





Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you all had a relaxing half-term break and that the students have returned refreshed and ready to for the half term ahead.

As we approach the final stretch of this academic year, I'd like to take a moment to highlight the importance of revision for our Year 13 and Year 11 students, as they prepare for their upcoming exams. Our Year 11 students have just completed a two-week round of practice exams, which are designed to help them build confidence and prepare for the summer exams ahead. We are very proud of their dedication to their revision and thank all teaching staff, exams staff, and invigilators for their hard work in supporting and preparing our students for these crucial assessments.

The PSFA was pleased to host a Year 7 'Getting to Know Each Other' evening on 13th February. This event provided a wonderful opportunity for parents and carers to meet one another, and we are grateful to the PSFA for their continued support. Their fundraising plays a vital role in providing resources for our school.

Over the last couple of weeks, we have had some insightful assemblies. Mr Snell, our Deputy Headteacher, led an important session on Online Safety, which I'm sure was invaluable for our students. In addition, our Sixth Form Ambassadors, along with Ms McKenzie (Director of Wellbeing) and Miss Burgess (Deputy Director of Sixth Form), delivered informative sessions on Ramadan and Lent, offering our students a deeper understanding of these key cultural events. This afternoon we also held our Year 9 Options Assembly and we hope the students found this informative.

On Thursday, 27th February, our Year 10 Rugby Team played in the National Semi-Final against Radley College in a home match. Our Year 10 students were invited to attend this exciting event to support the team, all of whom played admirably. It is a credit to the sports programme that our team have progressed to this national level and we are very proud of them. Radley College may have won the match yesterday, 47-3, but I am confident both teams enjoyed the experience and we congratulate them all. A big thank you must go to our wonderful PE staff for their coaching and mentoring of all the sports teams. We also held our Year 7 Parents' Evening this week. These conversations with staff are so important in building strong communication between school and home, and we are grateful for the excellent attendance. It is always encouraging to see our parents and carers engage with the school in such a positive way, ensuring we work together to support our students' success.

Wishing everyone a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Ms M. Lester

Headteacher





















RWS Sixth Form News

Important Dates

Dates for Applicants

- RWS12 Induction Day—Thursday 26th June 2025
- GCSE Results Day—Thursday 21st August
- Sixth Form Enrolment Thursday 21st August (this is an 'in person event')



Dates for Year 12

- Year 12 Next Steps and UCAS Information Evening Thursday 5th June 5.30-7pm
- Work Experience Programme—7th to 11th July 2025

Dates for Year 13

- Year 13 Raising Achievement Evening Wednesday 19th March
- Year 13 Leavers' Breakfast Friday 9th May
- Exam Contingency Date—Wednesday 25th June—all students should be available until this date, even if their last exam is prior to this date.
- A Level Results Day—Thursday 14th August

Logan in 11B for being awarded a scholarship for Charlton Athletic FC. The scholarship programme offers those with aspirations of playing at higher levels, links to clubs at all levels of the football pyramid and provides Post-16 education in a range of subject areas, making the Post-16 Academy a truly educational football package.





Nikita in 9H for achieving an unbelievable score in the UKMT Intermediate Maths Challenge. He has made it through to the Olympiad which is a follow on round for the top 1800 students in the country. When 200,000 students sat the Challenge itself, it is a remarkable achievement for him



Charlie in 9C, for training with England U15 (1 age group up) Football from Weds 12th Feb-Friday 14th Feb

Daisy in 13A for participating in the long jump - England Athletics U20 Indoor National championships. 2nd place in the long jump. 6.08m. Daisy competed at the UK Athletics Indoor National Championships in Birmingham on the weekend of the 22nd Feb. This was televised on the BBC Sport app where she was competing against Olympians







Kyan in 12RU for being awarded an Amos Bursary Scholarship after a highly competitive application process. The feedback from the interviewing panel is that they were blown away by his application, the presentation he delivered, the analysis of the set reading he undertook and his performance in interview. Students benefit from a 5 year programme of support encouraging Academic excellence and PD, Motivation and mindset, opps and experiences, support guidance and community spirit.





