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Friday 17th
July 2026



SUMMER CELEBRATION EDITION 2026



Celebrating an unforgettable end to another
successful year.

Dear Parents and Carers,

As another successful year draws to a close, this special bumper edition celebrates three remarkable weeks that truly capture what it means to be part of the Ravens Wood community.

The month began in spectacular fashion with **Ravens Woodstock**, our David Bowie-inspired music festival, where the extraordinary talents of our students and staff were on full display. Set in our beautiful Quiet Garden, families relaxed on picnic blankets, enjoyed picnics together and even treated themselves to ice cream as they listened to an evening of outstanding performances celebrating the life and music of one of Ravens Wood's most famous former students.

With England's World Cup fixture taking place immediately beforehand, we opened the School Hall to screen the match, allowing families to enjoy the football together before making their way outside for an unforgettable evening of music.

We were honoured to welcome guests from the **Heritage of London Trust**, who are working to transform David Bowie's childhood home in Bromley into a museum celebrating his life and legacy. Over recent months they have been collaborating with our staff and students on ideas, projects and initiatives linked to this exciting development. We were equally delighted to welcome Brixton Radio, who generously volunteered their time and expertise to create the soundtrack to the evening. Their support, alongside the dedication of our students, staff and wider community, made Ravens Woodstock a truly special occasion.

We also came together for the annual **Ben Morgan Run**, organised by Mr Galler, Head of Geography. Students in Years 10 and above, together with members of staff, completed the run in memory of former Ravens Wood student Ben Morgan, while raising awareness and funds for Cardiac Risk in the Young. It was a privilege once again to welcome Ben's family to join us for this important annual event, which continues to celebrate Ben's memory while demonstrating the compassion, resilience and community spirit that are so important to Ravens Wood.

Our **Year 12 Induction Day** welcomed both current Ravens Wood students and external applicants who hope to join our Sixth Form in September. Organised by our Sixth Form Team, the day gave students the opportunity to experience life as a sixth former through subject taster lessons, meeting staff and current students, exploring our facilities and discovering the wealth of opportunities available beyond the classroom. We very much look forward to welcoming many of these students back following the summer holidays after receiving their GCSE results and enrolling into the next exciting stage of their education.

Year 10 students also enjoyed an inspiring visit to the **Royal Society Summer Science Exhibition**, experiencing world-leading scientific research and innovation first-hand, while our Student EDI Ambassadors, supported by Miss McKenzie, delivered an engaging whole-school assembly exploring Hemisphere, encouraging thoughtful discussion around diversity, identity and belonging.

The following week was our much-anticipated **Values Week**, providing hundreds of opportunities for students to learn beyond the classroom. From theme park visits and the Swiss residential, to careers activities, Duke of Edinburgh, creative workshops, RWS500 challenges, themed curriculum lessons, wellbeing activities, science, art, sport, nutrition, performances and leadership opportunities, there truly was something for everyone. None of this would have been possible without the enormous commitment of our staff, many of whom gave up additional time to accompany visits, organise activities and create experiences that our students will remember for years to come. Thank you to every member of staff who helped make Values Week such a success.

During Values Week we were delighted to welcome our new Year 7 students for Transition Day. Following a whole-year welcome assembly, students spent the day getting to know their Head and Assistant Head of Year, Form Tutors and members of the Senior Leadership Team. They experienced a range of lessons, enjoyed PE activities, sampled lunch in the canteen and began making new friendships. In the evening it was wonderful to welcome parents and carers into school for a carousel of information sessions designed to help families prepare for September. We very much look forward to working with our newest Ravens Wood families over the coming years.

Our current Year 12 students spent the week undertaking **work experience**, and we have been delighted by the feedback received from employers. They consistently praised our students' professionalism, curiosity, maturity and willingness to contribute positively in the workplace—qualities that reflect our Black and Green Values and prepare them well for life beyond school.

This week we have celebrated success through our annual **Rewards Assemblies** for Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12. Recognising achievement is an important part of school life and it has been wonderful to celebrate the students whose commitment, effort, attendance, progress and contribution to school life have embodied our values throughout the year. Every certificate and award represents countless hours of hard work, perseverance and determination, and we are incredibly proud of all those recognised.

Our annual **Sports Day** once again showcased outstanding determination, teamwork and sportsmanship from students across Years 7 to 10. Organised superbly by Mr Pillow and the PE Department, the day brought the whole school community together in friendly competition, with students competing for their forms across athletics, field events, relays and tug of war. Despite adapting the timetable due to the exceptionally warm weather, the event remained a fantastic celebration of participation, resilience and teamwork, with students demonstrating our Black and Green Values throughout the day.

