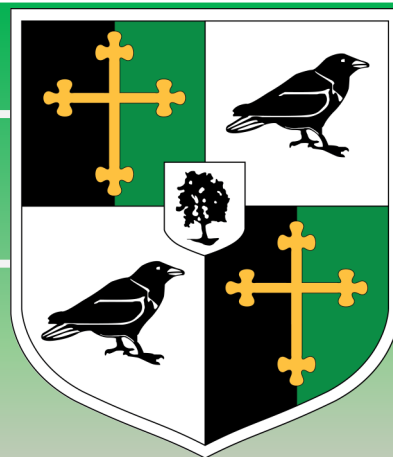


Friday 1st April 2022

Ravens Wood

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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we draw to a close of another term, may I take this opportunity to say a huge thank you to the staff, students and families for their support this term. It has been wonderful to see life getting back to 'normal' with COVID restrictions being removed, but equally it has not been without its challenges and I sincerely hope this newsletter finds you and your

families well and ready for Spring. We do hope the students enjoyed their cake sale today which was run by our tireless PSFA.

Our school production of *Holes* was a resounding success as I am sure anyone who was in the audience would agree. I would like to congratulate everyone involved and especially Ms Ward and Miss Burgess. Everyone's hard work and creativity made it a truly memorable show with some excellent performances. I personally took great enjoyment from seeing students in a whole new light, on the stage, and showcasing some real talent. Well done! Thanks must also go to Ms Potter Hicks and the music department for the wonderful Spring Concert yesterday, 'Broadway and West End Favourites.' It has been such a treat to have such a variety of musical skill and all of these remarkable events taking place in our Main Hall. We feel very lucky to be able to enjoy these performances once again, and we know how much effort goes in to such productions. Thank you to everyone who attended.

Thank you to all the parents, carers and teachers who attended Year 11 Parents Evening yesterday evening. Attendance was over 85% and we cannot stress enough the importance of these meetings in order to support our students at this crucial stage in their school career. We look forward to seeing some of our Year 11 students, as well as Year 13, at our Easter School provision over the break and we are so grateful to those staff who are delivering this. Their support of these year groups as they prepare for their exams is invaluable. A letter regarding online Science lessons available to all students in Year 11 is available [HERE](#) so please do check the schedule and encourage students to participate. All revision and links to online lessons will also be available via ShowMyHomeWork.

For those looking for some activities for students over the school break, please check [Bromley holiday activities and food programme - Easter 2022](#) for some inspiration. There are many free activities for those in receipt of free school meals.

Please be reminded that we return to a Week A timetable and that students will be registering with their form tutors at 10.50am on Tuesday 19th April. Please remember to top up Parent Pay accounts as necessary. Should you have any child protection or safeguarding concerns over the half term, please refer to the useful links provided on school's website at this link [HERE](#).

Have a wonderful and restful Easter break, here's hoping for some lovely weather.

Ms S Spence, Headteacher

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Easter Monday - Monday 18th April

Late Start For Students - Tuesday 19th April

May Bank Holiday - Monday 2nd May

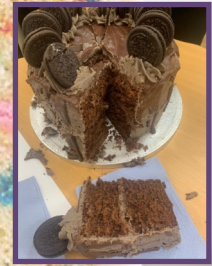


Remember, you can keep up-to-date with all of Ravens Wood's latest news by following us on Twitter. Simply search for @rw_school and follow us.

YEAR 7 BAKE OFF FINAL

Tuesday 22nd March saw the Year 7 Bake Off Final take to the Learning Commons. Each form had voted for their two 'Star Bakers' to represent their class and try and win the trophy (and some interform cup points). The contributions were delicious, and many staff journeyed to the Learning Commons to taste what was on offer and cast their vote. Mr Frondigoun, Head of Year 9, said that he 'tried the Oreo truffles [made by Daniel in 7B] and they were excellent'. 'It was a welcome treat for students and staff alike', said Mr Ralph. Thomas from 7A said, "my friends really enjoyed the whole process. They said the competition was exciting and they really enjoyed all the cakes". We want to say an enormous well done to all sixteen gentleman who gave up their time to bake delicious treats for the competition, every entry was superb which made judging incredibly difficult. However, the winning bake on the day was Thomas in 7A with his tumbling Malteser Cake (pictured below). However, as tutees were working together for the overall win, 7A were pipped to the post by 7E!

