



Ramsey Voice

Updates Newsletter

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Note from The Head

Welcome to the fifth edition of this year's Ramsey Voice. Time has passed quickly, and September does not seem long ago, when we were welcoming new students into Year 7 and reminding Year 11 students their GCSE examinations were fast approaching. Well the examination season is upon us and we wish all our students' good luck: I am sure the majority of them don't need it as they have prepared thoroughly and appear to have confidence in their own ability. We have included in this edition additional careers advice for students and parents to support their decisions later in the year.

This edition is a real celebration of success in a wide range of areas. We are continually providing opportunities for students, many of which are in activities unfamiliar to them. Many are embracing our aim to 'be the best you can be', by participating in new clubs, trips, sports or events. On the sporting front, we are delighted to announce the U13 Boys' Handball Team are Eastern Regional Champions and will now compete in the National Finals next month.

Other national events include several of our student's participation in the 'Send my friend to school' campaign: the next stage of which, includes a visit to Westminster to discuss the issues with Members of Parliament.

To challenge our 'more able' students the opportunities have included 'The Brilliant Club': which involves visits to local universities and working with a post-graduate mentor, the 'Rocket Club' and yet more success for our budding scientists, as they won the local heat of the Institution of Engineering and Technology (IET) Faraday Challenge and now visit London to collect their award.

We have also celebrated the success of students in this edition by showcasing work from the Technology and Art Departments, contribution to the Halstead May Day Celebrations from the Music Department and the Drama Workshop productions.

The success of our students is a result of their desire to be involved and willingness to devote time to challenging themselves and taking risks, but also the time and dedication of the staff, who often give their time freely after school and at weekends.

Students are encouraged to try new activities and learn from their experiences. Many who have participated have learnt new skills, enjoyed the event and opened up new opportunities they did not know existed. It is always useful to remind students of the saying; "Take the opportunity of a lifetime during the lifetime of the opportunity."

Finally, I am delighted to confirm that we were successful in our bid for capital funds to refurbish and upgrade the heating system in large areas of the school. The project will take several months at a cost of approximately £700,000 and will make another significant improvement to the learning environment for the students. In the past five years we have secured funding to re-clad and replace the windows in the Tower Block, upgrade all the lighting in the school with LED replacements, totally refurbish the Library and Learning Centre, installed a fitness suite and re-decorated the majority of the classrooms. Further work is planned when funds allow, and we will continue to develop a stimulating and safe learning environment for the students.

We are confident that by providing such a wide range of activities and opportunities in an environment that aims to celebrate achievement, the students will respond in a positive manner. The simple words of the American, Mia Hamm, arguably one of the most influential female football players ever to have played the game, summaries this perfectly:

"Success breeds success!"

East of England Handball Championships CHAMPIONS!!

On Monday 13th May, our successful Year 8 Handball Team attended the East of England Handball Championships at Cambridge University. This followed on from their victory at The Essex County Handball competition in March. The boys played in the group stages initially beating both Kings School and Linslade. They drew with Thurston and lost to Rickmansworth finishing runners up in the group stages. This earned them a place in the final against first positioned Rickmansworth. After initially going 2-0 down early on, a hat-trick from Jacob and a superb team performance secured them a 3-2 win and as champions this gained them a place in the National Finals which will held in Derby on Sunday 16th June 2019. The Ramsey team were made up of Bobby T, Tom F, Oskar R, Will G, Jacob P, Millan H, Finley B and Kieran D. Congratulations boys, you did so well!!
Mr Child





IET Faraday Challenge Champions!

Students from The Ramsey Academy took part in an IET Faraday Challenge Day (FCD) sponsored by Jack Petchey Foundation on Wednesday 3rd April 2019 and our girls' team won! The students

became real-life engineers for a day when they researched, designed and built solutions to real engineering problems as part of the Institution of Engineering and Technology's (IET) Faraday Challenge Day. Four teams of students from Honeywood, Notley High School and The Ramsey Academy competed to find the best solution to an engineering-related challenge.