Some of our Year 10 students also enjoyed an inspiring visit to the **National Portrait Gallery** on Thursday this week, gaining first-hand experience of one of the country's finest collections while developing ideas and inspiration for their own artistic work. My thanks go to the staff who accompanied the visit and continue to create these enriching opportunities for our students.

As you read through this special edition, I hope you enjoy reflecting on everything our students have achieved over the past three weeks. Together these events remind us that education is about so much more than qualifications. It is about developing confident, compassionate and ambitious young people who embrace opportunities, support one another and make the most of every experience.

Before the summer break begins, I would also like to remind families that while school staff take a well-earned break over the holidays, they will not be routinely monitoring or responding to school emails. Should you have any safeguarding concerns during the summer, please visit the Safeguarding section of our website where you will find details of organisations, agencies and emergency contacts that are available throughout the holiday period to provide advice and support.

To all of our students awaiting examination results, I would like to wish you every success. We know how much hard work has gone into preparing for your examinations and we look forward to celebrating your achievements with you.

Results Day information

- **A Level Results:** Thursday **13 August**, from **8.30am**
- **GCSE Results:** Thursday **20 August**, from **8.30am** followed by enrolment into the Sixth Form (external students to attend from midday)

Finally, as this newsletter goes to press, England's World Cup journey has come to an end following Wednesday's closely fought 2–1 defeat to Argentina. While the result was naturally disappointing, the commitment, teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship displayed throughout the tournament reflected many of the same values that we seek to develop every day at Ravens Wood. The players conducted themselves with humility, respect and dignity—qualities that make them excellent ambassadors for both their sport and their country.

Thank you to our students, staff, parents, carers and governors for another fantastic year.

I wish you all a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer break, and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.



Ms M. Lester

Headteacher



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At Ravens Wood our Black & 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.
WE ARE BLACK AND GREEN.



SWITZERLAND SCHOOL TRIP: AN UNFORGETTABLE ALPINE ADVENTURE

This year's school trip to Switzerland was an incredible experience filled with adventure, learning, and plenty of memorable moments. From exploring cutting-edge science to enjoying breathtaking mountain views and relaxing in thermal waters, the trip offered something for everyone.



A Journey into Science at CERN

One of the highlights of the trip was our visit to CERN, the European Organization for Nuclear Research. Here, students learned about some of the world's most important scientific discoveries and were introduced to the fascinating work being carried out by international teams of scientists. The interactive exhibits helped bring complex scientific concepts to life and inspired many students to think about future careers in science and technology.



Spectacular Views at Glacier 3000

The visit to Glacier 3000 provided some of the most stunning scenery of the entire trip. Surrounded by snow-capped peaks, students enjoyed walking across the famous suspension bridge, which offers breathtaking panoramic views of the Swiss Alps. The experience of standing high above the mountains was both exciting and unforgettable, providing countless opportunities for photographs and memories.





Underground Exploration at Bex Salt Mine

At the Bex Salt Mine, students ventured deep underground to discover how salt has been extracted from the region for centuries. A guided tour through the tunnels revealed the history of the mine and the importance of salt production in Switzerland. Travelling through the passages was a unique experience and gave everyone a glimpse into a hidden world beneath the mountains.

Sweet Success at the Cailler Chocolate Factory

No trip to Switzerland would be complete without chocolate, and the visit to the Cailler Chocolate Factory was certainly a favourite. Students learned about the history of Swiss chocolate, the production process, and the ingredients that make it famous around the world. Of course, the tasting session was a major highlight, with everyone enjoying the opportunity to sample a variety of delicious chocolates.



Relaxing in the Thermal Baths

After several busy days of sightseeing and activities, the thermal baths provided the perfect opportunity to unwind. Surrounded by beautiful mountain scenery, students enjoyed relaxing in the warm waters while reflecting on the adventures of the trip. It was a peaceful and enjoyable way to end a packed schedule of exploration and discovery.

Memories to Last a Lifetime

The Switzerland trip was an outstanding success, combining education, adventure, culture, and fun. Whether learning about particle physics at CERN, admiring the Alpine landscape at Glacier 3000, exploring the Bex Salt Mine, tasting Swiss chocolate, or relaxing in the thermal baths, students returned home with unforgettable memories and experiences that will stay with them for years to come.

YEAR 9 & 10 HISTORIANS BRING HISTORY TO LIFE IN BERLIN

At the end of June, a group of Year 9 and 10 students travelled to Berlin for an unforgettable three-day history tour, exploring the events, individuals and ideas that shaped modern Europe. From the moment they arrived, students immersed themselves in the remarkable story of Germany's turbulent twentieth century, encountering history not through textbooks but in the very places where it unfolded.

