into over the summer holidays. Over the course of the day the students tried out three lessons. All students tried a Science lesson, most took part in Team Building led by Mr Galler and their Assistant Head of Year, Mr Burt, and then everyone took part in a creative subject such as Art or Music. There was some excellent learning already taking place, with lots of students reporting Science was their favourite session as they were able to use universal indicator in an experiment. It was clear that friendships were already forming by lunch time where the students played nicely together on the field. Throughout the day, the students began showing us that they are "Black and Green" by embodying our values, particularly kindness and community, as they begin to bond as a year group. They seem like a very talented cohort and we are very excited to welcome them properly in September!

KS3 SCIENCE CHALLENGE DAY

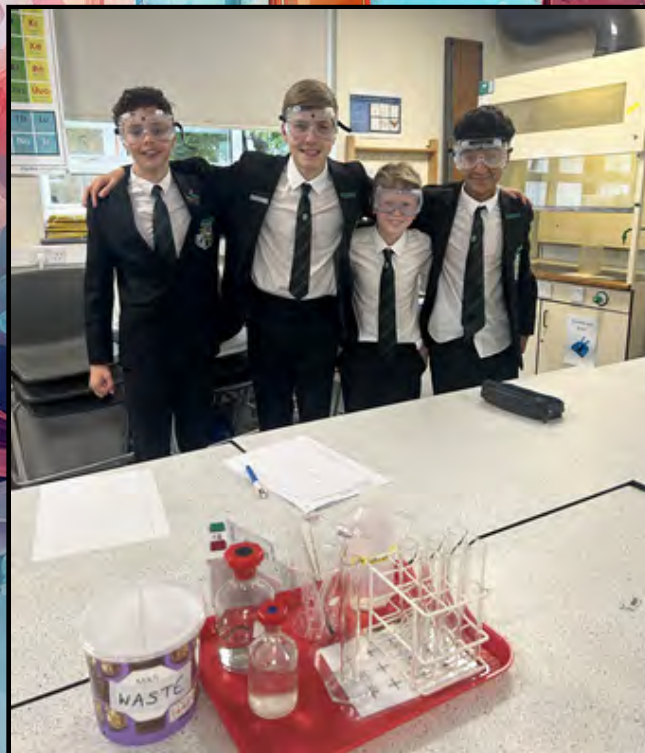


Last week, on Friday 12th July, 16 of our highest achieving Year 8 Scientists represented Ravens Wood at a KS3 Science Challenge day, hosted by Langley Park School for Girls. Four teams from RWS competed against teams from schools within the trust, LPGS, LPSB and Hayes.

Firstly, students had to mix sodium thiosulfate with hydrochloric acid to see a colour change. This sounds easy enough, but students had to find the perfect ratio of each reactant that would allow them to see the colour change at precisely one minute. Congratulations to Charlie D, Ali D, Kenan C and Nazar F for being the RWS team closest to 1 minute, with a time of 58 seconds! Secondly, students were given 5 unknown colourless solutions, and had to identify each one as either an indicator, water, a strong acid, a weak acid and an alkali – only using reactions between the solutions to do so. Well done to Team A who were the only RWS team to correctly identify all 5 substances!



Scores were added up, ready for the winner to be revealed. All the Ravens Wood teams did fantastically, and worked extremely hard in the challenges. However, a HUGE congratulations goes out to Team A who won the 'Best in School' award for Ravens Wood – well done Zachary A, George M, Leo M and Barnaby W.



We had an excellent day, filled with awesome science activities, and we want to extend a massive thank you to our hosts at LPGS and a congratulations to the LPGS teams for being the overall winners of this year's KS3 Science Challenge.

**Miss Winter
Teacher of Science**

RWS1000



This year has seen the launch of our RWS Community Programme with our Year 12 students. As a school we are deeply committed to instilling a sense of responsibility, altruism, and active engagement in our Year 12 students. What makes this programme truly unique to Ravens Wood School is that it not only encourages our Sixth Form students to give back, but also empowers them to develop essential skills that will stand them in good stead as they work towards securing their desired future destinations. RWS Community is a testament to our commitment to fostering well-rounded, socially conscious, and proactive individuals who are ready to make a positive impact on the world.

