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Friday 24th April 2026



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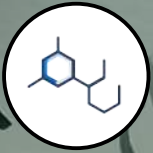
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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the summer term. I hope that you and your families had an enjoyable and restful Easter break, and that our students have returned refreshed and ready for the busy and important weeks ahead.

During the first week of the holiday, we were pleased to host our Easter School, where selected students were invited in to work closely with subject specialists. These focused sessions were designed to enhance revision strategies and deepen subject knowledge ahead of the forthcoming GCSE and A Level examinations, which begin in May. I would like to thank both staff and students for their commitment during the break—this additional effort will undoubtedly support strong outcomes this summer.

In the first week back, all students attended assemblies focused on safeguarding. These were led by Mr French, our Designated Safeguarding Lead, and Miss McKenzie, our Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead. The assemblies reinforced key messages around student safety, including clarity on banned items and the importance of making responsible choices both in and out of school. Safeguarding remains our highest priority, and we are grateful for your continued support in reinforcing these expectations at home.

On 15th April, a group of our Year 9 students embarked on the Madrid Football Tour. This was a fantastic opportunity for students to experience international travel, develop their football skills, and immerse themselves in a different culture. Trips such as these play a vital role in broadening horizons, building independence, and creating lasting memories.

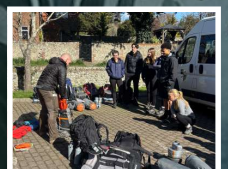
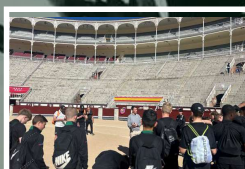
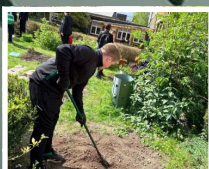
We were also delighted to meet with our RWS13 families online for their final Parents' Evening on 16th April. These events are an important opportunity to reflect on progress, discuss next steps, and ensure that every student is well supported as they approach the final stages of their time with us.

This week, our main hall has been transformed in preparation for our school production of Shrek. The cast and crew have worked tirelessly in rehearsals, and the performances on Wednesday and Thursday were a tremendous success. It was wonderful to see such talent, confidence, and teamwork on display. My sincere thanks go to our Drama and Music staff for their dedication, as well as to our Site Team for their invaluable support in bringing the production to life. The show was thoroughly enjoyed by parents, carers, students, staff, our CEO and Governors—an excellent example of our vibrant school community in action.



Thank you, as always, for your continued support and I hope you enjoy the weekend.

Yours sincerely,  
*Ms M. Lester*  
Headteacher



# Above and Beyond Awards



## Staff



Ms Northwood, for setting up the RWS Run Club on Wednesdays and organising a run club on Saturday Mornings and various Park Runs. Also attending the Year 7/8 disco at Bromley High School on a Friday evening to support Year 8 students.



Mr S Baker, for voluntarily helping with Head of Year duties in the absence of another member of staff and being super helpful.



Mr Marriott, for leading and attending the Year 7/8 disco at Bromley High School on a Friday evening to support the students.



The following staff for generously giving up their free time to mentor EPQ students, alongside Mr Crizzle, who leads the programme with dedication and commitment.

- Ms Alfhaily
- Mr Millard
- Mr Smith
- Mr Parfett
- Mr Tysall
- Ms Davy
- Mr Coleman
- Ms Abbott
- Ms Guzadhur
- Mr L Baker
- Ms Antwi
- Ms Burgess
- Miss Winter
- Ms Marsicano
- Mr French
- Ms Northwood
- Mr Galler
- &
- Mr Crizzle



Mr Frondigoun, for attending the Year 7/8 disco at Bromley High School on a Friday evening to support Year 7 students.

Mr L Baker, for supporting students during Ramadam, taking them on visits to the Mosque and organising the Eid celebrations.



Mr Ralph, for setting up a successful Bonkers in BR1 night for the enjoyment of staff and families, and raising funds for the PSFA.