Berlin is a city where history is written into the landscape, and our students embraced every opportunity to learn from it. Standing outside the Reichstag, they traced Germany's journey from imperial power to fragile democracy, through the rise of Nazism, the devastation of war and ultimately reunification after the Cold War. At the Brandenburg Gate, they explored how a single monument has witnessed some of the defining moments of German history, from Nazi parades to celebrations marking the fall of the Berlin Wall.



The group spent significant time examining the impact of the Nazi dictatorship and the Holocaust. Visits to the Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe, the Memorial to the Sinti and Roma murdered by the Nazis, and the Topography of Terror encouraged students to think deeply about how modern societies remember victims of persecution and confront difficult histories. At Bebelplatz, where thousands of books were burned in 1933, students reflected on the dangers of censorship, propaganda and intolerance.

One of the most powerful experiences of the trip was the visit to Sachsenhausen Concentration Camp Memorial. Here, students learned about the Nazi camp system, the experiences of prisoners, and the consequences of a regime built on racism, repression and terror. Throughout the visit, they engaged with the site in an exceptionally mature and respectful manner, recognising the human stories behind the historical events they study in lessons.



The Cold War history of Berlin was equally fascinating. Students visited Glienicke Bridge, the famous "Bridge of Spies", where East and West exchanged captured intelligence agents during periods of intense international tension. At the Berlin Wall Memorial and Documentation Centre, they examined how and why Germany was divided after the Second World War, the experiences of those trapped behind the Wall, and the extraordinary events that led to its eventual collapse in 1989. Visits to the East Side Gallery, Checkpoint Charlie and the former Stasi Prison at Hohenschönhausen helped students appreciate both the realities of life in East Germany and the courage of those who resisted political oppression.

Throughout the visit, the students displayed superb conduct, impeccable manners and genuine intellectual curiosity. Our guide, Bob Shaw, repeatedly commented on how impressed he was by the quality of their questions and answers. Whether discussing the rise of Hitler, the ethical questions surrounding medical experimentation in concentration camps, the Berlin Airlift, or the methods used by the Stasi, students demonstrated a depth of knowledge and thoughtfulness that was a credit to them. Their willingness to engage in meaningful discussion transformed every site visit into a genuine historical enquiry.

RAVENS WOODSTOCK

Ravens Woodstock 2026 brought together students, staff, alumni and members of the local community for a memorable evening celebrating the life and music of former Ravens Wood student David Bowie. As the school's annual music festival, Ravens Woodstock is a showcase for student creativity and performance, and this year's event provided opportunities for students across all year groups to take centre stage while supporting the Heritage of London Trust's Blue Plaque Project.

Over several months, students took a leading role in researching Bowie's life and work, rehearsing performances, developing original creative pieces and collaborating across the Music, Drama and Dance departments. From musicians and actors to dancers, writers and technical crews, students were involved in every aspect of the production. Their hard work, imagination and commitment resulted in a vibrant and ambitious programme that celebrated Bowie's extraordinary legacy while demonstrating the depth of talent within the Ravens Wood community.



Highlights included a powerful rendition of "Let's Dance" by the Ravens Band, while the Rabble Chorus sang two of Bowie's most iconic songs, "Starman" and "Space Oddity". Gio Hamilton delivered a moving cello solo performance of "Absolute Beginners", demonstrating both technical skill and musical sensitivity.

The evening also featured original creative work inspired by Bowie's legacy. Daniel Redgrave performed the monologue entitled "One of Us", while Kojo Dampson wrote and recited a thought-provoking poem reflecting on Bowie's life, achievements and lasting impact on music, culture and the wider world.





The festival was further enriched by the presence of George Underwood, Ravens Wood alumnus and David Bowie's lifelong friend, who joined the celebrations and shared in the tribute to his former schoolmate. Brixton Radio generously volunteered their time and expertise to provide a specially curated Bowie-inspired soundtrack throughout the evening, helping to create a unique atmosphere for performers and audience members alike and inspire budding DJ's, radio presenters and sound engineers.

A special thank you goes to Mr Bowman for compering the event and performing one of his own poems as part of the evening's programme. The school is also grateful to the Music Department staff, Visiting Music Teachers, and the PSFA, whose support helped make the event such a success.



Ravens Woodstock 2026 was a true partnership between Ravens Wood School, the Heritage of London Trust and Brixton Radio, bringing together students, alumni and the wider community to celebrate one of the school's most distinguished former pupils and his enduring cultural influence. The evening showcased not only the remarkable legacy of David Bowie but also the creativity, dedication and talent of the Ravens Wood community.

Mr Grant - Head of Music

POET LAUREATE

CHAPTER 1: THE SCHOOL DAYS

At Ravens Wood his dreams began,
A boy with a surreal, different plan.
Unique eyes that saw what others missed,
A restless mind that would never desist.

