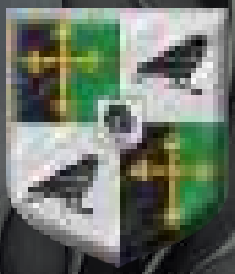
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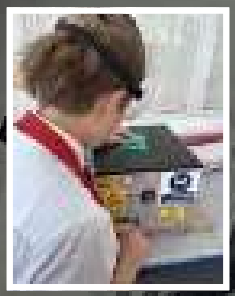
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Dear Parents/Carers

As we reach the end of another busy and productive fortnight, and look ahead to our two-week half-term break, I would like to reflect on some of the highlights across Ravens Wood School.

Our assemblies have provided valuable opportunities for reflection and celebration. Last week, Mr Oppong, Assistant Headteacher, shared his experiences as a former Ravens Wood student, reflecting on his journey and the importance of our Black and Green Values. This week, Ms Rennalls led assemblies marking Black History Month, encouraging students to celebrate the richness of different cultures, histories and backgrounds, while reflecting on the importance of equality, respect and inclusion within our school community.

We have been delighted to welcome families into school for several important events. On Wednesday 7th October, we welcomed Year 12 families for our Welcome and Learning Engagement Event, strengthening the important partnership between home and school as students settle into Sixth Form life. We were also pleased to welcome Year 7 families to our well-attended Meet the Tutor event. This provided a valuable opportunity to build relationships, share information and support our youngest students as they continue their transition into secondary school.

Assessments have been a key focus over the past fortnight. Our Modern Foreign Languages Department held speaking mock examinations last week, while Year 11 and Year 13 students have been completing their Practice Examinations this week. Year 11 will continue their examinations for a further week when we return after half term.

Looking ahead, please refer to my letter on the school website for important information about Autumn Term 2. In particular, there will be a later start on Monday 2nd November, with students arriving at 10.50am for registration with Form Tutors. With the later start to the school day, our usual breakfast and break-time food services will not be required, and the canteen will be open as normal for students to enjoy lunch.

Finally, I would like to thank our students, staff and families for their hard work, commitment and continued support throughout this first half term. We have much to be proud of as a school community, and I look forward to building on this positive start when we return.

I wish everyone a safe, restful and enjoyable half-term break.



Ms M. Lester

Headteacher

We are BLACK & GREEN RWS

Above and Beyond Awards

2026/27

Abigale in 13C



for showing exceptional confidence and being an outstanding ambassador for the school, speaking to over 600 visitors at two Open Day presentations.



Pierre in 8A



Reiss in 13C



Alfred in 8H



Rae in 12/13MUS For showing exceptional confidence and talent as lead singer at Open Day, delivering two fantastic performances to an audience of over 600 visitors.





Lucy in 12/13MUS



Alisha in 12/13MUS



Anastasia in 12/13MUS



Freddie in 12/13MUS



Scarlett in 12/13MUS



Adam in 12/13MUS



For showcasing their musical talent and representing the school brilliantly at Open Day, performing confidently for over 600 visitors across two presentations.



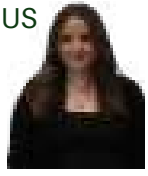
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Rupert in 12/13MUS



Annie in 12/13MUS



Issy in 12/13MUS



Savannah in 12/13MUS



Callum in 12/13MUS



Ethan in 9D, for going above and beyond to help a younger student, showing wonderful kindness and community spirit, as well as being an excellent and dedicated Library Monitor.



Jude in 8C, who recently won the Manager's Player's Award playing football for the Petts wood Seagulls. The team also won their league. which is fantastic.





Above and Beyond Awards

Staff

2026/27

Mrs Acott, for providing dedicated 1:1 reading support two to three times a week, helping students to develop their confidence and reading skills.



Mrs Nichols, for providing dedicated 1:1 reading support two to three times a week, helping students to develop their confidence and reading skills, and for generously taking on additional sessions when extra support was needed.



Mrs Carvalho, for providing dedicated 1:1 reading support two to three times a week, helping students to develop their confidence and reading skills.



Mrs Harrison, for providing dedicated 1:1 reading support two to three times a week, helping students to develop their confidence and reading skills.



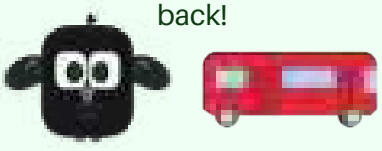
Mrs Vowell, for putting together a bouquet of balloons for MacMillan at her own expense every year - it makes the coffee morning feel even brighter.



Mrs Buonvino, for going above and beyond to support a colleague, taking on additional parent phone calls, logging the communications and following up on requests, despite already having a busy workload. Your kindness and willingness to help made such a difference and was hugely appreciated.



Mr Freds, for all the work behind the scenes to successfully implement two new online systems for trips and enrichment, making the whole process even more robust. And for bravely taking Ziggy on his first trip, and, importantly, bringing him back!



