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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we move further into March, the brighter mornings and longer evenings have certainly been a welcome sign of spring.

Over the last fortnight, our assemblies have provided valuable insight into key topics. Ms. Rennalls and Miss Hemetsberger led engaging discussions around World Book Day at the start of March, highlighting the power of reading to transport, inspire, and educate. This week, Miss Prescott spoke about the importance of World Sleep Day, reminding students of the crucial role rest plays in wellbeing, concentration, and overall academic success. These assemblies have prompted some excellent conversations among students about how they can build positive habits.

It has been another action-packed two weeks of enrichment beyond the classroom. On Monday, 4th March, our Year 12 students visited Westcott Venture Park, where they explored STEM applications in rocket engineering—a truly exciting opportunity to see real-world science and innovation in action. Meanwhile, our Year 10 and 12 students joined a Question Time Event at Hayes School, where they had the chance to pose thought-provoking questions to a distinguished panel, including Janet Daby (DfE Minister), Peter Fortune MP, and Alice Kirby (Bromley Youth Council), among others. This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to engage in meaningful discussions on education, safety, and youth issues, and we extend our gratitude to Hayes School for the invitation.

Friday, 7th March saw a well-earned celebration for our top-achieving students in Years 7 and 8, who attended a disco at Bromley High School. Fifty students from each year group, selected based on their achievement points, enjoyed an evening of music, dancing, and socialising. As always, our students conducted themselves impeccably, and we extend our thanks to the staff who generously gave their time to accompany them.

This week has been equally busy with a variety of enriching experiences:

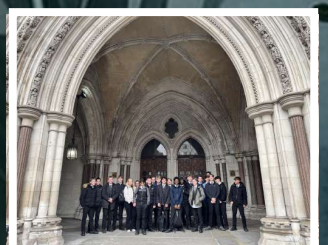
- Monday: Year 11 students participated in the Royal Court of Justice Mock Trial in London, testing their advocacy and legal reasoning skills.
- Wednesday: Photography students visited the University of Westminster, where they explored creative techniques and professional practices in photography.
- Thursday: Some of our students had the privilege of visiting Gonville and Caius College, Cambridge, for an Oxbridge trip, gaining an insight into life at one of the world's top universities.
- Our Senior French Rugby Tour also departed on Wednesday, heading to Biarritz for a competitive and cultural experience.
- This weekend, our Duke of Edinburgh Silver Practice Expedition team embarks on their residential challenge, testing their resilience and teamwork.
- Additionally, we are delighted to welcome our German Exchange counterparts as they arrive for the return leg of their visit. Thank you to the families who have kindly opened their homes to our guests; we are sure this will be a memorable and rewarding experience for all involved.

Looking ahead, we eagerly anticipate our Spring Concert next Tuesday, where our talented musicians will take to the stage to showcase their hard work and creativity. The evening promises a wonderful blend of orchestral, choral, and solo performances, celebrating the dedication and passion of our students. We hope to see many of you there in support of their efforts.

Wishing you all a restful weekend—hopefully with some continued spring sunshine!

*Ms M. Lester*

Headteacher



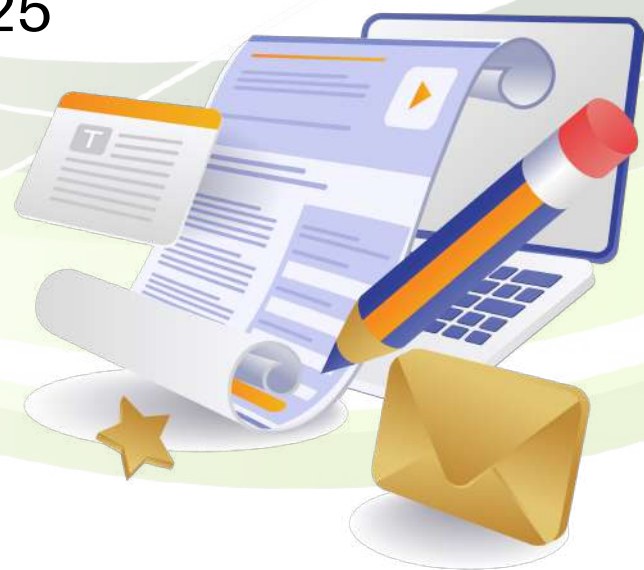


# RWS Sixth Form News

## Important Dates

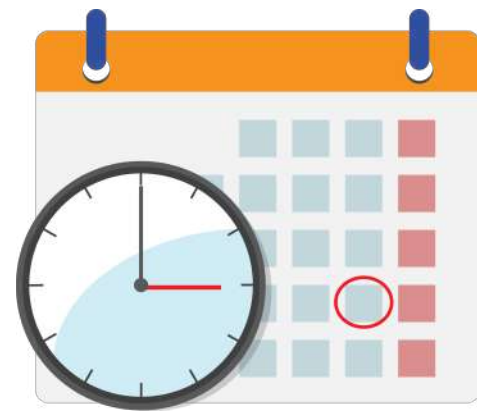
### Dates for Applicants

- RWS12 Induction Day—Thursday 26th June 2025
- GCSE Results Day—Thursday 21st August
- Sixth Form Enrolment - Thursday 21st August  
(this is an 'in person event' )



