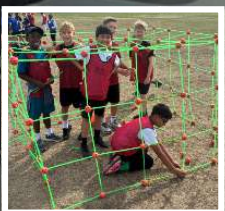


R W S

Friday 18th
September
2026



Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of our third week back at Ravens Wood, I hope that all our students and families have continued to settle well into the new academic year. It has been wonderful to see the school fully back into its rhythm, with students embracing the many opportunities, experiences and routines that are part of everyday life at Ravens Wood.

Over the past fortnight, our whole-school assemblies have focused on two important areas of school life. Our Designated Safeguarding Lead, Mr French, led assemblies reminding students about safeguarding, the support available to them and the importance of looking out for themselves and one another. Last week, Miss Prescott, Deputy Headteacher, led assemblies focusing on our Black and Green Values and what these mean for us as members of the Ravens Wood community.

On Monday 7th September, our Year 7 students enjoyed their Team Building Day. This was a fantastic opportunity for them to get to know one another beyond the classroom, strengthen new friendships and develop their confidence as they continue to settle into secondary school life. It is lovely to see our newest students becoming increasingly confident and already making their mark on the Ravens Wood community.

Our Year 12 students have also continued with their programme of welcome events as they begin Sixth Form life. Recent sessions have included a focus on effective study skills, alongside an apprenticeship clinic to help students explore the wide range of pathways and opportunities available to them beyond Sixth Form.

Yesterday, our Year 13 Biology students took their learning beyond the classroom with a Genetics trip. They were accompanied by a particularly enthusiastic additional member of the Ravens Wood team — our school mascot, Ziggy, who enjoyed his very first school trip! We hope this will be the first of many adventures for him over the coming year.

Looking ahead, a reminder that our Open Day takes place on Saturday 26th September. To enable staff to make the necessary preparations, school will close early on Friday 25th September, with students being dismissed from 12.15pm.

I would particularly like to thank all of our Year 7 and Year 8 students who have volunteered to act as tour guides for our visitors on Open Day. Our students are our very best ambassadors; no one is better placed to share what it is really like to be part of Ravens Wood. Their enthusiasm, honesty and pride in their school will provide prospective students and their families with a genuine insight into life here as they consider joining us in September 2027. I know they will represent the school brilliantly.

As another busy and productive fortnight draws to a close, thank you as always to our students, staff and families for your continued support and contribution to school life.

I hope everyone enjoys a restful and enjoyable weekend, and I look forward to another successful fortnight ahead.



Ms M. Lester
Headteacher





RAVENS WOOD
SCHOOL

OPEN DAY

1 WEEK TO GO

Saturday 26th September
8:30 am - 12 noon

Headteacher's Presentations
at 9.00am and 10.30am
No booking required



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Ravens Wood unique*



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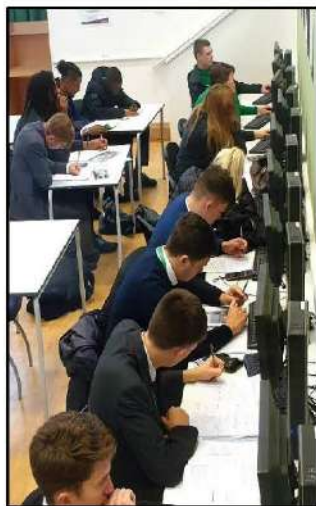


**Please share with families and
friends who may be interested!**

Wednesday 18th November 2026 – 5.45pm to 8.00pm

For entry to Sixth Form Autumn 2027/2028

Come along and meet the Sixth Form Team and visit the departments to find out more about the variety of post-16 opportunities at Ravens Wood School.



Headteacher will speak at 5.45pm and 6.30pm

No need to book

JOIN DEBATE CLUB

Every Tuesday lunchtime in
HU12, open to all year
groups.

