



Ravens Wood School



Enrichment Programme 2026-27

*Enrichment at Ravens Wood :
'There's something for everyone'*

Welcome

We want every student at Ravens Wood to participate in the Enrichment programme as we have seen that students who take an active role in enrichment activities display higher levels of self-esteem, a heightened sense of belonging, increased attendance and develop positive friendship groups. This can help improve students' moral and social development, health and wellbeing and academic performance. You will see from the extensive range of clubs and opportunities that we have on offer that there really is something for everyone.

Within this Enrichment booklet you will find information on the broad range of opportunities that your son/daughter can get involved in. Please sign up as early as possible to avoid disappointment as some clubs have limited spaces. Subsidised fees or a subscription payment apply to some activities in order to cover running costs but please do contact us in confidence in cases of financial hardship.

We look forward to all students taking part in our enrichment activities and look forward to seeing you at one of our enrichment events this academic year.

Mr Freds – Director Co-Curricular

If you have any queries please contact Mr Freds or Mrs Carvalho (Enrichment Administrator) on enrichment@rws.uk.net



How to sign up!!

We are pleased to let you know that Ravens Wood School is introducing an upgraded SOCS Co-Curricular system, bringing our enrichment and sports programme together in one place.

Through SOCS, students and parents/carers will be able to view and sign up for enrichment clubs and activities, see sports fixtures and team information, and keep up to date with training sessions and other co-curricular commitments.

Enrichment sign-up will go live on **Thursday 24th September**.

Students should register for SOCS using their Ravens Wood School email address.

For first-time access, students should go to the SOCS password setup page: <https://www.socscms.com/login/507/pupil/?reset=1>

Enter their normal Ravens Wood School email address, follow the instructions to set up their SOCS password.

Once their password has been created, access SOCS through the main Ravens Wood portal: <https://www.socscms.com/login/507>

Students can then view the available enrichment clubs and activities and sign up for those they wish to join.

Parents/carers will also be able to access SOCS to view the opportunities available to their son and keep up to date with enrichment, sports fixtures, training and other activities.

When registering or activating your parent account, you will need to use the email address registered with Ravens Wood School and linked to your son.

The main SOCS portal can be accessed here: <https://www.socscms.com/login/507>

Enrolment for most clubs can be made easily through SOCS. Many of our enrichment clubs are free of charge, but some activities have a cost attached due to specialist equipment, materials, coaching or other associated expenses.

Where a club is run by Ravens Wood School, once your son has signed up through SOCS, he will be added to the relevant activity on My Child at School (MCAS), where payment can then be made.

Some clubs require mandatory payment, for example Scuba Club and Cookery Club, due to the cost of specialist equipment or materials. Students selected to represent the school on our sports teams will also be asked to pay an annual subscription to support training and competition costs.

For example, Football will only appear on MCAS if your son has been selected for a Football Squad, at which point the relevant Football Subs payment option will become visible.

Where an activity is run by an external coach or provider, such as Lacrosse, payment will need to be made directly to the external provider. Full details of costs and payment arrangements can be found in the Enrichment Booklet.

For clubs that are free of charge, we kindly ask families to consider making a voluntary contribution of up to £10 to help us continue to expand and improve the enrichment programme. This contribution is entirely optional and can be selected via the payment item in the My Child at School app, under:

School Store → Enrichment Club Donation

Fees are payable annually unless otherwise stated.

If you are unsure about any club, please speak to the Tutor running the club or the relevant Head of Department. Alternatively, you can contact Mr Freds, Director of Co-Curricular.





KS3 Photography Club

Students will have the opportunity to develop photographic concepts and be involved in projects and competitions. Students will be Health and Safety trained to use the dark room and digital techniques will be explored.

Friday lunchtime/Room A1/Years 7,8,9/Tutor Miss Abbott/cost £10.00/Max 10 places.

Dance and Drama

RWS Drama Club

Love performing? Enjoy drama games and becoming a character? Come and perform with likeminded individuals as you work towards creating different dramatic performances throughout the year!

Tuesday lunchtime/Drama Department DR1/All Years/ Tutor Miss Barnes/Free

School Production - more details coming soon

Rehearsals to take place on Tuesday and Thursdays after school and on Monday lunchtimes.

Private Monologue Lessons (LAMDA)

Work one to one with a professional actor/director on preparing a monologue for auditions or just for fun. Prepare your audition speech for drama school, the National Youth Theatre or work towards your LAMDA drama exam.

Varied through the year (30 minute lessons)/Room: Music Practice Room/All Years/cost - please see Miss Burgess. tbu@rws.uk.net



Dance and Drama Enrichment			
	<u>Monday</u>	<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>
Lunch time	School Production Rehearsals (Miss Burgess)	RWS Drama Club (Miss Barnes)	
After School		School Production Rehearsals (Miss Burgess)	School Production Rehearsals (Miss Burgess)



English

Creative Writing

An opportunity to develop creative writing skills across all genres; write stories, plays and poems; and enter writing competitions. Please see Mr Coleman to sign up.

Tuesday lunchtime/Room E5/All Years/Tutor Mr Coleman/Free/max 15 places

dco@rws.uk.net





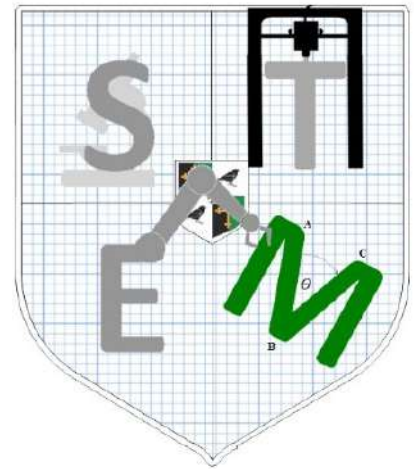
Off-Cut Engineers STEM Club

Students from Year 7 and 8 are invited to the Design and Technology department to design and manufacture sustainable prototypes based on different briefs and problems, using reclaimed materials and workshop off-cuts.

Each week, places are offered on a first come - first served basis. There will be a limit each week of 25 places.

**Wednesday / 3.15 - 4.15 / Room DT-C Workshop / Year 7 & 8 /
Tutor: Mr Ring & DT Dept staff / 25 places / free**

Please note, this club will run in the Autumn and Summer terms, taking a short break in the Spring term for A-level/GCSE DT practical work.



University Portfolio Creation

A course that shows students how to move work on to degree standard. How to prepare portfolios and CVs, self-promotion, client networking, websites and interview techniques.