Ms McKenzie, for supporting students during Ramadam, taking them on visits to the Mosque and organising the Eid celebrations.



# MADRID TOUR



Our recent five-day football tour to Madrid was an unforgettable experience for the 77 students who took part. Blending sport, culture, and a bit of thrill-seeking, the trip offered something for everyone and created memories that will last a lifetime.

The tour's main focus was, of course, football. Our students had the opportunity to compete against strong local opposition, gaining valuable experience of playing abroad. Although we didn't come away with victories, the teams showed determination, teamwork, and resilience throughout. Given the quality of the opposition, our players gave an excellent account of themselves and represented the school with pride both on and off the pitch.

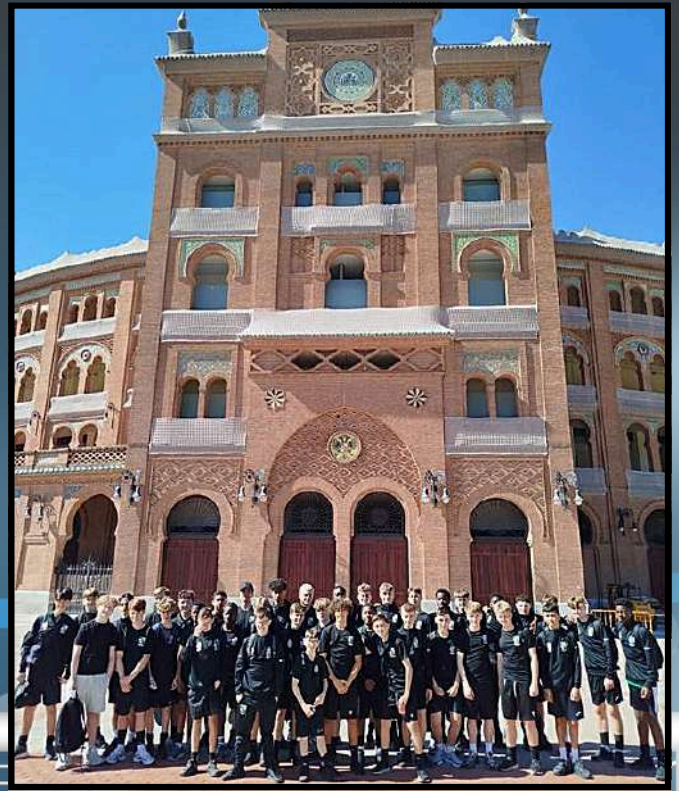


One of the highlights of the trip was training at the world-famous Real Madrid training ground. Stepping onto such elite facilities was an inspiring moment for many, giving students a real sense of what it takes to perform at the highest level. The professional environment motivated everyone to raise their game and fully embrace the experience.



The group also enjoyed a behind-the-scenes tour of the iconic Bernabéu Stadium. From the changing rooms to the pitchside, students were able to see first-hand the home of one of the biggest football clubs in the world. It was a fantastic opportunity to connect with the history and prestige of the sport.

Beyond football, the trip offered plenty of cultural and recreational activities. A visit to the Madrid bullring gave students an insight into a traditional aspect of Spanish culture, sparking interesting discussions and broadening perspectives. Meanwhile, a day at Parque Warner theme park provided a chance to relax, unwind, and enjoy some well-earned fun after the intensity of matches and training.



Overall, the Madrid tour was a huge success. It challenged students, strengthened friendships, and provided a unique blend of sport and cultural exploration. The behaviour and attitude of all 77 students was exemplary, and they should be proud of how they represented the school. We look forward to building on this experience on future tours.



