



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to our first Newsletter of the academic year; I am delighted to welcome our students back to Ravens Wood School. We hope you've had a restful summer and are ready for an exciting year ahead. A special welcome goes out to our new Year 7 students and their families, who are joining us for the first time. They have had a very successful first week with us and settled well. A special welcome also goes to our new Year 12 cohort, both returning Year 11 students and those joining us from other schools. We are very pleased you have chosen to study at Ravens Wood and to have you as part of our community.

This summer, we celebrated our students' achievements in both A Level and GCSE examinations. We were pleased to be celebrating a fantastic set of A Level and BTEC results for 2024. Over 220 students achieved more than 560 grades, with 17% of A Level grades awarded at A*-A, 42% at A*-B, and 73% at A*-C. The overall A Level pass rate was an impressive 99%. Our BTEC students also excelled, with just under a third of all grades being Distinction* or Distinction, and a 100% pass rate.

Our GCSE students also made us proud. Despite the challenges faced during their early secondary school years due to Covid-19, they have risen to the occasion and achieved results significantly above the national average for boys. In total, over 360 grades awarded across various subjects were 9-7, including 42 grades 9-7 in English and 40 in Maths.

We are incredibly proud of all our students; their results are a testament to their hard work, resilience, and commitment to success. We wish our Year 13 leavers the best of luck as they embark on the next stages of their education and careers, and we look forward to supporting our new A Level students as they begin the next stage of their educational journey. A huge thanks goes to the wonderful Ravens Wood staff for their hard work and dedication in ensuring all students reach their maximum potential.

Over the summer, our school has undergone several significant improvements. These include roofing works in the maths block, an updated and improved staff room, a revamped Pupil Development Department, and totally refurbished toilet facilities for all (see page 6 of this newsletter). We appreciate the patience of our staff and students as the final touches to these projects are completed.

As we move forward into the new academic year, we are excited to work closely with our students and families. Thank you for your ongoing support of Ravens Wood School. Let's make this year a successful and memorable year for all.

Best wishes

Ms M. Lester

Headteacher







RWS Sixth Form News

Sixth Form Open Evening

Wednesday 13th November 2024 - 5.45pm to 8.00pm For entry to Sixth Form Autumn 2025/2026



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.













Talks will be held in the Main Hall at 5.45pm and 6.30pm



Ravens Wood School







OPEN DAY Saturday 21st September 2024 9.00am - 12.00pm

Presentations by the Headteacher at 9.30am and 10.30am



Parents and carers of prospective students are warmly invited to come and find out about the fantastic opportunities available at this successful and popular school.



Our School aspires to provide each and every student with an exemplary education. We achieve this goal by carefully crafting a student-centred approach where individual needs are matched with a broad, ambitious and exciting curriculum of awe and wonder. I hope you can join us for our Open Day to get a real feel for our school and meet the staff and students of Ravens Wood.

Ms M. Lester Headteacher



Albove & Beyond

Awards

Ms Simmons

For being an amazing Form Tutor and always going above and beyond - her pastoral care is above and beyond.

Miss Davis

Miss Davis organised the
entirety of the Social
Sciences week in the
summer term, including
Mock Elections, and
getting the whole student
body within the school
involved.

Mrs Buonvino

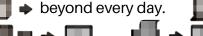
Mrs Buonvino has completed all of the administration for a smooth admissions process for our new cohort and continued to assist with covering other staff absences – she is always willing to help in any way.

Mr Grant

Mr Grant has been busy working voluntarily on AV projects for the academic year 2023-24 - this work is above and beyond.

Mr Hughes

Mr Hughes has completed some amazing design work on Microsoft forms, Mr Hughes is always willing to help and comes up with brilliant solutions - he goes above and



Mrs Lawrence

Mrs Lawrence is always proactive in helping in the Sixth Form team, for example with seating plans in the Learning Commons, making "question of the day", assisting with Year 12 Work Experience and Year 9 Work shadowing.

Miss Protheroe

Miss Protheroe has been at Ravens Wood since June, she has designed our fortnightly Newsletter and has made an impact at the school, her attention to detail and amazing design techniques are above and beyond.

Mrs Turrell

Mrs Turrell has provided consistent assistance with covering other staff absences and she is always willing to help in any way.

Ms Scott

Ms Scott keeps calm in difficult situations working with our more vulnerable students - she always goes above and beyond.