### Dates for Year 12

- Year 12 Next Steps and UCAS Information Evening - Thursday 5th June 5.30-7pm
- Work Experience Programme—7th to 11th July 2025



### Dates for Year 13

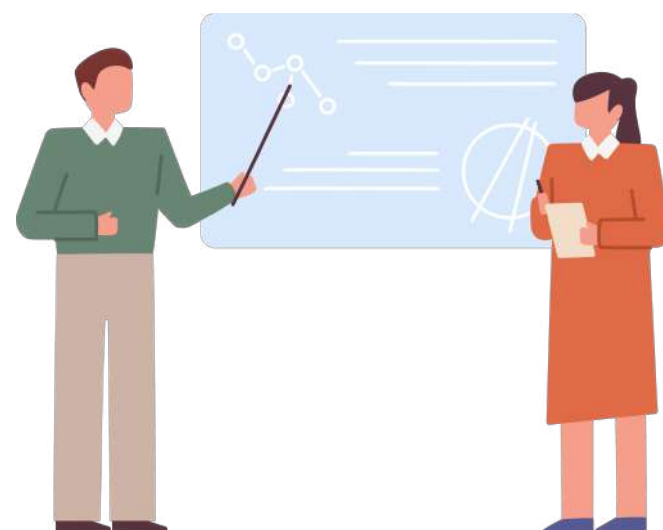
- Year 13 Raising Achievement Evening - Wednesday 19th March
- Year 13 Leavers' Breakfast - Friday 9th May
- Exam Contingency Date—Wednesday 25th June—all students should be available until this date, even if their last exam is prior to this date.
- A Level Results Day—Thursday 14th August



# RWS Sixth Form News

## Year 13 Raising Achievement Evening

As we approach the final phase of preparations for the public exams, students, parents and carers are invited you to a Raising Achievement Evening for our Year 13 students. This event will provide an opportunity for us to work together in supporting your child to achieve their full potential during this critical time.



**Date: Wednesday 19th March Time: 5.30pm Location: Main Hall**

## RWS Scholars



On Monday we welcomed Claire from *Women Warriors* to deliver an impressive session on female empowerment. She shared her story about obstacles, mindset, finding inner strength and managing our mindset and emotions.

## Donation Drive

### DONATION DRIVE FOR WOMEN REFUGEES.

- 1 in 4 women experience domestic abuse within their lifetime.
- 2.4 million people in the UK were reported victims to domestic abuse in 2024- not everyone reported the abuse.
- Less than 24% of domestic abuse cases are reported to the police.
- A domestic abuse related call is made ever 30 seconds to the police.

For International Women's Day, Ravens Wood is working alongside Marylebone Project to achieve their aim to reach as many women as possible in need and support them in a variety of different ways. We are assisting this through donating essentials for female refugees that they will receive as part of their journey with the organisation.



### INTER-FORM COMPETITION

- Each form will collect all donations in a cardboard box (please collect these from the learning commons during AM reg on Monday).
- Each form must decorate their box to the best of their ability.
- They must collect all their donations for international women's day in the box.
- They have one week to collect as many donations as possible and complete their box.
- One member from each form will deliver the box to the Learning Commons during Thursday Period 5.



- Donations needed:**
- Women's toiletries (body wash, shampoo, conditioner e.c.t)
  - Loofas
  - Body sprays
  - Moisturiser
  - Toothbrushes and toothpaste



# OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARD WINNERS

All the students who attended the Arctic Trip were awarded an achievement certificate for their successful completion of the Arctic Survival Course. However, there were some students who were awarded an additional **Outstanding Achievement Award** by the Really Wild instructors, in recognition of the progress they made across the week. All these students demonstrated exceptional levels of resilience, and were recognised for being leaders, looking after other students, and for improving across the week.



These students were: **Theodore Tiffin-Lavers in Y8** (who was nominated by the rest of the students in recognition of getting out of his comfort zone, travelling abroad for the first time and being the only Y8 student to do so), **Aidan Pilal in Y11**, **Lorenzo Bottecchia in Y12**, **Josh Dako in Y11**, **Isaac Goodall in Y11** and **Zakir Shirley in Y9**.



In addition to these students, **Alex Bosshard in Y13** was identified as being **outstanding** by the Really Wild instructors on the first day of the trip. Throughout the week, he demonstrated excellent leadership skills, resilience and was helping younger students prepare for the expedition day. By the end of the week, Steve had spoken to Alex about a job opportunity with Really Wild, and the team also offered to write him a reference. Only a few students get rewarded with a reference, and even fewer get spoken to about working with the team. This was a huge achievement and Alex has been really excited about the opportunity.





# GERMAN EXCHANGE

The return leg of the German exchange from Leer in North West Germany is happening this week. Our students have been eagerly looking forward to reuniting with their exchange partners since our visit in Germany in November.