For this year's challenge, in association with the James Webb Space Telescope, the teams were tasked with making something for the telescope. Teams had to race against the clock, putting their engineering and technology knowledge and skills to the test. A full description of the girl's invention cannot be printed as the Challenge is Nationwide and details have to remain out of the press as it

could give future contestants an unfair advantage.

Natalie Clerke, IET Faraday Education Manager, said: "Students who take part in the Faraday Challenge Days this year will experience working as an engineer through hands-on and practical engagement with



real-life challenges relating to the James Webb Space Telescope."

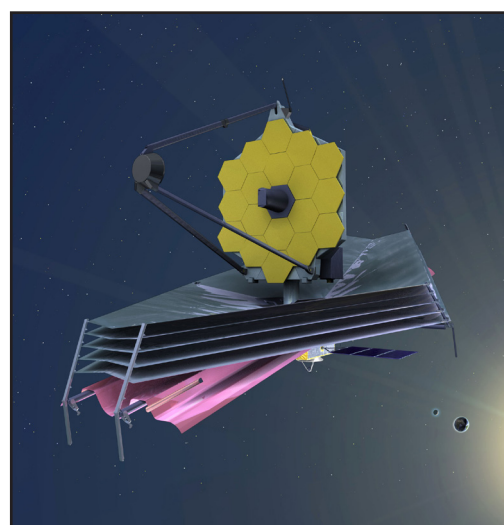
"There is huge demand for new engineers and technicians and we're confident that this will challenge young people's perceptions of engineers and inspire the next generation by giving them an insight into the life of a real engineer, the variety a career in engineering can offer and just how exciting and creative engineering is."



The events aim to encourage more young people to study and consider exciting and rewarding careers in science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) by using creativity, innovation and problem-solving skills. The Ramsey Academy winning group have been awarded a prize and a trophy for our school and have been

invited to a prize-giving ceremony on 26th June 2019.

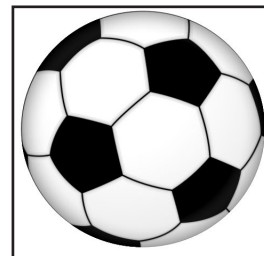
The winning team consisted of Team Captain Yasmin H, Lucy R, Angel D, Keira H, Caitlin T and Olivia B all in Year 8. The girls won this competition by their fantastic teamwork and consistent approach across the board. Congratulations, we are very proud of you! Mr Hendry



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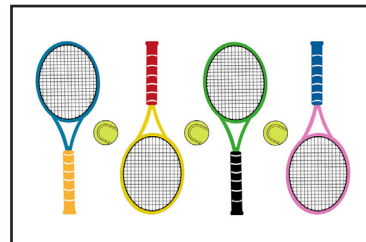
Football

On Monday 1st April, both the Year 7 and Year 8 boys' football teams played in their semi-final matches. Sadly Year 7s lost 3-0 to The Maltings Academy and the year 8s lost 5-2 to Notley High School. The Ramsey Year 7 team were: Harry, Lewis, Freddie, Brandon, Kellum, Ryan, Preston, Harry, Alfie and Levi. The Year 8 team were Will, Finley, Henry, Bobby, Thomas, Alfie, Eddy, Joe, Declan, Jimmy, Jamie, James, Fletcher and Matthew. Both teams left with their heads held high after the hard fought matches and did incredibly well to make it through to the semi-final stages. Well done boys! Mr Child and Mr O'Gorman



Tennis

On Wednesday 24th April 2019 a team of Year 8 boys took on the Maltings Academy in a friendly tennis match. The Ramsey boys were victorious beating the Maltings in a good spirited match. The Ramsey team were Will G, Alfie H, Will S, Alfie T, Jamie MA and Oskar R. Congratulations boys. Mr Child



Steps

THE RAMSEY ACADEMY COUNSELLING SERVICE

MRS SPEECHLEY WILL BE RUNNING A LUNCH TIME DROP IN SESSION ON TUESDAY AND THURSDAY 1.30PM TO 2PM IN THE READING ROOM (NEXT TO PATHWAY) FOR THOSE WHO WOULD LIKE A CHAT OR A LISTENING EAR - JUST TURN UP.