RWS Community is a dynamic and rolling programme, consisting of six distinctive initiatives:

- **Lower School Mentors** – we teach our Sixth Form students how to effectively and empathetically support and mentor KS3 students
- **Lower School Readers** – we teach our Sixth Form students how to support lower school students with their reading
- **Sustainability** – students are investigating, developing and implementing several initiatives in order to help Ravens Wood School achieve the “Climate Action Award”
- **Charity and Fundraising** – students propose, develop and promote ideas to fundraise each half term
- **Curriculum Support** – students are researching and designing wider reading resources to be embedded across all key-stages to support and challenge students in all years.
- **Self Growth** – students spend time on self-reflection and growth, identifying tangible opportunities to improve their chances when applying for their next steps choices and helping them stand out from the crowd in competitive application procedures. Students will also complete and submit an essay as part of the RWS1000 Essay Competition.

We are delighted to have celebrated the first place and highly commended entries to our inaugural RWS1000 Essay Competition during our Awards Assembly this morning. All nominated students have been given a copy of the RWS1000 Essay Anthology, which is also in the process of being published on our website.



RWS1000

Essay Anthology

2024





At Ravens Wood our black and green values of kindness, respect, pride, integrity, ambition and community are incredibly important to us. Our Prize Assemblies have been celebrating the ambition of our students and we are very proud of all of our prize winners. Each year group had their own prize assembly which recognised student achievement and endeavour. We look forward to celebrating more success with our students next year. FOREVER BLACK & GREEN



YEAR 10 GEOGRAPHY TRIP TO NEWHAVEN AND ROTTINGDEAN

Call us ambitious or crazy but on the penultimate day the geography department took 75 students to the coast. We began the day investigating if Longshore drift was active along Newhaven West beach. This was followed by an investigation of the coastal defences in Rottingdean.

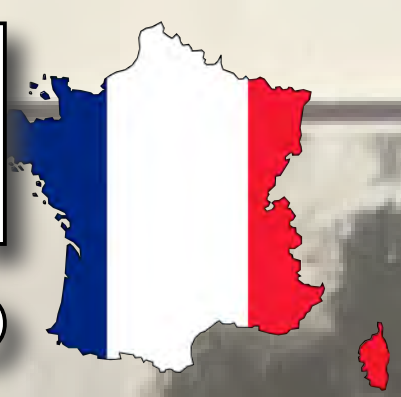


For those who were wondering Longshore drift was evident along the coastline moving from West to East. We are very proud of how the boys conducted themselves maintaining the Black and Green values throughout the day.

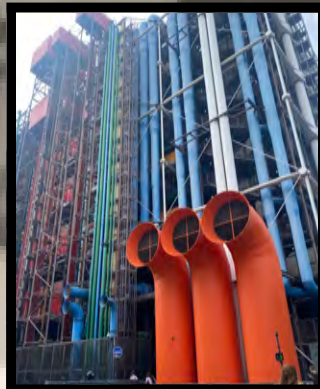


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A-LEVEL PARIS TRIP



Langley Park School for Girls and RWS A-Level students had a fabulous trip to Paris last weekend. The girls practised their French at lots of sites and museums, including the Musée de la Liberation, the Pompidou Centre and the Fondation Louis Vuitton. They ate 'des escargots' at a traditional French brasserie and walked the equivalent of a marathon in 4 day. Très bien les filles - nous sommes fiers de vous!



Pitch Perfect

Well done to the Year 9 Cricket team for winning the Bromley Development League against a strong opposition in Darrick Wood. In a huge team performance, Ravens Wood held Darrick to 73 - 4 over the 16 overs. Our Year 9's lost some early wickets, which made for a closer game than anticipated. However some confident performances from our middle order batsmen made short work of the 74 run target with 4 overs to spare.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH

A group of year 11 and 12 students travelled to East Sussex last weekend to complete their Qualifying expedition as part of the Duke of Edinburgh Silver Award. All students completed 3 days, hiking and navigating their way through the South Downs.

A fantastic achievement by all.

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YEAR 12 TRIP



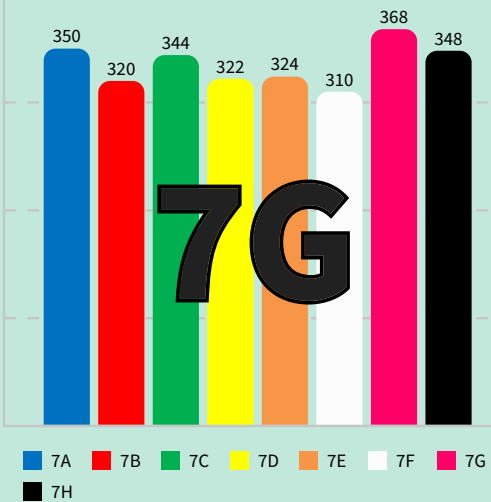
The Art Department visited V&A Museum and The Saatchi Gallery with Year 12 students on Tuesday, 15th July. Viewing exhibitions such as: Beyond Fashion which explores contemporary photography and portraits, Fragile Beauty which display the personal collection of Photographs, owned by Elton John and David Furnish. Also in the V&A, we viewed the Tropical Modernism exhibition which explored the history of architecture and independence in India and Ghana. Students in Y12 Art & Design subjects have worked extremely hard this year and we are proud of the progress they have made, this art trip provides starting points for their Personal Investigation projects which are worth 60% of coursework.