The German students will be with us until Thursday next week, and are enjoying the chance to explore London with their teachers. On the last day of their visit, (Wednesday), the German students have the opportunity to experience our school culture and join in lessons before visiting Chislehurst Caves and Bowling in Bromley with their RWS exchange partners.

A big thank you goes to our host families for providing the German students with such an unforgettable and enriching experience!

## GROWING GREENS GARDENING CLUB



'The Growing Greens Gardening Club have been busy preparing the allotment for planting potatoes this month. They have also been pruning the sensory garden and digging up invasive bamboo from the Quiet Garden.



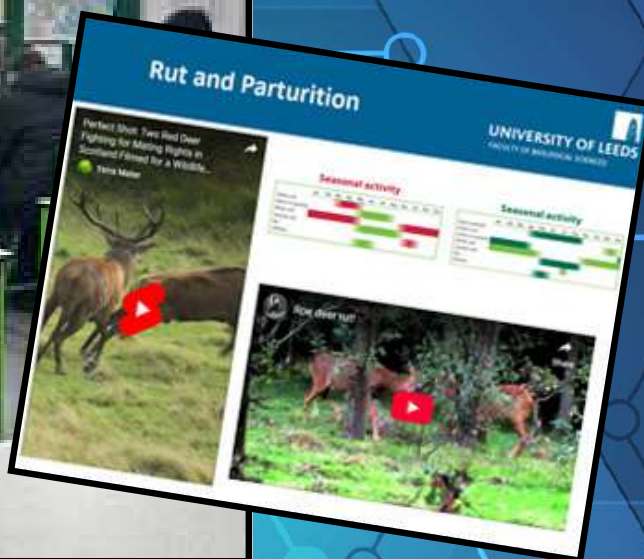
They have also sowed sunflowers seeds and will be competing against Ms Saunders and Ms Bhattacha for the highest flower.



# SCIENCE WEEK AT RWS

British Science Week is a nationwide, 10-day, celebration of Science – this year running from March 7th to March 16th. The theme for this year's Science week was '**Change and Adapt**'. In lessons, students have had themed lessons exploring how the human body is changed by life in Space, the importance of mimicry adaptations in animals, and of course there were lots of practical activities too!

STEM  
Careers talk  
with KCL  
Women in  
STEM  
society



Careers in Ecology  
talk with Dr Tom  
Logan

We hosted an online talk from Dr Tom Logan, a lecturer at the University of Leeds, about his journey into Science, his career in ecology and neurodiversity in Science. Students also learnt about the Rut and Parturition cycles of UK deer. The key message is that 'Science is for Everyone'.



RWS7 students have spent the week investigating evolution by modelling different types of bird beaks and battling for 'food'. They've also used changes in pressure to power their balloon cars.



## Leaderboard

<b>8638</b>	Total registered students
<b>7664</b>	Total registered students for your country
<b>891</b>	Total registered schools for your country
<b>7</b>	Average activities per student in your school over the last 12 months
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<b>1</b>	Your school's rank in your country this month

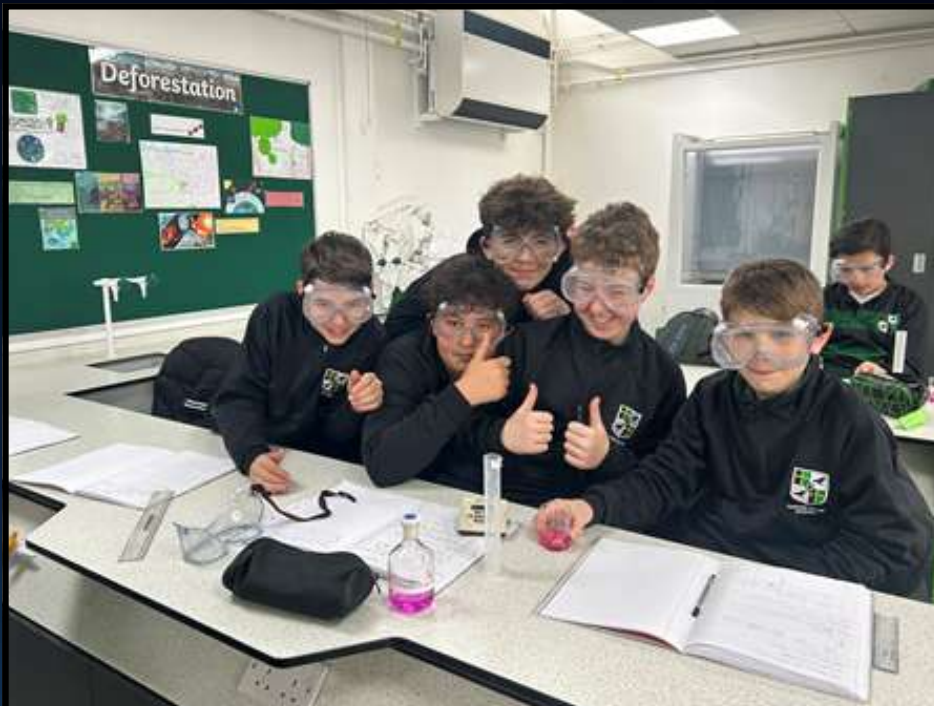


Can the robotic arm lift an egg?