Steps School Advice and Kooth Online Counselling

Want someone to understand or advice for a friend? Free, safe and anonymous support for young people. Visit www.kooth.com



Rocket Club

On Wednesday 3rd April, The Ramsey Academy Rocket Club attended the Rocket Club Launch at The Stow Maries Great War Aerodrome in Maldon. A fun packed afternoon was made even better by the successful launch of all of the rockets and the children were a real credit to the school. All of the children agreed it was a most enjoyable afternoon. The children that attended were Cameron McK, Tom N, Reece W, Levi H, Bence H, Jamie H, Chay G, Megan H, Izzy W, Tazmin S, Courtney S, Megan S, Amelia B and Charlotte N, Well done to all involved! Mr Hendry

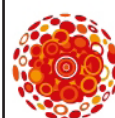


Big Bang Event

On Tuesday 26th March 2019, 26 Year 9 students were taken to the The Big Bang UK Young Scientists & Engineers Fair at the University of Essex. This is the largest celebration of science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) for young people in the UK. It is an award-winning combination of exciting theatre shows, interactive workshops and exhibits and careers information from STEM professionals.

The Big Bang Fair is designed to help understand how important scientists and engineers really are... they literally shape the world around us! The number of exciting career possibilities that exist within science, technology, engineering and maths are endless and the best news is, there's a route for everyone. A Careers Cabin was there to help visitors discover their own route into a STEM career with activities and advice being aligned to the Gatsby Benchmarks for Good Careers Guidance.

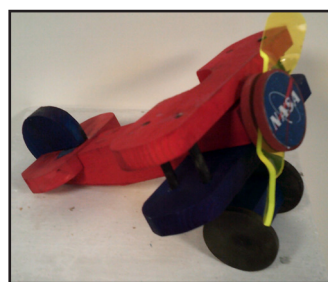
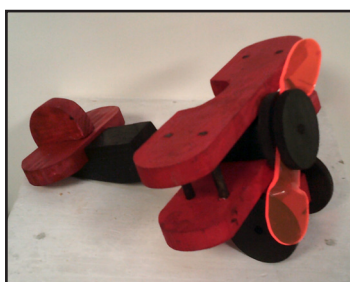
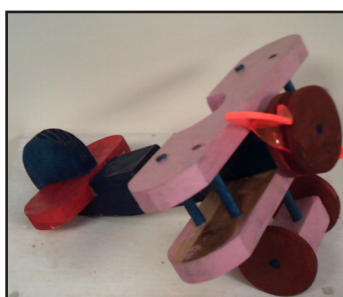
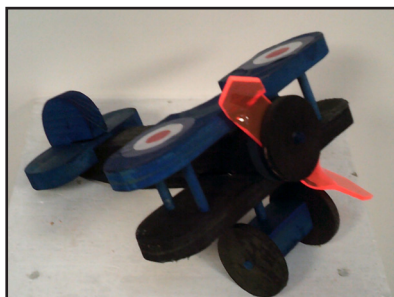
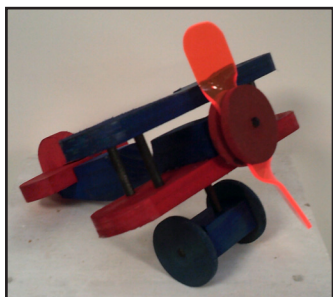
Students were given the chance to hear from inspiring engineers and scientists from some of the UK's biggest companies and find out about the opportunities available in STEM. They were able to discover virtual reality, medicine, marine biology, film and TV, space exploration, explosive chemistry, crime-solving, robots, computer coding, microscopic bugs, giant trucks and more. As always, the students behaved impeccably and a great time was had by all. Well done! Mr Hendry