Please see Mr Ring (Head of DT) to sign-up.

Lunchtime daily/Room: DT-B/Year 13/Tutor Mr Ring/Starts January 2026/Free





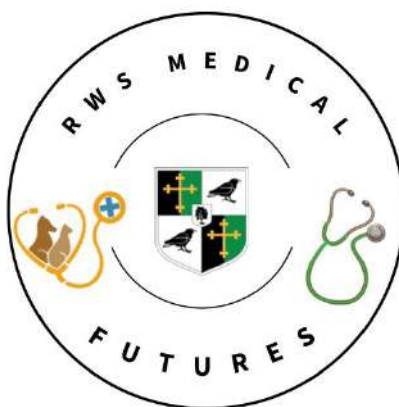
RWS Medical Futures

Open to: **Year 10, 11 and Year 12** students interested in applying for Medicine, Veterinary Science or Dentistry at University.

When/where: **Tuesday lunchtimes starting at 1.10pm in Lab 10.**

Do you want to train to be a doctor, a vet or a dentist? Are you interested in other Healthcare related degrees? If yes, then please join RWS Medical Futures. The club's aim is to support you in your journey to applying for Medicine, Veterinary Science and Dentistry. We will meet each week and complete various activities such as virtual work experience, debates around medical ethics, hearing from external speakers currently working in the industry, doing mock university interviews and completing reflective journals of your experiences. We will go on trips to help you immerse yourself in the field - this year's cohort visited Cambridge University and used a state-of-the-art Anatomage table that is used to teach Anatomy to Medics and Vets at Cambridge.

Teacher: **Ms E Winter: ewi@rws.uk.net**



Upcoming Trips and Tours

French Ski Trip 2027, South Africa Rugby Tour 2027, Madrid Football Tour 2027, Bayonne Rugby Tour 2027, D of E Award Trips, Swiss Adventure Trip 2027, Leer German Exchange Trip 2026, New York Trip 2027, Belgium Physics Trip 2026, Berlin History Trip 2027.



South Africa 2027





Media

The **Ravens Wood Academy of Media** has space for members across the lower school. The Academy offers students the opportunity to participate in National and International Film and Design competitions. Join us to learn how to make films, video content and graphic design using our PC suites, and how to use quality, filming equipment. The Academy will also incorporate our annual submission to BBC Young Reporter Journalism and Media Project.

Tuesdays 3.15pm – 4.15pm/Room: MS2/Years 7-11/Tutor Mr Cannell /max 25 places/Free

aca@rws.uk.net



Film Club

Students will watch weekly screenings of a new film each month—come along and develop your film literacy by watching and discussing a wide range of films with likeminded cinema buffs.

Tuesdays 3.15pm-4.15pm/Room: MS4/Years 9-13/Tutor Mr Lewis/Max 25/Free

jle@rws.uk.net



Table Top Club:

Step into exciting fantasy worlds and embark on adventures where you solve problems, develop strategies, and roleplay epic battles. Explore games like *Dungeons & Dragons*, *Yu-Gi-Oh*, *Pokémon TCG*, and *Magic: The Gathering* with other enthusiasts. New and experienced players welcome!

Thursday after school / Room HU10 / Years 7–13 / Tutor: Miss Cheng and Mr Millard/ £5 for the whole year



NEW FOR SEPTEMBER 2026 Flashcard Friday:

A focused revision club designed to help Year 11 Triple Science students master key chemistry content through effective flashcard techniques and independent study strategies. Build strong revision habits to support your exam success.

All materials provided.

Friday 1:10pm – 1:40pm / Room: Lab 4 / Year 11 Triple Science Students / Tutor: Miss Cheng / £5 for the whole year



Science LEGO Club

Come for the LEGO, Stay for the Science! **Join our brand-new Science LEGO Club for KS3 students** and dive into weekly science-themed builds that challenge your creativity and skills. Collaborate in teams, tackle exciting challenges, and vote to choose the next group project!

Wednesday & Friday 1:10pm – 1:40pm/ Room: Lab 4/ Year7-9/ Tutor Miss Cheng/ Free



Accent Cookery Club

Working in small groups in the RWS kitchen with our chef to explore cooking, baking and food preparation (limited spaces, first come first serve basis, this will be reflected on ParentPay.)

Tuesday 3.15pm—4.15pm/Kitchen/Years 7-9/Tutor: RWS Chef/ Cost £78 for 8 sessions includes all ingredients and containers.



Geography

KS5 Climate Change Panel (CCP)

A brilliant group of dedicated Geographers working to ensure a sustainable approach to school life.

Wednesday 3.15pm-4.15pm/Room: HU4/Year 12 & 13/Tutor Mr Galler/Free

lg@rws.uk.net



Maths



Maths Team Challenge Club

Based around problem solving challenges, riddles, strategy and logic games. Students will also prepare to compete against local schools.

Wednesday lunchtime/Room: MA5/Years 7 -13/Tutor: Mrs Odufote & Mr Hamilton/Free/ Invitation only

jrh@rws.uk.net





All bands and ensembles perform at concerts and events throughout the school year. See the Music Concert Series (published each academic year in September) for dates and times. Events promoted via Twitter, Instagram and the RWS Newsletter.

RWS Big Band

The Ravens Wood Big Band have been National Music for Youth finalists, playing many jazz classics as well as Latin American, swing and funk numbers.

Thursday lunch 13:10pm /Mu3/Gr4+/Conductor Miss Berry/Free



Rabble Chorus

A group for singers of all abilities, whether you have experience or not! Singing a variety of music from pop to funk, classical to sacred and musical theatre. Rabble performs regularly at concerts and workshops and goes on international concert tours every other year.

Wednesday Lunchtime Mu3/All Years/Conductors Mr Grant and Ms Berry/Free

The Ravens Band

Playing pop songs, show tunes, film music and famous numbers this ensemble gives developing musicians a platform for reaching the Big Band. Ideally students should be Grade 1 or above.

Please see a member of the Music team to ask about joining.

Monday Lunchtime /Years 7-10/Conductor Mr Grant/Free



Sunset Sax

Sunset Sax ,An ensemble of woodwind players to develop performance, ensemble skills and instrumental technique in a small group environment.

Friday 3.10 –4.00pm/MU2/Woodwind players/Conductor Ms Simmons/Free

Super Smash Bros & The Real Afro Beats (percussion ensemble)

Explore the sonorous world of tuned percussion on our fabulous marimba, xylophone and glockenspiel and team them with African & Brazilian drums in an exciting array of new and existing pieces.