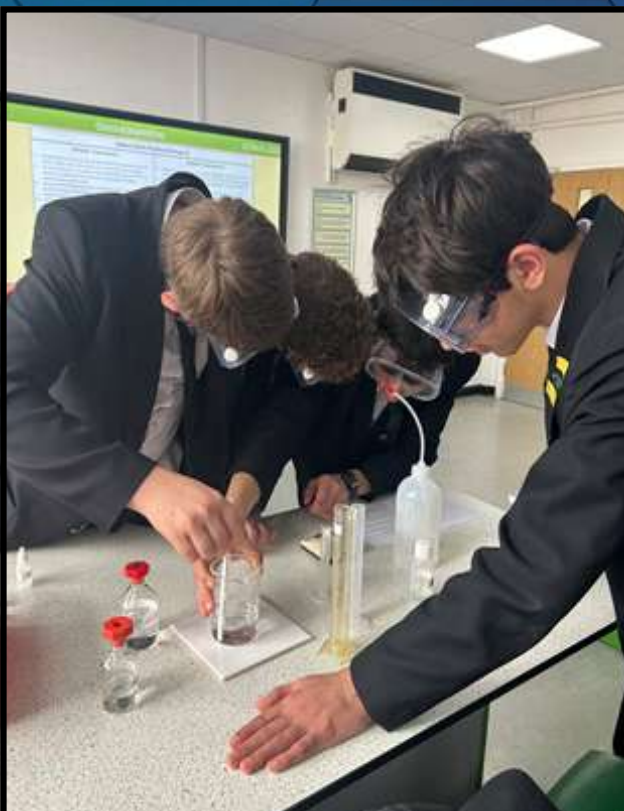
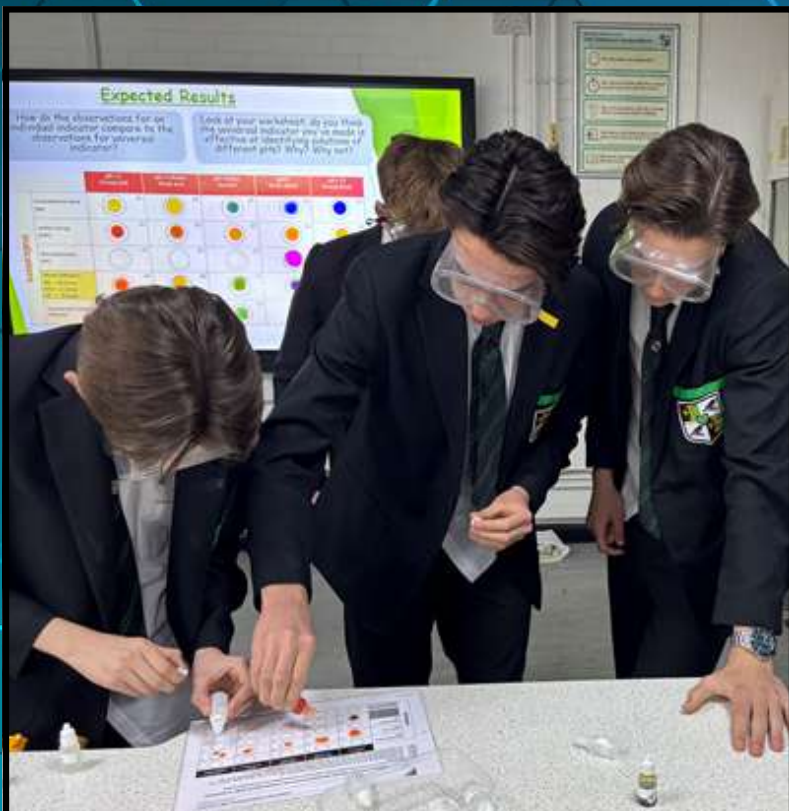
Year 8 students have spent the week making robotic arms and learning about Materials, Science and Medicine, through Salter's Chemistry Club. They have even placed the school at number 1 in the country for engagement with the online platform, having completed over 600 activities! RWS8 students can continue using their log ins at home too.



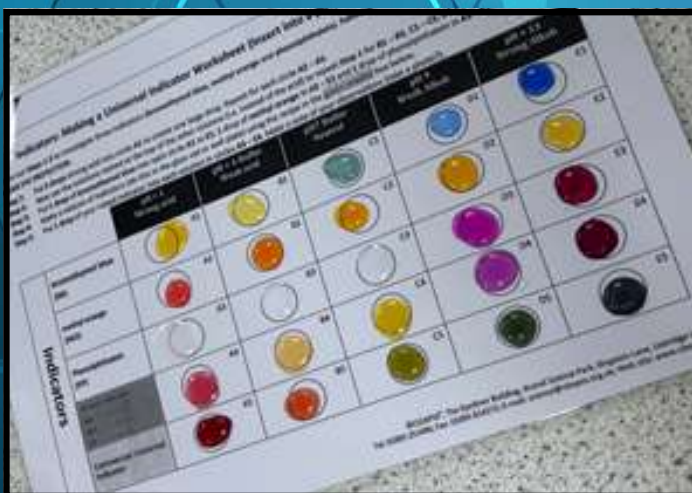




RWS9 students have been investigating the effects of surface area on the rate of reactions, using potassium permanganate and rhubarb.



