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Friday 26th June 2026



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Dear Parent/Carer,

As we approach the end of another busy fortnight, I would like to begin by thanking you for your continued support during the recent spell of exceptionally hot weather. I have been incredibly impressed by how well our students and staff have coped with the challenging conditions, demonstrating resilience, good humour and consideration for one another throughout.

Last week, students enjoyed an engaging assembly led by Mr Davis, who reflected on the FIFA World Cup and explored the values of teamwork, resilience and sporting excellence.

Our Year 10 students have also completed their end-of-year assessments last week. I would like to congratulate them on the mature and positive approach they have shown throughout the assessment period. These assessments provide valuable feedback ahead of their GCSEs next year, and we are proud of the effort they have invested.

On Friday 19 June, we were delighted to host our annual 20th Sports Awards Dinner. It was a wonderful evening celebrating the outstanding achievements, commitment and dedication of our student athletes across the year. My sincere thanks go to our PE Department for organising such a memorable event, to Accent Catering for providing an excellent evening meal, to the PSFA for providing a licensed bar and for their fundraising, and to the many parents and carers whose attendance helped make the evening such an enjoyable celebration of our sporting community.

Learning has continued well beyond the classroom over the past two weeks. Our Geography students have enjoyed educational visits to Newhaven, Margate and King's Cross, enriching their understanding through first-hand fieldwork and enquiry.

Yesterday also saw the departure of two exciting residential visits, with our Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award qualifying expedition and our Year 9 History trip to Berlin getting underway. We wish all of our students and staff safe travels, rewarding experiences and lasting memories, and we look forward to hearing all about their adventures on their return.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our families a relaxing weekend. If you're watching the football, I hope your team enjoys success, and I also hope you find time to enjoy the sunshine safely. With any luck, we'll also see some slightly cooler temperatures next week!

Thank you, as always, for your continued support of Ravens Wood School.



Ms M. Lester  
Headteacher



# RAVENS WOODSTOCK



**1ST JULY**

**TICKETS: ADULTS - £6 CHILDREN UNDER 11 - £3**



HERITAGE of LONDON  
TRUST



**BOWIE'S  
HOUSE**

6pm - 8pm

# RAVENS WOODSTOCK 2026

## CELEBRATING THE LEGACY OF DAVID BOWIE

We are excited to share that Ravens Woodstock, our popular summer music festival, will take place on Wednesday 1st July in the school garden.

This year's festival holds special significance as we honour the life and influence of David Bowie, one of Ravens Wood School's most well-known former students. The evening will showcase a variety of performances inspired by Bowie's distinctive creativity and lasting impact on music and culture.

The programme will feature performances from a wide range of our talented students, including the Ravens Band, Big Band, Sunset Sax, Amped! and The Academy of Music, alongside contributions from the Drama & Dance Department and our Poet Laureate. In addition, the Art Department will be creating a collection of Bowie-themed installations, adding a striking visual element to the evening and enhancing the festival atmosphere.

# BOWIE'S HOUSE



HERITAGE of LONDON TRUST



This event is being delivered in collaboration with Brixton Radio and the Heritage of London Trust who have recently purchased David Bowie's childhood home, this project also connects Ravens Wood students with exciting, real-world creative opportunities, allowing them to engage with Bowie's legacy in a meaningful and contemporary way.

The event is designed to be relaxed and informal, with a festival-style feel. Gates open at 5:45pm, with performances starting at 6:00pm and finishing at around 8:00pm. Seating is not allocated, so guests are encouraged to bring picnic blankets or camping chairs and enjoy the evening on the lawn.

Food and refreshments will be available throughout, provided by the PSFA, including a range of options along with a licensed bar for adult guests.



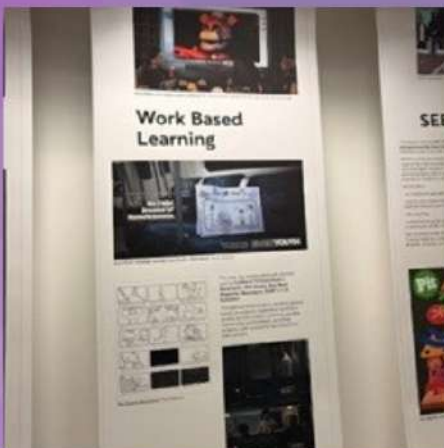
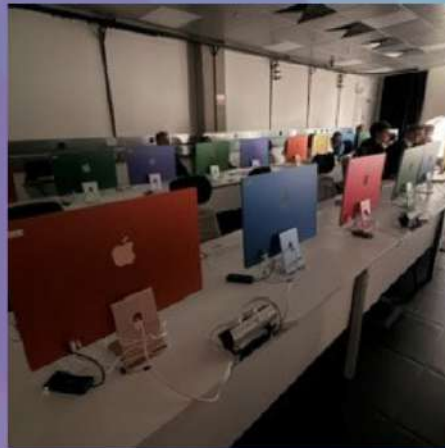
Tickets are available now via My Child At School (MCAS), priced at £6 for adults and £3 for children under 11. As spaces are limited, we encourage early booking to avoid disappointment.