Thursday Lunchtime/All years /Conductor Mr Grant/Free

Music Production—Band Lab Club

Fancy writing rap and creating you own Hip-Hop beats. Join Mr Grant and learn the skills of producing music and writing rap. Come and see Mr Grant for more information.

Thursday & Friday Lunchtime /All years/Mr Grant/Free

RWS Academy of Music

RWS Academy of Music and Junior Academy of Music. Open to musicians in all years, the Music Academy offers coaching in group and solo performance, leading to many performances in and out of school as well as opportunities to arrange pieces, compose, direct and lead. A must for players and a valuable additional to any Personal Statement.

The highlight of many students' week.

Timetabled/ Music dept/Years 12 and 13/Contact Mr Grant to discuss joining

Music for all Music for life

Music Enrichment Schedule



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Years 7 - 11 BandLab Club 13.05 – 13.40pm MU3 JBY		Rabble 13.05 – 13.40pm MU3 ING + JBY	Year 12/13 NEA Support 13.05 – 13.40pm MUI ING	Year 11 NEA Support 13.05 – 13.40pm MUI ING
Ravens Band 13.05 – 13.40pm MUR JBY			Big Band 13.05 – 13.40pm JBY	Music Production & BandLab Club 13.05 – 13.40pm MU2 ING
Music Academy – P5 ING		Music Academy – P5 ING	Music Academy – P5 JBY	Moonlight Sax 13.05 – 13.40pm MU3 JBY
JAM-Y9 & Y10 Registration – 15.30 ING	Amped! 15.10 -16.10pm MUR LEP & ING	Year 11 Intervention MUI & MU3 PM Registration & after school	JAM – Y8 & Y11 Registration – 15.30 ING	
Piano & String lessons	Guitar & Drum lessons	Brass lessons & Singing lessons	Guitar, Piano & Drum lessons	Piano & Woodwind lessons

All rehearsals are at **Lunchtime & After School** in the Music Dept. unless otherwise stated.

✦ **Visiting Music Teacher** timetables are **displayed on the board** in the **Music corridor**.
Ask if you are interested in joining a club or starting lessons!



Instrumental/Vocal Music Lessons

We offer lessons on a 1-1 basis from visiting peripatetic staff. Lessons take place on a rotating timetable, which you will be sent termly by your child's teacher alongside their invoice.



STRINGS
WOODWIND

BRASS

PERCUSSION

(Drum Kit & Orchestral)

CLASSICAL/ ACOUSTIC GUITAR

ELECTRIC/BASS GUITAR

PIANO/KEYBOARD

VOICE

(Singing)

Continuation & Cancellation Policy

You will be invoiced by the instrumental teacher on a termly basis.

If you wish your child to discontinue their lessons, there must be a term of notice given, in writing, to the relevant instrumental teacher or you will be charged.

If your child misses a lesson it may be rearranged at the discretion and availability of the instrumental teacher.

Contact the instrumental teacher directly if you need to change the time of your

Signing up for lessons:

[Eepos: BYMT Bromley Youth Music Trust](#)

£240 per term

(10 x 30 minute lessons)

£160 per term

(10 x 20 minute lessons)

£120 per term

(2 sharing 10 x 30 minute lessons)

£120 per term

(10 x 15 minute lessons)

Instrumental Hire

Please apply to Mr Grant

(ing@rws.uk.net)

BYMT Charge:

£35.00 per term

(to hire a violin half size or smaller)

£56.00 per term

(to hire any other instrument, pending availability)

RWS loan instruments free of charge.

Availability depending



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Plug in, tune up and get ready to rock! Come and join Amped and be part of an actual band. Join with friends and form your own band or come by yourself and we'll find you a spot in one. If you're interested in putting your guitar, bass, drum, keyboard or vocal skills to the test, then come and join Mr. Parfett and the Amped team. All levels of playing welcomed.

Location: MuR (Music block)/ Tuesday - 3:10—4:00pm/Mr. Parfett / All years/ Free



Whizz Bang

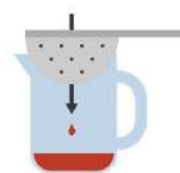
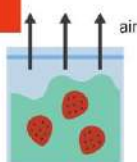
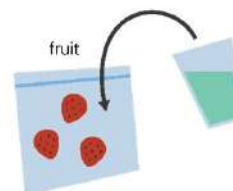
A fun and informative science club where students will discover how and why things work through practical investigation.

Wednesday 3.10pm – 4.10pm/ Room: Lab 3/Year 7/Tutor: Ms Cheng and Mr Downham/
cost £5.00 per term/max 20 places. Email: ewi@rws.uk.net



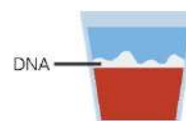
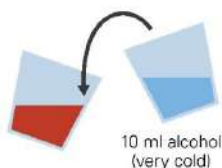
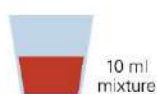
LET'S EXTRACT SOME DNA!

The washing up liquid and the salt have been measured for you. You need to use a measuring cylinder to measure the water.



We will be using filter paper and a conical flask at this stage.

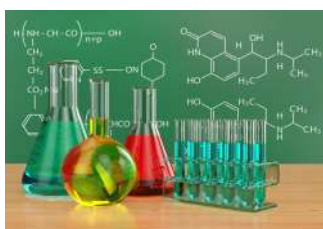
Ethanol is a flammable irritant so I will add the cold ethanol for you.



Chemistry Board Games Club

A fun and interactive club for KS3 students to strengthen their chemistry knowledge through engaging board games and challenges. Learn key concepts while playing, collaborating, and thinking creatively.

Wednesday 1:10pm – 1:40pm / Room: Lab 4 / Years 7–9 / Tutor: Miss Cheng / Free





Open to: Year 8, Year 9 and Year 12

The course is internationally recognised and leads to the Open Water Qualification with PADI. During the pool sessions (possibly in Lewisham) you will be taught the skills required, i.e. sorting out your buoyancy, recovering your mask, clearing our mask, communications, and signals.