CHAPTER 2: ZIGGY STARDUST

Hair like fire, boots so high,
radiant and strange, he caught the eye.
Ziggy arrived with a lightning grace,
the alien from the stars who took first place.

CHAPTER 3: THE CHAMELEON OF ROCK

Every time he thought we knew,
A bright alter ego cracked through
with desire sprayed all over his face.
New stories created in a brand-new space.

CHAPTER 4: THE ENDLESS SPARK

As decades past, he led the way.
From dark Berlin and the wall's ricochet,
to starting a family in New York City.
America's gain was England's pity.

CHAPTER 5: RETURN TO THE STARS

A Bromley boy, right from the start,
at last, he gave his final art.
His spirit lives, where memory calls
and shines forever in Ravens Wood's halls.



Poet Laureate Kojo in Year 9 wrote this poem about David Bowie's life and read it with aplomb at Ravens Woodstock.
Well done Kojo!



WORLD CUP SWEEPSTAKES

The Students in Wellbeing have been following the World Cup avidly over the last 6 weeks, we have had a sweepstake, made our predictions, collected Panini stickers for our books and been swapping them too!

Oliver from Year 8 has been our World Cup statistics guru updating us daily; recording all the games, the scores, sharing facts and showing game highlights during Break and Lunch. Thank you Oliver!



IN MEMORY OF BEN MORGAN



On Wednesday 1st July 160 runners, including 23 staff, took part in the Ben Morgan Memorial Run. Ben was one of our students who tragically lost his life in a road traffic accident in 2003. Each year the event is held in memory of Ben and provides an opportunity for the school community to come together. Some runners participate and view the event as a fun run, others have a more competitive approach. We even had a dinosaur running this year! I am delighted to say that we raised an amazing £140 for the Cardiac Risk in the Young charity.



Two teams completed 11 laps in the 30 minutes. The eventual winners were a mixed Yr 10 and Yr 8 team from the Running Club. The students were: Samuel Henderson, Ben Evans, Zack Evans, Matthew Tootell and Billy Pharoah. Honourable mention to the 2nd placed team of Nathan Clarke, Tom Watkins and Louie Alf.

The PE staff team emerged triumphant in a close battle with the English Department, with both completing a total of 10 laps.



Mrs Morgan, Ben's mother, spoke to all those involved, passing on her thanks to the school and all those who participated, stating that "Ben would have loved this event." Congratulations to all those who took part in this important afternoon in the life of Ravenswood School. A huge thank you also to those who supported the event and donated to the charity.

Mr Galler, Event Organiser.



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Anerley
London
SE20 8QA

WHEN

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Monday to Thursday each week,
and is open to young people
aged 8-16.

10:30am - 3:30pm



Bromley High School, BR1 2TW

Week 1 - Tues 11th Aug to Thurs 13th Aug

Week 2 - Monday 17th Aug to Fri 21st Aug

Week 3 - Tues 25th Aug to Fri 28th Aug



St Philomena's Catholic Primary School, Orpington, BR5 4RN

Week 1 - Mon 27th July to Weds 29th July

Week 2 - Monday 24th Aug and Tues 25th Aug



Wickham Common Primary School, BR5 9DG

Week 1 - Mon 3rd Aug to Friday 7th Aug

Week 2 - Weds 26th Aug and Thurs 27th Aug



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SIR DAVID ATTENBOROUGH PHOTO COMPETITION

To celebrate the 100th birthday of renowned naturalist and broadcaster Sir David Attenborough, the Geography Department launched a wildlife photography competition, challenging students to capture the beauty of the natural world through their lenses.

The standard of entries was exceptionally high, showcasing both creativity and a keen eye for nature. Congratulations go to Arthur (8A), Toby (8A) and Aiden (8B), whose stunning photographs were selected as the winning entries. Their impressive wildlife images are now proudly displayed in the Humanities corridor for the whole school community to enjoy.

A huge well done to all students who took part and helped celebrate the wonder of wildlife through photography.



ROYAL SOCIETY SUMMER EXHIBITION



This July, 30 of our Year 10 students visited the Royal Society Summer Exhibition, which showcases current scientific research from universities and companies across the UK. This was a hands-on experience for students, allowing them to discover a variety of careers in Biology, Chemistry and Physics. Topics explored included medical advances in proton beam radiotherapy, the use of virtual reality for scientists around the world to share access to fossil specimens, advances in teaching robots to carry out manual processes and the chemistry behind various formulations found at home, from shampoo to dishwasher tablets.

