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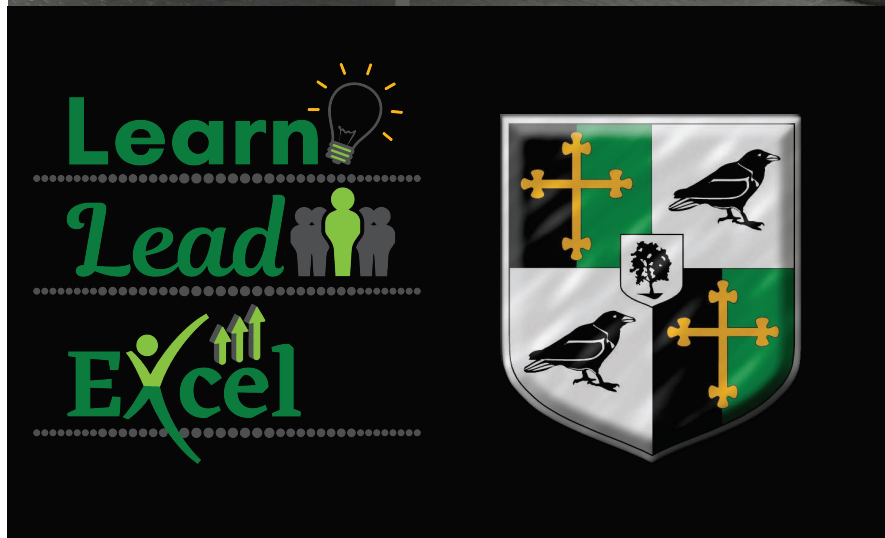
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Friday 19th January
2024



Dear Parents and Carers,

As this is our first newsletter of 2024, I would like to wish a Happy New Year to everyone in our Ravens Wood Community. I hope you had a peaceful break and on behalf of all of us at Ravens Wood School I would like to wish you all a very happy and healthy 2024.

We have already had a busy term and have lots more to look forward to, as always. 50 students are heading to the Austrian Alps during the February Half Term and we hope everyone has a fantastic time, learning new skills, practising their German speaking skills and making new friends. Year 11 have plenty of revision sessions, interventions and a visiting guest speaker to support them as they head towards their summer exams. They will have PPE's after the half term, and it is so important they plan ahead and spend some time on revision whilst also getting some rest. We were pleased to meet with Year 12 parents and carers on Thursday 11th January. It is always valuable to have one to one discussions with students and their families to talk through their academic progress. We have two Parent's evenings coming up; Year 8 will take place on Thursday 1st February and Year 7's will take place on Thursday 22nd February. Letters with booking instructions will be shared with families shortly.

Our school production of Alice will be taking place on the 13th and 14th of March, and our students have been rehearsing well. We cannot wait to see the final show. Tickets will be on sale on ParentPay and a letter will be shared with families regarding booking, so please do keep your eyes peeled for this to ensure to get your tickets.

Our Careers Fair will be taking place on Wednesday 31st January and you can find out more on page 5. Other school trips in the near future are to the Magic Circle and and Art Trip to Middlesex Universtiy. Thank you to all staff involved in arranging these fantastic trips that our students wholly benefit from.

Ms M. Lester
Headteacher



LIBRARY CORNER



NEW YEAR NEW BOOKS

This month's "2024" display showcases our new books - some fresh out the bookstore and some newly donated by our fantastic school community.

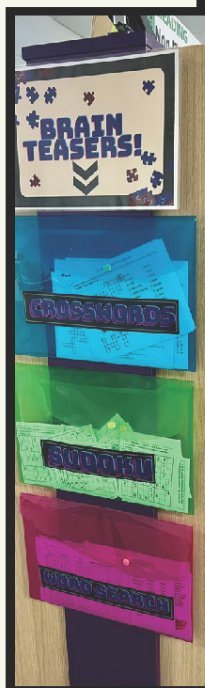
Exciting additions!

Our RWS library is constantly evolving and one of our latest enhancements is already sparking curiosity and stimulating minds...