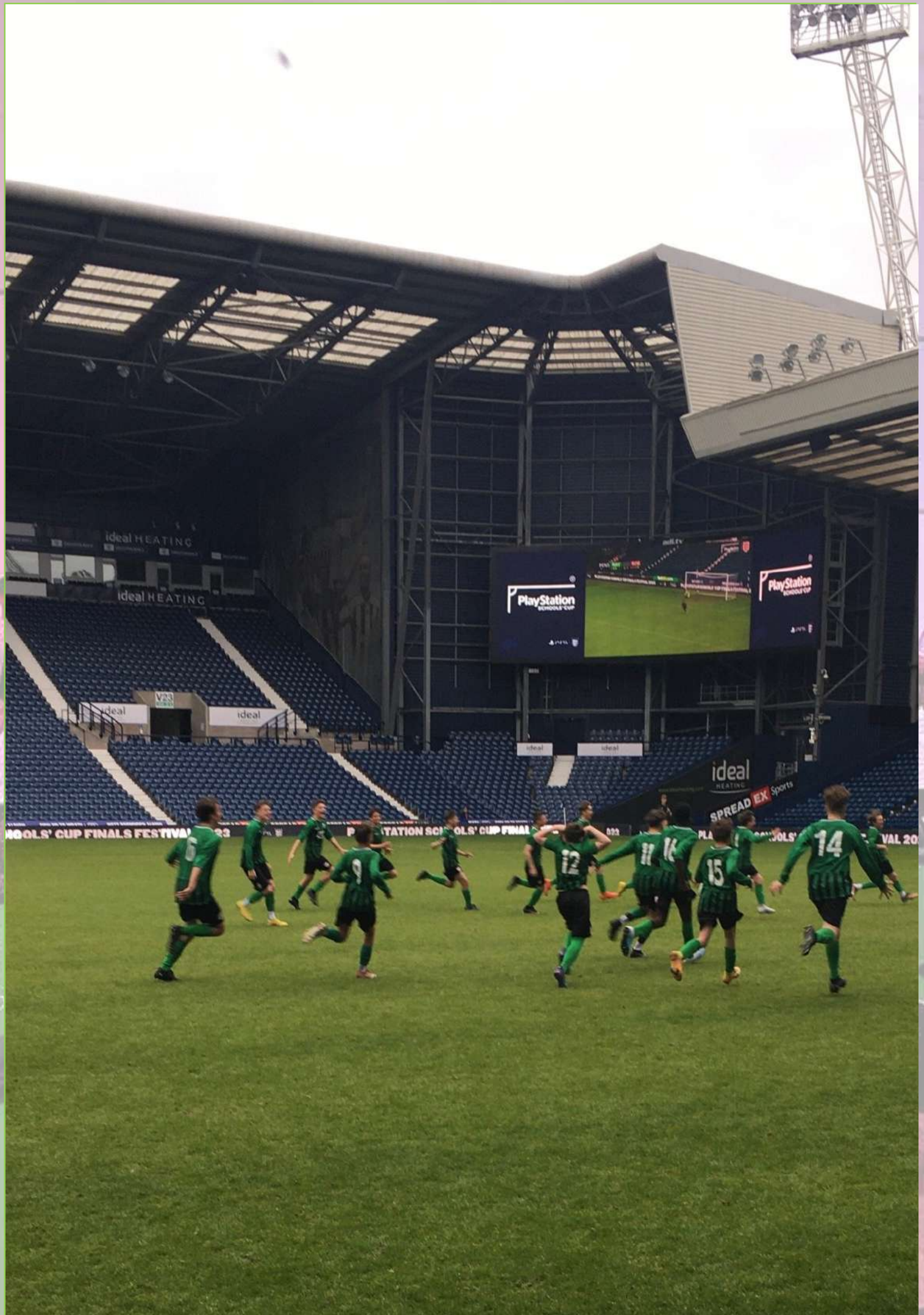
These will take place in the evening, therefore not affecting lessons.

To be able to take part you will also need to swim 200m unaided, while there is no time limit on this it is essential you are able to do so. It might be wise to do some training to help you prepare. If you are unable to complete this, you will not be allowed to proceed.

The dates for the qualifying lake sessions will be sent out via email and we will be travelling by minibus. Pupils will need to provide their own lunch etc for the day, during these sessions they will be given opportunities to implement the skills they have learnt to become qualified open water divers.

You will be notified when students can sign up to this club.





Running Club



Students tackle a number of different routes close to the school and have the opportunity to participate in a number of competitions throughout the year.

Affiliated with a National Running Club, all are welcome.

Year 7 please see Mr Galler for a registration form which must be completed before starting.

Wednesday lunchtime/Outside school/All Years/Tutor Mr Galler/Free lg@rws.uk.net

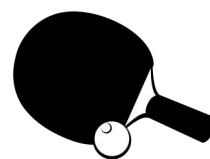
Table Tennis Club

Students looking to improve their table tennis skills during the **Tuesday lunch break** should register with Mr Pillow in PE. The cost is £5 per term and places are limited to 30.

All equipment is supplied.

Tuesday lunchtime/Sports Gym/All Years/Tutor Mr Pillow/£5 per term

spl@rws.uk.net



Selected Sports Squads

Sports Squads and Annual Subscriptions

Rugby, Football, Basketball, Cricket, Athletics, Tennis and Cross Country squads are selected representative teams that are entered into all local and national competitions. Selection is by trial only. Please see teachers in charge for trial details or any further information: Head of Department (Mr Pillow), Rugby (Mr Forrest), Summer Sports (Mr Mosedale), Football (Mr Begam), Basketball (Mr Mosedale).

Students selected for any of the above teams are asked to pay sports subscription (details below), through MCAS to help towards the cost of match day travel, competition and referees' fees, kit maintenance and refreshments. Failure to pay the subs may mean removal from the squad. The timetable for training is on the following page.

For all other Sport Clubs and activities see Mr Pillow.

Winter fees should be fully paid by January 2027, to help spread the cost.

Rugby costs **£50** for the season (this covers from September to February).

Football costs **£50** per year (this covers from September to April).

Basketball costs **£30** per year (this covers from September to April).

Summer fees for Cricket, Tennis and Athletics will apply and further details will be released in the Summer Enrichment timetable.

Lacrosse Club

Run by Ex-England international coach Mike Barrett for Year 7-9 students. 20 places available and this will operate on a first come first served basis. Students will be able to learn the basics and improve their skills from a highly experienced coach.

**Takes place on a Thursday afternoon on the playground/field
3:10pm-4:30pm.**

£6 per week payable termly. All equipment provided.

To book a space please email Mike Barrett on mbctsuk@gmail.com stating your son's name and year group/form group.