Miss Davis and Sixth Form
politics students leading
discussions



RWS SIXTH FORM GIRLS

It was a real pleasure to meet with our new Year 12 girls' cohort this week and welcome them to Ravens Wood. The assembly was an opportunity to reflect on ambition, resilience and self-belief, encouraging students to be bold in the opportunities they pursue, to recognise their own worth and to remember that confidence often grows through taking on challenges. Above all, the message was simple: their voices matter, their ambitions matter, and they are very much part of our Black and Green community. Ms Lester, Headteacher



RWS PE EXTRA-CURRICULAR PROGRAMME

WE ARE *BLACK* AND *GREEN*



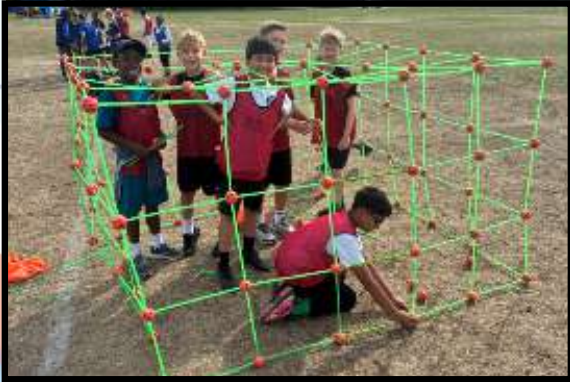
MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
AM (07:30-08:15) Yr7 Basketball	AM (07:30-08:15) Yr11/12/13 Basketball	AM (07:30-08:15) Yr9 Basketball	AM (07:30-08:15) Yr8 Basketball	AM (07:30-08:15) Yr10 Basketball
LUNCH (13:05-13:45) Yr7 Basketball Yr10 Football Yr11 Rugby	LUNCH (13:05-13:45) Yr11/12/13 Basketball 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	

REPRESENT RAVENS WOOD • COMPETE • DEVELOP • ACHIEVE



RWS TEAMBUILDING

On Monday 7th September, we took the entire Year 7 cohort to Bromley RFC and Hayes CC for a fantastic team-building day. The weather was kind to us, and the team from Munchkin Sports were superb, providing a wide range of exciting activities for the boys to enjoy.



Activities included a bouncy castle, Nerf gun battles, tug-of-war, building and problem-solving challenges, archery, ninja star and axe throwing, obstacle courses, frisbee, and much more.



The boys had a fantastic time, strengthening relationships with both their peers and form tutors while developing teamwork, resilience, and communication skills. Their behaviour throughout the day was impeccable and they were a real credit to the school.



As Head of Year, I was incredibly proud of the way the boys conducted themselves and delighted to see them enjoying themselves while building the foundations for a successful year ahead.



WE NEED YOU



Inspire a Future Career Ravens Wood Sixth Form Scholars

Parents, carers, family members and community professionals are invited to share their experience and help inspire the next generation.

WHAT WE'RE LOOKING FOR

- Share your career journey
- Explain what your role involves
- Highlight key skills and qualifications
- Offer advice and inspiration
- Answer questions from our Sixth Form Scholars

SESSION DETAILS

- MONDAYS OR THURSDAYS
- From approximately 1:50pm
- 30 minutes - 1 hour
- Ravens Wood School Sixth Form

WHY GET INVOLVED?

- Explore a wide range of career pathways
- Gain real-world insight into different professions
- Build confidence and ambition
- Support decisions about university, apprenticeships and employment
- Develop valuable networks and connections

LIVING THE BLACK & GREEN VALUES

Ambition • Integrity • Respect
Resilience • Contribution • Leadership
Your time and expertise can have a lasting impact on a young person's future.

YOUR EXPERIENCE COULD CHANGE A LIFE

Could you give 30-60 minutes to help a student see what is possible?

INTERESTED IN SPEAKING?