Mrs Lawrence, for going above and beyond to provide bespoke support to a student and his family. Mrs Lawrence's patience, creativity and genuine care have helped him re-engage with learning and have made a real difference to both the student and his family.



Miss McKenzie, for organising a fantastic Macmillan Coffee Morning and helping to raise an amazing £500 for a very worthy cause.



FLU VACCINE

The Bromley Immunisation Team will visit your child's school on 09/12/2026

This vaccination is recommended to help protect your child against flu. Flu can be an unpleasant illness and can cause serious complications. Vaccinating your child will also help protect more vulnerable family and friends by preventing the spread of flu. It is recommended that your child have the flu vaccine every year due to changes in flu strains circulating each year, even if they had the vaccine last year.

Please discuss the vaccine with your child, and use the link provided to access and complete the electronic consent form: http://cypcis.kingstonandrichmond.nhs.uk/flu/2026/bromley

The nasal spray vaccine is a quick and simple spray up each nostril. Alternatively, you can choose for your child to have the injectable porcine-free vaccine. This is given as an injection into the upper muscle of the arm.

Are there any side effects?

Possible side effects include:

- a blocked or runny nose
- feeling tired
- a headache
- a slightly raised temperature

More serious side effects, such as severe allergic reactions, are very rare. You cannot catch flu from either of the flu vaccines.

Can I consent for my own vaccines?

Wherever possible, we always try to receive consent from a parent or guardian before administering vaccines. Young people under 16 years old can consent to their own treatment if they are deemed to understand the risks and benefits of receiving it. This is known as being Gillick competent. Each young person is assessed on a case-by-case basis.

What if I miss my vaccine at school?

Our Immunisation teams run catch-up clinics after school, at the weekends, and during the school holidays. Head to our website to see all the details of our clinics. www.kingstonandrichmond.nhs.uk/services/service-search-z/immunisations-childrens

The South London Children and Young People's Community Immunisation Service is running **two parent and carer information sessions, focusing on the children's flu vaccine.** These sessions will take place on:

- **Tuesday 10 November, 13:00 - 14:00**
- **Thursday 19 November, 16:00 - 17:00**

These sessions are designed for parents and carers of children and young people and will provide information about the annual flu vaccination programme. During the sessions, we will:

- Explain why the flu vaccine is important for children and young people.
- Guide parents and carers through the process of completing their child's consent form.
- Answer any questions that parents and carers may have about the children's flu vaccine or the flu vaccination programme.

Parents and carers can register for either webinar by completing this short form.

For those who are unable to attend, the webinar will be recorded, and a copy of the recording will be shared after the event.

If you have any questions, please email krft.southlondonimms@nhs.net.



CAN YOU HELP SUPPORT OUR PSFA EVENTS?

Our PSFA events are a really important way of raising funds to support our students, and we would love to encourage more parents and carers to get involved.

If every family could volunteer to help at just **one event during the year**, it would make a huge difference. Whether you can spare a little time to help with setting up, running an event or lending a hand on the day, your support would be greatly appreciated.



To join the **PSFA Volunteers' WhatsApp group**, please use the link below or scan the QR code:

https://chat.whatsapp.com/Ie86Xgmi4Mw8miOQwB4v85

Preloved Uniform: We are also very grateful for donations of clean, good-quality **school-branded uniform**. Donations can be dropped off at Reception.

Thank you for supporting our PSFA and Ravens Wood School.



Sixth Form Open Evening

Wednesday 18th November 2026 – 5.45pm to 8.00pm

For entry to Sixth Form Autumn 2027/2028

Booking not necessary














SIXTH FORM

Headteacher will speak at 5.45pm and 6.30pm

OFFCUT ENGINEERS






The D&T STEM enrichment club 'Offcut Engineers' have been hard at work this term, creating spooky Halloween chocolate moulds! They spent the first week in the workshop manufacturing MDF moulds, before spending week two in the computers room creating CAD drawings of their spooky designs to laser cut into card, which they then stuck onto their MDF moulds. This week they were back in the workshop, using their moulds to vacuum form their designs into plastic, which they can use over half term to create some festive chocolate treats!






SCHOOL COUNCIL NEWS

From Mr Oppong-Adarkwa

Dear Students,

Firstly, I would like to thank you for all your wonderful applications to be part of our school student council. It was wonderful to read and review so many different applications for our leadership positions.

This week we have seen our elected members take part in their Year council meetings tackling three key questions which we wish to explore and develop within our school community.

Congratulations to our students who have been elected to to represent their year groups.

STUDENT COUNCIL - AUTUMN TERM CYCLE 1

Sustainability

What ONE change would make RWS more sustainable?

Break and Lunchtime

What ONE realistic change would improve break or lunchtime at RWS?

Moving around School

What ONE realistic change would make corridors and lesson changeovers calmer, safer, and more respectful?