Strength and Conditioning Club

For students in Years 10 -13 looking to improve their health and fitness with lunch time sessions in the weights room. Led by Mr Frondigoun, students will be able to train regularly, learn the correct techniques and learn to exercise safely.

Students will need to have a change of clothes for these sessions and appropriate footwear.

Payment must be made on MCAS at the beginning of each half-term and places are limited to 20.

Wednesday and Friday Lunchtimes/In the Weights Room/£10 per half term (6 weeks—12 sessions).

Volley Ball Club

Students looking to participate in volleyball and learn new skills. All equipment will be provided and students can enjoy learning a new sport whilst increasing their physical activity levels.

Payment must be paid on MCAS and places are limited to 20.

Wednesday Lunchtime/Summer Term May—July/Gymnasium or 3G/All Years/Mr Pillow/£5 per term.





RWS PE EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAMME

WE ARE *BLACK* AND *GREEN*



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AM (07:30-08:15) Yr7 Basketball	AM (07:30-08:15) Yr11/12/13 Basketball	AM (07:30-08:15) Yr9 Basketball	AM (07:30-08:15) Yr8 Basketball	AM (07:30-08:15) Yr10 Basketball
LUNCH (13:05-13:45) Yr7 Basketball Yr10 Football Yr11 Rugby	LUNCH (13:05-13:45) Yr11/12/13 Basketball Yr9 Football Yr10 Rugby Table Tennis	LUNCH (13:05-13:45) Yr9 Basketball Yr8 Football S+C Club	LUNCH (13:05-13:45) Yr8 Basketball Yr7 Football Yr9 Rugby	LUNCH (13:05-13:45) Yr10 Basketball Yr11 Football Yr8 Rugby S+C Club
P5 (13:45-14:45) Yr8 Games Football & Rugby Academy	P5 (13:45-14:45)	P5 (13:45-14:45) Sixth Form Basketball Football & Rugby Academy Sixth Form Netball	P5 (13:45-14:45) Football & Rugby Academy Girls Football	P5 (13:45-14:45) Yr7 Games
PM (15:10-16:30) Yr7 Rugby	PM (15:10-16:30) Yr7, Yr8 & Yr9 Football	PM (15:10-16:30) Yr9, Yr10 & Yr11 Rugby	PM (15:10-16:30) Yr10 & Yr11 Football Yr8 Rugby	

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BASKETBALL



FOOTBALL



RUGBY



NETBALL



TABLE TENNIS



STRENGTH & CONDITIONING



PE & Sport Contacts

	Email	Responsible for...
Mr N Freds (Director of Co-curricular) Mrs E Carvalho (Enrichment Administrator)	nef@rws.uk.net	Year 7 Rugby enquiries
	enrichment@rws.uk.net	All major Enrichment enquiries All major trip/tour enquiries All PE event enquiries
Melanie Vowell	sportsdinner@rws.uk.net	Sports Dinner
Mr S Pillow (Head of PE)	spl@rws.uk.net	General PE Enquiries Exam enquiries (A Level PE) Year 11 Basketball enquiries Y8 Basketball enquiries Year 11 Rugby enquiries Sixth Form Netball enquiries
Mr G Mosedale (2 nd I/C of PE)	gm@rws.uk.net	Exam enquiries (GCSE PE) Summer Sports enquiries (Cricket, Athletics, Cross-Country, Tennis) Year 7 Basketball Year 9 Basketball enquiries Year 10 Basketball enquiries
Mr J Forrest (Head of Rugby)	jfo@rws.uk.net	All major Rugby enquiries Rugby Academy enquiries
Mr J Griffiths (KS3 Coordinator)	gmo@rws.uk.net	KS3 PE enquiries Year 8 Rugby enquiries
Mr L Begam (Head of Football)	lbe@rws.uk.net	All major Football enquiries Football Academy enquiries Year 11 Football enquiries Sixth Form Ladies Football enquiries
Mr C Scott (Teacher of Physical Education)	csc@rws.uk.net	Year 7 Football enquiries Year 10 Football enquiries
Mr M Lovell (Head of BTEC Sport)	mlo@rws.uk.net	All BTEC Sport enquiries Year 8 Football enquiries Year 10 Rugby enquiries
Mr A Dearden (Teacher of Physical Education)	ade@rws.uk.net	Year 9 Rugby enquiries Year 9 Football enquiries

For up to date information, please visit our social media pages



@RWSPE



Ravens Wood Sport



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@RWSCoCurricular



sport.rws.uk.net





Outdoor Club

Our outdoor programme at Ravens Wood is designed to allow students to participate in a wide range of experiences in different environments both within the UK and abroad.

Lower school students are offered the outdoor club during Years 7, where students will be supported to learn a variety of skills, including basic navigation, compass and map work, first aid and self-care in the outdoors. They will also learn fire lighting, basic camp cooking and other bushcraft skills that will build their confidence and instil a love of the outdoors.

Students must bring appropriate clothing/ footwear as we will explore the local woods.

As students move through the school, they will have the opportunity to participate in the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme:

This starts in year 9 where students can sign up for the Bronze award; this includes a two-day hiking and camping trip.

In year 10 they can begin the Silver Award that will see them having to navigate in more difficult terrain in the South Downes and New Forest for a three-day hiking adventure.

The Gold award we be available for year 12's in 2026/7.

Bespoke Trips—They will have the offer of exciting bespoke trips, such as our Arctic expedition to Finland, where we learn cross country skiing, build snow shelters and ice fishing as well as learning Arctic survival from experts.

We are looking for committed students who are determined to carry on when the going gets tough!

Autumn Term	Year 7	Tuesday 3.10 – 4.10pm—Pick up at 4.15pm
Spring Term	Year 8	Tuesday 3.10 – 4.10pm—Pick up at 4.15pm
Summer Term	Year 7 & 8	Tuesday 3.10 – 4.10pm—Pick up at 4.15pm

Tuesdays 3.10pm-4.10pm
DTAG
Tutor Ms Paye/ £15

Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme

The DofE Award Scheme is an exciting initiative that enables young people aged 13-25 to take part in a programme of activities, giving them opportunities for personal challenge and achievement. The three levels of the Award – Bronze, Silver and Gold, present increasing levels of responsibility and challenge for all young people regardless of their background or ability.

Throughout the DofE Award, students will complete four sections:

Volunteering – making a positive contribution to their community.

Physical – improving in a sport or physical activity of their choice.

Skills – developing a new skill or building on an existing interest.