YR 12 WORK EXPERIENCE

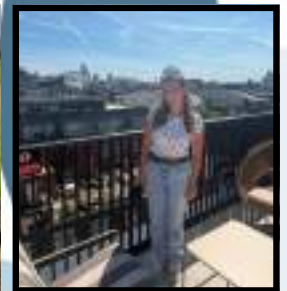
A huge well done to our Year 12 students who recently completed a week of work experience!

They secured an incredible range of placements across industries including Medicine, Physiotherapy, Insurance, Finance, Farming, Retail, Public Services, Technology, Law, Politics, Architecture, and many more.

We're delighted to have received such positive feedback from employers, who praised our students for their enthusiasm, professionalism, and willingness to learn.

Thank you to all the employers who supported our students and helped make this such a valuable and inspiring experience.

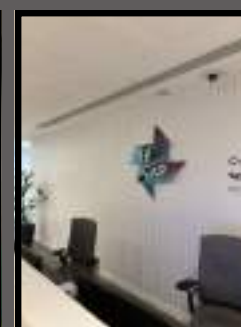
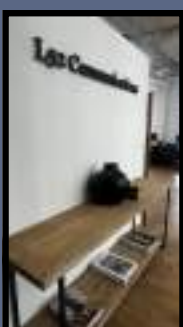
If you would like to get involved and offer work experience next year to our students please contact careers@rws.uk.net - we look forward to hearing from you!



Testimonials

The student made an excellent impression throughout her work experience week at American Express. She was consistently punctual, arriving on time for every meeting and activity, and approached each day with enthusiasm, professionalism, and a genuine willingness to learn. We have thoroughly enjoyed hosting her and wish her every success in the future. With her excellent attitude, curiosity, and attention to detail, we have no doubt that she will go far. **(AMEX)**

The student has had an excellent week and has been a pleasure to host. Throughout the placement he fully immersed himself in the programme, engaging with a wide range of technology, innovation and business-focused activities. What stood out most was his professionalism and attitude. He was consistently punctual, well-presented and enthusiastic throughout the week. He actively participated in discussions, asked thoughtful questions and showed a genuine curiosity to learn more about technology and the financial services industry. His engagement and willingness to contribute were evident from day one. It is clear that he is a credit to both his family and Ravens Wood School. If this is the quality of the next generation of students entering the workplace, then the future is most definitely bright. **(DEUTSCHE BANK)**



YEAR 9 WORK SHADOWING

Last week during Values Week, our Year 9 students took part in a Work Shadowing Day, spending time with family members and friends to gain a valuable insight into the world of work.

Students experienced a wide range of workplaces and careers, giving them the opportunity to observe professionals in action, learn about different job roles, and develop a greater understanding of the skills and qualities needed in the workplace.

The day was a fantastic opportunity to explore future career possibilities, build confidence, and make connections between their learning in school and the world beyond the classroom.

A huge thank you to all the parents, family members, and friends who generously gave their time to support our students and provide such meaningful experiences. We hope the day has inspired our Year 9 students as they begin to think about their future career pathways.



DYSLEXIC FORUM



On Friday 3rd July, Ravens Wood School welcomed students and parents from Years 7 and 8 to its **annual Dyslexic Forum**. This year's event focused on the benefits of mind mapping as a learning and revision strategy, with families exploring the school's Inspiration software.

A highlight of the evening was hearing from current and former Ravens Wood students, who shared their experiences of dyslexia and the strategies that have supported their success both in school and beyond. Their inspiring stories demonstrated that, with the right support and determination, dyslexic learners can achieve highly.

Thank you to everyone who attended and contributed to another successful and inspiring event.



Y7 AND Y8 VALUES WEEK TOUGH MUDDER CHALLENGE

A huge congratulations to all of our Year 7 and 8 students who took part in the Values Week Tough Mudder Race! Every student showed fantastic determination and resilience as they tackled the course in the hot weather!

A special congratulations goes to our Top 10 finishers overall from each year groups who received teacher points in recognition of their outstanding performances.

Y7 - 2km

1st - S Edwards - 8.15
2nd - A Rollingson - 8.19
3rd - L Brown - 8.22
Tied 4th - V Petkov - 8.23
Tied 4th - I Knowles - 8.23
6th - O Cadogan - 8.24
7th - A Gilbert - 8.40
8th - J Snazell - 8.48
9th - L McMullan - 8.57
10th - Z Quddus - 8.59



Y8 - 2.3km

1st - Z Evans - 8.14
Tied 2nd - G Reale - 8.40
Tied 2nd - J Guevara - 8.40
4th - G Pacey - 8.43
5th - E Shepherd - 8.49
6th - A Mazzini - 8.54
7th - K Knight - 9.07
8th - C Diamond - 9.14
9th - O Curtis - 9.30
10th - F Joy - 9.42

MCAS will be temporarily suspended for the end of year, between **19th August and 1st September**.

