

RWS

Friday 4th October 2024



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Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been a busy two weeks since our last newsletter, with a variety of activities and events taking place across the school.

Firstly, we have had assemblies led by our senior leaders focusing on the European Day of Languages, why communication is so important and how languages link to our school values and celebrating Black History Month and standing up to racism, both of which took place over the past two weeks.

On Saturday 21st September, we were delighted to welcome over 1800 visitors to the school for our annual open morning. You can read more about the exciting activities that took place on the day on pages 3 and 4 of this newsletter. A big thank you to all the staff who helped showcase the school, and to the students who served as tour guides, musicians, departmental helpers, and those who gave speeches. For families who were unable to attend the open morning on Saturday, we also held an additional Open Morning on Tuesday 24th September, and we will be repeating this event again on Tuesday 8th October. We have a limited amount of tickets left for this event; please see our website for further details.

We were pleased to meet with the families of our Year 11 students last week to discuss the coming year for their sons. This is the beginning of a very important year, as these students prepare for their GCSEs. During the evening, families received valuable information to support their children at this crucial time. Families selected break out groups to receive information on success in English, success in Maths, GCSE Pod, revision tips, non-exam assessment (NEA) and has a presentation on entry into the Sixth Form.

On Wednesday 25th September, we were pleased to host our Governors on-site for their first meeting of the academic year. During their visit, Governors toured the school, observed students in their Ready to Learn sessions at the start of the day, and saw the summer works completed, including our new bathroom facilities for both staff and students. We are also pleased to welcome Mr. Visser, our new Head of Science, as a staff Governor.

Our Year 12 students attended a team-building event on Friday 27th September. Despite the wet weather, their team spirit shone through, and they had a fantastic trip. Also in school last Friday, our staff enjoyed some delicious baked treats for our Macmillan Coffee Morning, raising over £500 to support this fantastic cause.

On Thursday 3rd October, we welcomed our Year 7 families to our 'Meet the Tutor' event. It is so important to forge strong relationships between students, their Form Tutors, and parents/carers early in their secondary school journey. This week our Year 8 students began their interform basketball games, our Year 12 and 13 students attended a trip to the Investment Club and some of our Year 10 students participated in Future Frontiers sessions, providing them with coaching and guidance as they navigate their GCSE years, and delivered by Wasserman, an international media company.

As you can see we have had a very busy two weeks in school; we hope you enjoy reading this edition of our newsletter and learning more about the great things happening at our school.

I hope you all have a good weekend.

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**

YEAR 13 RAISING ACHIEVEMENT EVENING



It was fantastic to welcome our Year 13 cohort and their families to our Raising Achievement Event. It was a brilliant opportunity for both students and parents/carers to hear important information at the start of Year 13. We have been extremely impressed with how Year 13 have started this academic year and are approaching their first round of PPEs in the W/C 14th October. [#LearnLeadExcel](#)

Year 13 PPE timetable

	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
AM Exams start at 8:50am	Geography History	PRE Psychology Computer Sci Music	Economics Film Studies	Biology Media Studies	Contingency day
PM Exams start at 1:50am	Business Chemistry F. Maths English Lit	Sociology Physics French German PE	Maths Theatre	Design Tech English Comb Gov & Pol	

Mock Monday

Year 13 have started 'Mock Monday' in their Silent Study sessions on a Monday. This is to support with preparations for the upcoming assessments and beyond. The Sixth Form team were really impressed with the focus and resilience our Y13 students displayed. [#ambition](#)

Silent Study Masterclass

The Sixth Form team have delivered 'Silent Study Masterclasses' to all Year 12 silent study classes. They have explored: how to best make use of this time, effective revision and independent study techniques, and the value of using this time effectively. [#LearnLeadExcel](#)





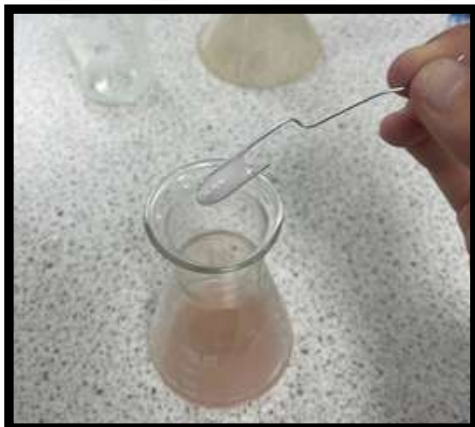
RWS OPEN DAY 2024

We were delighted to welcome over 1800 prospective students and their families to our Open Morning on Saturday, 21st September.