RWS10 students had a lesson focused on different careers in Science and then got into practical activities that worked with colour changing reactions; the iodine clock reaction and making their own universal indicator.



Finally, we would also like to congratulate all the RWS12 and 13 students who entered this year's British Biology Olympiad Competition in February. We had 12 students receive Commended, and 3 students received Highly Commended awards. In addition to this, Benjy, Daniel and Adam received Silver awards, which is only awarded to the top 10% of students. Congratulations!



# TEACHING INFORMATION EVENTS

Bromley - Aquinas Teacher  
Development Centre  
20th March 4pm to 5:30pm

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1237367061189?aff=oddtcreator>



Greenwich - Woolwich  
Polytechnic School for Girls  
3rd April 4pm to 5:30pm

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1263744587079?aff=oddtcreator>



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# The Wellbeing Hub

As you know, we have recently given all parents access to The Wellbeing Hub. This platform provides you with a wide variety of resources, including articles, podcasts, videos and Q&As on a huge range of topics which may affect your child's mental health and wellbeing.

In order to support you in having conversations with your child following their fortnightly PSHE sessions, we will provide links to some of the resources on The Wellbeing Hub for you to look at. This list is not exhaustive and there will also be some themes that are not covered by the Wellbeing Hub. Please see below a list of resources to support conversations with your child following this week's PSHE:



Year Group	Topic	Resources
7	Body image	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <a href="https://club.teentips.co.uk/resources/how-to-improve-your-body-image/">https://club.teentips.co.uk/resources/how-to-improve-your-body-image/</a></li><li>• <a href="https://club.teentips.co.uk/resources/body-image-tips-for-parents-by-dr-ruth-macconville/">https://club.teentips.co.uk/resources/body-image-tips-for-parents-by-dr-ruth-macconville/</a></li><li>• <a href="https://club.teentips.co.uk/qas/what-can-we-do-to-change-a-negative-body-image/">https://club.teentips.co.uk/qas/what-can-we-do-to-change-a-negative-body-image/</a></li><li>• <a href="https://club.teentips.co.uk/qas/what-does-having-a-positive-body-image-look-like/">https://club.teentips.co.uk/qas/what-does-having-a-positive-body-image-look-like/</a></li><li>• <a href="https://club.teentips.co.uk/qas/what-is-body-image/">https://club.teentips.co.uk/qas/what-is-body-image/</a></li></ul>

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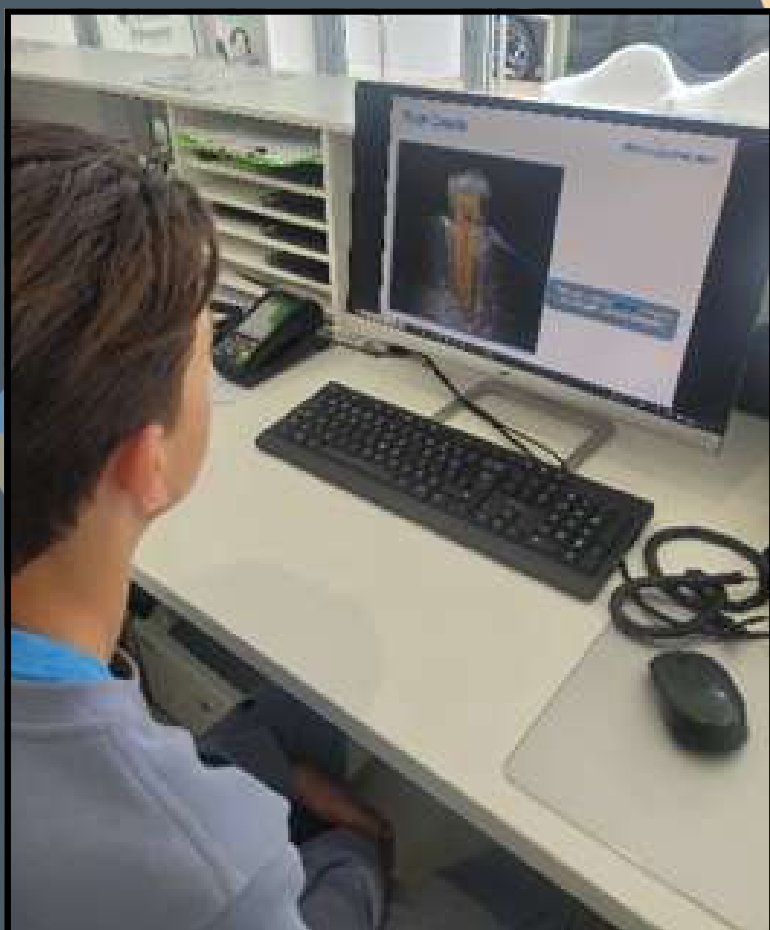
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11	Preparing for GCSEs	<p>Resources to help with exam stress:  <a href="https://club.teentips.co.uk/resources/setting-yourself-up-for-exam-successes-with-alicia-drummond/">https://club.teentips.co.uk/resources/setting-yourself-up-for-exam-successes-with-alicia-drummond/</a></p>