SIXTH FORM

CHAIR: Ethan Ward

Vice Chair: Alisha Ajoboroka

YEAR 7

Year Rep: Oscar Brittain

Deputy Year REP : Ethan Pearce

7A Form Captain: David farcas

7A Deputy Form Captain: Tawana Samutsa

7B Form Captain: Jaxon Nicholas

7B Deputy Form Captain: Mickey Lloyd-Bennett

7C Form Captain: Parker Wilson

7C Deputy Form Captain: Freddie Frankland

7D Form Captain: Aiden Burt

7D Deputy Form Captain: Noah Griffiths

7E Form Captain: Jude Mullins

7E Deputy Form Captain: James Logan

7F Form Captain: Khehon Alexander-Pearson

7F Deputy Form Captain: Albert West

7G Form Captain: Oliver Fermor

7GDeputy Form Captain: Luca Wiles

7H Form Captain: Jasper Fuller

7H Deputy Form Captain: Logan Jones

YEAR 8

Year Rep: Luke Smith

Deputy Year REP: Pierre Melin

8A Form Captain: Tom Gough

8A Deputy Form Captain: Rajvir Bhachu

8B Form Captain: James Shrubshall

8B Deputy Form Captain: Max Holmes

8C Form Captain: Alfred Fu

8C Deputy Form Captain: Eli Bruce-Cobbold

8D Form Captain: Lukas Charitonovas

8D Deputy Form Captain: Arthur Gilbert

8E Form Captain: Charlie Pooley

8E Deputy Form Captain: Ilyas Deverson

8F Form Captain: Shay Athwal

8F Deputy Form Captain: Max Stanley

8G Form Captain: Henry Treen

8G Deputy Form Captain: Noah Duke

8H Form Captain: Jackson Walsh

8H Deputy Form Captain: Henry Thomas

YEAR 9

Year Rep: Max Watling

Deputy Year REP: Tristan Rajap

9A Form Captain: Teddy Basford

9A Deputy Form Captain: Nathan Sadasivan

9B Form Captain: Olly Curtis

9B Deputy Form Captain: Jack Edwards

9C Form Captain: Tobi Ajayi

9C Deputy Form Captain: Shivai Amin

9D Form Captain: Duke Aranju

9D Deputy Form Captain: Vaibhav Nalluri

9E Form Captain: Joshua Rustford

9E Deputy Form Captain: Freddy Snell

9F Form Captain: Kamal Osifeso

9F Deputy Form Captain: Archer Wilson

9G Form Captain: Brandon Newnham

9G Deputy Form Captain: Zak Sanderson

9H Form Captain: Kevin Ramaj

9H Deputy Form Captain: Hakeem Grossett

YEAR 10

Year Rep: Kojo Dampson

Deputy Year REP: Kian Marsh-Powell

10A Form Captain: Eitan Trajakauskas

10A Deputy Form Captain: Leo Edens

10B Form Captain: Seb Skillicorn

10B Deputy Form Captain: Marlie Matthias

10C Form Captain: Harry Scott

10C Deputy Form Captain: David Sagoe

10D Form Captain: Daniel Devonshire

10D Deputy Form Captain: Leo Mawlabaux

10E Form Captain: Angelo Hogan-Forde

10E Deputy Form Captain: George Dawson

10F Form Captain: James Rogan

10F Deputy Form Captain: Reggie Cox

10G Form Captain: Freddie Baxter

10G Deputy Form Captain: Henry Gilbert

10H Form Captain: Alex Hepburn

10H Deputy Form Captain: Harry Derwin

YEAR 11

Year Rep: Tyler Nichols

Deputy Year REP: Alexander Ranasinghe

A Form Captain: Daniel Redgrave

A Deputy Form Captain: Muhammed Muzzam

B Form Captain: Thomas Bell (Tom)

B Deputy Form Captain: Charlie D` Costa

C Form Captain: Oliver Bull

C Deputy Form Captain: Finley Lodge

D Form Captain: Zachary Abel

D Deputy Form Captain: George Mason

E Form Captain: Will Thompson

E Deputy Form Captain: Louis Burton

F Form Captain: Benjamin Carter

F Deputy Form Captain: Zakir Shirley

G Form Captain: Ollie Cook

G Deputy Form Captain: Benjamin Evans

H Form Captain: Blake Hann

H Deputy Form Captain: Mason Bartley

SIXTH FORM

Preparing for Success

Year 12 Meet the Team Evening

It was a pleasure to welcome families of our new Year 12 students to our recent Meet the Team Evening last week. The event provided an excellent opportunity for parents, carers and students to meet key members of the Sixth Form team and learn more about the support available throughout their post-16 journey.

During the evening, families heard from a range of staff across the Sixth Form Team. We shared information about the wide range of support available to help students achieve their academic and personal goals during their time in Sixth Form.

A key focus of the evening was work experience and careers planning, with students encouraged to begin thinking about their future aspirations and the valuable opportunities available to help them develop skills for university, apprenticeships and employment.

Families were also introduced to our academic expectations, including attendance, independent study habits and the importance of effective time management. Students were given practical advice on developing strong revision and study skills from the outset, helping them build positive habits that will support success throughout their courses.