We look forward to welcoming you to what promises to be a memorable evening of music, creativity and community spirit.

**For further information, please contact the school office at [office@rws.uk.net](mailto:office@rws.uk.net).**

# RWS CAREERS

Year 12 students took part in an exciting University Insights Day in London, visiting two contrasting institutions to broaden their understanding of higher education options. The day showcased the distinct styles and opportunities offered by Goldsmiths, University of London, known for its creative and inclusive approach, and Ravensbourne University London, with its strong focus on digital media, design, and industry-led learning. Students benefited from engaging talks, campus tours, and informative sessions that highlighted course choices, student life, and career pathways. Many thanks to both Goldsmiths and Ravensbourne for delivering such insightful and inspiring experiences, helping our students to make more informed decisions about their futures.



*Sixth Form Applicants  
for September 2026*



*Year 12*

*Induction Day*

*Thursday*

**POSTPONED**

NEW DATE

THURSDAY 2ND JULY

CHECK YOUR INBOX TO RE-REGISTER



**SIXTH FORM**

*Preparing for Success*

# DIVE INTO ADVENTURE: RAVENS WOOD SCUBA CLUB

Ever wanted to breathe underwater and explore a hidden world? The **Ravens Wood SCUBA Club** lets you do exactly that. Open to beginners and experienced swimmers alike, it's your chance to discover the ocean without leaving school behind.

## What you'll gain

- Learn essential diving skills and safety
- Work towards recognised SCUBA qualifications
- Explore marine life and ocean ecosystems
- Build confidence, teamwork, and independence

## Why join?

SCUBA Club is more than a hobby—it's an adventure. You'll make new friends, challenge yourself, and experience the thrill of weightless underwater exploration.

## Beyond the Pool

With training sessions and exciting trips, you'll put your skills into practice and take your diving further



## Ready to Dive In?

Step out of your comfort zone and into a whole new world.

**Join the Ravens Wood SCUBA Club - where adventure begins beneath the surface.**

Our recent cohort qualified during the half term, gaining a **PADI Open Water qualification**, enabling them to dive anywhere in the world. Well done to all of them!



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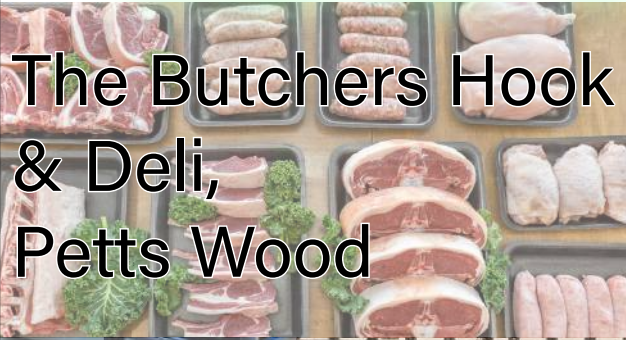
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the prizes for our  
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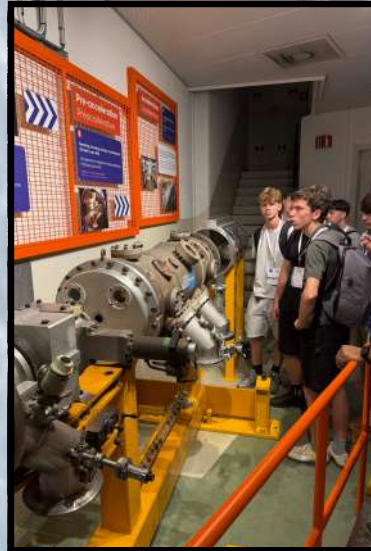
# SILENT AUCTION