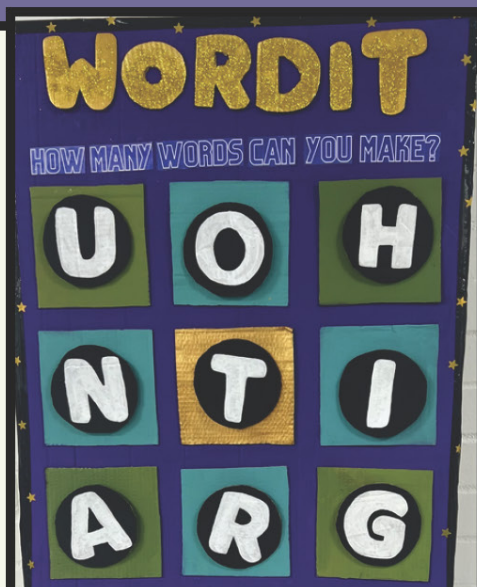
Introducing our new **BRAIN TEASER** section, designed to offer students a fun break from textbooks and PC screens whilst still engaging them in intellectually enriching activities; including themed crosswords and Sudoku puzzles.

Brain Teasers and puzzles are known to have several educational and cognitive benefits for students including reducing stress & anxiety, enhancing concentration and improving critical thinking.

By incorporating these into our library, we hope to provide a well-rounded approach to learning and foster a positive attitude towards challenging academic tasks.



We have also introduced our new weekly word competition "WORDIT" that encourages students to expand their vocabulary with a chance of scoring extra teacher points.



SCHOLASTIC
Book Fair!
COMING FEB 2024

Above and Beyond



Above and Beyond Awards for Students

Ms Lester was delighted to meet with students on Thursday 11th January, to celebrate their achievements and present them with their Above and Beyond certificates and badges.

Our students' achievements were as follows:

- Ozzy – Year 8: Has gone 'above and beyond' with his involvement in the Christmas Concerts this year; Ozzy arrived back from the German Exchange just an hour before the concert, he changed and performed magnificently for the enjoyment of all who attended.
- Leon – Year 9: Has gone 'above and beyond' in being reselected to play in the London Schools' Symphony Orchestra (LSSO), playing percussion for the 2023-24 season.
- Trey – Year 11: Has gone 'above and beyond' with his solo drumming performance in both the Christmas Concerts and Christmas assemblies.
- Matthew – Year 12: Has gone 'above and beyond' with his involvement in Co-Curricular events, the Outdoor Club, Duke of Edinburgh and the Rugby Academy. Matthew is one of the hardest workers and an excellent role model to students in the lower years.
- Ethan – Year 13: Has gone 'above and beyond' with his vocal performance in both the Christmas Concerts and Christmas assemblies.
- Tom – Year 13: Has gone 'above and beyond' with his Saxophone performance in both the Christmas Concerts and Christmas assemblies.
- Rohan – Year 13: Has gone 'above and beyond' with his drumming performance in both the Christmas Concerts and Christmas assemblies.

Well done and congratulations to all of the above students for their fantastic achievements.

We also celebrate the following staff who were successfully nominated for 'Above and Beyond' Awards:

- Mr Jones, DT Technician for his dedicated work on projects for the school (the Refectory, Stage podium, Christmas decorations for the school)
- Mr Parfett, Head of Psychology for fundraising for the Movember Campaign – Ravens Wood School was one of the highest fundraising comprehensive schools in the country, raising a massive £4.4k.
- Miss Brown, Head of Citizenship for organising the Christmas Shoe Box appeal. The aim of this appeal is to provide gifts and essentials to children in Europe who live in extreme poverty.
- Miss McKenzie, Director of Wellbeing for organising the Food Bank donations for those less fortunate than ourselves in the community.
- Mr Ralph, Head of Year 9 for running the staff social committee and organising events for his colleagues

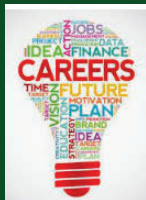
Well done and congratulations to the staff above, and thank you for your ongoing commitment to our community.



Student Success

Congratulations to all our students who received an award this week, or those invited to an SLT breakfast for their contribution to our Ravens Wood Community and the values we share as a school #Learn #Lead #Excel. Well done to all and keep it up!





Careers Fair



RWS CAREERS



FAIR!

Connecting Dreams with Opportunities



31 JAN
2024



11:00-
16:00



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COMMONS



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University
of Exeter

LONDON
SOUTH EAST
COLLEGES



WE ARE WELCOMING A
RECORD BREAKING 45
EMPLOYERS/ COLLEGES &
UNIVERSITIES!

ALL STUDENTS WELCOME!