The evening included a discussion on mental health and wellbeing, highlighting the importance of maintaining a healthy balance between study and personal life. Families were reassured that a range of wellbeing support services are available should students need guidance or assistance during their time with us.

We would like to thank everyone who attended and contributed to such a positive evening. We look forward to working closely with our Year 12 students and their families over the coming years and supporting them as they make the most of their Sixth Form experience.









RWS CAREERS

CAN YOU HELP INSPIRE OUR STUDENTS AT OUR RWS CAREERS FAIR - JANUARY 2027

We're excited to be expanding our RWS Careers Fair on Friday 29th January 2027, giving us even more space to welcome employers, apprenticeship providers, universities, colleges and other organisations.

Our aim is simple: to give our students as many opportunities as possible to meet people from different industries, discover new pathways and feel inspired about their future careers.

We would love for you to be part of it!







Are you a parent or guardian working in an industry you could tell our students about? Perhaps you run your own business, work for an organisation that could offer an insight into the world of work, or know someone who would be happy to share their career journey and advice.

Whether you can volunteer to exhibit yourself or simply introduce us to someone in your professional network, your support could make a real difference. You never know which conversation might spark a student's interest or help them discover a career they had never considered.

If you, or someone you know, would be interested in exhibiting at our Careers Fair, we'd love to hear from you!

Please get in touch with the Careers Team at careers@rws.uk.net to find out more.

Thank you for helping us open doors and create exciting opportunities for our students.





RWS SCHOLARS 🎭 INSPIRING THE NEXT GENERATION OF CREATIVE TALENT

Our Sixth Form students had the opportunity this week to hear from Sky, a former RWS student, and Jasmine, who shared their inspiring journeys into the creative industries.

From acting and dance to film, television and theatre, students gained valuable insight into the realities of working in the performing arts, including the importance of practical experience, networking, perseverance and developing their craft.

Sky reflected on his journey from completing his A Levels at Ravens Wood to training part-time at drama school while gaining industry experience. Jasmine shared how her passion for dance led her into acting and explained why choosing a pathway that suited her ambitions was more important than following a traditional route to university.



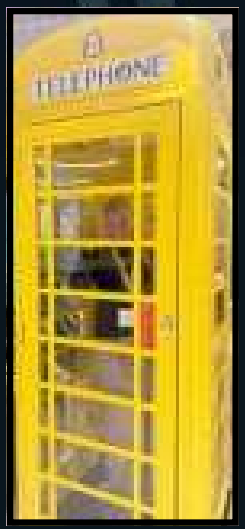


The session highlighted an important message for our students: there is no single route into the creative industries. Whether through university, drama school, vocational training or hands-on experience, there are many ways to turn a passion into a career.

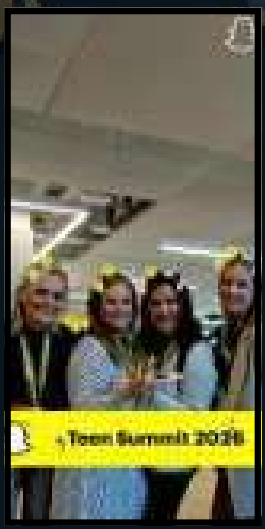
A huge thank you to Sky and Jasmine for returning to Ravens Wood and sharing their experiences, advice and encouragement with our students. Their stories were a fantastic reminder to stay curious, embrace opportunities and be open to the many possibilities that lie ahead!

SNAPCHAT SUMMIT 2027

The Careers team took a group of sixth form students from across the Trust to the **Snapchat Summit** at Snap's head offices in Farringdon. Aimed at students interested in pursuing careers in creative industries, media and technology, the visit offered a fantastic opportunity to explore the wide range of career pathways available. Students took part in interactive workshops and heard directly from industry experts about their own career journeys, gaining valuable insights into the skills, experiences and opportunities needed to succeed in these exciting and fast-moving industries.







YEAR 11 GEOGRAPHY
REGENERATION FIELDWORK

Over 150 Year 11 Geography students recently visited Stratford, East London, to investigate the impact of urban regeneration on quality of life within the local area.

Our enthusiastic cohort of geographers spent the day exploring key locations across Stratford to examine the transformative impact of the 2012 London Olympic Games and the flagship regeneration projects that have reshaped the area. Students investigated how large-scale investment has changed the physical, social and economic landscape, creating new opportunities for residents and businesses alike.



During the visit, students observed how land use has evolved over time, particularly in areas such as East Village, where former brownfield land has been redeveloped to provide new homes, employment opportunities and world-class facilities, including the London Aquatics Centre and Lee Valley VeloPark. These first-hand experiences brought classroom learning to life and enabled students to see the real-world impact of regeneration.





The year group were exemplary throughout the trip, demonstrating maturity, curiosity and outstanding behaviour in a public setting. They were excellent ambassadors for the school and contributed to a highly successful and enjoyable day for both students and staff.