Mrs Nanzer

Mrs Nanzer keeps calm in difficult situations when working with our more vulnerable students - she always goes above and beyond.

ANNUAL RAM AWARDS



The Ravens Wood Academy of Media held the annual RAM awards on Monday 15th July 2024. The event celebrated the immense talent within the GCSE, A Level and BTEC Film and Media departments. Nominees had their projects that they submitted as coursework - including films, music videos and websites shown on the big screen at the Orpington Odeon. The entirety of the sold-out event was created and coordinated by students of the Ravens Wood Academy of Media, including projection work by Gemma Edwards.

HOME

SUMMER SUCCESS FROM OUR STUDENTS

Matthew in Y13 returned to South Africa this summer, where last year he was representing RWS, as he was selected for the England U18 Rugby squad. Matthew picked up 3 caps playing Ireland, Georgia and also South Africa. This is a huge achievement for Matthew who has been part of the Saracens Academy for a number of years. Well done and we look forward to seeing how Matthew progresses this year with the six nations due to start in February.



Daisy in Y13 represented Great Britain at the U18 European Athletic Championships in the Long Jump. Daisy has had a brilliant year with multiple PBs as she is attempting to qualify for this tournament and she currently is ranked No2 in the UK at the U20 level. Well done Daisy!

THE SPOILS OF SUMMER



The 'Growing Greens' gardening club came back to a bumper crop after the summer break.
The tomatoes were particularly delicious.
They will be continuing their work every Tuesday and Thursday lunchtime in the Quiet Garden.





The Pupil Development Department would like to say a massive well done to all of our year 7 students who overcame their anxieties and had big changes this week, with starting Ravens Wood School. We look forward to following your achievements this year! The PD Department is available on SEND@rws.uk.net if you have enquires or questions.

Praise

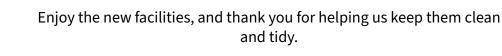
Parents will be contacted for interventions and further support that may be offered ASAP.



We are thrilled to share some fantastic updates from our summer improvement works. Our toilet facilities have undergone a significant refurbishment, transforming them into modern spaces that reflect our school's ethos of "We are Black and Green."

The new facilities, in our signature colours of black and green, not only enhance the look but also improve functionality and comfort. We hope these upgrades make a positive difference to our students' daily school experience.

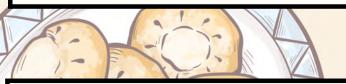
Our refurbished toilets will provide a comfortable environment for all and we encourage everyone to take pride in these new spaces and treat them with the utmost respect.





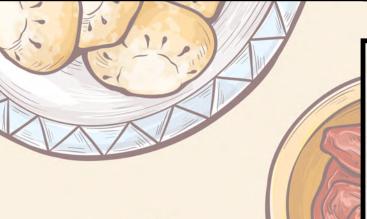


Accent Menus for September 2024



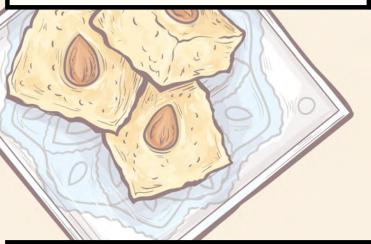
Week 1





Week 2





Week 3



ECAREERS



A warm welcome from Careers @ RWS

Lesley Borley - Careers Officer
Hayley Hayden - Careers Lead for the Trust
Kirsty Taylor - Independent Careers Advisor

The Careers Team are very much looking forward to supporting students with careers advice and guidance. We are committed to ensuring that our learners are ready for the next steps on their career journey.

There are activities run throughout the year to encourage and motivate students to think about their career aspirations and choices for the future. These include, RWS Careers Fair, Work Shadowing and Work Experience Programmes, Unifrog Workshops, external speaker presentations, and one to one career meetings.



The Careers Office is located in the library, students of any year group can pop in and arrange a careers meeting. We look forward to meeting you soon!

We can be contacted at lbo@rws.uk.net or hah@rws.uk.net or by telephone 01689 856050.



Dear Supporter

BEN DANIELS MEMORIAL FUND

Thank you so much for your wonderful donation of £4,464.50 in memory of Ben.

Your support means a great deal to us and will help us to continue our campaign to reduce the number of young sudden cardiac deaths and the heartbreak that follows such a tragedy.

It is only through the generosity of our supporters that CRY is able to offer its essential services and to pursue important campaign aims and objectives. Every single contribution to CRY is greatly appreciated.