SPECIFIC TIMES WILL BE SHARED BY YOUR TUTOR
ON THE DAY

RWS Sixth Form News



Preparing for Success

Managing Academic and Exam Related Stress

We were delighted to welcome a representative from Bromley Y this week to deliver a workshop on Managing academic and exam related stress to a group of Year 13 students. This will be important in supporting their preparations for the upcoming set of PPE's and beyond. The workshop focused on key topics/themes such as; what exam stress is and different ways it can affect our thoughts, feelings and behaviours. The webinar will suggested strategies to help the students look after their wellbeing and manage negative thinking patterns during the exam period.



#PreparingForSuccess

Sixth Form and Senior Leadership Team—Year 11 1-1 Meetings



Members of The Sixth Form Team and Senior Leadership Team met with Year 11 students this week to discuss their transition into Sixth Form. Students had the opportunity to discuss their current grade profiles, how their preparation for the upcoming PPE's was going and what their next steps looked like. It was a fantastic opportunity for staff to outlines suitable strategies to support with independent study and to offer some guidance/assistance on what students should be doing now and in the lead up to the public examinations to ensure the students get to where they want to be. There were a lot of very positive conversations. We wish all the Yr11 students the very best of luck with the PPE's. Keep up the good work.

#NextSteps

Upcoming RWS Scholars Events

We will be hosting a number of very exciting RWS Scholars events next half term. Please keep an eye for the schedule which will be in the next edition of the Newsletter and advertised via email and SMHW to students. These seminars include a 'world record holder' and a Director of a BAFTA nominated production.



SIXTH FORM
Preparing for Success

Year 13 PPE2 Exams w/c 5th February 2024

	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
AM exams start at 8.50am	Geography PRE	Economics Film Studies	Biology English Comb English Lit Computer Science	Chemistry Design Tech Politics	Psychology Physics Theatre Studies
PM Exams start at 1.50pm	History PE Music	Sociology	Business Further Maths French	Mathematics Media	Contingency Session

Safeguarding: Online Safety - Food for Thought

This year, our annual Online Safety workshops for our students and parents/carers will be delivered in person on **Monday 29th January 2024**.

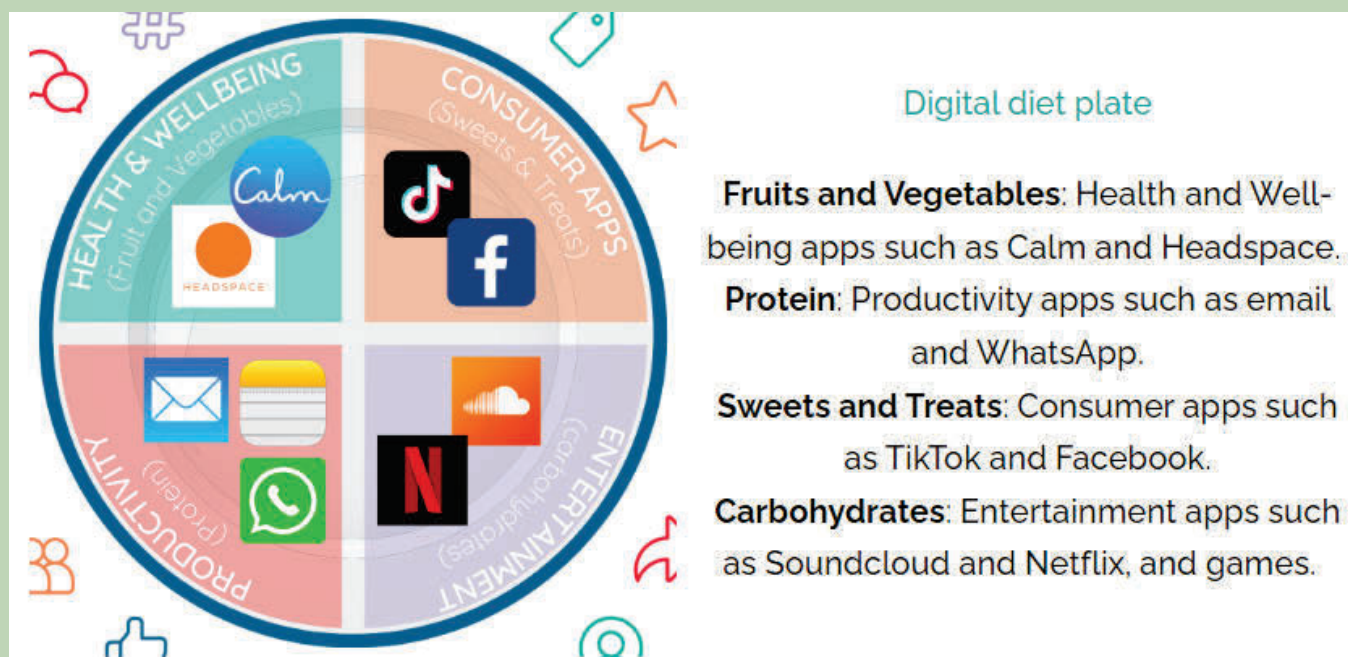
Your child will receive a fifty-minute session on the topic listed below for their year group. The sessions are being delivered by the UK Safer Internet Centre; they are an organisation who specialise in delivering sessions to students, parents and staff to ensure that all parties have up to date knowledge and understanding of the dangers of using the internet and how we can protect against them.