Families were invited to presentations in our Main Hall from the Headteacher at 9.30am and 10.30am, and enjoyed a tour from one of our student ambassadors to speak with staff in their department areas.

SCIENCE NEWS



On Tuesday, we had our first Whizz Bang Year 7 Science Club session of the year. Year 7 scientists successfully extracted DNA from strawberries. This week's photos have been submitted by Marko and Tom.



RWS MEDICAL FUTURES NEWS



The Science department would like to extend our congratulations to a group of Y9 and Y10 students who independently submitted successful applications to the Kent and Medway Virtual Medical School this Autumn. We are extremely proud of them!

The students visited the Kent and Medway campus on Saturday 28th September for a launch event and have since started their first online lessons. A massive well done to Ali and Kenan in Year 9, Dominic, Andrew, Aaron, Leon, Shrey and Ohene in Year 10!

'Attending the launch of the Kent Medway Virtual Medical Society was an incredible experience. We had the opportunity to use real ultrasound imaging equipment, exploring how it is used in diagnosis. It was fascinating to see the technology in action and understand how essential it is in patient care. We also used traditional sphygmomanometers and stethoscopes to measure blood pressure manually. Although it seemed tricky at first to listen for the heartbeat and gauge the pressure, it felt rewarding once I got the hang of it.

Overall, the day was an enriching dive into the world of medicine, and it gave me a clearer sense of what it would be like to pursue a career in healthcare.' - **Kenan, Year 9**

Extracurricular Science Schedule

What?	Where and When?	Who?	This week's activities
Whizz Bang	Tuesday 3.10, Lab 3	Year 7	How can I create a rainbow from an acid and alkali?
RWS Medical Futures	Thursday, 1.10, Lab 10	Years 10-12	How do healthcare professionals communicate effectively?
Educake Support	Wednesday, 8.00 am, Lab 10	Year 10-11	Revision support
Women in STEM Support	Wednesday 1.10, Lab 10	Year 12 and Year 13	Revision support

SPORTS

PRAISE FOR U15A RUGBY TEAM & TEACHERS

An email from another school

'Your U15A Rugby team came for a cup match yesterday afternoon. From the minute they disembarked the bus, they were immaculately turned out, hugely polite, and mature beyond expectation. Handshakes on arrival, at full-time and on departure were to-a-man, and always involved eye contact. In a close and physical encounter your boys let their rugby do the talking. When the boys saw our lads carrying packed teas across to the bus, some of your boys ran across and offered to help. Every one of them said thank you when given a tea.'

A delight to meet the equally impressive teachers from PE and a delight to meet and work with your impressive students.'

Troy is making big strides

Gillingham academy striker Troy Ogedengbe has talent on the field - and on the track. The club's under-15 player - who stands at an impressive 6ft 3in - has been combining his footballing ability with performances as a top young sprinter.

Ogedengbe, who competes for Blackheath & Bromley Harriers Athletics Club, won both Kent County and Kent County School competitions over 200m and represented Kent Schools in the English Schools Championships where he took fifth place in the 200m final.

His athletic prowess was on display again in the recent Southern Areas Inter Counties Competition earlier this month, claiming a second-placed 200m finish, despite being called up to play for Gillingham's under-18 team against Swindon the day before.

He qualified for the final, facing off against world record holder Divine Ithembe, but Ogedengbe ran a fantastic race, clocking a personal best time of 22.91sec.



Gillingham under-15 player Troy Ogedengbe is also a rising star in athletics

Picture: Paul Hancock

His second-placed finish solidified his position as one of the UK's top under-15 200m runners.

With the athletics season now behind him, Ogedengbe will be turning his full focus to football with a goal of securing a spot in Gillingham's under-18 team.

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What a wonderful surprise to see Ravens Wood & the all the art students on the BBC news yesterday.

RWS Parent

My son really enjoyed speaking with George Underwood & it really instilled further confidence in them to explore their own creativity.