The Big Bang
UK Young Scientists & Engineers Fair

Design and Technology Work

Our Design and Technology students have been really busy this year so far. Please enjoy a selection of designs made by students in the D&T Department. Mr Pittuck Product Design



Year 7 - Bi - Planes

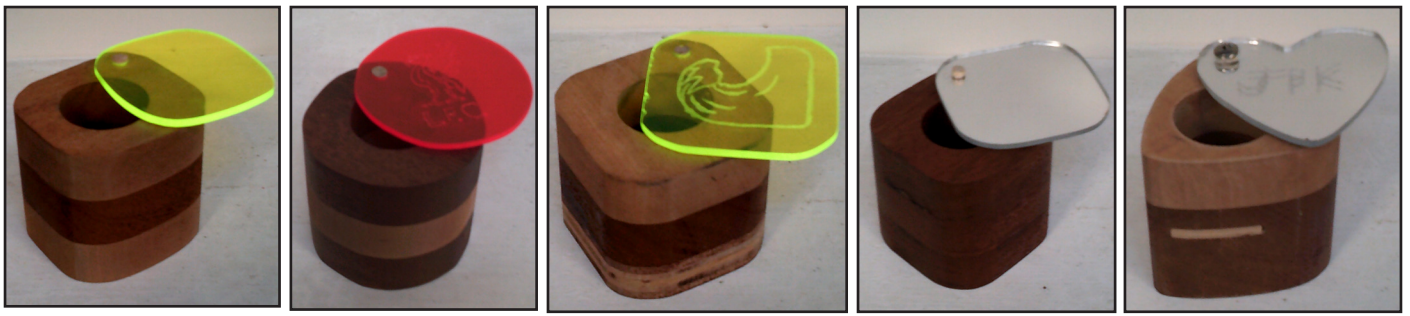
This year the workshop has seen over 100 Bi-planes already produced and flown away by very enthusiastic and talented Year 7 students. All the main parts of the planes have been made using recycled wood kindly donated to the school.

Miss Jarvinen is planning for next year's project for the new Year 7 students joining us in September. The project is full steam ahead...

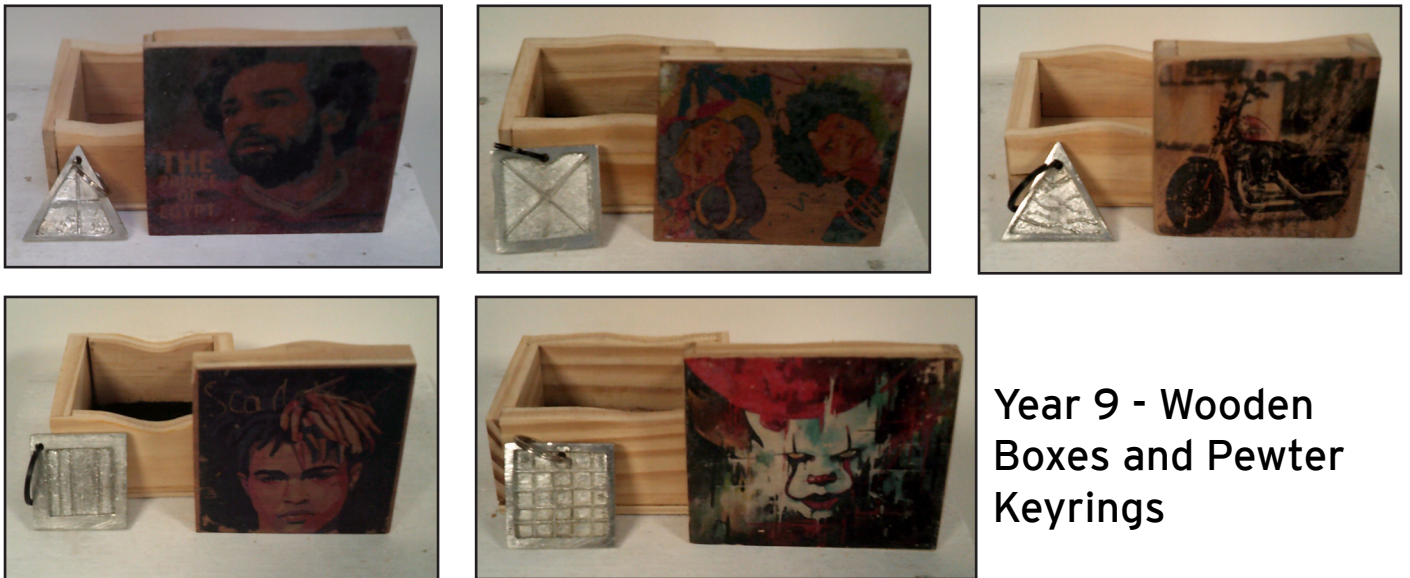
The Design and Technology department is always grateful for anyone able to donate any hardwood or softwood (even off cuts). Please contact Miss Jarvinen to arrange piarvinen@ramseyacademy.com