Expedition – planning, training for and completing a walking and camping expedition as part of a team.

Each level of the Award has four sections; encouraging participants to learn and develop new skills, improving their physical well-being, giving service to the community and encouraging a spirit of adventure. Further information on how to sign up will be sent out separately to Years 9 -13. This award is regarded highly by prospective employers and can count towards UCAS points. Please speak to **Mr Rees** about joining the scheme. Email: dofe@rws.uk.net

Volunteering

Physical

Skills

Expedition



Careers



Careers Office

The Careers Office, located in the Humanities Corridor, is open to all students

Monday to Friday, from 9am to 3pm.

Our experienced Careers Team offer impartial advice and guidance to help students make informed decisions about their future education, training and career pathways.

Support is available with:

- University and UCAS applications
- Apprenticeship opportunities
- CV and personal statement writing
- Interview preparation and employability skills

- Finding and applying for work experience placements
- Career planning and progression advice
- Exploring higher education, training and employment options
- Labour market information and career pathways

Whether you are planning to attend university, pursue an apprenticeship, enter the workplace or are still exploring your options, the Careers Team is here to provide personalised guidance and support throughout your journey.

For further information or to book an appointment, please email careers@rws.uk.net.

Homework Club

Homework club will begin on the **25th September 2026** and offers an opportunity for students to complete homework in our Library after school, in a quiet and purposeful environment with a range of resources to hand. This also provides a chance to gain positive habits that will benefit students in the future. Staff will be on hand to offer support and there will be access to computers.

Tuesday to Friday, 3.10pm-4.00pm/Library/Tutor: Miss Protheroe/ Free



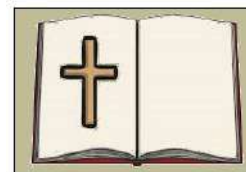
Christian Union

What can students expect from the RWS Christian Union? A chance to meet together, have fun, eat biscuits and learn about journeying with Jesus through Bible-based discussions.

Anyone is welcome to join this student-led club.

Friday lunchtime/Room: HU14/All Years/ Tutor: Mrs J Hemmings/ Free

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Investment Club

The RWS Aquis Investment Club



Open to Year 12 Economics and Business Studies students / March to October/ Mr Ralph/ Free

Chess Club

Come and check out Chess Club, where you will meet like minded Chess enthusiasts.

Friday lunchtime/ MA10/ All years/ Tutor: Mr Ralph / Free



Magic Club



Forget Dynamo or Penn and Teller, we have the Ravens Wood Magic Club. Our budding young magicians will amaze and astound you with card magic, mind reading and our famous shoe lace trick. Come along and join the fun!

Wednesday lunchtime/Room: MA10/Years 7-11/Tutor: Mr Ralph/Free

Debate Club

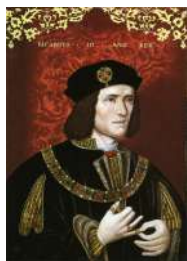


Debate club will give students the opportunity to be involved in a wider conversation around current affairs. It is a great way to discuss what is really going on in the world, therefore enabling you to be more informed about politics and global affairs. We have opportunities to compete in debates and take your oracy skills to the next level!

Tuesday/Lunch/Room: HU12/All Years/Tutor: Miss Davis & a selection of sixth form Politics students/Free

History Club

Are you excited by the past? Do you want to explore history beyond your lesson? If you answered yes to these questions, then History club will be for you. Come to **HU10 on Wednesday afternoons 3:20pm-4:30pm** to investigate the past with Miss Davey and Mr Millard.



Railway Club

A lunchtime club to share the interests of railways and railway modelling.

Tuesday lunchtime/ room: MA4 / All Years /Free





RAVENS WOOD SCHOOL

— INTERNATIONAL TRIPS AND TOURS —

YEAR
8

JULY



SWISS SCIENCE ADVENTURE



YEAR
9

APRIL



MADRID
FOOTBALL TOUR



JUNE



BERLIN
HISTORY TRIP



YEAR
10

OCTOBER



EUROSPACE BELGIUM
SCIENCE TRIP



JULY



SOUTH AFRICA
RUGBY TOUR



EVERY
YEAR

EVERY FEBRUARY



SKI TRIP



YEAR
12

JUNE



CERN
PHYSICS TRIP



OCTOBER



ICELAND
GEOGRAPHY TRIP



YEAR
13

MARCH



SPAIN
FOOTBALL TOUR



MARCH



RUGBY TOUR
TO BAYONNE



MAY



NEW YORK
MEDIA AND ART TRIP



EXPLORE THE WORLD



BROADEN HORIZONS



LEARN BEYOND
THE CLASSROOM



CREATE MEMORIES
THAT LAST A LIFETIME

South African Rugby Tour

Our South African Rugby Tour (July) offers Year 10 and 11 rugby players an unforgettable mix of international rugby, education, adventure, and culture in one of the world's great rugby nations.

