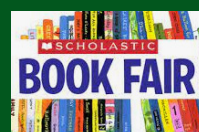




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Friday 8th March
2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our latest edition of the RWS News.

We are almost ready to lower the lights for our school production of *Alice*. Based on Lewis Carroll's tale, *Alice* is a modern adaptation of the classic and much loved story about rabbit holes, pocket watches and talking caterpillars. If you haven't bought your tickets yet, please do; they are available on Parent Pay. To everyone involved, 'Break a leg!'

Yesterday, we said 'Auf Wiedersehen' to our German Exchange students, who we welcomed into school. They have had a wonderful time, visiting Chislehurst Caves, Bowling and spending some time in school with us. Our exchange programme was established over 30 years ago and we are so proud of the relationship that has been embedded during this time. Some of our families have arranged for their families to holiday together in their own time, and when our students are in Germany, they enjoy visiting traditional markets as well as East Frisian tea time. Thank you to Ms Hemetsberger and all those involved in forging these friendships and making wonderful memories.

We held our election for the Bromley Youth Council yesterday and you can read more about this on P5. Well done to everyone who put themselves forward for nomination.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Book Fair this week, and to Miss Adams, our Librarian for organising it. We hope students came home with some exciting new titles to read.

We also had our Year 9 Parents' Evening last night which had a participation rate of over 91%. Thank you for your support at these valuable meetings, we hope the feedback gives students plenty to build on.

There are some important reminders about uniform, vaccinations and reporting absence contained within this newsletter so please do take some time to read through. As always, your child's form tutor is the first point of contact for any issues or questions you may have.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Ms M. Lester
Headteacher



Ravens Wood School Production

This amateur production of "Alice" is presented by arrangement with Concord Theatricals Ltd. on behalf of Samuel French Ltd. www.concordtheatricals.co.uk

Alice

BY Laura Wade

Wednesday 13th & Thursday 14th of March
7pm

Tickets from £5

Tickets Now Available





German Exchange



Early last Friday, after a long overnight journey on the coach and the ferry, we welcomed to Ravens Wood 14 students and two teachers from the Teletta-Groß-Gymnasium, our partner school in Germany. They shadowed their exchange partners in lessons before going into Bromley to explore the local area. In the afternoon, they met up again with their exchange partners for a round of bowling.

The weekend was spent with our host families who arranged a variety of activities for their visitors. A big thank you to all the families involved, both for hosting and organising fun-packed weekends!

During the week, the German students explored London's sights with their teachers, impressively taking over 20,000 steps on some days!

A final joint trip to the Chislehurst Caves for the German and Ravens Wood students on Thursday concluded a week marked by new experiences and new friendships forged. We wish the German students and teachers a safe journey home and already look forward to welcoming them back next year.



There's more to Barbie than meets the eye!



presents

Barbie



www.langleyfimbox.co.uk

boxofficefilmbox@gmail.com



Barbie (12, 114 mins)

Wednesday 27 March 7.45pm

Langley Park School for Boys Beckenham BR3 3BP

Are you ready for the most fabulous adventure – and most talked-about film – of the year?

Barbie stars Oscar nominees **Margot Robbie** and **Ryan Gosling** as Barbie and Ken as they embark on a journey of self-discovery through Barbieland and the real world, meeting many different Barbies and Kens played by a stellar cast. This light-hearted comedy explores gender roles through a satirical lens.

If you haven't seen it before – or would like to enjoy it again – don't miss this chance to see **Barbie** on a cinema-sized screen!

Free parking available on site

We're offering special discounted rates and/or benefits for students from Impact Multi-Academy Trust schools, Scouts and Guides (aged 12 to 18):

- Group bookings of 6 or more Impact students, Scouts and Guides: £6.00 per child ticket (normally £6.50 per ticket)
- £9.50 for accompanying adults
- Free drink and finger food from 7pm

Book online at www.ticketsource.co.uk/filmbox or use the QR code below!