RWS Parent



RWS Parent

It was a fantastic item & I'm so pleased that in addition to raising awareness about 'War Child', all the amazing talent & creativity at RWS was highlighted.

We were thrilled to welcome back George Underwood, a well-known artist and former pupil of Ravens Wood, who visited our school on Wednesday, 18th September. George, who collaborated with David Bowie on iconic album covers, led two student workshops in Art. These sessions were in collaboration with the charity, War Child and the intention was for this to be filmed by the BBC as part of a documentary. George reminisced about his school days at RWS with David Bowie and Peter Frampton, talking about how being an RWS student aspired them to achieve their dreams! Students produced amazing work along with George that represents how we can use art and music to aspire peace; students were seen on BBC News London and did amazingly well when interviewed. We are so proud of their dedication and the hard work they displayed in the workshop - the link to the footage can be seen below.

BBC News piece -

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Xfd2etxwpaefmreQmMrUwstUpz_v3sM9/view?usp=sharing



A huge well done to all the staff involved as well as the students. I appreciate it takes teacher dedication & time to facilitate such an event.

RWS Parent



REMINDER

To all parents who have completed an IHCP – Individual Health Care plan (for students who have a medical condition), please hand any medication that is needed for their son/daughter in to the school.



NHS

**Missed your flu vaccine at school?
Book an appointment today**

Call the Bromley Immunisation team today:
020 3903 3375

NHS

**Get your flu vaccine.
Protect yourself and others**

Sign the consent form today, and ensure you receive your flu vaccine at school.



Missed your flu vaccine?

Live in the borough of Bromley?
Aged 4-16?

Come down to a flu catch-up clinic and
protect yourself this winter!

NHS

South London
Children and Young
People's Community
Immunisation Service

Saturday 12 October
09:00 - 14:00
BCI Chislehurst Clinic, BA7 5AB

Saturday 19 October
09:00 - 14:00
BCI Chislehurst Clinic, BR7 5AB

Monday 28 October 09:00 - 14:00
BCI Chislehurst Clinic, BA7 5AB

Tuesday 29 October 09:00 - 12:00
Community Vision Centre, SE20 8UX

Wednesday 30 October 09:00 - 12:00
Community Vision Centre, SE20 8UX

Thursday 31 October 09:00 - 14:00
BCI Chislehurst Clinic, BA7 5AB

Friday 1 November 09:00 - 14:00
BCI Chislehurst Clinic, BA7 5AB

Monday 21 October
09:00 - 14:00
BCI Chislehurst Clinic,
BA7 5AB

Wednesday 23 October
09:00 - 14:00
BCI Chislehurst Clinic,
BR7 5AB

Friday 25 October
09:00 - 14:00
BCI Chislehurst Clinic,
BR7 5AB

Saturday 9 November
09:00 - 14:00
BCI Chislehurst Clinic,
BA7 5AB

Saturday 23 November
09:00 - 14:00
BCI Chislehurst Clinic,
BR7 5AB

Saturday 7 December
09:00 - 14:00
BCI Chislehurst Clinic,
BA7 5AB

Tuesday 22 October
09:00 - 12:00
Community Vision Centre,
SE20 8UX

Thursday 24 October
09:00 - 12:00
Community Vision Centre,
SE20 8UX

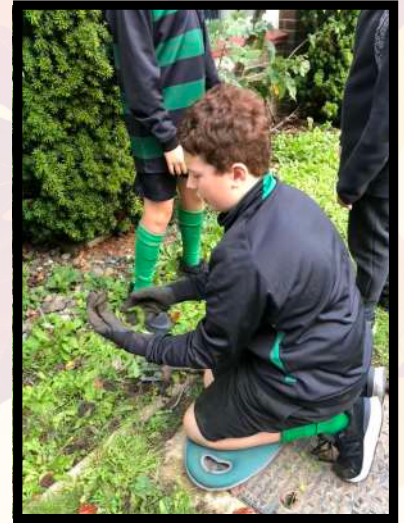
Saturday 26 October
09:00 - 14:00
BCI Chislehurst Clinic,
BA7 5AB