I would like to invite you to take part in an Online Safety workshop for parents and carers. This parent/carer workshop will be an opportunity to receive an informative insight into the ever changing online world our young people are participating in. The workshop will run from 5.30pm to 6.30pm on Monday 29th January 2024 online via Microsoft Teams. If you would like to attend this session, use the following link to access the Teams meeting that will be shared in a letter from Ms McKenzie next week.

Limited Screen Time: The Key To A Healthy Digital Diet



While technology itself is broadly neutral, the way in which we use it can have an impact on our energy levels, mood, and social engagement. Many reports are highlighting the potential negative impact on our mental health and general well-being of overusing screens and having an unbalanced digital diet.



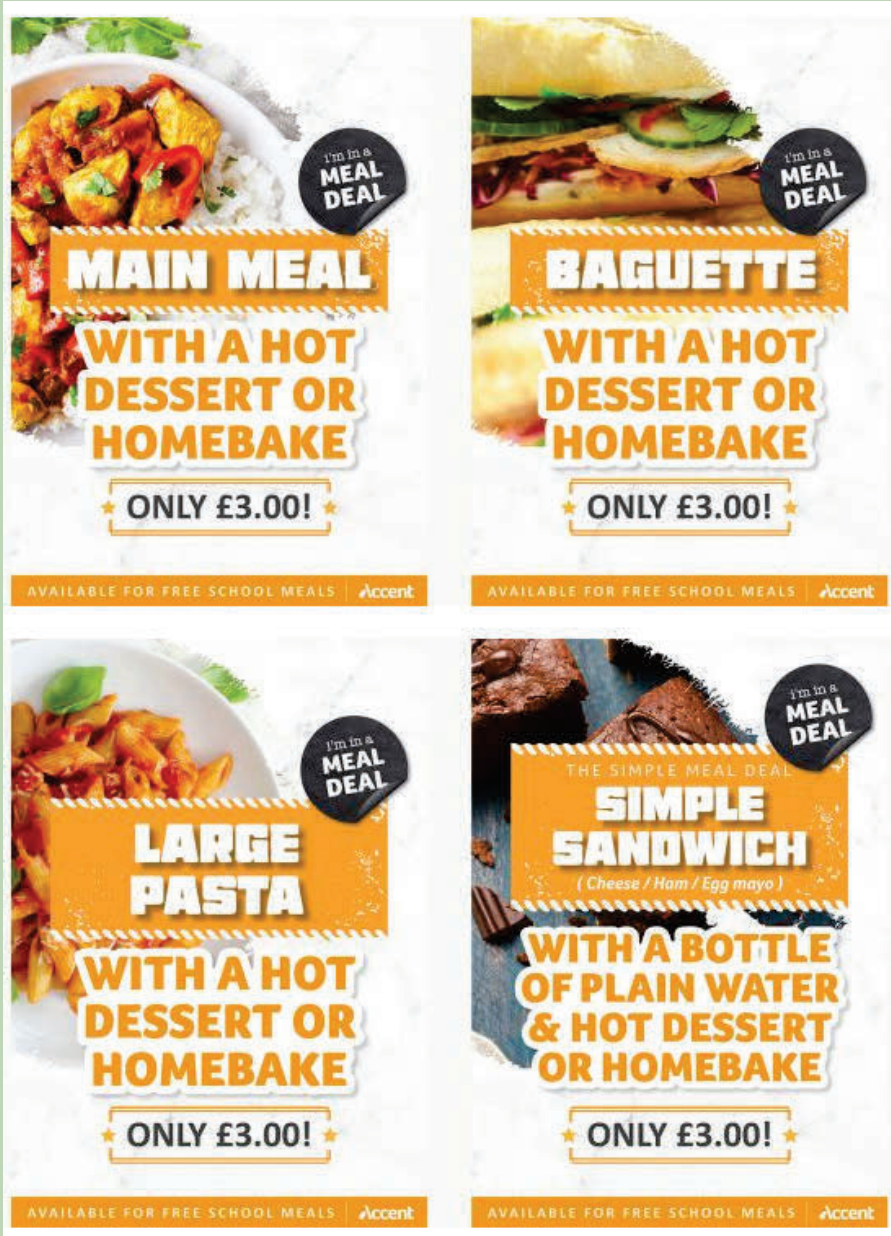
How To Incorporate Limited Screen Time Into Your Digital Diet:

The idea of cutting down on screen time is sometimes easier said than done. Making the switch to a healthier digital diet by incorporating limited screen time can be achieved – Try these suggestions from The Social Switch Project:

- Try the 'out of sight out of mind' approach.
- Schedule device-free breaks.
- Use tech to limit your screen time.
- Limit your exposure to blue light. Use blue light filters on devices like smartphones and tablets, put your phone into 'dark/night mode' if you have that option as it reduces eye strain and decreases your blue light exposure.
- Set an appropriate bedtime and stick to it.
- Create new social rules, such as; no social media after 10 pm or no phones at the dinner table to encourage interactions with your friends or family.



Accent Catering

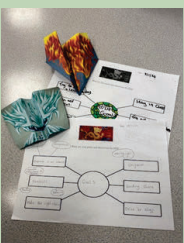
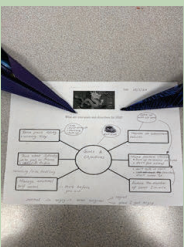


Dont forget to log into Parent Pay to sign up for Cookery Club, taking place in the canteen on Mondays after school. The cost is £48 for 8 sessions.

RWS Coaching Team

Students in years 8, 9 & 10 have been working with their mentors in the Coaching Team to identify their goals and objectives for 2024. They have been discussing what areas they would like to improve in, new challenges they would like to undertake and changes they want to make to their behaviour. They have also created origami dragons for Chinese New Year.

In addition to this Year 8, 9 & 10 students have also been making racing cars during their mentoring sessions with the Coaches to support them with developing their attention and listening skills, focus and following instructions. They have built them from wood, used a glue gun to secure them and have been trained to use the glue gun safely. They then painted them in their own design and varnished them.



Hounslow and Richmond Community Healthcare

NHS Trust

Trust Headquarters

Thames House
180 High Street
Teddington
TW11 8HU

Tel: 020 8973 3000

Date: December 2023

This information has been
shared with us for
Parents/Carers by Bromley
Local Authority

Dear Parent/Guardian

Your Year 9 child's Teenage Boosters/MenACWY are now due. This includes two single injections; if you would like further information, please visit www.nhs.uk/vaccinations

The two injections are:

- Diphtheria, Tetanus and Polio (Td/IPV)
- Meningococcal ACWY (MenACWY)

Along with these vaccines is an opportunity to also have:

- Measles, Mumps and Rubella vaccine (MMR) (if your child has not had two doses of the MMR)

Please discuss these vaccines with your child and use this link provided to access the electronic consent form: <https://sav.hrch.nhs.uk/dtp/2023/bromley>

Please complete one consent form only for each child to ensure your child receives their vaccination.

Our team will visit your school on: **23 February 2024**

Please complete the consent form even if you decide you do not want to vaccinate your child this year. Completion of the consent form is not mandatory if you do not want your child to be vaccinated. However, as providers of the school age vaccinations, NHSE requires that we provide numbers of parents that do not consent to their child being vaccinated.

Therefore, we will only use this information to provide numbers of parents declining consent, no other details will be shared. If consent forms are not completed, you may be contacted by phone or text. If you have returned a no consent, we will not make any further contact this year. Please see our privacy notice if you require further details [Patient records](#).