Parents will still be able to top up dinner money but not make any other payments during this time.





Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to remind you of the importance of safely storing and monitoring all medicines within the home, including both prescription and over-the-counter medications.

There is growing concern nationally about young people accessing and misusing medicines, sometimes combining different products to create homemade versions of so-called "lean" or other substance mixtures. These combinations can be extremely dangerous and may result in serious harm, overdose, hospitalisation, or even death.

Please be particularly aware of:

- Codeine-containing medicines (including some pain relief products)
- Cough and cold remedies
- Paracetamol
- Antihistamines
- Prescription pain medication
- Any other medicines that may cause drowsiness or altered mental states

To help keep young people safe, we encourage parents and carers to:

- ✔ Store all medicines securely and out of sight, ideally in a locked cupboard.
- ✔ Regularly check the quantities of medicines kept at home.
- ✔ Dispose of unwanted or expired medicines safely through your local pharmacy.
- ✔ Avoid keeping excess medication in accessible locations such as bedrooms, bathrooms, backpacks, or kitchen drawers.
- ✔ Talk openly with your children about the risks of medicine misuse and the dangers of taking medications not prescribed or intended for them.
- ✔ Be alert to signs of possible misuse, including unexplained drowsiness, changes in behaviour, missing medication, or the presence of medicine bottles, cups, or mixtures in bedrooms.

If you have concerns about your child's health, wellbeing, or possible substance misuse, please seek support from [Bromley Changes](#) or from your GP. By working together, we can help reduce the risks associated with medicine misuse and keep our young people safe.

Thank you for your support and vigilance.

Kind regards

Bromley Changes

NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY



On Thursday 16th of July, Miss Abbott and Mrs. Haberfield took the Year 10 Art students to the National Portrait Gallery in London to take part in a portrait photography workshop linked to their GCSE theme, The World Around Us. During the day, students explored the gallery's collections and learned how photographers use composition, lighting and viewpoint to capture people, places and everyday moments. The workshop encouraged students to take portraiture photos to show their own identities and provided valuable inspiration for their coursework. Students represented the school exceptionally well, demonstrating enthusiasm, creativity, and excellent engagement throughout the visit.



SUMMER FIELDWORK

In recent weeks Ravens Wood Geographers have been busy collecting data out in the field.

155 Yr. 10 Geographers visited Newhaven and Rottingdean on the South coast, temperatures were in excess of 32 degrees. They were investigating whether longshore drift was active at Newhaven West Beach and evaluating the coastal defences at Rottingdean. The trip gave a valuable insight into fieldwork techniques and key case studies which will be examined in their GCSE examination. The students are now looking forward to the regeneration fieldwork in Stratford during September.



In preparation for our Yr 12 Geographers starting their own independent fieldwork, we took our students on several field trips to practice data collection techniques. They tested a range of hypotheses' across a variety of the finest locations the Southeast of England can offer. This included a day investigating the impact of the Turner Gallery and Dreamland on the regeneration of Margate and investigating coastal processes and an evaluation of the effectiveness of defences at Reculver. We also undertook urban fieldwork techniques; contrasting regeneration strategies at London Docklands and sustainability at the new Kings Cross development. Additionally, we made it to sunny Camber Sands to investigate sand dune succession and the impact of human interference on this habitat.



We are proud of how our students approached these days; throwing themselves into the data collection and working hard to prepare themselves for their own NEA. The students are well underway with their own independent investigations in school; utilising many of the techniques they practiced and data they gathered on these fieldwork days.



A Message from

Chief Inspector David Cooper Bromley Neighbourhood Policing Teams

As we approach the final day of term, we are aware that large groups of students often gather at the end of the school day. On previous occasions these gatherings have led to incidents of anti-social or disorderly behaviour. To help keep everyone safe, we would like to offer the following advice:

- Please avoid gathering in large groups with the intention of causing anti-social behaviour.
- Individuals who attend locations with the intention of committing crime or disorder may be arrested.
- Dispersal powers will be used where appropriate. Failure to comply with a dispersal order may result in arrest. Please be aware that police sanctions could negatively affect future career opportunities.
- Police will be working closely with schools to identify anyone involved in adverse behaviour. This may result in additional school-based sanctions.
- Even if you do not intend to cause anti-social behaviour, simply being present in an area where others are acting disorderly may lead to you being perceived as involved.
- Parents and carers: please take a moment to speak with your child about where they are going after school and offer guidance based on the points above.