Please contact the Sixth Form Team or email:

SJB@rws.uk.net

Please include:

- your profession / area of expertise
- Monday or Thursday availability
- preferred presentation length (30-60 mins)



YEAR 13 GENETICS WORKSHOP

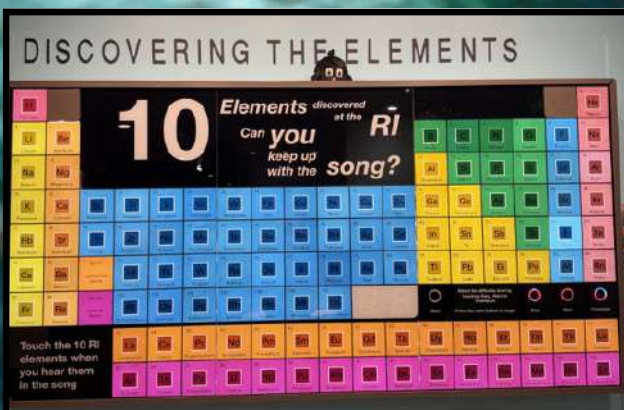
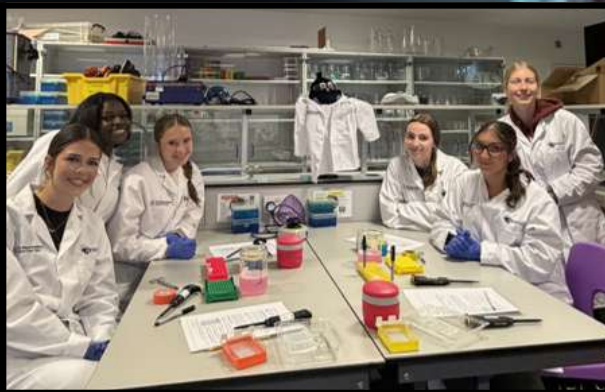
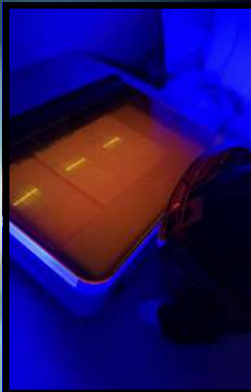
This week, the first of our Year 13 Biology classes, visited the Royal Institution to carry out molecular biology experiments in a genetics laboratory. The Royal Institution is home to the Christmas Lectures, Michael Faraday's laboratory from the 1800s and the place where 10 chemical elements were discovered.

Students collected their own cheek cells and extracted their own DNA. We then learnt about two techniques used in medicine and forensics to copy DNA samples and identify the genes present – the polymerase chain reaction and gel electrophoresis.



Our goal was to find out whether we could taste a chemical called PTC, as this is mostly determined by which version of the TAS2R38 gene has been inherited. PTC tastes bitter to people who can taste it, so next time you think dark chocolate or brussel sprouts taste bitter, it is probably because you have the version of the gene that means you are a PTC taster!

Then it was time to use UV light to look at our results, with Ziggy's help of course!



Ziggy explored the Royal Institution and peered into Micheal Faraday's laboratory.

GERMAN EXCHANGE 2026-27

We still have some spaces available on this year's German exchange trip for students currently in Years 8-10 and studying German. This long-running programme provides an excellent opportunity for students to build confidence, experience a new culture and develop their language skills.

Key Information

- Destination: Leer, Germany (near the Dutch border)
- Dates (Germany visit): Thursday 10 December – Wednesday 16 December 2026
- Travel time: Approx. 10 hours each way
- Accommodation: students stay with German host families
- Cost: Estimated approx. £380
- Deposit: £150 (non-refundable) via Bromcom Pay
- Deadline: Monday 23rd September
- Places: currently 5 places remaining
- Eligibility: Current Y8-Y10 students who study German



This exchange provides a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their language skills, experience German culture first-hand, and build confidence and independence.

During the visit to Germany, your son will stay with a German host family from our partner school (Teletta-Groß Gymnasium), immersing themselves in daily life; take part in daily group activities with RWS students, including a visit to a traditional Christmas market, local museum visits, bowling and other group activities; experience German culture first-hand and attend lessons in a German school

Following this, German students will visit Bromley and stay with your family for one week during spring term 2.

If your child is interested in taking part in the German exchange, please pay the £150 deposit on MCAS or reach out to Miss Hemetsberger at ahe@rws.uk.net if you would like further details.