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| <b>Crystal Palace FC</b>                                | <b>Master Cutter</b>                   |
| <b>RWS Alumnus &amp; Chelsea Footballer Jesse Derry</b> | <b>Cork n Cask</b>                     |
| <b>Addington Palace Golf Club</b>                       | <b>The New Inn</b>                     |
| <b>Eltham Warren Golf Club</b>                          | <b>Primo Caffè</b>                     |
| <b>Banstead Downs Golf Club</b>                         | <b>Wok n Roll</b>                      |
| <b>Shortlands Golf Club</b>                             | <b>Can Cuts Barbers</b>                |
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| <b>Dartford Golf Club</b>                               | <b>The Swan</b>                        |
| <b>Addington Court Golf Club</b>                        | <b>Lazeez Indian Takeaway</b>          |
| <b>Shirley Park Golf Club</b>                           | <b>Curry Corner</b>                    |
| <b>The Ridge Golf Club</b>                              | <b>Rhino Boulder</b>                   |
| <b>Farleigh Golf Club</b>                               | <b>Belles Florist</b>                  |
| <b>Hythe Golf Club</b>                                  | <b>The Cut Barbers</b>                 |
| <b>Whitstable &amp; Seasalter Golf Club</b>             | <b>I-Naga Indian Restaurant</b>        |
| <b>Cherry Lodge Golf Club</b>                           | <b>Bella Roma Italian Restaurant</b>   |
| <b>Kent Cricket Club</b>                                | <b>Kitchen, West Wickham</b>           |
| <b>Houses of Parliament</b>                             | <b>Reuben's Barbers</b>                |
| <b>The Fitness Link</b>                                 | <b>Vault and Vine</b>                  |
| <b>BayHouse Golf &amp; Social</b>                       | <b>Indian Diner</b>                    |
| <b>Virgin Active, Bromley</b>                           | <b>JOY Kitchen Asian Cuisine</b>       |
| <b>Nuffield Health Fitness Club, Bromley</b>            | <b>Oxygen Activeplay</b>               |
| <b>The Fox Pub &amp; Dining</b>                         | <b>Hisar</b>                           |
| <b>The British Queen</b>                                | <b>Deen's Garage Bike Shop</b>         |
| <b>Heathfields</b>                                      | <b>Oxygen Activeplay</b>               |
| <b>West Kent Golf Club</b>                              | <b>Coolings Garden Centre</b>          |
| <b>Baan Nuad Massage</b>                                | <b>Tugra Turkish Restaurant</b>        |
| <b>Pato Lounge</b>                                      | <b>Sonargaon Indian Restaurant</b>     |
| <b>GLS Men's Grooming</b>                               | <b>Adore Beauty &amp; Tanning</b>      |
| <b>Mustard Sandwich Bar</b>                             | <b>Next Ahead Hair Design</b>          |
| <b>The Greyhound Pub</b>                                | <b>Panagua Bikes</b>                   |
| <b>Hayes Kebab,</b>                                     | <b>Bloom &amp; Candy Flower Studio</b> |
| <b>Coles Family Butchers</b>                            | <b>Delta Force Paintball</b>           |

# A JOURNEY TO THE HEART OF THE UNIVERSE SIXTH FORM TRIP TO CERN

Our recent sixth form trip to CERN was an unforgettable mix of science, excitement, and fun. From the moment we set off, there was a real sense that we were about to experience something special.

At CERN, we explored the fascinating world of particle physics and learned how the Large Hadron Collider accelerates particles close to the speed of light. Seeing where ground breaking discoveries happen—and even standing near parts of the accelerator—felt like stepping into the future; visiting the Anti-Matter factory, where they produce anti-hydrogen. One of the highlights was meeting real scientists, who shared their work and answered our questions. Their passion made complex ideas feel exciting and showed us what a career in science could look like.



The trip wasn't all serious, though. Interactive exhibits, group challenges, and plenty of laughs kept the experience lively. Outside CERN, we also enjoyed exploring Geneva and, of course, sampling some Swiss chocolate.

Our visit to the Palace of the United Nations was both informative and inspiring, bringing home the challenges faced internationally and how the delegates go about solving them.



Overall, the trip brought science to life in the most engaging way possible. It wasn't just educational—it was inspiring, memorable, and a lot of fun.

# GERMAN EXCHANGE 2026-27

We are delighted to offer the German Exchange Programme again next academic year for pupils currently in Years 7-9 who intend to continue studying German next academic year. 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: Friday 3 July
- Places: 20 (first come, first served)
- Eligibility: Current Y7-Y9 students continuing German next year



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](mailto:ahe@rws.uk.net) if you would like further details.**

# BEN MORGAN MEMORIAL RUN



The annual Ben Morgan Memorial run takes place on Wednesday 1st July. The run was inaugurated following the tragic death of Ben, a year 12 student, in 2003. The run is open to all students in Yr 10 and above. Last year over 200 participated in the run, raising £200 for Cardiac Risk in the Young. Staff teams also take part in the event.

We look forward to a keenly contested afternoon.

For those wishing to donate contributions can be made through the My Child at School App.



# easyfundraising



*Just letting you know that Ravens Wood School are registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!*

These donations could really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

You can find our easyfundraising page  
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# Consultation on our PSHE and Relationships, Sex and Health Education (RSHE) Curriculum

The Department for Education has published revised statutory guidance for Relationships Education, Relationships and Sex Education (RSE), and Health Education, which will come into effect from 1 September 2026. Schools are required to review their curriculum and policies to ensure they align with the new guidance.