To secure your group booking discount, select the ticket category **Bromley Scouts/Guides/Impact Schools Child Ticket** and enter the password **Barbie27032024** when prompted

For an adult accompanying a group, select **Non Member's Ticket**

This offer is only available to pupils attending Impact Trust schools and Bromley Scouts and Guides

Hurry – Group ticket offer closes Sunday 24 March!

◀ To book, scan QR code and scroll down to see films

◆ Free parking on-site
◆ Free drink and finger food before the film
◆ Ice-creams £3



Above & Beyond



The following students have been awarded the most recent Headteacher's 'Above & Beyond' prize

Daisy S in Year 12 won the U20 South England long jump title, won English Schools July, Won the School International meet July, Represented GB in September in Italy and won her event. In February she competed in the U20 National Athletics Championships in Sheffield and finished 2nd with a PB of 6.09m in long jump!

Oscarin Year 13 attended the U20 National Athletics in Sheffield and finished 2nd with a PB of 4.40m in pole vault

Alex C and Zach F in Year 12 have been mentoring and providing English intervention with a group of Year 11 students who are involved in rugby. Their sessions are incredibly insightful which has been commented on by Heads of Department, they are both so patient and really helping them.

Noah H in Year 8 has created a tower defence game in his own time. It is attached to a website where he could in theory, publish his code and allow anyone to digitally play his game. Noah expanded on the website building module he has learnt, and taught himself another programming language (java script) using digital assets such as models and music - he has had assistance from his mum, but has taken a pre-taught module at school and created a project which could be compared to an A level NEA project. If he continues to develop this game, he will have theoretically completed an A level project in Year 8.

Well done to you all!



RWS MUSIC NEWS



Dates for the diary:

Tuesday 5th March – A Level Recital (Drama Studio, 5.30pm)

Tuesday 20th March – Piano Showcase (LPBS Concert Hall)

Wednesday 17th April – Spring Showcase Concert (tickets on ParentPay from 11th March)



Assembly Performers

Thanks to Jack Blunt, Tom Townsend, Frankie Smith and Isaac Goodall for their recent performances in SLT assemblies.

We look forward to hearing Erik Keszegi and Luke Illing over the next few weeks.

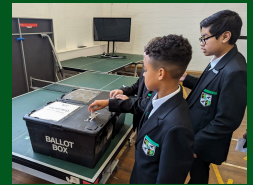
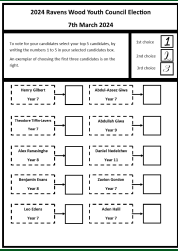
Exam Success

Have you or your son/daughter passed a music exam recently? Let Mr Grant know about your success stories!

Please contact: ing@rws.uk.net to share music exam results

Bromley Youth Council Elections

Ravens Wood hosted our election for the Bromley Youth Council this Thursday. Over 1400 students took part in our Single Transferable Vote system, and our Government and Politics students assisted throughout the day. We will announce the winner as soon as the votes have been counted.



Thank you to our PSFA

We would like to extend a huge thank you to our PSFA for all their hard work and fundraising for the School. If you would like to get involved, then please get in touch so we can continue to support and enhance our students' learning

ravenswoodpsfa@yahoo.com

They have recently awarded several departments with funding to enable us to purchase the following items;

Pinhole cameras for Art



Additional Textbooks



Magazine Subscription



Science Lab Equipment



Plants for the quiet garden



Technoline Weather stations for Geography

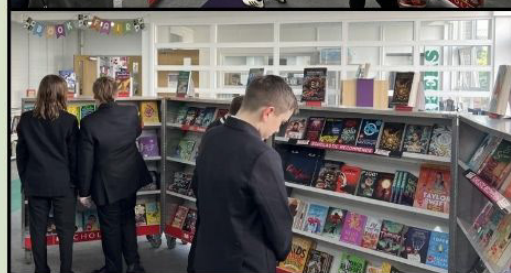


SCHOLASTIC Book Fair!