Saturday 16 November
11:00 - 15:00
The Glades One Hub,
BR1 1DN

Saturday 30 November
11:00 - 15:00
The Glades One Hub,
BR1 1DN

Call 020 3903 3375 to book an
appointment

GROWING GREENS

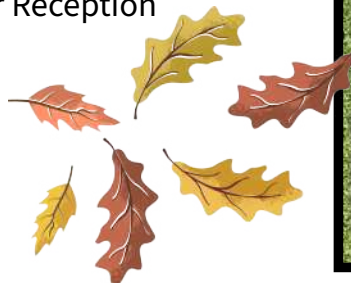
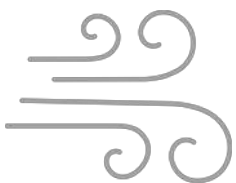


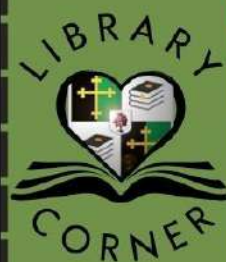
'This week the Growing Greens were preparing the allotment for autumn planting. It is great to see so many new members from year 7 who are keen gardeners.'



The PE department have a limited stock of our RWS bobble hats for both students and parents to purchase, perfect for the changing Autumn weather.

The hats are available to buy now on ParentPay for £15 while stocks last! Once payment has been made the hats can be collected from Visitor Reception





Rewarding our Readers!

Jonathan was the first recipient this school year to receive the coveted library prize. He submitted outstanding reviews for the library's Summer Reading Challenge and, as a result, earned a new book of his choice and a personalised bookmark, gifted by RWS library



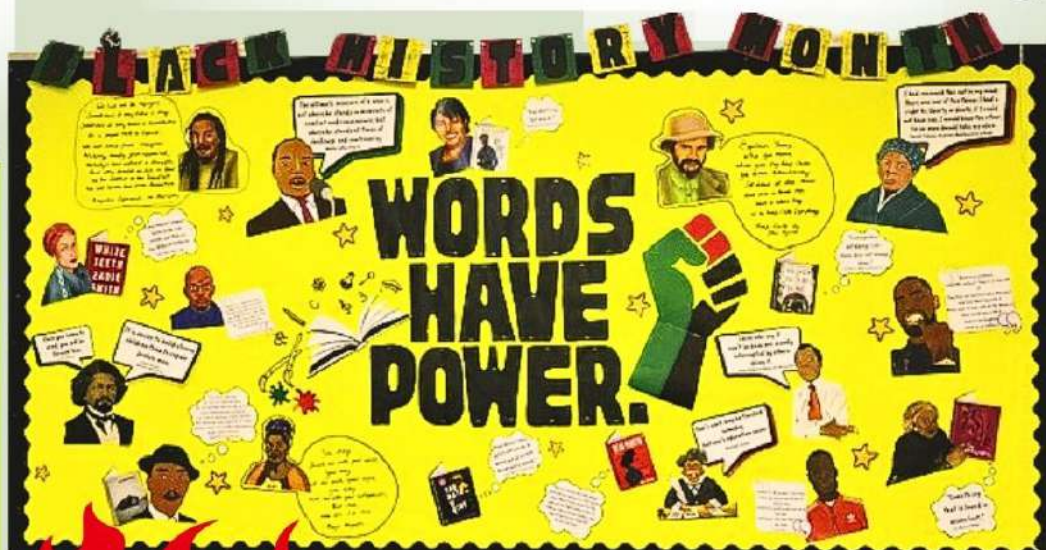
WINNER

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

This October our library is proud to showcase a vibrant new display in honor of Black History Month 2024:

Reclaiming narratives. This aims to celebrate the power of words and the contributions of Black authors, poets and historical figures. Through this display we acknowledge the

distinct ability of words to inspire, challenge, and expand our understanding. We shine the spotlight on literature, speeches and poetry that have influenced history, offered fresh perspectives and ignited change. By connecting students with these powerful voices, they will not only learn about the past but also gain a deeper appreciation for diversity and the vital role that storytelling plays in shaping the future.



**CHECK OUT
OUR BHM COMPLIMENTARY
READING LIST**

Year 9 Christmas Shoebox Appeal

What is the Christmas Shoebox Appeal?