The revised guidance can be accessed here:  
[Department for Education RSHE Guidance \(September 2026\)](#)  
As part of this process, we are reviewing our Personal, Social, Health and Economic (PSHE) Education curriculum and would like to gather feedback from our parent and carer community. We believe that working in partnership with families is essential in ensuring that our curriculum reflects the needs of our pupils while meeting statutory requirements. We therefore invite you to take part in our consultation.

Taking part in the Parental Consultation:  
You can review the proposed curriculum on our website here:  
[RWS PSHE](#)

After reviewing the curriculum, if you would like to contribute to the consultation, please complete our Microsoft Forms questionnaire: [PSHE Parental Consultation – Fill in form](#)

The consultation will remain open until July 3rd 2026. All feedback received will be carefully considered as part of the curriculum review process.

Thank you for taking the time to engage with this important aspect of your child's education. We value your views and look forward to hearing your feedback.

Ms Brown  
Head of PSHE and Citizenship

[PSHE@rws.uk.net](mailto:PSHE@rws.uk.net)



# 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](mailto:fsm@bromley.gov.uk)



# Summer Holiday Fun

Bromley's Holiday  
Activities and  
Food Programme

**Bromley is running a holiday club  
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**YR 10-11 SPORT POLO**



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**ALL YEARS ¼ ZIP TOP**



**Compulsory**

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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

### PETSHIRT



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

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PLANNED PROMOTIONS BY  
SCANNING THE QR CODE**



# 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% = 10D**  
**3rd Place with 95.8% = 8D**



## Dates for your Diary

- Silver DofE Qualifier: Thursday 25th - Saturday 27th June 2026
- Year 9 Berlin History Trip: Thursday 25th - Saturday 27th June 2026
- Year 8 Interform Mini Marathon: Monday 29th June 2026
- Year 7 Interform Basketball, Forms A - D: Tuesday 30th June 2026
- Ben Morgan Run: Wednesday 1st July 2026
- Ravens Woodstock: Wednesday 1st July 2026
- Year 10 Royal Society Summer Exhibition: Thursday 2nd July 2026
- Year 7 Interform Basketball, Forms E - H: Thursday 2nd July 2026
- Vaccinations; Catch up HPV (Year 8): Friday 3rd July 2026
- Year 8 Swiss Adventure Trip: Monday 6th July 2026
- Year 12 Work Experience: Monday 6th - Friday 10th July 2026
- CPR Training, (Year 10): Monday 6th July
- Year 9 Bronze Qualifier: Wednesday 8th - Thursday 9th July 2026
- Year 10 Bronze Qualifier: Thursday 9th - Friday 10th July 2026
- CRY Screening: Thursday 9th July 2026
- Story Telling and Oracy Day (Year 8): Thursday 9th July 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**



**RWS Scuba**

Congratulations to our latest RWS Scuba Club cohort on completing their **PADI Open Water qualification**. Fantastic achievement and great to see such ambition from our students.

**THANK YOU** TO OUR RAVENS WOOD COMMUNITY

The heat has been challenging, but our students and staff have shown incredible resilience, care and support for one another.

*We're so proud of our whole community.*



**REMEMINDER**  
SCHOOL CLOSED TO STUDENTS  
FRIDAY 26TH JUNE  
Staff training day (PD day)



Great resilience from our students



Outstanding care from our staff



Keeping everyone safe and supported



Learning continues

*Thank you*  
RAVENS WOOD



**RWS Young Soloist of the Year**

Despite the hot weather, we were delighted to go ahead with our Young Soloist of the Year competition. The standard was incredibly high, and it was fantastic to see so many young people taking part. A huge well done to everyone involved - you should all be very proud!



**RWS Sports Dinner 2026**

What a brilliant evening last Friday celebrating our students brilliant sporting success! A huge well done to all our award winners and to everyone who participated in our sports programme this year. The big winners of the evening were ...  
Sports Performance of the Year - 1st XI Football team - for a hugely successful season winning the treble.  
Sports Person of the Year - Rory W, for a fantastic athletics season winning the U18 Nationals in the Hammer Throw.  
A huge thank you to @svetoslav\_todorov9 for being our guest speaker for the evening and talking to our students and families about his journey as a professional footballer.  
Thank you to everyone for attending and celebrating with us!



Congratulations to @z.finch\_ on his selection for the England U20 Rugby World Cup Squad in Georgia! Everyone at Ravens Wood is incredibly proud of your achievement and wishes you the very best for the tournament. Go well, Zac!



Some outstanding results from the Bromley Minors Athletics that took place a couple weeks ago ...

Y7 came 1st  
Y8 came 2nd

A brilliant effort from all those involved. This was the first time we had won one of the age group events in 10 years!