Fieldwork opportunities such as this are invaluable in developing students' geographical understanding beyond the classroom. By experiencing these environments first-hand, students deepen their knowledge of key GCSE concepts while fostering a sense of curiosity, awe and wonder about the world around them. The visit will undoubtedly support their continued progress and success in Geography as they prepare for their examinations next summer.

DISCOVER THE WORLD WITH THE NEW KS3 GEOGRAPHY CLUB!

Ravens Wood's very own Ziggy, is pleased to announce the official launch of the KS3 Geography Club! Ziggy is ready to pack a compass, grab a map, and explore the far corners of the Earth—and wants all of our Years 7, 8, and 9 geographers to join the adventure.

This club isn't just about sitting at a desk. Ziggy has helped us plan a term packed with hands-on discovery, global challenges, and creative fun.

What we will be doing:

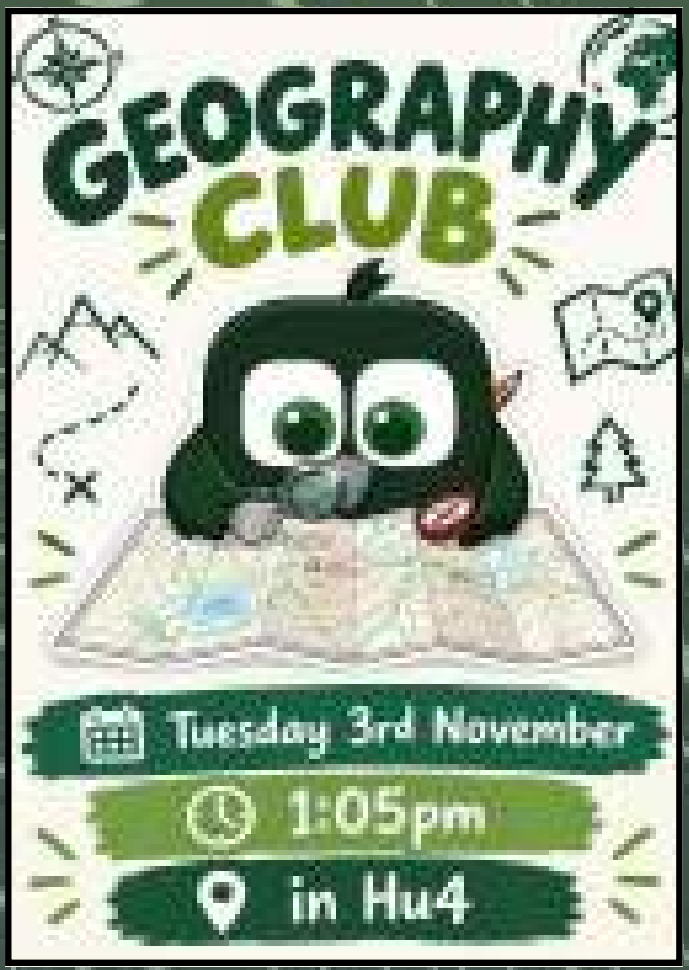
- Interactive Challenges: Escape rooms, map skills competitions, and geographical quizzes.
- Creative Projects: Building geographical models, tracking global weather systems, and exploring virtual realities.
- Global Debates: Discussing climate change, plastic pollution, and how you can protect our environment.

When and Where:

📅 Day: Every Tuesday (Starting Tuesday 3rd November)

⏰ Time: Lunchtime (Feel free to bring your lunch with you!)

📍 Location: Room HU4



There is no need to sign up in advance—just bring your lunch, your curiosity, and your enthusiasm. Come along to see where geography can take you. Let's explore the world together!

FEET ON THE GROUND, HEADS IN THE CLOUDS

Our Year 10 Geographers have been learning outside of the classroom this week. They have been investigating how our local deciduous forests are being managed as part of their GCSE syllabus looking at Ecosystems. They spent a lesson in nearby Padmall Woods looking at the ancient management technique of coppicing and the impact this can have on the forest ecosystem. They have also analysed how humans are interacting with this environment and how this is carefully managed to ensure the future sustainability of these areas. Students identified key species in the different forest layers and looked at the impacts humans are having on the local environment.













Across this Half Term Ms Shaw's Year 7 Geography classes have been learning all about weather and climate and due to the dry weather, they were able to all make their own personalised cloud finders. The year 7's put them to the test during a lesson trying to locate and identify the range of clouds we see across Bromley. The students had great fun with their peers, and the Geography Department were very impressed with the students' demonstration of their new knowledge and all thinking like a geographer.

GERMAN EXCHANGE
HOSTING OPPORTUNITY

We are looking for **one more family** to **host a German exchange student** from **Wednesday 10 March to Wednesday 17 March 2027.**







Hosting would involve:

- Providing meals and packed lunches
- Including the student in family activities over the weekend
- Providing a welcoming home during their stay



During the school week, the German students will take part in organised trips and will therefore be out for most of the day.

As a host family, your child would also be eligible to join a joint trip for English and German students during the exchange week.