# Wellbeing Webinars

## For Young People

### Stress & Worry Management

Fri 22 May @ 5:30pm



### Managing Academic Stress: Developing Healthy Study Habits

Mon 27 Apr @ 5:00pm

Mon 29 Jun @ 5:00pm

## For Parents & Carers

### Helping Your Child With Fears & Worries (Primary)

~~Mon 13 Apr @ 12:00 pm~~

Fri 8 May @ 12:00pm

Sat 20 Jun @ 10:00am

### Helping Your Child with Fears & Worries (Secondary)

Sat 25 Apr @ 10:00am

Mon 18 May @ 10:00am

Fri 26 Jun @ 10:00am

### Understanding Disordered Eating in Teens, for Parents

~~Thurs 23 Apr @ 6:00pm~~

Thurs 18 Jun @ 6:00pm

### Helping Your Child With Sleep (Primary)

Mon 11 May @ 12:00pm

Fri 12 Jun @ 12:00pm

### Emotionally Based School Avoidance

~~Fri 17 Apr @ 10:00am~~

Sat 16 May @ 10:00am

Mon 8 Jun @ 10:00am

Visit our [Eventbrite page](#) to book your place



# THE RAVENS STRUT TO THE CREASE IN STYLE THANKS TO NEW KIT



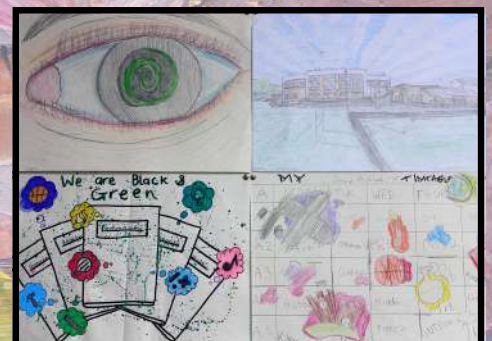
For the first time in Ravens Wood History the cricket teams will take to the field in their own bespoke coloured kit. The stylish uniforms are made by Vibe Teamwear by AJ Sports. The kit was made possible thanks to the kind sponsorship of Thomas Howe Property, a second donor who is a keen supporter of RWS cricket but wishes to remain anonymous, and a Jack Petchey award from Year 11 student Thomas, a keen cricketer inside and outside of school who wanted to see school cricket grow despite no longer being in a year group who plays. With the first round of Year 7 fixtures kicking off the season on the 24th April keep your eyes peeled for the Ravens flying high this year.

THOMAS HOWE  
PROPERTY POWERED BY exp UK

# YEAR 7 INTERFORM ART COMPETITION



The Year 7 Interform Art Competition took place before Easter. The title of the artwork was 'A Day at RWS'. There were some fantastic entries, but the winner was Logan McMullan, 7E, for his amazing piece detailing the entire school



# Practice for the SILVER DUKE OF EDINBURGH



40 determined Sixth Form students took on their Silver Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition last half term in the South Downs National Park, covering an impressive 30km across three cold and drizzly days. Their resilience, teamwork, and positive attitude showed they're more than ready for their qualifying expedition in June. The celebratory ice creams at the end were certainly well-earned.

Congratulations also to the rugby tour group, who successfully completed their qualifier—an outstanding achievement all round.



# YEAR 7 BOOKMARK CONTEST



2

2nd  
place



# WINNER!

### Design Criteria:

- ✓ Your design should inspire a love of reading by including reading related themes (eg. book quotes, tips, or the magic of books)
- ✓ Should reflect our school colours or values (e.g., ambition, respect, integrity)
- ✓ Must be visual and appropriate for all students
- ✓ Can be hand-drawn or digitally designed
- ✓ No copyright images - be original!

Please submit your design to Miss Protheroe in the library, or if you're submitting it online, send it to [hpr@rws.uk.net](mailto:hpr@rws.uk.net)



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Name: Tommy  
Form: 7F



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Tied for 3rd

Well done to all the Year 7 students who entered the RWS LEAVE YOUR MARK bookmark design contest. We received so many lovely designs it was a real job to narrow down the 3 winners, (as you can see, we didn't quite manage it!)