In the absence of a signed consent form from parents, we will invite the young person to self-consent for the above vaccinations providing they can demonstrate understanding of the vaccinations due. Ultimately, the decision to consent is the young person's choice, providing they understand the issues involved in self-consent. This is in line with the Gillick Competence Guidelines.

If you have any queries or require assistance completing a form. Please contact the immunisation team below.

Bromley Schools: HRCH.ImmunisationTeamBromleyMailbox@nhs.net Tel: 0203 903 3375

Yours sincerely

Aminata Khaliq
Immunisation Lead

Dates for your Diary



Year 7 Assessments - w/c Monday 15th January

Year 10 Assessments - w/c Monday 21st January

Year 8 Parents' Evening - Thursday 1st February

Half Term - Monday 12th to Friday 16th February

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

Attendance

1st Place with 98% - 7E

2nd Place with 97% - 7D & 7H

3rd Place with 96% - 11C



Science News



On Thursday 11th January, Max in Year 10 was invited to the Southern Regional Finals for the STEM Challenge, following his triumph at the Southeastern Challenge back in July. The event took place on campus at the University of Greenwich where Max reunited with his teammates from their previous victory to represent the South East.

The task they faced was to program a Lego Mindstorm Evo3 to navigate a 3-D maze, with points being awarded for not just overall performance, but also how they planned and worked as a team.

Despite having no experience of programming robots from the previous event, and some technical glitches hampering their early progress, Max's team quickly got up to speed as they were firing off commands and watching their robot twist and turn throughout the maze. It was very much a trial-and-error approach, tweaking their coding, as a tiny mistake halfway through could derail the whole operation.

The competition was fierce against some very bright young scientists, and despite not winning the event, they showed true resilience and problem solving abilities, as well as having fun at the same time. Max embodied the Black and Green values of RWS and we are incredibly proud of him!

Mr Perry, Teacher of Science



RWS MUSIC NEWS



Music Academy Jazz Workshop

On Monday 15th January, the Music Academy took part in a workshop with Leeds Conservatoire graduate and former RWS Head Boy Glen Leach. Glen led a Q&A session on studying at a conservatoire and the Music industry, followed by a practical Jazz improvisation session.



A BIG THANK YOU!

Thanks to all students, staff, parents and carers who supported our two Christmas Concerts. Over 700 tickets were purchased and all funds raised will be spent on new instruments and resources for the department.

Exam Success

Congratulations to Rohan Welch, Isaac Allen and Ronan Forward for passing recent music exam grades. Keep up the hard work!

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





Job Opportunities at Ravens Wood School



Ravens Wood School

PE Technician – Temporary position until July 2024

36 hours per week, 38 weeks a year

NJC Scale 2 Point 3 – £26,238 (FTE) actual salary £21,926 per annum

This role requires some compulsory Saturdays, September to February (8am-1.30pm), time in lieu will be given during the summer term.

A career with Ravens Wood School and the Impact Multi Academy Trust is rewarding and inspiring.

We are an extremely ambitious and creative school that believes in progression from within. With a strong, forward thinking leadership team staff are supported and inspired to be the best that they can be.

We are looking for someone to join our exceptional Physical Education department who is:

- Enthusiastic
- Able to inspire students
- Able to commit to Saturday morning fixtures
- Positive, creative and determined
- Educated to GCSE level with C or above in Maths and English
- Empathetic, resilient, and flexible
- Experience of and/or interest in Physical Education

In return we can offer you:

- Continuous and forward thinking CPD
- A supportive Senior Leadership Team who consider staff well-being
- A 24/7 Employee Assistance Programme (EAP)
- A friendly working environment
- An on-site fitness suite available for free use by staff
- Excellent catering facilities including a coffee shop

We are committed to equality of opportunity for all our staff. We particularly welcome applicants from ethnic minority backgrounds as they are currently under-represented on our staff body. We recognise the vital contribution that members of a diverse team make to our students learning. The range of cultural experiences, differing viewpoints and role models this brings is essential in our Trust and we recognise the gap that would be left in our offering without these. We 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.

To apply please download an Application Form from our website under Support Staff vacancies at www.ravenswood.bromley.sch.uk

Closing Date: Wednesday 1st February 2024 at 9am

Early applications are encouraged, we reserve the right to close the vacancy once a suitable candidate is found.