The library has been buzzing lately with activities and events leading up to World Book Day.

This week we have been hosting the Scholastic Book Fair, which brings the latest and most popular titles to the students fingertips.

It was an invaluable opportunity to foster a love for reading and learning, exposing students to diverse literary works and authors. A big thanks to all who participated, making it a memorable experience for all!



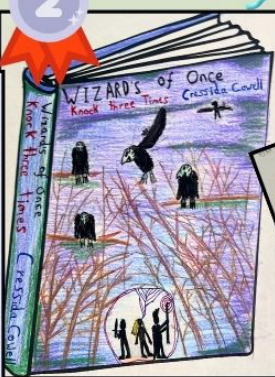
Celebrating our Top-Readers!

Every week our Year 7's are tasked with reading challenges on Sparx Reader to boost their vocabulary and comprehension. In recognition of the remarkable efforts of our top readers so far this year, they have been rewarded with Easter egg treats to sweeten their reading journey even further. Lets applaud these voracious readers for their commitment to learning and love of reading!



We are thrilled to announce the winners of our recent library book drawing competition!

Congratulations to William Beesley (7a), Albert Caton (7a), and Frankie Groom (9a) for their outstanding entries. Their creativity and enthusiasm for literature truly shined through. We extend our gratitude to all participants for their wonderful contributions - they made the decision a very difficult one!





Uniform



A reminder about our expectations and guidelines

Each day, students in Years 7-11 are expected to wear their blazer, RWS tie and correct footwear, as illustrated in the images below.

We appreciate that some students will be missing an item from time to time, and therefore we do have a small supply of spare uniform available to loan from Student Reception. Replacement items can easily be purchased from the PSFA, and ties can be purchased ad-hoc from Student Reception (£6 small, £7 large - correct cash only)

Further information is provided below but please do get in touch with your child's form tutor if you have any issues regarding uniform



School Uniform Shop

During the school year top-up items can be purchased online via the PSFA click and collect website

Click and Collect orders can be collected from Main Reception from **3.30-4pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays** (Term time only).

You will get a confirmation email to confirm when your order is ready to collect

UNIFORM ENQUIRIES

Email: rwspfsauniform@yahoo.com

Shop: <https://ravens-wood-psfa-1.sumupstore.com/>

Ties and blazers should be worn every day

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Year group ribbons are available from Student Reception, free of charge

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Trainers are not acceptable footwear, unless accompanied by medical evidence

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All items should be clearly named

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Lost property is held at Student Reception



Sixth Form Dress Code

Our Sixth Form Dress Code strikes a balance between individual expression and suitable clothes for a working environment, this is a gender neutral dress code:

- **Suit jackets must be worn.**

Hoodies and fleece tops, or tops with logos are not allowed. Shirts cannot be worn as jackets.

- **Smart tops must be worn**, for example, shirts and blouses.

Alternatives to shirts and blouses, such as a turtle neck tops or a knitted quarter zip jumpers must have sleeves and be worn with the suit jacket. T shirts, spaghetti-strapped tops and crop tops are not allowed.

- **Smart trousers, skirts or dresses should be worn.**

Jeans, leggings/jeggings, shorts and tracksuit bottoms are not permitted. With regards to skirt/dress length, it needs to be appropriate for a school setting and should be no shorter than mid-thigh in length.

- **Shoes/boots should be leather/faux leather or suede/faux suede.**

Shoes must be appropriate for a school environment. Trainers of any kind are not permitted.

- **Non-religious head coverings are not allowed.**

Any non-religious headwear should only be worn due to weather conditions (for example warm hats in winter) and should be removed before entering any buildings.

- **A sixth form lanyard must be worn and visible at all times.**

This is a requirement for the safeguarding of the school and is therefore essential that it is visible and worn around the neck at all times, with the exception of when students are completing a practical activity in a lesson.