RWS SPORTS DAY

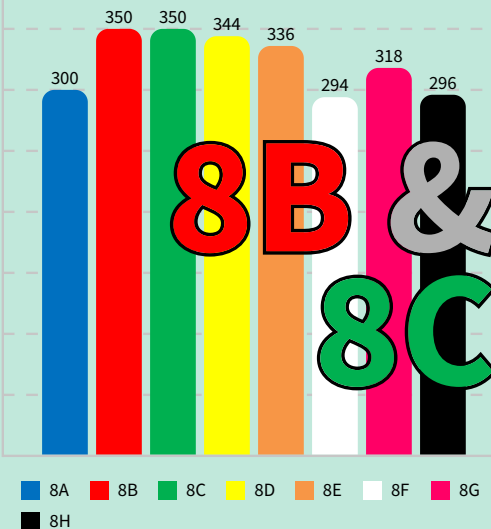


Year 7 Sports Day Winners:

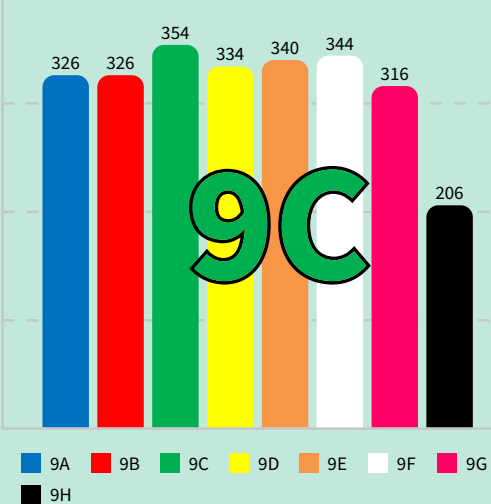


Well done to all the students from Y7-9 who competed in the RWS Sports Day on Wednesday 17th July. The students completed a rotation of Football Rounders, Tennis Rounders and Track and Field Athletics. All students who participated showed great determination as they represented their form groups. The competition was fierce and it was lovely to see the students come together as a community and supporting their peers during the races.

Year 8 Sports Day Winners:



Year 9 Sports Day Winners:



PD Praise



Our Year 10 students took part in Values Week, where the police visited to deliver workshops. Our students were fully engaged, well done for your full commitment and focus!



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Year 8 students took part in a 2.2km fun run during Values Week and all did brilliantly. The top 3 students were:



1st Finn - 8.28

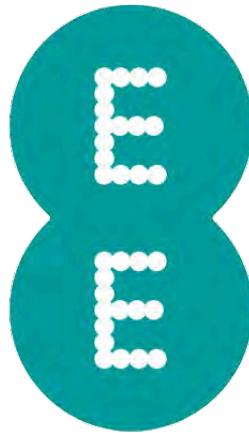


2nd George - 8.32



3rd Ben - 8.36





Barack recently filmed a TV commercial for EE. The advert is a nationwide campaign and is aired as follows: Playdate goes live with a nationwide TV campaign on Tuesday 16th July with key broadcast slots including:

- Love Island (ITV 2) – Friday 19th July
- Non-Stop (5TV) – Friday 19th July
- Kingsman: The Golden Circle (C4TV) – Saturday 20th July

It will also run across cinema, broadcast video on demand (BVOD) and online video (OLV).

We are very proud of him. Here is a link of the online release:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=673cLYxDU-Y>



RWS SEND



Find out what SEND Clubs and Events are happening near you!

<https://new.express.adobe.com/webpage/v7dluzxU4Xr3K>



Trip payments on ParentPay

The facility to pay for trips via ParentPay will be paused from Monday 19th August to Monday 2nd September 2024 for

finance administration.

This pause will not affect any other functions on ParentPay, such

as paying for student meals at the start of term.