Eleanor in 12/13EE, for securing an interview at Cambridge for Social and Political Sciences

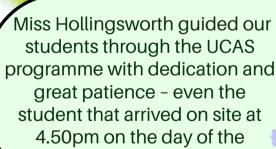




Miss Jackson-Man always goes above and beyond to support her colleagues. If anyone is struggling, she is always there to listen and offer suggestions. Her first response is 'how can I help' to the point of volunteering to do assessment marking for others when she had been efficient enough to have finished her

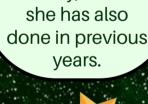
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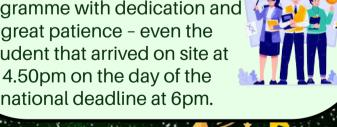
Miss Harrison was nominated for her wealth of knowledge in all things finance! She is always being contacted by other schools within the trust for her advice and looking for ways to improve the school budget for the benefit of students and staff.













Mr Lovell has got his Year 10 rugby team to the National Plate semi-final, he has put in extra training sessions with students since September. Mr Lovell has also been working tirelessly on the BTEC Sport provision, improving lessons, student resources and tracking students work.

Mr Baker was nominated for his proactiveness in promoting staff wellbeing, arranging yoga sessions, games nights, massage sessions at the end of term, social events and generally looking out for staff. Mr Baker has also been an amazing Co-Manager to provide support for the Cover Supervisors.



RWS had a fantastic trip to the Arctic circle over half term. The Arctic survival week is an amazing opportunity for students to learn survival and team skills in a harsh but beautiful environment.

After a long day of travelling from Heathrow to Rönnynranta, inside the Arctic circle, our students settled into their new routine. Our first day was spent building the snow piles for the quinzee shelters, these are left over night to freeze and then hollowed out. The second day was busy with groups hollowing their shelters ready for sleeping in and learning shelter building and firelighting skills.













The groups slept out in the quinzee shelters in a brisk -15 along with a breathtaking show from the Northern Lights! Everyone managed to sleep through to the morning when a warm breakfast was well deserved!

Cross country skiing took us out onto lake Isomatala to try our hand at ice fishing. Nature again put on a show with an ice halo (frozen rainbow). A trip to the husky farm let the students try their hand and dog sledding with a fast-paced run through the woods on a traditional dog sled.



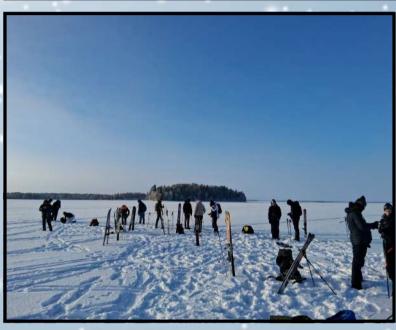
The final day was the culmination of our training with the students preparing an expedition sled and travelling 3km to the top hill overlooking the lake. They set up shelters and cooked their lunch over an open fire before journeying back across the country through the frozen pine forest. Miss Winter deserves special mention for her determination to master cross-country skiing.













Our students showed all of the values of RWS in their time away and they should be proud of what they achieved. The sense of community was evident in the way the groups worked together, and kindness was especially evident in the support the 6th formers showed for the younger members of the group, one of whom was on their first trip abroad!













Setting up camp on expedition day

I would like to thank the staff here at RWS for all their help in organizing the trip and the students for meeting the challenge with such positivity. Special thanks to Miss Winter and Mr Visser for giving their time to accompany us.

The Really Wild Adventure team, led by Steve Shove, were excellent, helping to support the students and teach them skills in an unforgiving environment.