The winning design that will be professionally printed and turned into a bookmark for our new Year 7 students in September 2026 was created by **Tommy in 7F**. Congratulations Tommy, and a very well done to runners up **Stanley in 7B**, **Shay in 7F**, and **Flynn in 7B**.





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**COLLEGIATE** est. 1993  
Teacher Training  
Excellence Through Experience

# TEACHING INFORMATION EVENT



Thursday  
23rd April 2026



4pm-6pm



Bishop Justus CofE  
School, Bromley

**EMAIL NOW TO REGISTER  
FOR YOUR PLACE**



[administrator@gradteach.uk](mailto:administrator@gradteach.uk)

**LIVE LOCAL  
TRAIN LOCAL  
TEACH LOCAL**

# CHEMISTRY OLYMPIAD

In February, A level Chemistry students in both Year 12 and Year 13 completed round one of the Chemistry Olympiad competition, hosted by the Royal Society of Chemistry. This involves taking a grueling 2 hour written exam where the questions are designed to make students develop critical problem-solving skills, think more creatively and test their knowledge in new, real-world situations. We would like to say congratulations to Jess, Benjy and Jack who all received Silver certificates, and to Sofia and Hugo who received Bronze certificate. This is a fantastic achievement, where only 36% of entrants are awarded Bronze and only 26% of students are awarded Silver. Well done!



# Congratulations



to Tristan Rajap in 8D, who has passed his Grade 6 on Piano with a distinction.

# GROWING GREENS



Our Growing Greens Gardening Club have been hard at work today, preparing the allotment for the new season. We've rolled up our sleeves and got stuck in, planting both red and white onions, as well as carrots and parsnips. Spirits are high and there's a real sense of anticipation as we look forward to seeing the results of all this effort. Here's hoping for a bumper crop later in the term!

# PSHE

## AT RAVENS WOOD SCHOOL



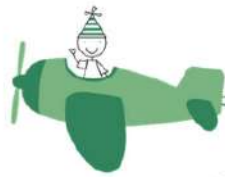
At RWS, we really value PSHE (Personal, Social, Health and Economic) education as it plays a vital role in helping our students develop the knowledge, skills, and understanding they need to navigate life safely, confidently, and respectfully.

We've included this fortnight's PSHE topics below, along with links to relevant resources from The Wellbeing Hub. These are provided in case you'd like to continue these important conversations at home. If you still need to register for The Wellbeing Hub, you can do so [here](#).

If you have any questions about PSHE, please email [PSHE@rws.uk.net](mailto:PSHE@rws.uk.net)

**Head of PSHE**  
**Ms Brown**

Year	PSHE topic of the fortnight	The Wellbeing Hub resources
7 & 8	Antibullying	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">1. Antibullying resource guide</a></li> <li><a href="#">2. What to do about bullying</a></li> <li><a href="#">3. Bullying for ages 11-14</a></li> <li><a href="#">4. Banter vs bullying – what's the difference?</a></li> <li><a href="#">5. Top tips: supporting a victim of bullying</a></li> <li><a href="#">6. How to support someone who is being bullied</a></li> </ul>
9	Managing conflict at home	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">1. Supporting your child through family breakdown</a></li> <li><a href="#">2. Blended families podcast</a></li> <li><a href="#">3. Why eating as a family matters</a></li> <li><a href="#">4. Family life: your questions answered</a></li> <li><a href="#">5. Permissive parenting</a></li> <li><a href="#">6. Uninvolved parenting</a></li> <li><a href="#">7. Parenting for prevention</a></li> <li><a href="#">8. Neurodivergent parenting</a></li> <li><a href="#">9. Eating disorders for parents and carers</a></li> <li><a href="#">10. Parenting after separation or divorce</a></li> <li><a href="#">11. Understanding attachment theory: a parent's guide</a></li> </ul>
10	Self-harm and suicide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">1. Young suicide prevention podcast</a></li> <li><a href="#">2. Why do people self-harm?</a></li> <li><a href="#">3. What to do if your child is having suicidal thoughts</a></li> <li><a href="#">4. How to know if someone is suicidal</a></li> <li><a href="#">5. Young people who self-harm podcast</a></li> <li><a href="#">6. Understanding depression in young people</a></li> <li><a href="#">7. Support for families affected by suicide</a></li> </ul>
11, 12 & 13	Exam intervention and preparation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><a href="#">1. How to prepare effectively for exams</a></li> <li><a href="#">2. Exam mindfulness</a></li> <li><a href="#">3. Setting yourself up for exam success</a></li> <li><a href="#">4. Overcoming exam anxiety</a></li> <li><a href="#">5. Techniques for effective revision</a></li> </ul>