In addition, pupils in Years 8–10 who study German may have the opportunity to be a late addition to our German Exchange trip to Germany in December.



If your family would be interested in hosting, we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact Miss Hemetsberger at ahe@rws.uk.net if you are interested or would like to find out more details.



A LEVEL BIOLOGY REVISION CONFERENCE



On Tuesday 6th October, 18 of our Year 13 Biology students headed to Langley Park School for Boys for a Trust-wide collaborative A Level Biology Revision Conference. The event brought together students from 4 of our Trust schools for an afternoon of high-quality revision, discussion and practical learning, whilst showcasing the strength of partnership working across our Trust schools.

Each school led on a particular topic that often contains misconceptions for students; including Mitosis vs Meiosis, Plant Transport, Biological Molecules and Protein Synthesis, where students were able to work in mixed groups to construct a physical protein. The timing of this event could not have been better with our Year 13 mock exam window just around the corner.

The conference itself was designed not only to strengthen students' understanding of key Biology topics, but also to provide an opportunity for young people from across the Trust to collaborate, exchange ideas and learn from one another. The atmosphere throughout the afternoon reflected the ambition, curiosity and commitment to learning that we strive to foster in all our students.







It was fantastic to see our Year 13s mixing with like-minded others from Langley Boys, Langley Girls and Darrick Wood and a special thanks goes to the members of staff and students at Langley Boys who hosted the event and were instrumental to its smooth running. Fingers crossed this paves the way for more similar events in the future!

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RWS PE Kit Expectations and Reminders

Dear Parent/Carer,

As we progress through the school year, I would like to remind all families of the PE kit requirements for students in Years 7-9 at Ravens Wood School.

Having the correct kit ensures that students can participate safely and fully in all PE lessons, while also maintaining the high standards and pride we expect from all Ravens Wood students. We greatly appreciate your support in helping students arrive prepared for every lesson.

Autumn Term PE Kit

Students should bring:

- Black and Green RWS Rugby Top
- Black shorts or black tracksuit bottoms
- Black football socks preferable (green socks also acceptable)
- Football or rugby boots (for football and rugby lessons)
- Shin Pads (for football lessons)
- Gum Shield (for rugby lessons)
- Trainers (for indoor lessons)



Summer Term PE Kit

Students should bring:

- White or black Ravens Wood School PE T-shirt **or** a plain white/black T-shirt
- Black shorts
- White or black sports socks (ankle socks are acceptable during hot weather)
- Trainers

Additional Information

To help students stay comfortable during colder weather:

- Students may wear their **Ravens Wood ¼ zip top** to and from school and may also use it as an additional layer during PE lessons when appropriate.
- Students may wear their **Ravens Wood PE white/black T-shirt underneath their rugby top** to provide extra warmth during the Autumn and Winter months.
- Students are also allowed to wear any RWS branded kit they may have from sports tours or trips.

All kit can be purchased using the following link: School - Brigade Clothing, LTD

Please ensure that all kit and equipment is clearly labelled with your child's name. Students are expected to bring their PE kit to every lesson, even if they are unable to participate due to injury or illness, as they will still be involved in the lesson where appropriate.

Students are expected to arrive at every PE lesson with the correct kit. Where a student does not meet the PE kit expectations, a **Level 1 behaviour point** will be issued. Students are given two opportunities to rectify this; however, the accumulation of a **third Level 1 behaviour point for incorrect PE kit will automatically result in an Level 3 - 1 hour detention**.

If your child is unable to participate in a PE lesson due to injury or illness, please provide a written note explaining the reason and, where possible, the expected duration of the injury or condition. Students should still bring their PE kit and will be expected to take part in the lesson in an alternative role where appropriate, such as officiating, coaching, observing, or supporting the learning of others. Your support in ensuring students have the correct PE kit helps us maximise learning time and enables all students to fully engage in the PE curriculum.

If you have any questions regarding PE kit requirements, please do not hesitate to contact the PE Department.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Griffiths

KS3 PE Co-ordinator

YEAR 9 CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX APPEAL

Dear Parent or Carer,

The Year 9 Citizenship classes at Ravens Wood will be supporting a Christmas box appeal run by FSCI (www.fscinet.org, reg. charity in England & Wales 1107914) to try and help some of the poorest people in Europe have a more joyful Christmas. The Citizenship classes will be working with the rest of the school community with appropriate items to be sent to children in need this Christmas. Last year we donated 75 boxes, and we would love to be part of another successful appeal!



As a school community, we believe in coming together to support one another. Getting involved in our appeal is a wonderful way to put these shared values into action. There are a few ways that you can contribute and be part of our collective effort. You can create your own shoebox at home with your family or simply donate items which can be packed into shoeboxes at school. The items do not have to be new but they should be in good, working condition:

- Individually wrapped sweets e.g. Haribo
- Soap and washcloths
- Art supplies
- Small toys
- Toothpaste and toothbrushes
- Hats and gloves
- Jigsaws







We will also need shoeboxes and wrapping paper to cover them with, so please donate any if you have them at home. If you do decide to wrap your own shoeboxes, please ensure that the lid and box are wrapped separately so that the charity can check donations before they are sent.