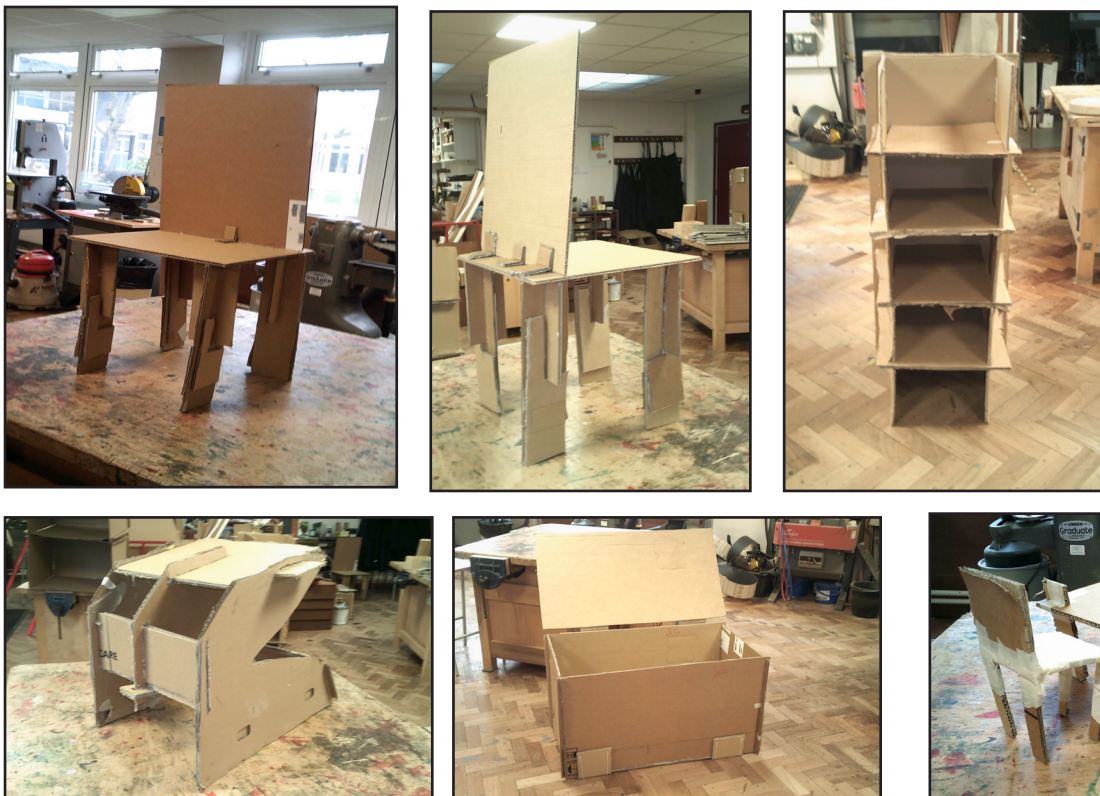
Year 8 - Ceramic cakes



Year 8 -
Trinket Boxes



Year 9 - Wooden
Boxes and Pewter
Keyrings



Year 10 -
Cardboard

Year 11 Leavers

College and Sixth Form places:

Good luck to all the year 11 leavers who soon embark on their GCSE exams. I hope you all achieve what you need and your hard work pays off. If any students still require last minute advice or guidance on careers or college places, please contact me in school on a Wednesday.

Some colleges will still receive late applicants and it is recommended that students have a backup plan. Students are therefore able to accept more than one college or sixth form place and wait until their results are issued before making their final decision.

If on results day students achieve much higher or lower than they expect they are advised to contact the colleges directly to discuss what places are available to them.

COLLEGES/SIXTH FORMS

- Chelmsford College - Tel No: 01245 265611 www.chelmsford-college.ac.uk
- Writtle College - Tel No: 01245 424200 www.writtle.ac.uk
- Colchester Institute - Tel No: 01206 712777 www.colchester.ac.uk
- The College at Braintree Tel: 01376 321711 www.colchester.ac.uk
- Colchester Sixth Form Tel: 01206 500700 www.colchsfc.ac.uk
- Braintree Sixth Form Tel: 01376 556353 www.braintreesixthform.com
- Otley College Tel: 01473 785543 www.otleycollege.ac.uk
- Ormiston Academy Sudbury: 01787 375131 www.ormistonsudburyacademy.co.uk
- Hedingham Sixth Form: 01787 460470 www.hedingham.essex.sch.uk

Apprenticeships:

For any year 11 students considering an apprenticeship NOW is the time to apply for any vacancies being advertised. An apprenticeship is a way for a young person to gain fully recognised qualifications whilst being employed. Students need to be sure that they are ready for full time work and are confident that the type of work they are entering is suited to them. Students can choose to do an apprenticeship RATHER than full time college.

Apprenticeships are available in all types of industries including: business administration, health care, childcare, graphics, marketing, mechanics, catering, sport and so on.

General Information on Apprenticeships:

Qualifications, skills and experience gained in the workplace.

Minimum of one year, depending on the level.

Practical learning with nationally recognised qualifications.

Progression to the next apprenticeship level/possible permanent employment.

Weekly wage paid.

Students Need to:

Visit the National Apprenticeship Service website to search for local vacancies. <https://www.findapprenticeship.service.gov.uk/apprenticeshipsearch>

Check websites of large organisations for information about the companies and recruitment of school leavers.

Put together CV and covering letter templates in preparation for applying to local businesses.

For more information or advice please contact Mrs Eaves in school:
Leaves@ramseyacademy.com



APPRENTICESHIPS

which one works for you?