If you have any information that could assist in keeping Bromley safe for everyone to enjoy please use one of the following methods to contact us:

- Non-emergency police number: 101
- Online reporting: <https://www.met.police.uk/ro/report/ocr/af/how-to-report-a-crime/>
- Sign up for local policing updates: www.metengage.co.uk

Stay safe, and enjoy your Summer break



IMPORTANT NOTICE



Accompaniment Requirement for Minors on Wednesday 22nd July 2026

Dear (Recipient),

We hope this message finds you well.

The Glades Shopping Centre is implementing specific measures to ensure a safe and pleasant experience for all visitors on Wednesday 22nd July and, coinciding with the beginning of the summer school holidays.

Given the anticipated increase in footfall as schools close for the holidays, we kindly require that all students and children under the age of 16 visiting the Glades from 12:00pm on Wednesday 22nd July 2026, be accompanied by an adult or guardian.

The safety and well-being of our customers and staff remain our highest priority. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in helping us maintain a secure and enjoyable environment for everyone.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Management Team

The Glades Shopping Centre

RWS Summer READING challenge! 2026

Dear Years 7s, 8s, and 9s,

This summer, why not take part in our Summer Reading Challenge? For every book you read over the holidays, you will earn a Teacher Point!

Better still, if you choose one or more books from our recommended reading list, you'll earn bonus Teacher Points as a reward for trying something new!

On your return to Ravens Wood, pop your completed postcard into one of the black and green boxes in the Library by Friday 11th September and wait for the points to roll in.

Happy reading, and good luck with the challenge!

Miss Protheroe
Librarian

Recommended Reading:

- A comic/graphic novel 2 tp
- A book set or written before 1980 2 tp
- A book written by a female author 2 tp
- A book with no pictures 2 tp
- A mystery story 2 tp

If you read ALL of the above you'll get a bonus 5 Teacher Points!

JACK PETCHEY AWARD WINNERS ANNOUNCED

Congratulations to this term's six Jack Petchey Award winners:

- **Lennie K** in 8A
- **Harleigh S** in 12A
- **George B** in 9D
- **Reiss M** in 10B
- **Maxwell T** in 12FO
- **Troi S** in 10G

Each student has been awarded a £300 grant for the school and will attend the Jack Petchey Awards Ceremony in November. The winners were nominated by multiple members of staff in recognition of their outstanding contributions, including helping others beyond expectations, serving as positive role models, showing bravery, overcoming personal challenges, volunteering, working hard to achieve their goals, and raising awareness of climate and sustainability issues. A fantastic achievement by all involved—well done!





The Art Department was delighted to welcome students and their families to the annual Summer Art Exhibition on 24th June, celebrating the dedication, effort and attainment of our Year 11, GCSE and Year 13 Art A Level, Graphic Design and Photography students. The exhibition showcased the impressive progress and achievements made throughout their qualification courses. We would like to thank everyone who attended for their continued support, which was especially appreciated on an exceptionally warm evening.





STORYTIME

On Thursday Year 8 had a storyteller visit them. They then spent the day writing a story involving the whole form, then performing during Period 5. It was excellent to see all members of the form getting involved and showing their theatrical side! Congratulations to form groups **E** and **C** for their innovative use of narrators, and to form group **H** for their involvement of the audience.

Y8 Interform Running



Thank you to those who took part in the Year 8 Interform running event. The boys conducted themselves very well, and were very competitive but they all supported each other and tried their best in hot conditions. A huge well done to the winning form 8F!



FREE SCHOOL MEALS UPDATE

Important Changes from September 2026



MORE CHILDREN CAN NOW QUALIFY

From September 2026:

- ✓ All families receiving **Universal Credit** can apply
- ✓ More children will now be eligible for **Free School Meals**



ELIGIBILITY EXPLAINED

◆ Targeted Support

Households on Universal Credit earning **£7,400 or less** per year

◆ Expanded Support

Households on Universal Credit earning **over £7,400** per year



IMPORTANT CHANGE

All other Free School Meal protections will **end in July 2026**

→ Every child must be reassessed before the new school year



WHAT YOU NEED TO DO NOW

- ✓ Complete a short application form **for each child**
- ✓ Use the link provided by your child's school



KEY DEADLINE

 **17 JULY 2026 - Apply by this date to guarantee processing before term starts**



NEED HELP?

Speak to your child's school for your application link

 Email: fsm@bromley.gov.uk

Summer Holiday Fun

Bromley's Holiday
Activities and
Food Programme

**Bromley is running a holiday club
programme for eligible children and young people**

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



UNIFORM REMINDER

Order with Brigade for September



To help ensure you receive your uniform in time for the start of term, please place your **order** by the deadline below.



ORDER BY
24 JULY 2026

to guarantee delivery in time for September.