ParentPay



THE 5 STEPS OF WELLBEING



<p>CONNECT Connect with the people around you: family, friends, colleagues and neighbours at home, work, school or in your local community. Think of these relationships as the cornerstones of your life and spend time developing them. Building these connections will support and enrich you everyday.</p>	<p>BE ACTIVE Go for a walk or run, cycle, play a game, garden or dance. Exercising makes you feel good. Most importantly, discover a physical activity that you enjoy; one that suits your level of mobility and fitness</p>	<p>TAKE NOTICE Stop, pause, relax or take a moment to look around you. What can you see, feel, smell or even taste? Look for beautiful, new, unusual or extraordinary things in your everyday life and think about how that makes you feel.</p>	<p>KEEP LEARNING Don't be afraid to try something new, rediscover an old hobby or sign up for a course. Take on a different responsibility, fix a bike, learn to play an instrument or how to cook your favourite food. Set a challenge you will enjoy. Learning new things will make you more confident, as well as being fun to do.</p>	<p>GIVE Do something nice for a friend or stranger, thank someone, smile, volunteer your time or consider joining a community group. Look out as well as in. Seeing yourself and your happiness linked to the wider community can be incredibly rewarding and will create connections with the people around you.</p>

A note on Safeguarding

Please be aware of the e-safety and safeguarding advice that we offer to parents and carers, which is regularly updated on the school website at the link below. As a reminder, it is our policy not to use the personal telephone numbers or email addresses of staff for communication. During the holiday period, the school office hours will be from 8.30 – 3.30pm. The school office email office@rws.uk.net and telephone number **01689 856050** will be operational and should be used if required. Please be aware that staff emails will not be checked regularly throughout the summer period, and if you have any safeguarding concerns, please visit: <https://www.ravenswood.bromley.sch.uk/about-us/child-protection-and-safeguarding>

RWS

Summer Reading Challenge!

Read as many books as you can this summer and share your thoughts...

I read these books this summer...

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____



To: Miss Adams
RWS Library
Tutor Group: _____



↓ TO ENTER ↓

<https://www.ravenswood.bromley.sch.uk/assets/Documents/Curriculum/Reading-And-Writing/11-23-Reading-for-Pleasure-Book-Recommendations-for-Years-7-11.pdf>

Simply choose your books & write a brief review or draw a picture for each to enter our library prize draw! All entries should be handed to the library by 6th September (make sure you include your name & tutor group). Happy Reading!

Friends of Ravens Wood Fund

You will recall that Ms Lester wrote to you in May this year, regarding becoming a 'Friend of Ravens Wood School'. By giving a regular amount or annual donation to the fund, it makes a real difference in the school being able to keep resources and equipment up to date, enriching and enhancing the unique and special opportunities available to your child/children.

Donations have been made via standing order in the past, however, this system is changing to a 'Just Giving' platform. Donations can be made either monthly or as a one-off single payment as you prefer. The amount you donate is entirely your decision, but £10 per month or £120 per year is a suggested contribution rate. Please follow the URL: Ravens Wood School Fund - JustGiving or scan the QR code below to get started.

Reminder to update bank details

Please be advised that should you currently be donating via standing order you will need to cancel this with your bank, as the account currently being used is closing, and we would encourage you to use the new system.

In addition, if you are a UK taxpayer you are able to make a Gift Aid declaration which allows the school to claim tax you have already paid back from the Inland Revenue, meaning that every pound you donate will be worth an extra 25 pence. Please tick the relevant box when prompted on the Just Giving platform.

We are extremely grateful for the support we have received from our parents and carers, and do hope that you will consider helping the school in this way. Please scan the QR code or follow the URL link as detailed above.

Yours faithfully

The Finance Department
Ravens Wood School



Our staff return to school on Monday 2nd September for a Professional Development Day, and we look forward to welcoming all students back into school on **Tuesday 3rd** and **Wednesday 4th September** as follows:

Tuesday 3rd September at 8.30am **Years 7 and 12**
Wednesday 4th September at 8.30am **Years 8, 9, 10, 11 and 13**

Attendance

1st Place with 97% - 7A, 7E & 7D
2nd Place with 96% - 8A, 8D, 7B, 7F & 7H
3rd Place with 95% - 9D, 8D, 7B, 7F & 7H



Dates for your Diary

First Day of Autumn term - Tuesday 3rd September; Years 7 & 12

Wednesday 4th September; Years 8, 9, 10, 11, 13

Year 7 Bushcraft Residential Trip - Monday 16th September

Open Day - Saturday 21st September



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



Summer Holiday Fun

Bromley's Holiday
Activities and Food
programme



[www.bromley.gov.uk/
HolidayActivitiesandFoodProgramme](http://www.bromley.gov.uk/HolidayActivitiesandFoodProgramme)

We would like to update you on our upcoming summer Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme 2024.