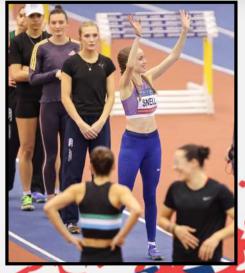
Fire lighting skills





On to the next adventure! Mr Rees

DAISY SNELL 6TH BRITISH INDOOR CHAPTON SHIPS





Daisy competed in the British Indoor Championships this weekend and finished in 6th place in the long jump. A phenomenal achievement at just 17 years old considering she was competing against seasoned pros. Daisy continues to balance all of her training and tournament requirements alongside her school work. She is a great role model for all students at RWS to look up to.

omen's Long Jump		
	Participant	Distance
1	Alice Hopkins	6.59
2	Jade O'Dowda	6.43
3	Leigh Thompson	6.19
4	Ruby Jerges	6.12
5	Cleo Martin-Evans	6.00
6	Daisy Snell	5.94
7	Ella Woods	5.88
8	Melissa Booth	5.64

SEAA CHAMPIONSHIPS

Billy in Year 8 & Zachary in Year 7 were 2 of the 4 runners who won team Bronze U13 boys at the Southerns Cross Country Championships!



RUNNING CIUB

On Wednesday, RWS had its first Staff Running Club Meet. The ambitious athletes of all abilities ran, jogged, staggered, and lurched 3km (!!!) this week, and aim to continue increasing their distance. A remarkable display of resilience and determination, (especially to those of us who struggle to jog to the corner shop). Well done!



written by Joseph in 8D

I loved the history trip to the National Army Museum. I found it very fascinating and interesting. I have many views on the trip, and I will be sharing those views with you today.

What did I like about the museum?

I loved the interactivity of the museum and the workshop. My favourite part of the museum had to be the tank. It was a model of a tank cut in half so you could go inside and drive it. There were also many puzzles, games where you must choose the correct food for the soldier and information screens. There was also a drum where you must beat the correct beat to lead your army. It was all very fun and engaging. I loved it.















What did I enjoy about the workshop?

I enjoyed the part of the workshop where we touched the weaponry and clothing used in the world war. We felt a machine gun, an ottoman sword, a hunting rifle, a grenade and a shell. It was very fascinating. It amazed me so much that all the weapons were used in WW1.



What did I find fascinating?

The artifacts which I was interested in the most was the chain link helmet. The helmet was a crusades helmet which was also used in WW1. Another group of artifacts I found interesting was the group of medals including the Victoria cross. These medals were awarded to the bravest and best soldiers in both world wars.















My conclusion

In conclusion I had so much fun. It was one of the best trips I have ever had. I enjoyed it so much. In my opinion, I rate this trip a 10/10.

PSFAMEETS GREET







On Thursday 13th February, Year 7 Parents and Carers were invited to come and meet our PSFA and other parents in the Learning Commons at Ravens Wood.



RIS GAINES

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On Tuesday 11th February, Mr Worth and Mr Baker hosted what will hopefully be the first of many RWS Games Nights, open to all RWS staff with an interest in boardgames and takeaways.

The games varied and the competition was fierce. Mr Millard and Mr Bamping triumphed in *No Thanks* over everyone, but it was Miss Simmons who reigned supreme that evening as she sank the opposition, (Mr Baker, Mr Worth, and Miss Hemetsberger) in *Port Royal*, conquered Mr Worth at *Backgammon*, then plucked Miss Hemetsberger from the flotsam and jetsam of her own making to join forces to thrash Mr Worth and Mr Baker at *Codenames*.

Mr Baker later said that frankly he and Mr Worth were "particularly bad playing as a team together".

Mr Smith, undoubtedly distracted by the carnage, found that he was incapable of lying, (both in general and in the game of *Amonia*), but said that at least this meant he exhibited our school value of **Integrity**. When asked for comment on the nights events, he cryptically answered, "the night would have been nothing without the lovely Demi Moore."

The players feasted on chicken and pizza, (as McDonalds refused to deliver to a school), and the evening's entertainment was wrapped up when Mr Borley - one of the site team who had come to close the staffroom and shoo the players away - unexpectedly snatched his own victory by shouting out the answer and winning

the final game.

SKI TRIP 2025!