We are always grateful to supporters who send us photographs and a short write-up of their event / fundraising, for inclusion on the CRY website and / or in the CRY Update magazine. Due to space limitations we cannot include all photos and write-ups in the CRY Update magazine, but we do endeavour to put all photos and write-ups onto the CRY website. If this is something you would like, please visit www.c-r-y.org.uk/upload to submit your write-up and any accompanying photos via the CRY website. Alternatively, you may email your photographs and write-up to updatemag@c-r-y.org.uk. Whichever method you use, please quote the reference number at the top of this letter, so that we can match the photos / text with the donation they relate to.

Please note that all donations of £100 or more will be acknowledged in the CRY Update magazine - with or without photos / write-up - unless the donor explicitly requests that their donation is not mentioned.

Please accept this letter as our official receipt.

Yours sincerely

Megan Gooding
Support Programme Administrator







Music Enrichment
Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Years 7 - 10	School Show	Rabble	Year 12/13 NEA	Year II NEA
Composition	Music	1.10 - 1.50pm	Support 1.10 -	Support 1.10 -
Club	Rehearsals		1.50pm	1.50pm
1.10 -1.50pm	1.10 - 1.50pm			
		'6-string'	Super Smash Bros.	Ukulele Club
Ravens Band		Guitar Group	3.10 – 4pm	1.10 – 1.50pm
1.10 –1.50pm	Pizzicato	3.10 – 4pm		
	Strings		Big Band	
	3.10 – 4pm	Moonlight Sax 3.10 – 4pm	3.10 – 4pm	Moonlight Sax 3.10 – 4pm
	JAM Session		JAM Session	
Guitar, Piano,	Guitar &	Drum & Piano	Piano & Singing	Piano, Brass &
Percussion & String lessons	Drum lessons	lessons	lessons	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!

JOIN THE RWS EQUALITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION (EDI) PARENT FORUM!

At RWS, we are committed to ensuring that all families feel represented, included, and celebrated within our school community. To help us achieve this, we are recruiting for our EDI Parent Forum, and we'd love for you to be part of it!

Purpose of the Forum:

- Feedback: Share your thoughts on how RWS is currently managing equality, diversity, and inclusion across all aspects of school life and the curriculum.
- Ideas: Collaborate with us to create new initiatives that promote EDI within the school.
 - Representation: Help ensure that all families at RWS feel represented and championed in our community.

Time Commitment:

The forum will meet at most once a half term, making it a manageable and meaningful way to contribute.

Interested in Joining?

Please email mmc@rws.uk.net by 13th September to express your interest or to find out more.

Together, let's work towards an even more inclusive and welcoming school environment!

ESEND



Find out what SEND Clubs and Events are happening near you!

https://new.express.adobe.com/webpage/v7dluzxU4Xr3K





Trip payments on ParentPay



Friends of Ravens Wood Fund

You will recall that we wrote to you in May this year, regarding becoming a 'Friend of Ravens Wood School'. By giving a regular amount or annual donation to the fund, it 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 have been made via standing order in the past, however, this system is changing to a 'Just Giving' platform. Donations can be made 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 or scan the OR code below to get started.

Reminder to update bank details

Please be advised that should you currently be donating via standing order you will need to cancel this with your bank, as the account currently being used is closing, and we would encourage you to use the new system.

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





2nd Place with 99% - 7A, 7F, 7D, 8A, 8G, 8C, 10G & 10F 3rd Place with 98% - 7C, 9B, 10C, 10D & 11A



Dates for your Diary

Year 7 Bushcraft Residential Trip - Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th September Open Day - Saturday 21st September

Year 12 Team Building Trip - Friday 27th September

Sixth Form Open Evening - Wednesday 13th November; 5:45pm - 8:00pm





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

INCLUSIVITY FESTIVAL

This will be an outdoor event if the weather permits so, please dress appropriately. If the weather forecast is wet, then the festival will take place inside. Food that is included in the ticket price will be available from 3.30 to 8.30 PM. Bars serving alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks as well as light snacks.

Sensory room providing a quite space if needed.

Raffle:

Great prizes including Vue cinema tickets,
Entertainer voucher, Churchill theatre
tickets to see
Officer and a Gentleman and a
Headmasters cut and blow dry voucher
(up to designer level). Plus,
many more great prizes.