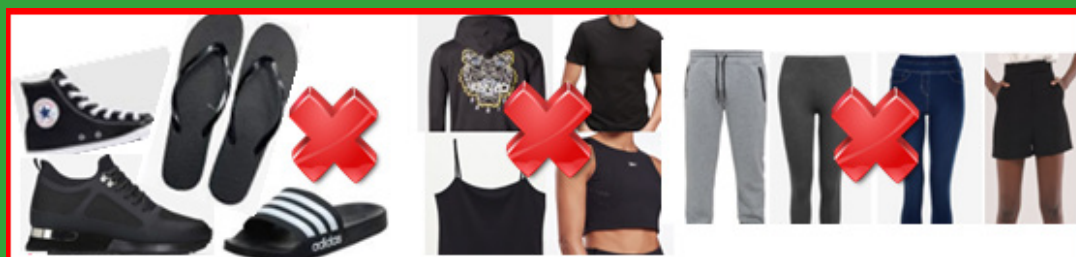
- **Students must not attend school in PE kit.**

If students have a physical activity or enrichment activity, they must bring kit with them and change.

- **Outdoor coats are not to be worn inside the school buildings.**



**NO
HOODIES**



RWS Sixth Form News

Sixth Form



Preparing for Success

Sixth Form Rugby 7's success

Mr Pillow accompanied our senior Rugby 7's squad to the Kent competition on Wednesday. The boys represented the school and themselves exceptionally well and came away victorious, winning the KSFRU shield. Well done boys. The Rugby Academy continue to train Monday, Wednesday and Thursday's during period 5. #BlackAndGreen



RWS Scholars Programme

Our Scholars programme continued this week with an engaging session delivered by Rommell from Serious About Youth (SAY). The session focused on:

- The importance of motivation to be successful
- Tips on how to maintain motivation throughout difficulties
- Challenge attitude, perseverance and proactivity



We are very excited to welcome Charlotte Regan (Director of Scrapper) for our next seminar as part of the programme on 20th March.



UCAS Choices and Student Finance

Year 13 students who have applied to university should select their firm and insurance choices if they have received all their offers. Students are reminded to continually check their UCAS hub for updates. If students need further support making these decisions, they should see a subject specialist for their chosen courses or Mr McCartney.



Student Finance applications will be now open. Mr McCartney has put together a step by step guide to support students and parents/carers with this application. This will be shared via email next week. Students have also been looking at how to make these applications and key information linked to these application in recent PSHE sessions. #StudentFinance #NextStepsSupport



SIXTH FORM
Preparing for Success



RWS Sixth Form News



Ravens Wood School

Rugby Academy



3x timetabled training sessions per week
Wednesday games afternoon
Rugby form group
S&C sessions
Saturday morning fixtures
European rugby tour
Formal partnership with Ealing Trailfinders Elite Pathway (ETEP)

Ravens Wood Academy Provision

Our Rugby Academy continues to grow from strength to strength and we would like to announce an exciting new partnership with Ealing Trailfinders Elite Pathway. Our Rugby Academy is one of 5 within our Sixth Form, the others are: Football, Music, Media, STEM. These academies bring together the most talented students across each area, allowing them to work together with like minded people and rehearse/train and compete nationally and internationally.