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12 + 13	<p>Girls: Female empowerment</p> <p>Boys: Male body image</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <a href="https://club.teentips.co.uk/resources/bonus-content-empowering-advice-for-teenage-life-with-itv-presenter-suzanne-virdee/">https://club.teentips.co.uk/resources/bonus-content-empowering-advice-for-teenage-life-with-itv-presenter-suzanne-virdee/</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://club.teentips.co.uk/resources/how-to-improve-your-body-image/">https://club.teentips.co.uk/resources/how-to-improve-your-body-image/</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://club.teentips.co.uk/resources/body-image-tips-for-parents-by-dr-ruth-macconville/">https://club.teentips.co.uk/resources/body-image-tips-for-parents-by-dr-ruth-macconville/</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://club.teentips.co.uk/qas/what-can-we-do-to-change-a-negative-body-image/">https://club.teentips.co.uk/qas/what-can-we-do-to-change-a-negative-body-image/</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://club.teentips.co.uk/qas/what-does-having-a-positive-body-image-look-like/">https://club.teentips.co.uk/qas/what-does-having-a-positive-body-image-look-like/</a></li> <li>• <a href="https://club.teentips.co.uk/qas/what-is-body-image/">https://club.teentips.co.uk/qas/what-is-body-image/</a></li> </ul>



## Year 9 Work Shadowing Day Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July 2025

This week we are launching the Year 9 Work Shadowing Day Programme, where all students in Year 9 will get the opportunity to go to work with a family member or another trusted adult. During this week's Year 9 assembly, students received important information about this event from Mr McCartney and Mrs Borley. A letter has been sent out to parents/carers, together with a link to complete an online consent form by Thursday 1st May 2025. If you would like to discuss the 'Work Shadowing Programme' further please email Mrs Borley ([lbo@rws.uk.net](mailto:lbo@rws.uk.net)).



### The aims of Work Shadowing are:

- To provide an experience of the real world of work.
- To help students understand and develop the key skills and personal qualities which are sought by employers.
- To ensure that our students are well prepared for the adult working environment.
- To help students understand the relevance of school to future work and learning.
- To improve the employability of the students.
- To help students make informed decisions about their future careers.
  - To develop maturity and self-confidence.
  - To raise students' career aspirations.

explore the  
**WORLD OF WORK**  
job shadowing program



# CITIZENSHIP VISIT TO THE ROYAL COURTS OF JUSTICE



Our Year 11 Citizenship students visited the Royal Courts of Justice on the 10th March to take part in a mock trial

The students re-enacted a real knife crime case and correctly found the defendant to be guilty, using their knowledge of the law and justice system.

Well done to all of the students and staff involved in the trip!

**Ms Brown**

*Head of Citizenship and PSHE*



## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST TRUST MEMBER



REVEREOR VITAM

We're delighted to confirm that Darrick Wood School will be joining our Trust on the 1st April. Darrick Wood School is a large and successful mixed-sex comprehensive school in the London Borough of Bromley, which is just a ten minute drive (or a 13 minute bike ride for our Chief Executive, who prefers to cycle between our schools!) from Ravens Wood School in our Trust.

We already work closely with Darrick Wood School and our Trust growth enables us to further strengthen our central offer to our schools, offer more development opportunities for our staff and more opportunities for us to share expertise with each other. We're really looking forward to welcoming Darrick Wood colleagues into our Trust and getting to know new colleagues even better.



# STEM ACADEMY



The STEM Academy recently attended a CanSat regional launch event at Westcott Venture Park in Buckinghamshire. They have been designing and building soft drink can sized satellites since the start of the year, and this event gave them the opportunity to launch them in a rocket and see how they would stand up to the stresses of rocket flight.



During a gloriously sunny day, both teams successfully launched their satellites and received radio telemetry data during both the ascent, and parachute controlled descent back to Earth. Analysis of the data showed that both teams reached an altitude of almost 500 metres before safely returning to terra firma.



It was also a fantastic opportunity to meet teams from other schools, share ideas, and lend a helping hand. The students did the school proud and returned with lots of ideas to build on for next year.