After an early start and then a delayed flight, we finally arrived in Salzburg on the afternoon of 15th February. A busy afternoon ensued with ski and boot fittings in the local town of Obertauren. A lovely dinner and a 'relatively' early night meant we were all ready for our first ski lesson on the trip on Sunday morning.



The progress in skiing ability this year was fantastic and all staff noticed how well the students were developing. Not only this, but skiing can be very challenging both physically and mentally, and we noticed how resilient the students were, even when they struggled initially. They really worked hard to master this new skill!





The instructors divided students into groups based on ability – we had a real variety of skill, from seasoned pros to some who had never skied before.





The pretty resort of Obertauren stands at 1740m high and has a good selection of runs across 66 trails, so all abilities were catered to. Because of the height, the snow was excellent plus we had a day/night of snowfall during our stay. We were lucky to experience these quality conditions, all to the backdrop of stunning blue skies, sunshine and snowcapped mountains.







Students were entertained in the evening with visits to the local town, some spirited basketball tournaments in the on-site sports hall, card playing and a highly competitive Quiz Night. The weekend ended with our annual Awards Evening where our Most Improved Skier, among others, were lauded for their attributes to the tour.



Thank you to all the staff who made the trip possible. We know they really enjoy seeing the students making new friends and lasting memories. Until the next time!

ECAREERS



RWS CAREERS FAIR 12TH FEBRUARY 2025

Following from the success of last year's event, our annual Careers Fair was held on Wednesday 12th February 2025 and over 50 employers, universities, colleges and apprenticeship providers joined us to showcase career pathways and opportunities across a variety of industries from engineering, finance, and building and lift trades to name just a few.

Universities, colleges and apprenticeship providers were also on hand, offering guidance on pathways into higher education and vocational routes, ensuring students explored a wide range of opportunities and career paths.

There was a great atmosphere throughout the event and students in Years 8 – 13 attended the fair during the school day with Year 7 having the option to attend after school. Students picked up prospectuses and brochures – along with pens, pencils and sweets – to browse through at home.

A big thank you to Accent Catering for providing breakfast for the event.







What our students had to say!

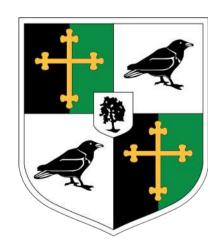
"That there are so many different jobs in each company"

"I've learnt that there are more jobs in life than you think there are. It's always important to stick to your interests, Stay happy for your job."

"How elevators work"

"There are many universities I can apply to with my knowledge"

"I learnt that there are many opportunities in different areas e.g., in football, you can be physio therapist instead of a player or manager"





What did our guests have to say?

"I had a really fun and enjoyable time with some amazing interactions with students"

"Behaviour of the students was great overall with some brilliant questions asked"

"I can't wait to come back again next year. Overall excellent experience"

ECAREERS



PSHECARERS



This week, a Careers PSHE focussed lesson was delivered to our Sixth Form by Hannah Gray, Community Manager & STEM

Ambassador at Biggin Hill Airport.



BUSINESS | TRAVEL | COMMUNITY

UES

EXPERT ADMISSIONS

As part of the RWS Scholars Programme, we welcomed a representative from UES Education this week to speak to some our Sixth Form students about studying at Universities in the US and abroad. UES specialises in US college applications and offers expert advice and guidance to support students through all aspects of the American university application process, from SAT and ACT, through college essays, to overseeing the whole application.

The session included information about transferable employability skills and personal branding with an emphasis on career change, adapting and re-evaluating and being brave enough to change your mind and follow a different career pathway.





The session was extremely informative and gave an insight into the application process as well as the differences between studying in the UK and the US.

GROWING GREENS



'This week the Growing Greens gardening club relocated the compost bin. This gave them the opportunity to learn about rotating the contents of the bin so that it breaks down quicker.

The students had lots of fun with the wheelbarrow.







The Growing
Greens have
also been
growing
daffodils. They
nominated
some teachers
to receive
some surprise
flowers: Ms
Shaw, Mr
Millard and
Ms Bhattal.