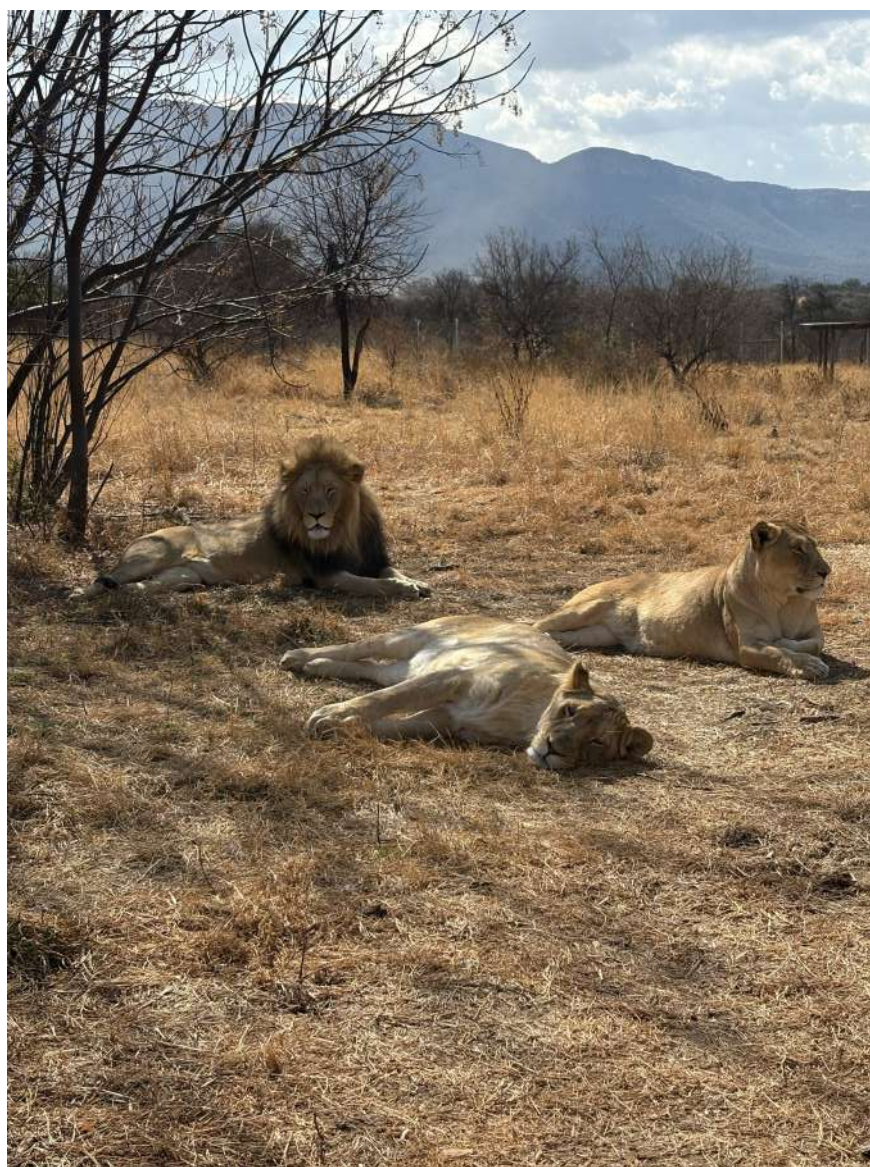
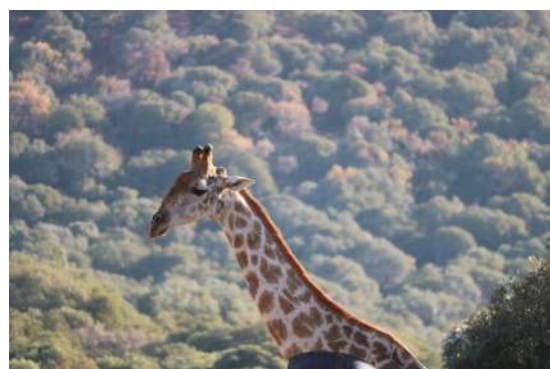
Open to all students who play rugby, the tour includes high-quality training, four competitive matches, and the opportunity to watch top South African school and festival rugby.

The tour also delivers powerful educational experiences, including a guided township visit to understand modern South Africa, learning about wildlife conservation through safari experiences, and exploring the country's history of apartheid through visits such as Robben Island.

Alongside rugby, students will enjoy Cape Town highlights, whale watching, surfing, kayaking with dolphins, and other unforgettable adventures.

To support families, the tour is offered two years in advance, allowing parents to spread the cost through manageable payments.

This is more than a rugby tour — it's a life-changing educational experience students will never forget.



Iceland Geography Trip

Every two years, our Year 13 Geographers have the opportunity to take part in a remarkable four day field trip to Iceland over the October half term. Students express interest in Year 12, allowing time to prepare and spread the cost of this unforgettable experience. The trip brings physical geography to life as students explore the Bridge Between Two Continents, geothermal landscapes, lava tunnels and volcanic craters. They swim in the Secret Lagoon, witness the power of Gullfoss waterfall and erupting geysers, climb a glacier, walk behind Seljalandsfoss and experience Iceland's black sand beaches and the Northern Lights. The final day includes a visit to one of Iceland's major geothermal power stations and a dramatic live lava show. This unforgettable journey offers students real world insight into tectonic, glacial and geothermal processes in one of the world's most extraordinary landscapes.



French Rugby Tour

Ravens Wood U18 Rugby Tour – A Proud Biennial Tradition



Every two years, Ravens Wood Rugby tours the Basque Country, offering U18 players a unique opportunity to experience elite rugby in one of Europe's most passionate rugby regions. Based in Anglet, perfectly located between Biarritz and Bayonne, the squad trains and competes in an environment steeped in rugby history, culture, and tradition.

The tour challenges players against high-quality French opposition, exposing them to the fast-paced, physical, and highly skilled style of Basque rugby. Fixtures against leading academy and elite youth sides provide a true test, accelerating player development and broadening tactical understanding. Specialist coaching sessions led by former

professional players further enhance learning, giving the squad invaluable insight into the demands of the modern game.

The experience extends well beyond the pitch. Players immerse themselves in Basque culture, explore the cities of Biarritz and Bayonne, and take part in activities such as surfing along the Atlantic coastline.

With a touring history spanning over 30 years (*see some old pics below*), the Basque tour remains a cornerstone of Ravens Wood Rugby. It builds character, strengthens friendships, and creates memories that last a lifetime—ensuring this exceptional experience continues to inspire new generations of players every two years.





Ravens Wood Annual Ski Trip – An Unmissable Winter Experience!

The Ravens Wood Annual Ski Trip takes place every February half term and offers students an exciting opportunity to experience world-class skiing in a safe, supportive, and unforgettable setting. Open to students in all year groups except Years 7 and 11, the trip welcomes skiers and snowboarders of all abilities, from complete beginners to confident intermediates.

To support families, the trip launches approximately 15 months in advance, allowing parents to spread the cost through manageable instalments. With just 60 places available, the ski trip is consistently popular and early booking is strongly advised.

Ravens Wood has a strong history of travelling to outstanding alpine resorts, including Obertauern (Austria), Jasper (Canada), and Tignes (France), providing excellent snow conditions, high-quality instruction, and a fantastic après-ski experience tailored to young people. Alongside daily skiing or snowboarding, students build confidence, independence, and lasting friendships while enjoying one of the highlights of the school calendar.





Our Annual Swiss Adventure Trip is an exciting opportunity for boys, invited in Year 7 to travel in July of Year 8, to experience the very best of Switzerland's breath taking landscapes, culture, and adventure.

Based in the stunning alpine village of Leysin, students enjoy a varied and inspiring programme. Highlights include a visit to the historic Chillon Castle (Château de Chillon) on Lake Geneva, an underground tour of the fascinating Bex Salt Mines and a trip to the spectacular Glacier 3000 to experience the high Alps up close.