ORDER ONLINE AT
BRIGADE.UK.COM

BRIGADE
The Uniform Specialists



ISSUE WITH SIZING?

Here is the simple exchange process

1



CONTACT BRIGADE

Use the online chat facility on the Brigade website to get in touch with Customer Services.

2



RECEIVE YOUR FREE RETURNS CODE

Customer Services will email you a free returns code. This can be used for up to 30 days through InPost.

3



DROP OFF & NOTIFY

Drop off your returned items using the returns code and email Brigade to confirm once this has been done.

4



REPLACEMENT DISPATCHED

Brigade will place and dispatch your replacement order in the alternative size – without waiting for the returned items to be fully processed.



BRIGADE WILL COVER THE COST OF RETURN POSTAGE FOR EXCHANGES DUE TO SIZING ISSUES ONLY.

This applies for orders placed for Summer 2026 only.



SAMPLE UNIFORM COMING SOON

Brigade will be providing the school with a more comprehensive range of sample uniform, including larger PE sizes and tracksuit bottoms.

These will be available in reception for parents to drop in and check sizing before placing an order.



Thank you

Thank you for your feedback and patience as we work together to make the uniform ordering process as smooth as possible for our Ravens Wood families.



ANY QUESTIONS? Visit brigade.uk.com and use the online chat to contact Brigade Customer Services.

LAPEL BRAID BLAZER YR 7-8



Compulsory

28" – 36" £32.95 38" –
48" £39.54

SCHOOL TIE



Compulsory

52" STANDARD TIE £8.40

YR 7-9 RUGBY SHIRT



Compulsory

26/28" – 32/34" £29.95
38/40" – 50/52" £35.94

YR 10-11 SPORT POLO



Compulsory

26/28" - 34/36" £18.99 38/40" -
46/48" £22.79

ALL YEARS ¼ ZIP TOP



Compulsory

26/28" – 34/36" £24.95
38/40" – 46/48" £29.94

TRAINING TROUSERS



Optional

28/30" £21.75 30/32"
– 42/44" £26.10

SPORTS SHORTS



Optional

XXS – XS £7.45
S – XL £8.94

RUGBY SHORTS



Optional

26/28" £19.26
32/32" – 42/44" £16.74

PE TSHIRT



Optional

30" – 32" £7.99
XS – XL £9.59

V-NECK SWEATSHIRT



Optional

30" – 34" £13.95
S – XL £16.74

SPORTS SOCKS



Optional

XS – M £6.00
L – XL £7.80

**REGISTER TODAY TO AVOID
MISSING OUT ON ANY
PLANNED PROMOTIONS BY
SCANNING THE QR CODE**





THE FESTIVAL THEATRE at HEVER CASTLE

*** CELEBRATING 45
YEARS, PLAYING IN THE
CASTLE GARDENS ***

Welcome to our FAMILY PROGRAMME for 2026, designed for everyone from 4 – 104.

There is more than one event this summer, between July – Sept, which we believe will enthrall your tinsys and engage your teens. No screens, no bedrooms, no tantrums (or if there are any of those, there are no walls so you can easily escape). Fresh air, glorious vistas, the chance for everyone to look up, engage with the wider world and be transported somewhere magical.

With ice cream, crepes, coffee (that's for the adults) and glorious gardens to explore, our shows create an easy holiday win. There is plenty of time to enjoy the estates either before or after the performances so everyone gets to engage with nature, and there can be a history lesson thrown in!

Come and join us this summer, we've loads going on...

Details for the events above and the rest of the festival programme are available here:

BOOK NOW | WWW.THEFESTIVALTHEATRE.ORG | 07379 488 477



Friends of Ravens Wood Fund

Becoming a 'Friend of Ravens Wood School' by giving a regular amount or annual donation to the fund, 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 can be made via the 'Just Giving' platform, 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](https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/ravens-wood-fund) <https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/ravens-wood-fund>
or scan the QR code below to get started.



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 96.7% = 7D
2nd Place with 96% = 7G
3rd Place with 95.8% = 10D



Dates for your Diary

- Headteacher Awards; Monday 20th July 2026
- **LAST DAY OF TERM (students finish early); Wednesday 22nd July 2026**
- SUMMER HOLIDAY; Thursday 23rd July - Wednesday 2nd September 2026
- PD Day (students not in); Tuesday 1st September 2026
- **First Day of Term for Years 7 & 12; Wednesday 2nd September 2026**
- **First Day of Term for Years 8, 9, 10, 11, & 13; Thursday 3rd September 2026**
- RWS12 Welcome Event - Meet the Student Leaders and Welcome Quiz; Thursday 3rd September 2026
- Year 7 Rugby, Football, & Basketball Trials; Friday 4th - Saturday 5th September 2026



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