For enquiries please contact Jo Acott on: jobs@rws.uk.net or Ravens Wood School, Oakley Road, Bromley, BR2 8HP, Tel: 01689 856050 Fax: 01689 869948. Ravens Wood School is part of the Impact Multi Academy Trust



Ravens Wood School

Learning Support Assistant

Full or Part-time

31 hours per week, 38 weeks a year

NJC Scale 2 Point 3 – actual salary £18,881 (FTE £26,238)

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We are an extremely ambitious and creative school, who believe in progression from within. We have a strong, forward thinking leadership team who support and inspire our staff to be the best they can be.

We are looking for someone to join our exceptional Pupil Development department who is:

- Forward thinking
- Enthusiastic
- Able to inspire students
- Able to impact students to be the best they can be
- Positive, creative and determined
- Educated to GCSE level with C or above in Maths and English
- Empathetic, resilient, and flexible
- Experience of and/or interest in supporting students with SEND

In return we can offer you:

- An excellent induction and support programme for new staff
- Continuous and forward thinking CPD
- A supportive Senior Leadership Team who consider staff well-being
- Pathways into teaching as we are a founding member of the Bromley Schools' Collegiate
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Ravens Wood School

Invigilators

£10.50 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

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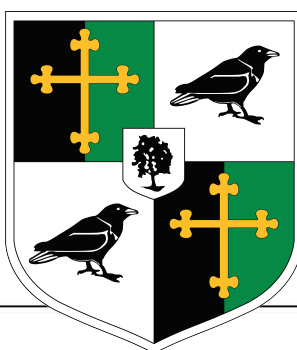
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Oxford University Computing Challenge

Following the successful results of the Bebras Challenge in November, 23 students have taken part in the Oxford University Computing Challenge.



The Challenge is an invitation only event for the top 10% of students in each year group in the UK (based on their results in the Bebras challenge).

We wish all our students taking part the best of luck in the challenge and look forward to sharing news of their achievements.



Miss Boswell
Head of Computer Science



Bobble Hats



Our popular RWS bobble hats are on sale for students and parents to purchase via Parent Pay for £12.50.

They are perfect for the winter weather and when supporting our students pitch side. Once purchased, they will be available to collect from Visitor Reception.

#BlackandGreen



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



Ravens Wood School @rw_school · Jan 16
Year 11 students had an Exam Anxiety workshop with Ms Green in the well-being hub. This is a six week program in the run up to PPE2 so students can identify concerns and work on coping strategies. #LearnLeadExcel



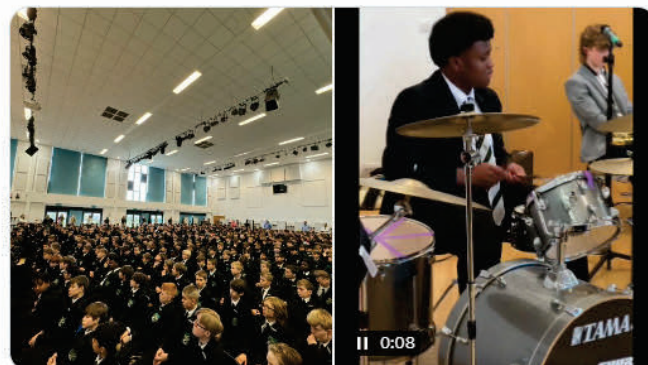
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Ravens Wood School @rw_school · Jan 10
Our Year 11 period 6 intervention sessions have started this week and the participation and engagement from our students has been exceptionally strong. #WeAreBlackandGreen #LearnLeadExcel



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Ravens Wood School @rw_school · Dec 20, 2023
Students from Year 7 to Year 13 enjoyed our end of term Christmas assemblies today. As ever, there were some amazing musical performances. #LearnLeadExcel



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Ravens Wood School @rw_school · Jan 10
Our 'Off Cut Engineers' have been busy making candle holders from recycled pallets. All students worked really hard and did a fantastic job #sustainability #WeAreBlackandGreen #LearnLeadExcel



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Ravens Wood School @rw_school · Jan 5
Our Year 11 students who demonstrated exceptional engagement in their lessons last term were rewarded with a lovely breakfast this morning! #LearnLeadExcel #WeAreBlackandGreen



7 1.1K

Ravens Wood School @rw_school · Jan 12
This week, Ms Prescott has delivered our first assemblies on our Black and Green values. Students were taught how to be intentionally kind and have been demonstrating this throughout the week. #LearnLeadExcel #WeAreBlackandGreen



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