M McKenzie, Head of Sociology & Lead Teacher of Oracy & Epics



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FORM GROUPS BELOW WHO HAVE ACHIEVED THE TOP ATTENDANCE SCORE IN THEIR YEAR

Top Forms for Attendance w/e 25th March 2022

1st Place with 98.5% = 8H

2nd Place with 98.3% = 11D

3rd Place with 97.7% = 10C Congratulations!



Preparing for Success

SIXTH FORM NEWS

Sixth Form Sporting Success

It has been an incredible couple of weeks for our Sixth Form sporting stars. The first XI football team secured their place in the Kent Cup Final with a dramatic 2-1 win over Cleeve Park school. J Norman scored a last minute winner to ensure the boys have a final to look forward to.



Our 1st VII Rugby team competed in the prestigious Rosslyn Park National School 7's tournament. The boys created history in going unbeaten on day 1 and qualified for day 2 of the tournament. Some fantastic results on day 2—most notably a famous 27-26 win over Epsom College.



The Sixth Form basketball team took part in the quarter final of the Kent Cup and narrowly missed out on getting through to the Semi final. A valiant display by all the boys .

A massive thank you to all staff involved in supporting our sporting teams.

Year 13 Public Examination Timetables



All Year 13 students have received a copy of their individual examination timetable. Mr McCartney also delivered a virtual assembly outlining key information and expectations regarding the upcoming public examinations. It is important that all students have reviewed their timetable to ensure the information is correct. Do let a member of the Sixth Form team know if you have any concerns/questions. #MakingEverydayCount

BTEC Results

A massive well done to all our BTEC students who received exam results in Business, Media and Sport last week. These were a very pleasing set of results and ensures the students remain on course for excellent final outcomes in their qualifications.



Year 13 Leavers Event

We have recently written to all our Year 13 parents and carers to inform them of the upcoming leavers event. This will take place on Friday 13th May. Please ensure you have checked your email and respond using the link provided. It is an important event to celebrate the many successes of our current Year 13 cohort.



Keeping Safe Over the Holidays

It is important students are keeping safe over the holidays. Students have been reminded of ways in which they can do so in tutor time this week. Please also see the link below for our 'Keeping Safe in Sixth Form' document:

<https://www.ravenswood.bromley.sch.uk/assets/Documents/SixthForm/Keeping-Safe-in-Sixth-Form-Jan-2022.pdf>



SIXTH FORM
Preparing for Success

MUSIC NEWS

SPRING CONCERT

Mr Grant, Mr Bamping and I would like to say an enormous thank you and well done to all our performers who delivered such a heart warming Spring Concert on Wednesday. Performances were of such a high standard and all of you were so professional- from arriving on time, looking smart, knowing what you were doing, respecting each other and performing superbly. We are so proud and lucky to work in such a team. Onwards to our next one so keep practising over the holidays- it is all worth it! #musicforall

E Potter-Hicks, Director of Learning for Enrichment and Head of Music



Music & Performing Arts Summer2022

Concerts and Events

April - May 2022

Plugged in:

Showcasing guitars, basses and drums

NEW DATE Thursday 28th April 2022
6.00pm Main School Hall **FREE**

Performing Arts Awards

Thursday 12th May 2022, 6.00pm
Learning Commons
Tickets on sale from 22nd April via Parentpay

Young Soloist of the Year Competition Round 1

Round 1 w/c 16th May 2022
Open to all students in Years 7 - 10

DT NEWS

Our Offcut Engineers finished the term by making vacuum Easter bunny moulds filled with chocolate, a reward for their hard work and commitment!!

Well done Gents!



Year 7 Birthday Celebrations

Our Year 7 students who celebrated their birthdays over the past two weeks, enjoyed cake and a drink with Ms Spence this week.

We look forward to sharing all of our Year 7's birthdays over the coming year.



Tuesday 28th March 2022

Biggin Hill Airport Limited
Passenger Terminal
Main Road
Biggin Hill
Bromley
London TN16 3BH
T: +44 (0)1959 578500
bigginhillairport.com

Dear Local Residents,

Laser Attacks to Aircraft and London Biggin Hill Airport

At London Biggin Hill Airport we pride ourselves in the high level of safety standards that we demonstrate which is integral to our organisational values. Furthermore, we are proud of the work we do with our local community to ensure that we keep everyone safe from all our activities.

Over the past 12 months, the Airport has seen a rise in the number of reported laser attacks that aircraft are experiencing whilst on final approach to the Airport. Although lasers can be a useful tool when used correctly, however for a pilot to experience a laser attack at one of the most crucial times of a flight can be incredibly dangerous. Laser attacks can cause not only a distraction to the flight crew but have the potential to cause permanent visual impairment to the pilot.