NATIONAL ATHLETICS SUCCESS

Congratulations to Matthew Tootell in 11A for a fantastic performance at the UK Youth Development League (YDL) National Finals in Liverpool over the weekend. Following a competitive summer season of regional qualifying events, Matthew earned a silver medal in the 300m hurdles while representing Blackheath and Bromley Harriers AC. His individual podium finish contributed vital points to the team, helping his club secure an impressive second-place finish overall in the UK. It is an excellent achievement that reflects his hard work and commitment throughout the season. Well done!



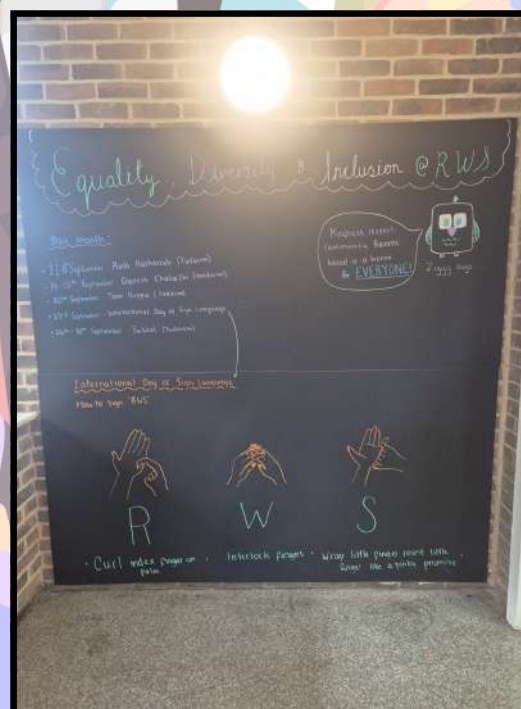
CELEBRATING EQUALITY, DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION AT RWS

We are delighted to unveil our new Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Wall, a vibrant new feature in school designed to celebrate the rich diversity of our community and the wider world.

The wall will be refreshed each month to highlight important festivals, awareness days, cultural celebrations and significant events from different religions, cultures and groups in society. Its aim is to encourage curiosity, understanding and respect while helping students learn about the experiences, traditions and contributions of others.

September's display introduces students to a number of important celebrations, including Rosh Hashanah, Ganesh Chaturthi, Yom Kippur, Sukkot, and the International Day of Sign Languages on 23 September.

To mark the International Day of Sign Languages, this month's interactive feature teaches students how to sign "RWS" using British Sign Language. By learning these simple signs, students are encouraged to consider the importance of inclusive communication and the role that sign language plays in helping Deaf people participate fully in society.



The new wall reflects our commitment to ensuring that Ravens Wood School is a place where everyone feels valued, respected and included. It also supports our Black and Green values of Kindness, Respect, Community and Pride, reminding us that Ravens Wood is a home for everyone.

We look forward to sharing a new theme each month and continuing to celebrate the diversity that makes our community stronger.

Music Department

Concert Series & Events 2026-27

AUTUMN 2026

GCSE PERFORMANCE
EXAMS

November 2026
(date tbc)
Digital
submissions

CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Wednesday 16th December 2026

6.30pm, Main hall

Tickets on sale from 1st December via Parentpay

Early purchase recommended

Year 7 **R side** will perform on the 17th, **W** students on the 18th,

Soloists & Ensembles will perform both nights

YOUNG COMPOSER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

Round 1 w/c 2nd November

Open to all students in Y7-13

Submit a composition in any style of music
to ing@rws.uk.net

Please submit an audio file or score, or
both.

Spring & Summer 2027

BROMLEY
SCHOOLS PROM

22nd-24th
March
Fairfield
Halls

SPRING CONCERT

Tuesday 16h March 2027

6.30pm in the Main School Hall

Tickets on sale from 1st March via Parentpay

YOUNG SOLOIST OF THE YEAR COMPETITION – ROUND 1

Round 1 w/c 10th May 2027

Compulsory for Y10 GCSE Music students

Open to all students in Y7-10

RAVENS WOOD STOCK

Wednesday 30th June

6.00pm, In the garden

Tickets from 1st June 2027 via Parentpay

YOUNG SOLOIST – FINALISTS' CONCERT

Friday 2nd July 2027

Finalists will be contacted directly
Families and friends welcome free of
charge

6pm, Drama Studio

YOUNG COMPOSER OF THE YEAR

RAVENS WOOD SCHOOL MUSIC AWARDS



**OUTSTANDING
MUSICAL TALENT**



**ORIGINAL
COMPOSITION**



**RAVENS WOOD
SCHOOL, 2026-
27**

CREATE A PIECE MUSIC IN ANY STYLE AND SEND AN AUDIO
FILE AND/OR SCORE TO [ING@RWS.UK.NET](mailto:ing@rws.uk.net)

**SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY BY NOVEMBER 2ND
2026**

Music for all Music for life

Music Enrichment Schedule



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Years 7 - 11 Composition Club 13.05 – 13.40pm MU3	BandLab Club 13.05 – 13.40pm MUI	Rabble 13.05 – 13.40pm MU3	Year 11 & 12/13 NEA Support 13.05 – 13.40pm MUI	Year 11 NEA Support 13.05 – 13.40pm MUI
Ravens Band 13.05 – 13.40pm MUR			Big Band 13.05 – 13.40pm	BandLab Club 13.05 – 13.40pm MUI
Academy of Music - P5		Academy of Music - P5	Academy of Music - P5	Moonlight Sax 3.10 – 4pm 13.05 – 13.40pm MU3
JAM Registration – 3.30	Amped! 15.10 -16.10pm MUR	Year 11 Intervention MUI & MU3 - Registration	JAM Registration – 3.30	
Piano, Guitar & String lessons	Guitar & Drum lessons	Brass lessons & Singing lessons	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!



PSHE

AT RAVENS WOOD SCHOOL



At RWS, we place great value on PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic) education. It plays an important role in helping our students develop the knowledge, skills and understanding they need to navigate life safely, confidently and respectfully.

Below, you'll find the PSHE topics covered over the past fortnight, as well as what we'll be exploring over the next two weeks. We hope this information will support you in continuing these important conversations at home.

If you have any questions about PSHE, please don't hesitate to contact us at PSHE@rws.uk.net.

Head of PSHE
Ms Brown

Year	PSHE topic of the fortnight	The Wellbeing Hub resources This website allows you and your child to sign on and access lots of support for wellbeing and mental health. https://tinyurl.com/6jz7sdz6
7	<i>Developing positive relationships</i>	<i>Online Safety: the dangers of sexting</i>
8	<i>Maintaining positive relationships</i>	<i>Online Safety: the dangers of sexting</i>
9	<i>Antibullying - how to be an upstander</i>	<i>Online Safety: the dangers of sexting</i>
10	<i>Wellbeing and social connections</i>	<i>Drugs and their effects</i>
11	<i>Sexual health</i>	<i>The impact of pornography on relationships</i>
12	<i>Building relationships</i>	<i>The dangers of vaping</i>
13	<i>Healthy relationships</i>	<i>PPE preparation</i>

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM

We are currently experiencing a shortage of pre-loved school Blazers and would be very grateful for any donations.

If your child has a Ravens Wood School Blazer they have outgrown or no longer need, please consider donating it so it can be given a new lease of life and help another school family.

Blazers can be dropped off at Main Reception by parents/carers or students.



Thank you for your continued support — every donation really does make a difference!

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 99.2% = 11D
2nd Place with 98.9% = 7H & 8G
3rd Place with 98.8% = 7E



Dates for your Diary

- Year 11 Geography Trip to Stratford: Monday 21st, Wednesday 23rd & Thursday 24th September 2026
- Year 11 Future Frontiers Programme: Tuesday 22nd September 2026
- RWS11 Raising Achievement Evening: Wednesday 23rd September 2026
- Year 12 Teambuilding Trip: Wednesday 23rd September 2026
- **School Closes Early for Open Day: Friday 25th September 2026 - 12.15pm**
- **Open Day: Saturday 26th September 2026 - 8.30 - 12noon**
- Year 10 Kew Gardens Art Trip: Monday 28th September 2026
- Aquis Exchange Investment Club Ceremony: Friday 2nd October 2026



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