Around the world many children are not in the position to receive gifts this Christmas. Lots of children live in poverty or do not have a family to buy them gifts which often leads to feelings of social exclusion.

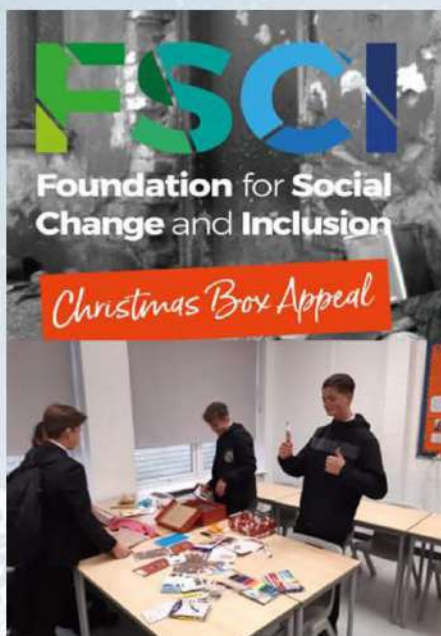
This year the Year 9 Citizenship class will be running the **Christmas Shoebox Appeal** at RWS. As active citizens of our community, the classes will be running this appeal with the aim of making a real difference to the lives of those in need.

How can I support the appeal?

To support the appeal, students can bring in donations to fill shoeboxes at school. Suggested donations include (but are not limited to):

- Sweets
- Small toys
- Jigsaws
- Combs & hair accessories
- Pens/pencils/cases and colouring books
- Toothpaste/brushes/soap/facecloths
- Gloves/Hats/Scarves
- Shoeboxes and wrapping paper.

Donation deadline:
Tuesday 5th November.



If you would like to donate to the appeal, please drop donations to HU2 or email jab@rws.uk.net.

PD STUDENT OF THE WEEK



Troi S in 9G



SEND Clubs and Events



Follow the link or use the QR
code to see what's on

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

For the safety of our students, **parents/carers** are reminded they **should not drive in to the school site** to drop off or pick up students at the start and end of our school day. Students may be dropped off safely in one of the adjacent roads and walk in. Only parents/carers with agreed permission will be able to come on to site at this time.

Parking is very limited and therefore not permitted on site for any activities during or after the school day ie. Sporting fixtures. Parents/carers are reminded to park outside of the premises and buzz at the pedestrian gate to enter the school site. Spectators are also required to sign in with Main Reception up to 4.00pm.



RWS CAREERS

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Future Frontiers is a two-year careers education programme that includes coaching from business volunteers, along with specialist careers and education advice and guidance. Throughout the programme, students will learn from a range of experts about the various career and education pathways available to them and will create ambitious plans for their future.



Year 10 students went to Wasserman London Headquarters to be mentored, it was very successful and they have now completed 2 of the 4 sessions. Future Frontiers will follow up the support throughout KS4.



RWS AQUIS INVESTMENT CLUB

Mr Ralph and Mr Freds took 22 Year 13 RWS Aquis Investment Club traders to a presentation at Aquis Exchange HQ in London. This Year, the cohort did exceptionally well with some students outperforming the industry giants.

They displayed a firm grasp of trading knowledge with some in-depth research thrown into the mix.

Students were provided with a trading app and £50,000 of virtual money to invest in Aquis Exchange shares over a 5 month period. Well done to the top two winners Arthur Green and Karan Singh who received the coveted Aquis Exchange Gong, a replica of the one sounded when a company first trades on the AQSE.

We look forward to welcoming our Year 12 investors in November.



The UK Bebras Challenge

4-15 November



Taking place between 4th and 15th November. Organised by Raspberry Pi and Oxford University.

All of year 7 will take part in lessons, Year 8 and Year 9 will be optional after school, All Year 10-13 Computer Science classes will take it in lessons also.



Speak to Mr Worth for more details.

HOSTED BY THE PSFA

Ravens Wood

QUIZ night



Enjoy!