The trip also includes educational visits to CERN, the world-famous centre for particle physics, where students gain insight into ground breaking scientific research, and the Palace of the United Nations in Geneva, offering a unique perspective on international diplomacy and global cooperation.

Adventure and fun remain at the heart of the experience, with a scenic river ramble, time to relax in thermal baths, as well as bowling and ice-skating. Students also visit the renowned Cailler Chocolate Factory and explore the picturesque medieval village of Gruyère.

This unforgettable trip blends culture, science, history and outdoor adventure — building independence, broadening horizons, and creating lasting memories in one of Europe's most stunning settings.



Spanish Football Tour—Madrid, Valencia, Barcelona

Our annual Year 9 Spanish Football Tour offers students an unforgettable opportunity to experience football at the highest level in one of Europe's most iconic cities.

In recent years, students have enjoyed exclusive training sessions at Real Madrid's world-class Valdebebas training complex, working directly with Real Madrid coaches and gaining insight into elite player development. The tour also includes competitive fixtures against local opposition, providing invaluable international match experience.

A true highlight is attending a live Real Madrid La Liga match, experiencing the atmosphere of top-flight Spanish football first-hand. Alongside the football, students explore and enjoy the vibrant city, making memories both on and off the pitch.

This tour combines elite coaching, competitive football, and cultural experience — an inspiring and unforgettable trip for any young player.

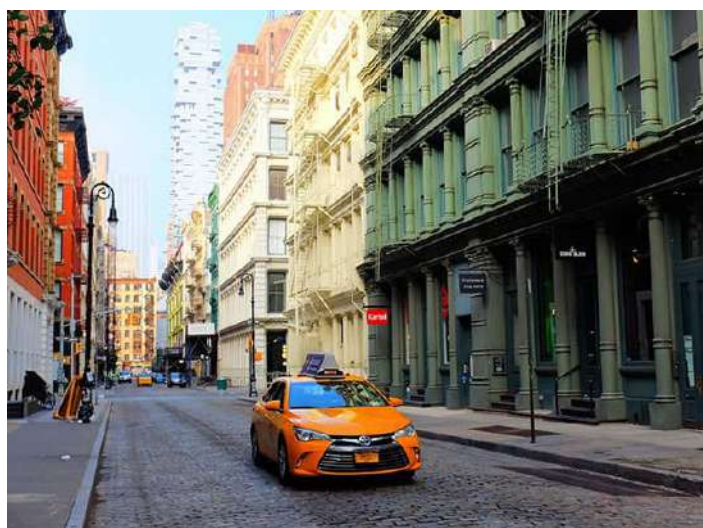


Our Year 12 New York Trip is an unforgettable creative and cultural experience for students studying Art, Graphics, Photography, Media and Film.

Based in the heart of Manhattan (traditionally at the Cambria Hotel, Chelsea), students are immersed in one of the world's most influential creative cities. A major highlight of the trip is a four-hour Filmmaking Workshop at the New York Film Academy, where students work with industry-standard equipment alongside experienced professionals — gaining real insight into the film industry.

The trip also explores New York's rich artistic landscape, including visits to The Metropolitan Museum of Art (The Met), MoMA, and the iconic Guggenheim Museum, renowned for its striking architecture and world-famous collections. Students also take part in a Graffiti and Street Art Walking Tour in Brooklyn, discovering the Brunswick Collection and learning about the evolution of street art since the 1990s.

This trip provides inspiration, portfolio development opportunities, and invaluable first-hand exposure to global creative industries — an essential experience for aspiring artists and filmmakers.



Arctic Survival Trip

Our Arctic Survival Week, held during February half term, is a truly unforgettable adventure set 50km inside the Arctic Circle in Finland. This unique expedition challenges students to step beyond their comfort zones and develop resilience, teamwork and practical survival skills in one of the world's most extreme environments.

Students receive expert briefings on Arctic and cold-weather survival, learning how to dress appropriately for sub-zero conditions and how to recognise and respond to signs of frost nip and frostbite. Throughout the week, they develop essential survival techniques including shelter building, fire lighting, navigation and route planning, as well as mastering practical skills such as knife work and knot tying while wearing gloves.

The experience also includes cross-country skiing, snowshoeing, dog sledding, ice fishing, and cooking over an open fire — all designed to build independence, confidence, and teamwork.

Arctic Survival Week is more than a trip; it's a character-building expedition that develops leadership, resilience, and lifelong memories in one of the most breath-taking landscapes on Earth.





Our annual German Exchange Trip to Leer offers students in Years 8, 9 and 10 who study German a fantastic opportunity to immerse themselves in German language and culture.

Students experience everyday life in Germany by attending a local school, joining lessons, and spending time with their exchange partners. This authentic experience builds confidence, independence and real conversational fluency.

Each year includes popular activities such as visiting a traditional German Christmas market and a fun bowling trip, alongside a varied programme of cultural visits. Additional activities change from year to year and have included a sea lion rescue station, a tea museum, and a local history museum, giving students insight into the region's heritage and environment.

The exchange continues when the German students visit England a few months later, giving our students the opportunity to host, strengthen friendships, and further develop their language skills.

This reciprocal experience brings language learning to life and creates lasting international connections.





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Key Dates 2026-27

Year 7 Sports Trials: **Wednesday 2nd September 2026**

Year 7 Team Building : **Monday 7th September 2026**

Year 12 Activities and Bonding Day: **Wednesday 23rd September 2026**

Young Composer of the Year—**Monday 2nd November 2026**

Belgium Eurospace Trip : **Friday 13th November –Sunday 15th November 2026**

German Exchange Trip: **Thursday 10th December – Wednesday 16th December 2026**

Christmas concerts: **Wednesday 16th December 2026**

French Ski Trip: **Saturday 13th February—Friday 19th February 2027**

Spring Showcase: **Tuesday 16th March 2027**

Year 9 Madrid Football Tour: **Wednesday 21st April—Sunday 25th April 2027**

Performing Arts Awards: **TBC**

Sports Awards Dinner: **Friday 18th June 2027**

Year 9 History Trip The Somme: **June 2027**

Ravens Wood Stock (Summer Concert): **Wednesday 30th June 2027**

Sports Day Yr 7—10 (Norman Park): **Wednesday 1st July 2027**

Young Soloist of the Year competition final: **Friday 3rd July 2027 (Daytime)**

Year 8 Swiss Adventure Trip —**Monday 5th July—Friday 9th July 2027**