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Wednesdays - 6-7pm

Help us shape the NHS support offer for neurodivergent children and young people in south east London | Let's Talk Health and Care **South East London**





They want to hear from local parents/carers who have experience of their CYP waiting for an ADHD or ASD assessment in NHS Services in South East London to help decide what the offer of support should look like (while waiting and post assessment).

There is also an opportunity for parents to participate in an online co-design workshop and information is included in the QR code.

If the QR code does not work for you please try pasting this https://letstalkhealthandcareselondon.org/neurodiversity-cyp into your browser.











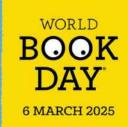
FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Free School Meals are available to eligible pupils attending Bromley local authority maintained schools.

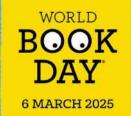
Parents who meet the eligibility criteria are encouraged to apply for free school meals; your child will be provided with a school dinner free of charge and the school will receive additional funding to benefit all pupils.

For more information, visit: www.bromley.gov.uk/FreeSchoolMeals









BOOKISH BRAIN GAMES

CHALLENGES & COMPETITIONS

MASKED READER

Everyday throughout World Book Day week, there will be a book challenge to get your brains buzzing . Can you crack the codes and work out the book titles?

Monday 3rd - Fri 7th

Our annual masked reader is back! Can you guess the book and the mystery reader behind the emoji?

Thur 6th Mar

A chance for students to showcase their creativity and

'FORM **BOOKSHELF** BATTLE.

During March

Year 7-10 form groups will compete by tracking their reading on the form bookshelf poster. Fullest and most diverse shelf wins the

special form prize.

design a literary gift card on the theme READ YOUR WAY.

Submit your creations to win HUNDREDS of pounds worth of National Book Tokens.

Pick up your competition

6.30PM

CREATE YOUR sheet from your tutor or the library. OWN GIFT CARD





RAVENS WOOD SCHOOL MUSIC DEPARTMENT

PRESENTS



SPRING SHOWCASE

MAIN HALL 18TH MARCH

TICKETS £5 ON PARENT PAY



After an extremely successful event last year, The Maypole Project Chislehurst Half Marathon is back, this year we are working with Nice Works to deliver another fantastic event.

This course takes you through some of the green spaces of beautiful Chislehurst where London meets the countryside. Everything raised will go to supporting children with complex medical needs and their families.

Date: Sunday 18th May 2025

Start Time: 9.30am

Course Address: Glebe Football Club, Foxbury Avenue. off Perry Street,

Chislehurst, Kent, BR7 6SD

GET IN TOUCH

▼ Fundraising@themaypoleproject.co.uk

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No booking needed...just drop-in!

Visit our webpage:

No onsite parking

Social Communication Needs

We look forward to meeting you all on the day and being able to host this special event!!



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







1st Place with 97% = 7D, 7F & 7G 2nd Place with 96% = 7A, 7C, 7H, 8D, 8E, 8F & 8H 3rd Place with 95% = 7B, 7E, 8A, 8B, 8G, 9A, 9E, 9F, 10C





<u>Dates for your Diary</u>

Year 12 STEM trip - Tuesday 4th March 2025

Women in STEM KCL Careers Presentation and Coding Workshop -

Wednesday 5th March 2025 (TBC)

Year 7&8 Disco at Bromley High (invitation only) - 7th March 2025

Senior French Rugby Tour - Wednesday 12th - Monday 17th March 2025

D of E Silver Practice Residential - Thursday 13th -Saturday 15th March 2025



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



Ravens Wood School Receptionist / Administrator

5 days a week 8am-4.15pm Monday- Thursday, 8am-4pm Friday. Term time plus 7 days in the holidays over the academic year. (We would consider part-time applicants)
Salary Scale 2 point 3 £27,729 (FTE), actual salary based on 36 hours per week for 40 weeks per year £24,243.

We are looking to employ a Receptionist/Administrator to join our fantastic administration team.