Silent Auction:

- Electric Drum kit
- Crystal Palace signed football
 - Electric Guitar
- Crystal Palace signed football shirt
- Elizabeth Line goodies and ride with the driver in the driver's cab!

Face painting, stalls and Ice Cream van





Check out the official Facebook page for more updates;

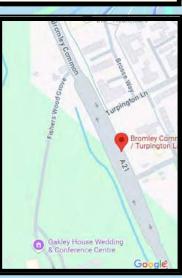
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How to get there:

The following buses 61, 261,320, 336 and 358 stop nearby the entrance, Fisher's Wood Grove.

The bus stop is called Bromley Common/Turpington Lane (BL or BT). There is parking and the entrance is just by the bus stop. (BT Bromley Common/Turpington Lane)







Parent/Carer Webinar Dates September - December 2024

Helping Your Child with Anxiety, Fears & Worries for Primary Parents

Thurs 12th Sept @ 12:00 Weds 9th Oct @ 5:30pm Sat 16th Nov @ 10:00am Mon 9th Dec @ 12:00 Helping Your Child with Anxiety, Fears & Worries for Secondary Parents

Mon 23rd Sept @ 5:30pm Sat 12th Oct @ 10:00am Weds 27th Nov @ 12:00 Weds 11th Dec @ 12:00

Helping Children with Sleep for Primary Parents

Sat 21st Sept @ 10:00am Mon 28th Oct @ 12:00 Thurs 21st Nov @ 5:30pm Weds 4th Dec @ 12:00

Emotionally Based School Avoidance

Sat 7th Sept @ 10:00am Mon 7th Oct @ 12:00 Thurs 7th Nov @ 5:30pm Thurs 12th Dec @ 12:00

Changing from Primary to Secondary School

Sat 14th Sept @ 10.00am Tues 24th Sept @ 4.00pm

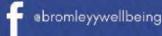
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#LearnLeadExcel ***

Ka achieved five grade 9s and three grade 8s

@rw_school @rwspe @RWSMusicDept



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Some amazing GCSE results from our students today. Well done to all





2.00PM Aug 22, 2024





Ravens Wood School @rw_school RWS11 Rugby students converted their hard work into strong results.









Ravens Wood School @rw_school Elijah achieved top grades across the board.

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Ravens Wood School @rw_school RWS11 Rugby students converted their hard work into strong results. #LearnLeadExcel

> Ravens Wood School @rw_school Our pastoral leaders were off site today discussing how to support students throughout the school and implement strategies to ensure strong progress. Thanks to @bromleyfc for hosting.

#WeAreBlackandGreen #LearnLeadExcel







Ravens Wood School @rw_school We welcomed new students (and many returning students) in Year 7 and Year 12 this morning. We look forward to them having an engaging and enjoyable time at Ravens Wood School.

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Ravens Wood School @rw_school Following a summer away from the allotment, our 'Growing Greens' Gardening club came back to a bumper crop. The tomatoes were particularly delicious. Well done gentlemen!

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RAVENS WOOD SCHOOL SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAY DATES

Autumn 2024

Inset Day: Monday 2nd September

Term: Wednesday 3rd September - Friday 18th October

Year 7 & Year 12 Start - Tuesday 3rd September

Years 8 - 11 & Year 13 Return - Wednesday 4th September

Half Term Holiday: Monday 21st October - Friday 1st November **Term:** Monday 4th November - Friday 20th December

Inset Day: Friday 15th November

Christmas Break: Monday 23rd December - Friday 3rd January

Spring 2025

Inset Day: Monday 6th January

Term: Tuesday 7th January - Friday 14th February

Half Term Holiday: Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February

Term: Monday 24th February - Friday 4th April Easter break: Monday 7th April - Monday 21st April (Good Friday 18th April, Easter Monday 21st April)

Summer 2025

Term: Tuesday 22nd April - Friday 23rd May

School Closed: Monday 5th May (Early May Bank Holiday)
Half Term Holiday: Monday 26th May - Friday 30th May
School closed: Monday 26th May (Spring Bank Holiday)

Term: Monday 2nd June - Wednesday 23rd July

Inset Day: Friday 27th June

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Staff Training Days - school closed to students

PD Day1 (Staff Inset) -Monday 2nd September 2024

PD Day 2 (Staff Inset) -Friday 15th November 2024

PD Day 3 (Staff Inset) – Monday 6th January 2025

PD Day 4 (Staff Inset) -Friday 27th June 2025