# RAVENS WOOD SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT



PRESENTS

## SPRING SHOWCASE

18TH  
MARCH

MAIN HALL

6.30PM



TICKETS £5 ON PARENT PAY

## BIGGIN HILL

10 - 14 MARCH

Day	Date	Start	End	Activity	
Mon	10-Mar	09:00	17:00	Sensory Session	☎
		09:30	12:30	Speech & Language Clinic	☎
		10:00	11:00	Learn & Play Music & Movement (0-1yrs)	💧
		11:30	12:30	Learn & Play Active (1yr+)	💧
Tue	11-Mar	09:00	17:00	Sensory Session	☎
		09:30	11:30	Teen Talk	☎
		10:00	11:00	Learn & Play Creative (0-1yrs)	💧
		11:30	12:30	Learn & Play Focus (1yr +)	💧
		13:30	15:45	Child Health Development Reviews	🕒
Wed	12-Mar	09:00	16:30	Sensory Session	☎
		09:00	14:00	Child Health Development Reviews	🕒
		10:30	11:30	Bookstart	☎
Thu	13-Mar	10:00	11:00	Learn & Play Creative (0-1yrs)	💧
		11:30	12:30	Learn & Play Focus (1yr+)	💧
		11:30	13:15	Cooking with Children	☎
		14:15	15:00	Free Play Session (all ages)	💧
Fri	14-Mar	09:30	11:30	Supercharge your Writing Skills	☎
		10:00	11:00	Learn & Play Focus (0-1yrs)	💧
		11:30	12:30	Learn & Play Active (1yr+)	💧
		14:15	15:00	Family Free Play (all ages)	💧



Call centre to book



By invite only



Drop-in session



By appointment only with Health Visitors - 0300 330 5777

HAVE A QUESTION ABOUT AN ACTIVITY? WHY NOT CALL THE CENTRE?

CALL: 01959 571 694 OR EMAIL: [BIGGINHILLCFC@BROMLEY.GOV.UK](mailto:BIGGINHILLCFC@BROMLEY.GOV.UK)



Biggin Hill CFC, Sunningvale Avenue, TN16 3TN

Monday 17th March 10:00 – 11:30

IASS Coffee  
Morning X



Would you like advice on supporting a child or young person with special educational needs and/or a disability?

Join our coffee morning! It's the perfect chance to meet our fantastic team and dive into all things education, health, and care.

For more details, contact centre staff on 01959 571 694, or reach out to the IASS team: [iass@bromley.gov.uk](mailto:iass@bromley.gov.uk) or 020 8461 7630.





# HAYES QUESTION TIME



On Thursday, 6th March 2025, a group of enthusiastic Year 10 and Year 12 Citizenship and Politics students had the exciting opportunity to participate in the audience at Hayes School 'Question Time' event. Accompanied by Ms Davis, our students joined a packed audience in the Main School Hall, engaging in an inspiring and thought-provoking discussion with a distinguished panel of guests.

This unique event, organised by Hayes School's student media team 'Hayes Communicates,' provided a platform for young people to interact with decision-makers and influencers on key issues that matter to them. With topics ranging from education policy and youth engagement to crime, safety, and local governance, the panel featured representatives such as Janet Daby (Minister for Education), the Bromley Police Team, Claire Thompson (Head of School at Hayes), Alice Kirby (Bromley Youth Council), and Peter Fortune MP.



Our students made the most of this fantastic opportunity, listening to insightful questions and sharing their own perspectives on the challenges young people face today. Many expressed their appreciation for being able to engage directly with policymakers and experts, helping them see how classroom discussions in Citizenship and Politics translate into real-world action. The event seamlessly tied into our Citizenship and Politics curriculum, giving students a first-hand experience of democracy in action. By engaging in open dialogue with public figures, they deepened their understanding of governance, public policy, and activism—skills that will be invaluable as they grow into active and informed citizens.

This event was a fantastic reminder of the importance of youth voices in shaping the future, and we look forward to attending again next year!

## RORY WITCOMBE - ATHLETICS

Rory (Y10) competed in the Hammer Throw at the British Athletics National Long Throws Competition, hosted by Loughborough University. It's the throws equivalent of the Indoor Nationals. It's the first time it's been held, but it's to encourage throwers to train over the winter and have something big to aim for. This inaugural event was by invite only, and the usual minimum distances were required. Rory was probably 5th on paper before the event, but his winter training paid off, and he got a massive 5.5m PB!!! His winning throw was 53.84m.

A huge well done to Rory who has his eyes on the school record this summer which has been held since 2002!







# The Maypole Project Chislehurst Half Marathon 2025

After an extremely successful event last year, The Maypole Project Chislehurst Half Marathon is back, this year we are working with Nice Works to deliver another fantastic event.

This course takes you through some of the green spaces of beautiful Chislehurst where London meets the countryside. Everything raised will go to supporting children with complex medical needs and their families.

**Date:** Sunday 18th May 2025

**Start Time:** 9.30am

**Course Address:** Glebe Football Club, Foxbury Avenue. off Perry Street, Chislehurst, Kent, BR7 6SD

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## KIDS COMPETITION

Task: Design a new activity for Easter 2025!