HAF offers free holiday club places, including activities and healthy meals for families with children who are in receipt of benefit related Free School Meals (FSM) or who are in Bromley as a refugee. The programme will run from **Monday 22nd July – Friday 30th August 2024** (excluding weekends) and our schedule of activities include film-making workshops, bushcraft activities, electric race car driving, STEM activities, creative fun, tennis, football and so much more!

Summer programme

A free and exciting holiday programme for children and young people aged 5 to 16 in receipt of benefit-related free school meals. Take part in **sport, dance, robotics, race car driving, outdoor activities and much more** during the 2024 summer holiday. Free, nutritious meals will be provided for each session.

Have fun with your friends, learn new skills, gain confidence and get involved!

Funded by the Department for Education

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To find out which activities are near you and to sign up please visit:
[www.bromley.gov.uk/
HolidayActivitiesandFoodProgramme](http://www.bromley.gov.uk/HolidayActivitiesandFoodProgramme)



Or email
[HolidayActivitiesandFood
@bromley.gov.uk](mailto:HolidayActivitiesandFood@bromley.gov.uk)



Eligible families can refer to these provisions via the HAF webpage, which includes information and booking links to support families in choosing the most suitable activities for them: [Holiday activities and food programme \(bromley.gov.uk\)](http://www.bromley.gov.uk/HolidayActivitiesandFoodProgramme)

If you have any questions, please contact the Bromley HAF Team via
HolidayActivitiesandFood@bromley.gov.uk.

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

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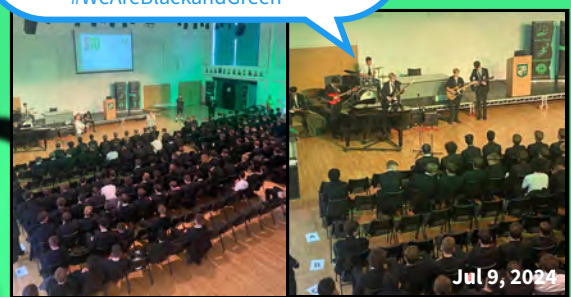
Ravens Wood School @rw_school
 Our new Y7s are enjoying some taster lessons as part of their Transition Day! We've already seen so many of them embodying what it means to be Black & Green!
 #LearnLeadExcel ❤️❤️



Ravens Wood School @rw_school
 Thanks to the @metpoliceuk for working with our Year 9 and 10 students on careers in the police and allowing them to role play different situations. The students had great fun.
 #WeAreBlackandGreen ❤️❤️



Ravens Wood School @rw_school
 We had our RWS10 prize day assembly today. Well done to all the students who were rewarded.
 #LearnLeadExcel
 #WeAreBlackandGreen ❤️❤️



Ravens Wood School @rw_school
 The Ben Morgan Memorial Run is taking place today. As usual, a great turnout and well done to all competitors.
 #WeAreBlackandGreen ❤️❤️



Ravens Wood School @rw_school
 This week the 'Off Cut Engineers' made 'Thank You' bookmarks for their teachers. The designs and messages were great.
 #LearnLeadExcel ❤️❤️



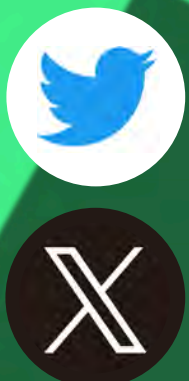
Ravens Wood School @rw_school
 We are extremely proud of our RWS12 student Daisy who is off to the Under 18 European championships in Slovakia next week to represent Great Britain in the long jump. We look forward to hearing how it all goes.
 #WeAreBlackAndGreen #TeamGB ❤️❤️

Ravens Wood School @rw_school
 RWS12 had their Prize Day Assembly this morning. A lovely event celebrating the successes of our Year 12 students including the publication of the RWS 1000 Essay Anthology.
 #LearnLeadExcel ❤️❤️

Ravens Wood School @rw_school
 A small group of RWS8 students are representing RWS at the KS3 Science Challenge. They are really getting stuck in!
 #WeAreBlackandGreen ❤️❤️



Ravens Wood School @rw_school
 Year 8 students taking part in Kickball.
 #LearnLeadExcel ❤️❤️



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