Science

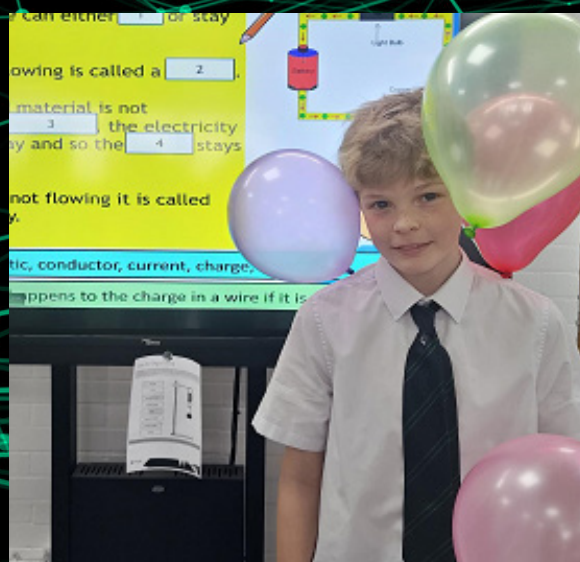


Exploring the wonders of static electricity has become an engaging venture for our Year 8 students, who have embarked on a journey with balloons as their scientific tools! Imagine the spectacle: as you rub a balloon against your hair, it transforms into a whimsical forest of miniature, electrically charged trees. But how does this enchanting phenomenon occur?

Delving into the essence of static electricity reveals a captivating dance between positively and negatively charged particles. When the balloon and your hair engage in their secret handshake, electrons leap between them, generating an electric charge that turns your hair into a lively playground.

Our balloon experiments served as a visual demonstration, illustrating the dance of opposite charges attracting each other, while like charges repel. Static electricity, at its core, is a mesmerising blend of chemistry and physics, leaving our students positively charged with excitement!

Ms Cheng, Teacher of Science





A letter has been shared with parents/carers of Year 9 Students confirming that they will no longer need a second dose of their HPV Vaccination. The first dose was issued in Year 8 and its no longer necessary to have a second dose.

Year 8 students are invited for their HPV Vaccination on 27th March and we ask that you confirm whether or not you would like your child to receive this by using the following link <https://sav.hrch.nhs.uk/hpv/2023/bromley>

If your child has missed **any** previous vaccinations, due to illness or absence, then please get in touch with the nursing team on **0203 903 3375** or email **HRCH.ImmunisationTeamBromleyMailbox@nhs.net** to make arrangements. They will be able to meet students on Wednesday 27th March in school, or they can offer you an appointment at one of their clinics.

Attendance and Absence

If your child has an appointment that cannot be booked outside of school hours, then please ensure you have notified the Attendance Officer via email **attendance@rws.uk.net**, giving as much notice as possible. Please also include evidence of the appointment for our records, such as an appointment card, text-message/screen shot, or hospital letter. If your child needs to leave school before the end of the school day, mobile phones should be handed in at Student Reception in the morning (rather than their Form Room) so that they can collect it quickly when signing out. Please also remind students of timings on the day so they sign out promptly. It is important to clarify if your child is being collected or if they have permission to leave school site. For leave of absence during term time, you can complete the online form but we must point out that taking your child out of school during term time could be detrimental to your child's educational progress. There is no entitlement to parents to take their child out of school during term time, however, you may apply to the school for leave of absence if you believe there are exceptional circumstances.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



100% PERFECTION

96%+ VERY GOOD
At this level, you give yourself the best chance of achieving your potential. 96% equals 7.5 days absence in a year.

93% - 95.9% COULD BE BETTER
95% means a half-day missed every 2 weeks. In a year, that's 43 lessons to catch up on.

90.1% - 92.9% IMPROVEMENT REQUIRED
92% equals 3 weeks of lost learning every year. Between Y7 and Y11, this means 15 weeks lost in total.

90% and below PERISTENTLY ABSENT
At 90%, you have missed almost 100 lessons in a year. Attendance at 90% each year means that by Y11, you will have missed out on 8 months learning.

Attendance

1st Place with 98% - 7E

2nd Place with 97% - 7A

3rd Place with 96% - 11C & 11G





IMPACT Multi Academy Trust

The following information has been shared with us by our Bromley Schools Liaison Officer



Subject: Warning Regarding Dangerous Vape Devices in Bromley

We write to bring your attention to a concerning issue affecting our school community. There have been reports in London of young individuals experiencing health complications after using vape devices containing drugs.