The Bromley Children Project

# Healthy Food Habits

Healthy Food Habits offers playful, practical sessions for families. In Seed to Plate, parents learn what's easy to grow, children plant seeds and decorate pots, and the whole family tastes, learns, and grows together

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May**

**9:30-11am**

**Location: Biggin Hill Children and Family Centre, Sunningvale Ave. TN16 3TN**

**To book just call or email us on:**



**01959 571 694**

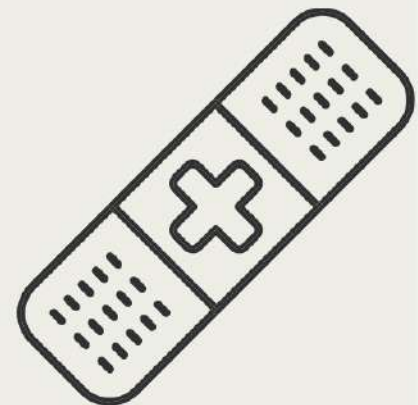


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# BITESIZE FIRST AID

Come and join our **FREE**  
Family First Aid course for children and  
families

Bitesize First Aid for Families is a short,  
non-accredited course for parents,  
carers, and children. Fun, friendly, and  
easy to follow, it's a great first step into  
first aid, helping learners of all ages  
build confidence and essential skills  
together.



**All Ages**



**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May**  
**10:00-12:00 pm**



To book or find out more info please call  
or email:

01959 571 694

[bigginhillcfc@bromley.gov.uk](mailto:bigginhillcfc@bromley.gov.uk)

# 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>  
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 96.4% = 10D**
- 3rd Place with 96.2% = 8F**



## Dates for your Diary

- Magic Club Trip - Monday 27th April 2026
- SCUBA Pool Session - Wednesday 6th May 2026
- Bank Holiday Monday - 4th May 2026
- Performing Arts Awards - Tuesday 5th May 2026
- GCSE Exams Start - Thursday 7th May - Wednesday 24th June 2026
- RWS10 Parents' Evening - Thursday 7th May 2026
- Year 13 Leaver's Breakfast - Friday 8th May 2026
- SCUBA Lake Visit - Saturday 9th May 2026



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

**Learn** To continually explore and discover new skills, ideas and knowledge

**Lead** To lead by example and inspire those around you

**Excel** To be the best you can be through effort and endeavour

**Our new WhatsApp broadcasting channel**




**Headteacher Award Celebration**

This week, students in Years 7-10 were proudly awarded the Headteacher's Award after achieving an incredible 300 teacher points so far this year. This is a fantastic achievement that reflects consistent effort, positive attitude, and commitment to learning. Well done to all our award recipients - we are very proud of you!



**Madrid 2026**

A great first few days on tour for our Y9 footballers.

A tough round of fixtures after a long first travelling day, but the boys have bounced back with some great training sessions at Real Madrid's ground



**Madrid Football Tour**

Our RWS Year 9 cohort are currently enjoying their football tour in Madrid. The visit provides a valuable and enriching experience, both on and off the pitch.



**Shrek the Musical**

Tonight is our first performance of Shrek the Musical! We're so proud of all the cast and crew for their hard work and commitment. Break a leg!