Donations must be bought into school by Friday 6th November where students can drop them to HU2 (Humanities corridor).



Thank you in advance for your support,

Ms Brown (jab@rws.uk.net) and Ms Davis (rda@rws.uk.net)
Citizenship Department

PSHE AT RAVENS WOOD SCHOOL

At RWS, we place great value on PSHE education. It plays an important role in helping our students develop the knowledge, skills and understanding they need to navigate life safely, confidently and respectfully.

Below, you'll find the PSHE topics covered over the past fortnight, as well as what we'll be exploring over the next two weeks. We hope this information will support you in continuing these important conversations at home.

As part of Black History Month, our PSHE lessons explore themes such as identity, equality, and the contributions of Black individuals in history and society. These sessions aim to promote respect, understanding, and open conversations both in school and at home.

If you have any questions about PSHE, please don't hesitate to contact us at PSHE@rws.uk.net.

Head of PSHE
Ms Brown

Year	PSHE topic of the fortnight	Our next PSHE session
7	Black History Month – how we can celebrate diversity	AI and misinformation
8	Black History Month – The importance of recognising the achievements of all people	The dangers of AI
9	Black History Month – The Black Power Movement	Understanding sexual consent
10	Black History Month – Being Black and British	AI and conspiracy theories
11	PPE Exam	Income and expenditure
12	Black History Month – Institutional Racism and the CJS	AI and deepfakes
13	Students on study leave	AI and parasocial relationships

External Resources of support
Support and guidance for the issues above can be found at the following links. If you'd like in school support please email *safeguarding@rws.uk.net*

AI and online safety - Deepfakes parents guide | Internet Matters
Talking to children about AI | NSPCC
New guidance for parents and carers as AI-manipulated images of children become a growing concern - National Crime Agency
Misinformation - UK Safer Internet Centre

If you are concerned about an online image of your child or the way someone has been communicating with them online. Please report this to CEOP who can support. CEOP Safety Centre

Sexual consent - Sex and Consent - What is it and why is it important?

Discrimination - Talking to children about racism | NSPCC
Racism & Mental Health | Guide For Parents | Young Minds

YOUNG COMPOSER OF THE YEAR

RAVENS WOOD SCHOOL MUSIC AWARDS



OUTSTANDING MUSICAL TALENT



ORIGINAL COMPOSITION



RAVENS WOOD SCHOOL, 2026-27

CREATE A PIECE MUSIC IN ANY STYLE AND SEND AN AUDIO FILE AND/OR SCORE TO ING@RWS.UK.NET

SUBMIT YOUR ENTRY BY NOVEMBER 2ND 2026

RAVENS WOOD SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY 16TH DECEMBER

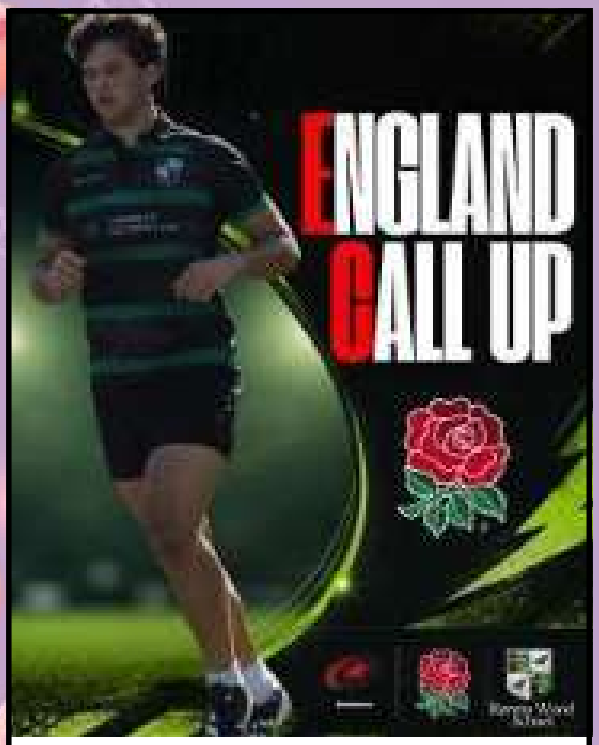
CHRISTMAS CONCERT 2026

STARRING:

YEAR 7 CHOIR
RABBIE
RAVENSBAND
BIG BAND
DRAMA & DANCE
POET LAUREATE
& MORE...



RWS SPORT NEWS



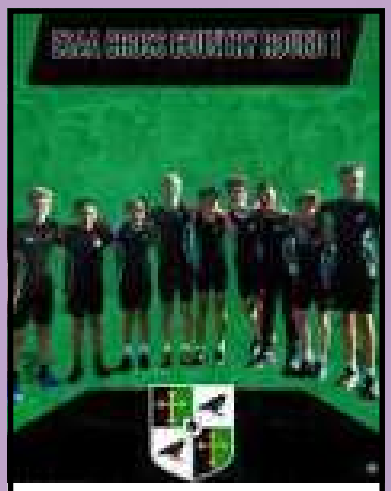
01/10/26

🏉🌹 Congratulations to Aiden 🌹🏉

We are thrilled to celebrate our Year 13 student, Aiden, on being selected for the England U19 tight five training camp last weekend!