Based upon the reports received the Airport has been able to identify the location of the laser attacks to within a 1/2 mile radius of the Locksbottom and Farnborough Park areas. London Biggin Hill Airport is currently working in conjunction with the Metropolitan Police to identify the perpetrator(s) under The Laser Misuse (Vehicles) Act 2018; under this, offenders can face an unlimited fine and even a jail sentence of up to 5 years for endangering an aircraft.

In 2021, the UK Civil Aviation Authority recorded 407 Laser Attack Incidents around the United Kingdom, with nearly 10% taking place at London Biggin Hill Airport. You can help us to ensure the safety of our aircraft and the Community by reporting any sightings of persons using lasers unlawfully. Reports can be made to the Police via 111, and to the Airport directly by contacting the Airport Safety and Compliance Department at safety@bigginhillairport.com.

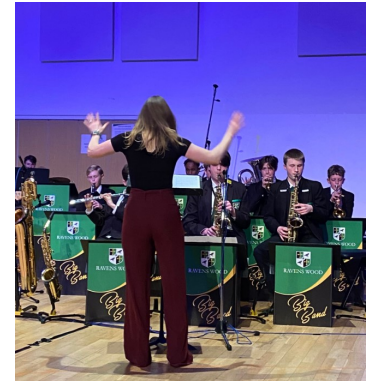
Thank you for your time in reading this and together we can all help keep our aircraft flying safely and the local community safe.

Yours faithfully,

Robert Graham
Operations Director
London Biggin Hill Airport

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Some snaps below from our amazing Spring Concert



EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY

News and updates from around the school on issues around inclusion, equality and diversity



Discussions you can have at home



Here is a selection of what we have been learning in Ready to L:earn about Equality and Diversity in the news.

Smashing stereotypes

Since the start of the pandemic, demand has risen for respirators to protect front-line health care workers and those working in key industries. This is a **world wide team**.

- Senior product engineering specialist, Audra Wilson, grew up in Warwickshire
- Senior product engineer, Sandra Chauruka, is originally from Zimbabwe.
- Product engineering specialist, Andre Jorge, is a Brazilian who moved to Germany to oversee the new production line.
- Product engineering leader, Julien Magniez, is originally from Bordeaux in France.

Question – Why is it important that this team is diverse?



RWS Community Question

Mum calls for better autism awareness after Stirling film trip with son



Below is part of the news story. Click [here](#) to read the full thing.
 “I could see David was getting anxious in the queue thinking he might miss the start of the film so I went to speak to the chap scanning the tickets, politely explained the situation and asked if we could possibly pay elsewhere. He just turned and said to me that they didn’t do anything for disabilities and for people jumping the queues.”

3Cs question – How should the staff have responded?

3Cs question – What could you do to help if you saw this happening?



RWS Food for Thought

The people pictured below live with ASC.

Satoshi Tajiri
creator of Pokemon.

Bill Gates
founder of Microsoft.

Tim Burton
film maker.

Question - Do you agree with Hans Asperger?

“It seems that for success in science or art a dash of autism is essential.”
 – Hans Asperger



RWS Safeguarding Information



The Safeguarding Team would like to wish the whole school community a safe and restful Easter holidays.

With the break starting today, teachers will not be checking their emails nor will talk@ be checked. If you feel worried or unsafe please visit the Safeguarding page on the website or one of the external agencies below:



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Call us on 0800 1111



Chat to us online

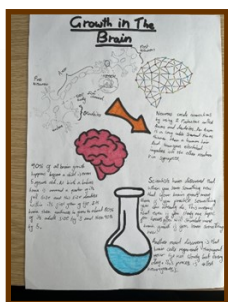


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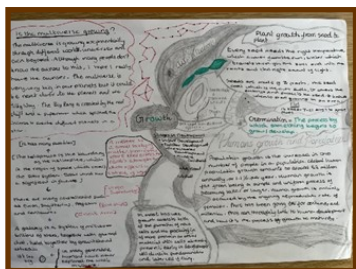


Science Week Winners

Over Science week students were challenged with making a poster on the topic of Growth. The competition was fierce and the winners are shown below.