Apprenticeships

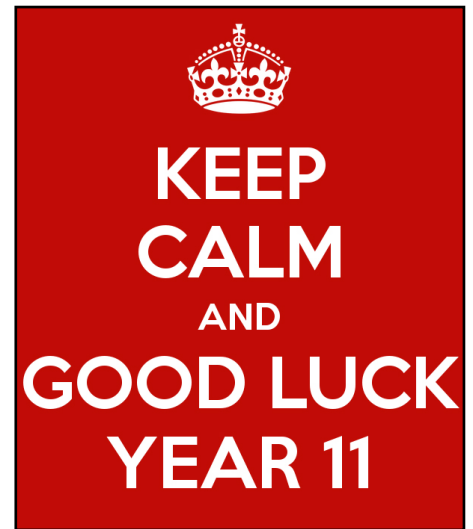
GET IN. GO FAR



Directions
CAREERS, INFORMATION, ADVICE & GUIDANCE

Year 11 Rewards Lunch

On Friday 3rd May 2019 the History department were pleased to be able to hold a rewards lunch for 16 Year 11 pupils. All of the pupils who were present at the lunch had attended 25 or more revision sessions with the History department. The students began preparing and revising for their History GCSE in June 2018 and have continued to show dedication and commitment throughout Year 11. They all thoroughly deserve to excel in August and the History Department are incredibly proud of them. The students are: Molly G, Paige S, Phoebe W, Emma B, Jodie B, Elissa M, Jessie A, Phoebe P, Esha R, Roman W, Finlay H, Harry T, Owen T, Hannah B, Lily G and Maisie S. Mrs Perrins



Send my Friend to School Campaign Ambassadors

This year, The Ramsey Academy is one of only ten schools throughout the whole of the UK to be selected to participate in the 'Send my Friend to School Campaign'. This campaign brings together a group of young people, politicians, teachers, civil society and the media to campaign to demand quality education for all children across the globe. Tazmin and Tom were selected to take part, and this process started with the Campaign Champions' Residential Training Weekend at Beaumanor Outdoor Learning Centre in Leicestershire



from 29th to 31st March. During the weekend, our students got to work with students from across the UK ranging from Belfast, the Isle of Man, Birmingham, London, Chester and other places across the UK. This was a great experience, to meet and work with people who experience a different education system. The weekend involved many activities, from team building, to researching about local MPs; to learning about young people who have made a difference such as Amika George and Malala Yousafzai, to learning about the 264 million students across the world who do not go to school.

Students investigated all the reasons for this and looked at ways to unlock education. Our next action is to take part in a parliamentary action day on 20th June, where we will be taking the fight for global education to parliament. See the next issue of the Ramsey voice to see what we get up to. Mrs Price, Tazmin and Tom



May Day Music



On Monday 6th May 2019, Ramsey Academy music students gave up their Bank Holiday Monday to represent the school at the May Day Celebration in Halstead park. The performers were:

Emily S - clarinettist in the academy band

Tom W - saxophonist in the academy band, Year 9 band & soloist 'The Godfather'

Conner M - drum kit solo

Jessica T - drummer in the Year 9 band & drum kit solo

George C - drummer in the academy band

Owen S - bass guitarist in the academy band

Edward W - guitarist in the academy band, Year 9 band & duet 'Purple Haze'



Matthew J - guitarist in the academy band, Year 9 band & duet 'Purple Haze'

Melissa A - vocal soloist 'Titanium' & Thursday'

Morgan N - vocal soloist 'Thursday' & 'But I am not a good girl'

The Academy band played 'The Ramsey Theme Tune', 'Indiana Jones', 'Over There', 'Bohemian Rhapsody' & 'Happy'

The Year 9 band played 'Another One Bites the Dust' and all sounded fantastic.

As always the students were a credit to the school. Well done! Mr Lewis-James



FRIENDS OF HALSTEAD PUBLIC GARDENS

Chairman: Councillor Mrs Jackie Pell

To all organisations in Halstead

7th May 2019

Dear All,

Traditional May Day Celebrations Halstead Public Gardens

Friends of Halstead Public Gardens would like to thank you all for coming and taking part in our May Day celebrations. We really appreciate your support and hope you had a successful day advertising your own organisation and, in some cases, raising funds.

Each year May Day gets better and better with more schools, organisations and charities joining us not to mention the classic cars and motor bikes. The weather thank goodness was kind to us and the rain kept away. Halstead residents turned out in their hundreds to support our local schools and organisations as well as raising money for charities.

Everyone enjoyed the maypole dancing by Richard de Clare Academy and Holy Trinity School, and we were thrilled that this year St Andrews School joined us to perform their cheerleading routine, once again you all did Halstead proud. Thank you, children, teachers, and helpers for putting on a wonderful display.

Thank you to Hayley for showing everyone the benefits and fun of seated dance, both Shirley and I thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and would recommend this activity to all ages.