You will have excellent interpersonal skills, a "can do" attitude and be flexible in your approach to work. This role will involve meeting and greeting parents/carers and outside agencies; therefore, an excellent front of house and telephone manner is essential. You will also be expected to carry out administrative tasks to support the smooth running of the school.

Training will be provided where appropriate.

You will:

- Be organised and have excellent administration skills
- Be confident with a positive, welcoming approach
- Have excellent office based IT skills
- Be enthusiastic

In return, we can offer you:

- A friendly working environment
- A 24/7 Employee Assistance Programme (EAP)
- Continuous CPD and opportunities for career progression
- Opportunities to work collaboratively and share expertise across the trust
- 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: Tuesday 11th March 2025 at 9am
Interview Date: Thursday 20th March 2025
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

TEACHION EVENTS

Bromley - Aquinas Teacher Development Centre 20th March 4pm to 5:30pm

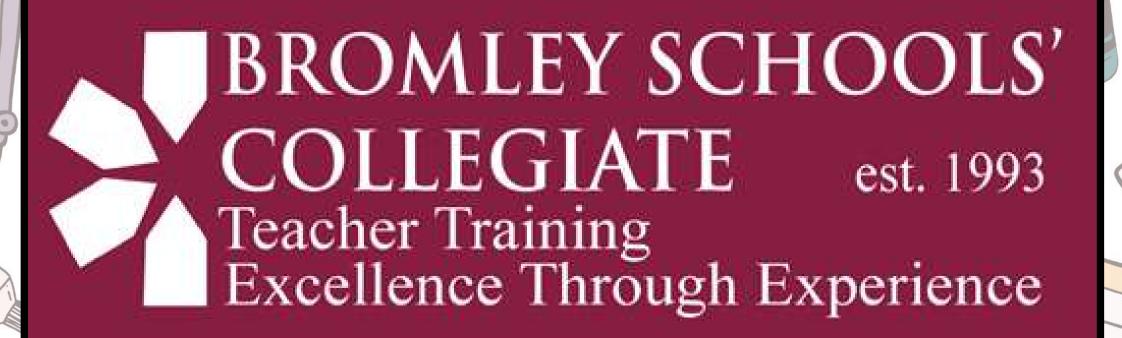
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Greenwich - Woolwich Polytechnic School for Girls 3rd April 4pm to 5:30pm

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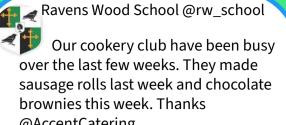


@rw_school @rwspe @RWSMusicDept

← Ravens Wood School @rw_school Earlier this week our entire RWS8 cohort had a fantastic time watching a performance of their class reader, Pig Heart Boy, at the @Unicorn_Theatre followed by lunch with a great view over the River Thames.

Our cookery club have been busy over the last few weeks. They made sausage rolls last week and chocolate brownies this week. Thanks @AccentCatering

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6 February, 2025

ravens_wood_sport Huge congratulations to the 1st XI football team, who secured their place in the KSFA County Cup final! Their destiny was sealed following 3-0 win away to Brompton Academy! Great work lads!

Ravens Wood School @rw_school Cookery Club students spent their time making Valentines cookies this week. Great work and thanks to @AccentCatering

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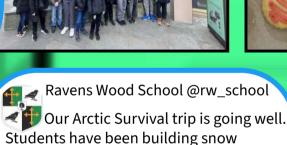




■ Ravens Wood School @rw_school Our History Club took part in a series of workshops on famous WWI and WWII battles at the National Army Museum in Chelsea today! A great opportunity to explore key moments in military history firsthand.

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Thanks to all that took part in the RWS7 Spelling Bee last week. A great and very competitive event that was enjoyed by all. #LearnLeadExcel

> Ravens Wood School @rw_school Our careers fair has been really successful today. Thanks to all

> Ravens Wood School @rw_school

institutions and businesses that supported this great event helping students from Year 8 to Year 13.









ravens_wood_sport Day 5 in the 🤏 . Students have made there way down from 2200m, navigating their way through ● • runs. Students are now locked into a mode for the annual Williamson Quiz.