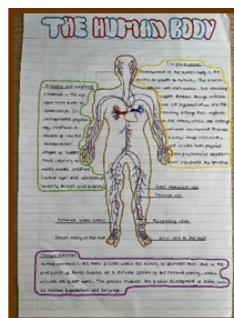
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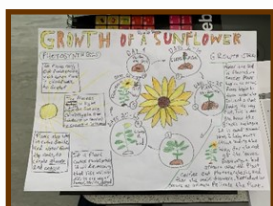
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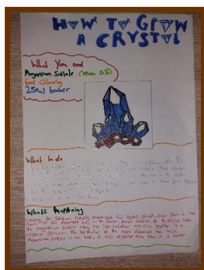
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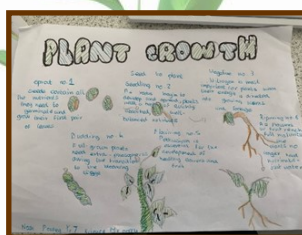
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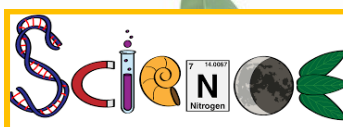
Noah Powley



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RWS UNIFORM



Uniform sales are run by the PSFA on a completely voluntary basis. Purchasing new or second-hand uniform from the PSFA allows all profits to be given back to the school which benefits all students.

RWS new uniform can be ordered from Mrs Clarke by calling: 07956 103786 or by emailing:

merylclarke@hotmail.com

For your convenience, our price list can be found here [RWS Uniform Price List](#)

More information about uniform can be found on our website [HERE](#) and acceptable footwear [HERE](#)

Second-hand Uniform: Please email: ravenswoodpsfa@yahoo.com. (Donations of good quality logo items would be gratefully accepted - Please contact us for drop off/pick up details).



If you would like to find out more about the PSFA or have any great fundraising ideas, please contact us: ravenswoodpsfa@yahoo.com

Follow us on Twitter: [@RW_PSFA](https://twitter.com/RW_PSFA)



SPORTS AND PE KIT

Students and parents can purchase additional sports and PE kit from our kit provider PlayerLayer.

With students needing to wear PE kit several times a week, parents can buy optional additional sports wear from the website, that students can wear on their PE days. These items include additional sports T-shirts, RWS sports rain jacket (with pockets), RWS tracksuit bottoms (with pockets) and RWS 1/4 zip fleece.

Items can be purchased via: www.playerlayer.com/teams/ravens-wood-school

Mr A Jones

Teacher of Physical Education



FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Free School Meals/Pupil Premium Payments are available to all eligible pupils attending Bromley maintained schools.

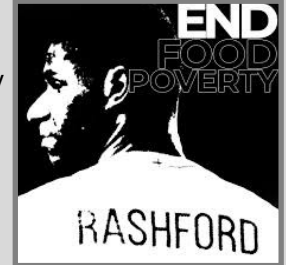
If you are not already in receipt of free school meals an application must be submitted to secure both Free School Meals and the Pupil Premium Payment.

HOW TO APPLY



Application forms are available from Bromley Schools, or you can apply online:

https://www.bromley.gov.uk/site/xfp/scripts/xforms_form.php?formID=180



Bromley Council have published details of Household Support Fund grants available to support vulnerable households and families, with or without children, who require it over the coming months. The support is available for Bromley residents until 31 March 2022 (or until the fund has been utilised).

Please click on the link for further details:- <https://bromleyeducationmatters.uk/Article/93210?>



We recently received some wonderful news from Germany that we wanted to share with you all.

Many of our students and staff will remember Lisa and Yannis (our German language assistants before Leo).

While they did not work at Ravens Wood at the same time, they met when Lisa took over from Yannis, and love struck. Their relationship developed while they were living in different countries for two years (during a pandemic, no less!) and just a few weeks ago they tied the knot!

We are so happy for both and wish them a lifetime of love and happiness!

Herzlichen Glückwunsch zur
Trauung!

Congratulations on your wedding!



YEAR 12 WORK EXPERIENCE

4th to 8th July 2022

Students should hand in their placement details to Mrs Paterson in the Careers Office. Students are expected to find their own work placements. Taking personal responsibility for finding the placement and researching their career path is an important part of the process. Students needing guidance must visit the Careers Office.

Or email Mrs Paterson – elp@rws.uk.net

We are delighted to have some new students joining us for the summer term. We hope this to be a successful fun time where students can play and learn outside. We welcome any new or old members to join us as we still have 5 spaces available for the Year 8 club and 8 spaces for the Year 7 club.

Please sign-up using ParentPay.