Friday
OCT 11th

BRING YOUR OWN
DRINKS & NIBBLES

6.30PM TO 9.30PM IN MAIN HALL

**Teams of up to 8ppl - Ticket price
includes Heads & Tails game entry to
win £50 cash!**

*Tickets Available to buy via Parentpay £7.50 each
or on the door*

**Please donate a prize for the christmas tombola/raffle on
quiz night for a chance to win a bottle of champagne**

Any queries to : Ravenswoodpsfa@yahoo.com

****Please ensure all visitors leave the premises by 10pm****

Walking Football for Young People with SEND



- Walking Football sessions are for D/deaf and/or disabled and neurodivergent young people aged 16-25.
- Inclusive sessions delivered by a qualified coach called Mike.
- All abilities/disabilities welcome.



Where: The Warren, Croydon Rd, Bromley, BR2 7AL
When: Thursdays (term time only)
Time: 10:45am - 11:45am
Ages: 16-25
Cost: £5 (Your first session is FREE)


Register here:


 <https://bit.ly/WalkingFootballTheWarren>

Or scan the QR code:



For more information, please contact:

 07880 786323

 hello@need2change.org

Supported by:  **Need2Change**  **Access Sport**

When: Thursdays (term time only)

Time: 10:45 am – 11:45 am

Age: 16 – 25 years old

Cost: Your first session **FREE**, then **£5 per session**



Sign up here:

<https://bit.ly/WalkingFootballTheWarren>

or scan the QR code on the flyer



If you have any questions, please contact the organiser directly:

Joe (Access Sport):

joe.hawkins@accesssport.org.uk

Need2Change:

hello@need2change.org / 07880 786323



Here for families with children and young people aged 0-25 years, who have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)



Scan the QR code to visit your SEND Local Offer website!

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 QR 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



Attendance

1st Place with 99% - 7A, 7F & 7G

2nd Place with 98% - 7C, 7E, 8A, 8E & 8G

3rd Place with 97% - 8D, 9F, 10D & 10F



Dates for your Diary

Year 10 Future Frontiers Trip - Tuesday 8th October

Year 11 Geography Trip - Thursday 10th October

Year 13 PPEs begin - Thursday 17th October

Half Term Holiday - Monday 21st October

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>



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

Scan QR code to Book





Sep 26, 2024

Ravens Wood School @rw_school
 Our RWS12 Community Program has got off to a great start. They were wrapping boxes for our Christmas shoe box appeal, reading to RWS8 students, mentoring RWS7 students and creating marketing for sustainability campaigns.
 #LearnLeadExcel



Sep 26, 2024

Ravens Wood School @rw_school
 Cookery Class started again this week. Students were making home-made bread. As ever, engagement was strong. Thanks @AccentCatering
 #LearnLeadExcel

Ravens Wood School @rw_school
 A small group of RWS10 students are taking part in the @FFaspirations program at @Wasserman today. The feedback has been really positive.
 #LearnLeadExcel



Sep 24, 2024

Ravens Wood School @rw_school
 Our new members of staff were treated to a 'Welcome to RWS', tea and cakes afternoon. Very much deserved as they join our great community.
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Sep 26, 2024

Ravens Wood School @rw_school
 The first round of auditions for our school production of the Jungle Book took place today. Some impressive performances.
 #LearnLeadExcel



Sep 26, 2024



Sep 30, 2024



Ravens Wood School @rw_school
 We still have places available for prospective parents at our Open Morning on Tuesday 8th October starting at 9.45. Click the QR code to book tickets.
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Ravens Wood School @rw_school
 'Mock Monday' has begun for our RWS13 students in their silent study sessions. This is to support with preparations for the upcoming practice exams and beyond.
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Ravens Wood School @rw_school
 We hosted a @macmillancancer Coffee Morning today. Some lovely cakes were baked for and by, staff.
 #LearnLeadExcel

Ravens Wood School @rw_school
 Our Psychology teacher Mr Parfett has successfully overseen our @MovemberUK campaigns over the last few years. His success in raising awareness and money was acknowledged at the 2024 launch last night. Keep your eyes peeled for Mr Parfett's new Movember initiatives...
 #LearnLeadExcel



Sep 30, 2024



Sep 27, 2024



Sep 27, 2024

Ravens Wood School @rw_school
 Our Assembly focus this week has been Black History Month. Ms McKenzie has led engaging and informative assemblies, raising awareness and outlining what RWS will be doing.
 #LearnLeadExcel



Oct, 2024