We wish to emphasise the importance of informing parents about the hazards associated with unregulated vape pens, given the recent surge in related incidents. Law enforcement authorities across London, including our local police officers, have seized numerous vapes from students in the past weeks. Some of these devices are currently undergoing testing to detect dangerous Class B substances such as Spice or THC, the active component in cannabis.

It has come to our understanding that certain reusable vape pens are being illicitly filled with drugs by dealers. Officers have received information about students falling ill after using these altered devices, which are then believed to be distributed among young people through platforms like Snapchat and other social media apps.

Parents/Caregivers must be aware that unregulated vape pens pose a serious threat to the health of young individuals. Those contemplating the purchase of these unauthorised, home-filled devices are unaware of their contents and the potential dangers they pose. THC and Spice are harmful psychoactive substances that can lead to severe health problems, necessitating heightened vigilance on the part of parents/Caregivers.

THC, the primary psychoactive compound in cannabis, and Spice, a group of synthetic Class B drugs, are known to mimic the effects of cannabis. Inhaling Spice through a vaping pen is particularly hazardous for young people, leading to various health issues such as breathing difficulties, chest pains, heart palpitations, seizures, extreme anxiety, paranoia, suicidal thoughts, psychosis, vomiting or diarrhoea, and acute kidney injury. In some instances, a single dose can prove fatal.

Our Bromley Police Schools Officers are collaborating closely with our schools and partners to share information and intelligence on this matter so we can better understand the issues. We urge parents, guardians, and anyone with pertinent information about those supplying these vapes to contact the Police on 101 or Crimestoppers anonymously online at www.crimestoppers-uk.org, <https://crimestoppers-uk.org/fearless> or by calling 0800 555 111.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. Your cooperation and awareness are crucial in ensuring the safety and well-being of our children.

from H. Burke - Bromley Schools Liaison Officer



Dates for your Diary

School Production 'Alice' - Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th March



Year 9 Options Deadlines - Friday 15th March



Easter School for RWS11 & RWS13 will be running revision sessions from Tuesday 2nd - Friday 5th April.



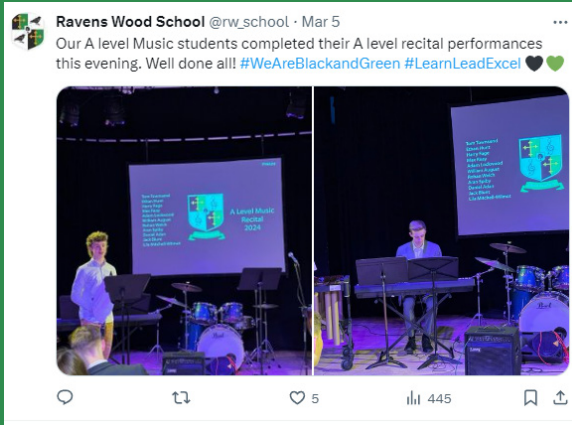
Please check the SOCS website for regular updates regarding sporting fixtures
<https://sport.rws.uk.net>

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

@rw_school @rwspe @RWSMusicDept



RWS PE, Sport & Outdoor Education Department @RWSPE · Feb 23
Girls continued their 100% record this year with a brilliant 4-1 win. Thanks to our friends from @sydenham_high.sport ●●

⚽⚽⚽⚽ A. Donovan (2), K. Danso (1), OG (1)

LOTM 🏆👏: K. Tatman, A. Donovan

They now move onto their county Cup QF vs @archbishops_school 🏆



Ravens Wood School @rw_school · Mar 5
Year 7 are in rehearsals for the production of Alice. Looking great so far! #LearnLeadExcel #WeAreBlackAndGreen



Ravens Wood School @rw_school · Feb 28
Our pastoral team met this afternoon for an excellent training session, as they continue support all students. #LearnLeadExcel #WeAreBlackAndGreen ●●



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