OUTDOOR CLUB



Outdoor Education Enrichment timetable

February - July

Year 7	Thursday 3pm- 4pm pick up at 4.30	Meet to register in the P.E. Huts
Year 8	Wednesday 3pm- 4pm pick up at 4.30	Meet to register in the P.E. Huts

- Students will learn:
- Bushcraft & Survival skills
 - First Aid
 - Games
 - Teamwork
 - Gardening

Cost: £15 for 3 half terms

Students must bring appropriate clothing and footwear to change into for each session.

Miss Wood rwo@rws.uk.net



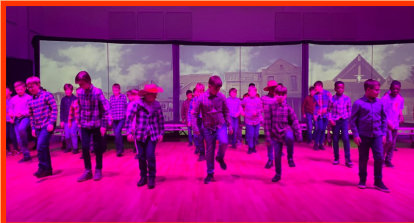
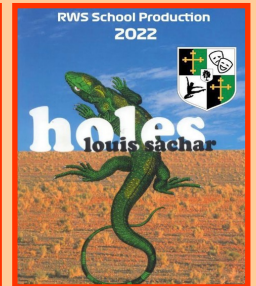
DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

This Easter holiday, Mr White will be leading the Year 13 Gold D of E group to the Brecon Beacons in Wales to complete their final expedition with RWS. This will be an amazing achievement for them, as they have been part of Outdoor Club from Year 7 and achieved their Bronze and Silver award as well. This year our team has 4 girls as well and is the first time we have had more girls in a group. This is a fantastic step in the right direction to have a truly inclusive team. Please look out on Twitter for images of their progress.

R Wood, Teacher of Science & Outdoor Education



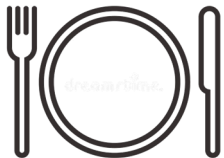
What a super school production we had over two nights last week. The Holes production really did showcase the talent, energy and enthusiasm of our students. It was brilliant to see our boys on stage again. Many thanks to all of the staff involved in making this happen, particularly Miss Ward and Miss Burgess. [#Holes2022](#) [#RWSArts](#)



holes



@rw_school - Recent tweets from RWS
Keep up with the latest news as it happens!



PRE
Table Talk
April



Dinner conversations are a great opportunity to engage with your children in rich conversation, share important lifelong interest in the news. Talking at meal times helps to benefit the health, emotional and academic outcome for children of all ages. Here is a topic guide to help get talking this March!!

- Year 7 :** Why do religions split up?
- Year 8 :** To what extent can religion be dangerous?
- Year 9 :** What makes people good or evil?
- Year 10 :** Is religion a force for good in the world?
- Year 11 :** Why are we here?

MEDIA

BTEC MEDIA STUDENTS

We are so proud and impressed with our BTEC Media students who have received their January exam results. A particular well done to our Year 13 cohort whose results were 100% Pass-Distinction, 57% Merit-Distinction and 29% Distinction.

The following Distinction students deserve a special mention for their continuous dedication and hard work:

Lauren Evans, Izzy Haffenden, Frankie Miller, Jensen Monk, Abby Neicho and Sebastian Purves.

Well done!

Miss Wellings, Teacher of Media Studies



Sports Awards Dinner Friday 17th June 2022



SAVE THE DATE!

 sport.rws.uk.net/
 Ravens Wood Sport
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 Sports kit:
<https://playerlayer.com/teams/ravens-wood-school.html>

Spring HOLIDAY & FOOD (HAF) MULTI ACTIVITY CAMP
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RUGBY NEWS

It has been a fantastic end to the rugby season here at RWS, with our 1st VII rounding it off by making history at the prestigious Rosslyn Park National 7s tournament.

In what is the biggest youth rugby tournament in the world, our Academy rugby players gave a fantastic account of themselves to finish the tournament with a record of 5 wins and just the 1 loss, with a points difference of +66.

The standard of competition at Rosslyn Park is exceptionally high, with all of the top schools in the country competing. Our 1st VII qualified for the second day of the tournament for the first time in our history and went on to secure a monumental win over Epsom College.

The results for the tournament are as follows:

- 17-12 win vs Stamford
- 36-0 win vs Embley
- 31-0 win vs Hereford 6th Form College
- 22-19 win vs Hymers College
- 27-26 win vs Epsom College
- 7-17 loss vs Trinity School

A huge congratulations to all students involved in what was a fantastic couple of days and thank you for all of the support we have received.