This is a fantastic reward for his dedication, resilience and hard work, both on the pitch and in the gym. We couldn't be prouder to see Aiden representing Ravens Wood at this level.

Well done & Keep pushing! 💪



13/10/26

A great effort from our junior and inter boys cross country runners today in the English Schools Athletics Round 1.

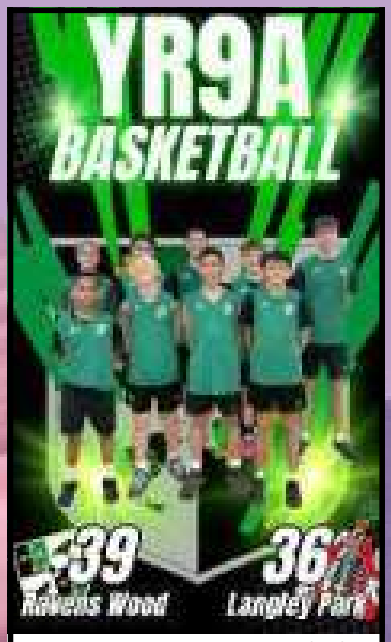
Our top performers included Alessio who finished 17th in the junior category and Zach who finished 6th in the inter category 👏

Well done to the whole team ⚫🟢🏃



15/10/26

🏉 last weeks rugby results ⚫🟢



07/10/12

🏀 Kent Cup Win for RWS Yr9A! 🏀

A fantastic victory for the RWS Yr9A basketball team last night, overcoming Langley in a thrilling Kent Cup fixture.

The game was closely contested from start to finish, with the lead changing hands throughout. The boys showed great character, resilience and determination to dig deep and secure the win in the closing stages.

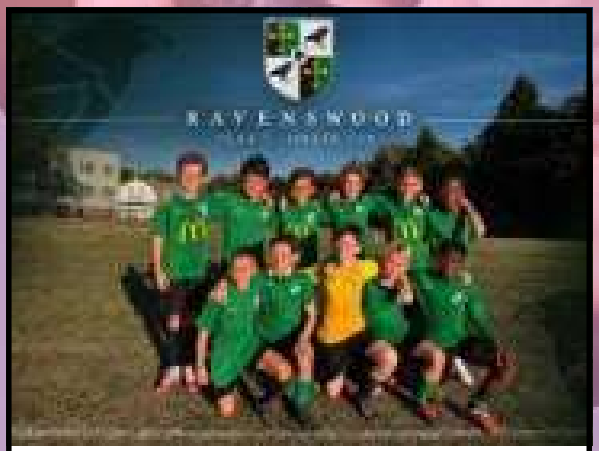
👑 MVPs: J Thompson & Z Evans for their outstanding performances.



14/10/26

Congratulations to our U14s and U15s on winning their Kent Cup 1/4 Finals yesterday! 🙌🔥

Semi-finals await after half term! 💪



16/10/26

A brilliant start to the season for our Year 7 / U12A side! 🟢⚫

5 games. 5 wins. 15 goals scored. Just 3 conceded. 💪⚽

The boys have made an outstanding start across both league and cup competitions, showing plenty of quality, resilience and togetherness along the way. There's still a lot of football to be played, but this group has set an excellent standard to begin the year.

Played 5 | Won 5 | GF 15 | GA 3 | GD +12

Keep building, boys.

Friends of Ravens Wood Fund

Becoming a 'Friend of Ravens Wood School' by giving a regular amount or annual donation to the fund, 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 can be made via the 'Just Giving' platform, 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 https://www.justgiving.com/campaign/ravens-wood-fund
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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.

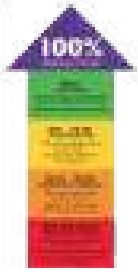
Yours faithfully

The Finance Department
Ravens Wood School

ATTENDANCE

1st Place with 98.5% = 7A
2nd Place with 97.9% = 7G & 11D
3rd Place with 97.6% = 7D & 8G





Dates for your Diary

- October Half Term: 19th - 30th October 2026
- Students Late Start, (10:45am): Monday 2nd November 2026
- Year 11 Assessments: Monday 2nd - Friday 6th November 2026
- Year 12 Assessments: Monday 9th - Friday 13th November 2026
- RWS10 Raising Achievement Evening: Wednesday 11th November 2026 (5:30pm)
- Eurospace Centre Trip to Belgium: Friday 13th - Sunday 15th November 2026
- PD Day (students not in school): Friday 13th November 2026
- Sixth Form Open Evening (students finish 2:45pm): Wednesday 18th November 2026



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