### ACTIVITY COULD BE:

- ⦿ Based on existing activity with a twist
- ⦿ Repurposing equipment to play in another way
- ⦿ Add your theme to an activity
- ⦿ An activity you love already which you'd like to see at camp

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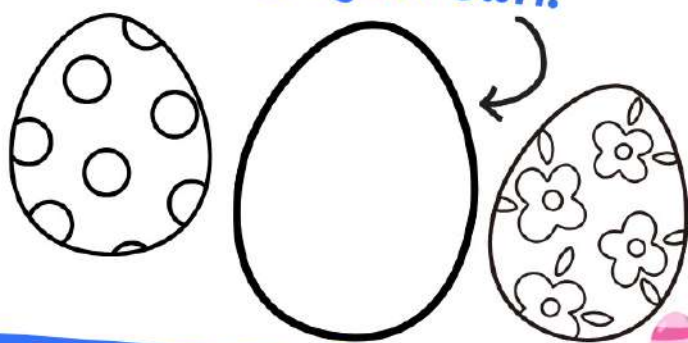
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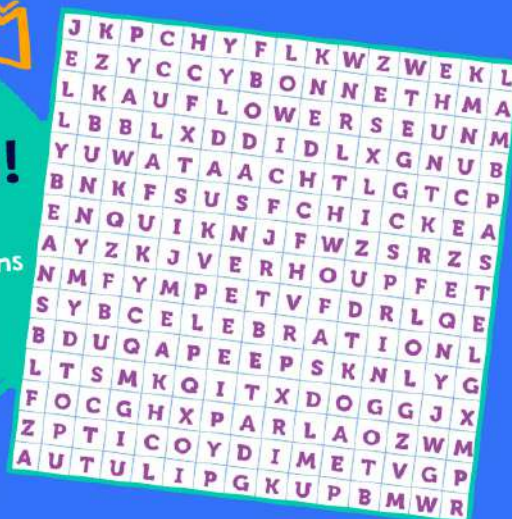
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Colour in the eggs and  
design your own!



### EASTER WORD SEARCH!

1. Basket
2. Bonnet
3. Bunny
4. Celebration
5. Chick
6. Daffodil
7. Egg
8. Flowers
9. Hunt
10. Jellybeans
11. Lamb
12. Pastel
13. Spring
14. Tulip



SCAN ME!  
to see more info  
about our camps!

**HAPPY  
EASTER!**

Hop through  
the maze!



How many easter  
eggs can you see?

#### FUN FACT

The Cairngorms in  
Scotland hold the  
record for being the  
snowiest place in the UK

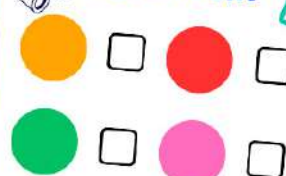
#### HEY!

I'm BILLY Barracuda! Are  
you looking forward to  
the Easter holidays? We  
hope to see you at our  
Easter camps!

#### QUIZ

- 1) What do children hunt for on  
Easter morning?
- 2) What baby animal is often  
associated with Easter?
- 3) Which season does Easter take  
place in?
- 4) What type of animal delivers the  
Easter Eggs?

#### SPRING COLOUR SPOTTER!



Find these colours outside!

#### ANSWERS



Robin Count: 18  
Quiz:  
1. Eggs  
2. Chick  
3. Spring  
4. Bunny

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# Friends of Ravens Wood Fund

You will recall that we 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



## Attendance

**1st Place with 97% = 7D, 7F, 7G, 8E & 9D**

**2nd Place with 96% = 7C, 7H, 8F & 8H**

**3rd Place with 95% = 7A, 7B, 7E, 8A, 8D, 8G, 9A, 9E & 10C**



## Dates for your Diary

**Senior French Rugby Tour - Saturday 15th March 2025**

**Spring Concert - Tuesday 18th March from 6.30pm**

**Year 11 Results Assembly - Wednesday 19th March 2025**

**Year 13 Externally Examined Performances - 20th - 21st March 2025**

**School Show, Jungle Book, Wednesday 2nd and Thursday 3rd April**

**Last day of term, early finish for students, Friday 4th April**



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





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## Location: Crystal Palace | 8 Spaces Available

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### INCLUSIVE

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To be the best you can be through effort and endeavour

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This afternoon we held our Black and Green Tutor Awards Afternoon Tea. Students were rewarded for amazing ambition. Great work all!

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RWS13 English students are taking part in a lecture and seminar on A Streetcar Named Desire. Some brilliant original ideas and critical thinking being shared.

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Our RWS11 Citizenship students attended the Royal Courts of Justice yesterday. It was an incredibly informative visit and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

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We were delighted to welcome Claire Aves, the founder of 'Women Warriors'. Clare spoke to our sixth form female students on the topic of 'empowering females'. It was great to hear her story and our students appreciated her time.

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RWS12 students visited Gonville and Caius College, University of Cambridge. They learned about the process of applying to Oxbridge, had a tour of the College and a lecture in either English or jet engineering. Most popular of all was the three course lunch in the Hall!

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Congratulations to our 1st XV Sevens team. Winning 5 out of 6 games. Losing in the final to a strong @tonbridgesport



MATCH RESULTS		
FIXTURES		
GROUP STAGE   GAME 1		
RWS	14-0	SJWMS
GROUP STAGE   GAME 2		
RWS	19-5	KINGS CANTERBURY
GROUP STAGE   GAME 3		
RWS	17-0	COLFE'S
GROUP STAGE   GAME 4		
RWS	19-7	CHIS & SID
CUP SEMI-FINAL		
RWS	12-10	DARTFORD GS
CUP FINAL		
RWS	14-35	TONBRIDGE



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