As the rugby season draws to a close, the PE Department would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to all volunteers, spectators and parental supporters who have been outstanding throughout the course of the season. Our Academy players and South Africa tourists continue to work hard on their strength & conditioning during the off-season, watch this space for updates

Mr Petty, Master In Charge of Rugby



BASKETBALL NEWS

It was a tough last couple of weeks for basketball with 2 Kent cup semi-final losses, but the boys battled really hard in both games and were unlucky to be on the wrong side of the results. I would like to pass my congratulations on to both the Year 7 and Sixth form team who have both had terrific seasons only losing 2 games each all year.

Overall, it has been a really positive season for basketball here at RWS and we look forward to pushing on next season. Congratulations to every single student to who took part in a game this year!

Mr Pillow
Master In Charge of Basketball

MATCH RESULTS

- U14A vs Bullers Wood Area Cup Lost 61-65
- U15A vs Charles Darwin Area Cup Won 102-26
- U14A vs Haberdashers' Area Cup Won 61-56
- U12A vs Langley Park County Cup Semi Final Lost 43-55
- U18A vs The North School County Cup Semi Final Lost 57-62
- U13A vs Haberdashers' Area Cup



FOOTBALL NEWS

1st team football continuing their good season by moving into the Kent County Cup Final after a 2-1 win over Welling United's academy team based at Cleeve Park, they will face Canterbury Academy, date and time TBC. They are also into the Semi-final of the district cup where they will face Langley Park for the first ever meeting in football, after a 2-1 win over Hayes.

Year 11 are into the semi-final of the district cup where they will host Ravensbourne, after a 5-1 win over Bishop Justus.

Year 10 comfortably beat Haberdashers to make their way into the Semi-final of the district cup, Jesse Derry scoring 6 goals in the process.

Year 8 are also through to the Semi-final of the district cup after a 2-0 win over Hayes, goals from Calum Verghese and Finn Garratty, man of the match Amani Okunbor.

Mr Begum, Master In Charge of Football



Ravens Wood School Invigilators

£10.40 per hour

We are currently looking to expand our Invigilator team and have a number of positions available.

The successful candidates will be employed on a casual basis to supervise our students during their examinations throughout the school year, including mock exams.

We offer full training and induction for this vital role.

You will:

Be organised

- Be enthusiastic

Be confident in communicating positively with students

In return we can offer you:

- A friendly working environment
- A 24/7 Employee Assistance Programme (EAP)
- An on-site fitness suite available for free use by staff

Excellent catering facilities including a coffee shop

We are an equal opportunities employer and are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children. Employees of the Trust must uphold Safeguarding Policies and Procedures. The successful candidate will be subject to an enhanced DBS check.

If you would like to be part of our school community we welcome your application. Please download an application form from our website under Support Staff vacancies www.ravenswood.bromley.sch.uk once completed, return to Jo Acott at jea@rws.uk.net or send to the address below.

Closing date: Tuesday 19th April 2022 at midday

For enquiries please contact Jo Acott on: jea@rws.uk.net or

Ravens Wood School, Oakley Road, Bromley, BR2 8HP

Tel: 01689 856050

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WANTED: PARENT GOVERNOR



The Governing Body of Ravens Wood School
is now recruiting a Parent Governor

Nominations welcome from Monday 28th March – Friday 29th April 2022

Ravens Wood School is a large boys' secondary school with a mixed Sixth Form and a total student population of circa 1600. Ravens Wood School is part of the Impact Multi Agency Trust.

Ravens Wood School aspires to provide each and every student with an exemplary education. The staff work very hard to support and develop students so that upon graduation they are perfectly positioned to seize the opportunities that lie before them.

Ravens Wood School has a committed Local Governing Body who work with the strong leadership team to ensure our vision and strategy are clear. As a parent governor your roles and responsibilities are no different from other governors – thinking about the progress and wellbeing of all students plus bringing a parental perspective to the issues discussed.

All governors should be able to demonstrate the following;

- An active interest in the education of our students.
- A commitment to equality and diversity.
- A commitment to quality and raising standards within our school.
- The aptitude to work collaboratively with others and to contribute as a member of a team.
- A willingness to promote the school within the community it serves.
- The ability to support and challenge the Headteacher and her leadership team.
- The time to devote, prepare for and attend Governors' meetings.
- The ability to undertake governor training and development.
- To agree policies and strategies and ensure these can be monitored and implemented.
- To contribute to establishing performance targets and the monitoring of performance against these.

Further details regarding the position, including nomination forms, can be found on the school's website at the following link:

[Governors - Ravens Wood School](#)