Thank you, Mr Lewis James, for bringing along The Ramsey Academy Band, a truly wonderful performance with so many talented singers and musicians coming to entertain us. It was once again a musical feast and performing for an hour was brilliant, organisers received many compliments which we would like you to pass on to the young people.

As has become the custom The Templars rugby club finished the afternoon off with another well appreciated tug of war, this is after manning their sports stall and helping to keep the public gardens safe. Thank you

We would welcome your feedback, how much you raised or how many new members you recruited if you have the time. Thank you

Once again thank you and we look forward to seeing you next year- maybe.

Kind Regards

L. Hilton

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Pop along - Vex Robot Club

The Vex Robot Club is up and running for students in Years 7,8,9 and 10. Come along to Mr Hendry's classroom on Wednesday from 3pm-4pm to make, program and code a robot. Eventually robots will be entered into a national competition hosted by Vex and Rapid Electronics. Mr Hendry



Drama Showcase Evenings

Tutor's Notes

Welcome to tonight's Ramsey Academy Studio Performance. We are proud to present an evening of drama which highlights a range of extra-curricular, devised and scripted work from our hugely talented Drama Ambassadors.

During the past term, our newly appointed Ambassadors decided to explore their own pieces of drama. This has been a very independent project where students have selected their own scripts from our open theatre library, formed their own cast groups, developed and rehearsed their ideas for bringing their play extracts from page to stage and organised their own schedules and time.

We are hugely proud of the students' achievements. For some, this will be the first public performance they have done. Instead of scripted work, some students have chosen to try out the process of creating their own stories, a very challenging task as they discover how hard it is to develop narrative and dialogue that makes sense to an audience. For others, the challenge has been line-learning and interpretation of someone else's script!

A huge thank you and congratulations to all the students who have given their time to bring you a glimpse into their experiences in performance arts at the school.

Thank you for your support—enjoy the show!

Extra special thanks to Emma Spamer for her lighting work!

Alison Barnes



The Ramsey Academy
Performing Arts presents.....

STUDIO PERFORMANCE

An Evening of Devised and
Scripted Theatre

Wednesday 3rd
April 2019

7pm

£5 suggested donation
on the door



We have a new and exciting role in the Performing Arts team at The Ramsey Academy – the Drama Ambassadors. These dedicated students are a force to be reckoned with and lead the way when it comes to developing theatre performance. They have spent their lunch times play-reading in the theatre library space, rehearsing their own choices of scripts and supporting other students to become more confident across the school.

On Wednesday 3rd April and Thursday 4th April we held two very different evening shows. The first was an evening of short plays and extracts from ten cast groups from Years 7 to 10. They ranged from twisted fairy tales to Ancient Greek stories of war, from hard-hitting documentary theatre on drink driving to the bleak hilarity of Absurdest playwright, Samuel Beckett and from "Banshee" teenage struggles in fighting families to Dorothy and the Scarecrow.

The second evening gave us a full production of "My Mother

Said I Never Should" by Charlotte Keatley. The cast of Year 10 students showed us the harrowing and, at times, hilarious relationship between women from four generations in one family. Director, Tazmin Sloat, stated that the group wanted to explore the pressures and influences that mothers and daughters, grandmothers and granddaughters, experience with each other and reveal the close bonds and sometimes the damage created within the relationships between them.

All students directed



The Ramsey Academy
Performing Arts presents.....

"My Mother Said I Never Should"

By Charlotte Keatley

Thursday 4th April
2019

7pm

£5 suggested donation
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The Programme

This play explores the relationships between four generations of women. It considers the support they give each other but also the pressure of expectations. Expectations of a mother, expectations of society, expectations of an era and expectations of a child are all considered in this timeless production.

Margaret has brought up Jackie and Rosie as sisters but when their secret is revealed, the consequences are in danger of breaking the family apart for ever.

Mother, daughter, grandmother, granddaughter...women we seek to please, seek to better, seek to blame, seek to love....in the end, we realise that we only have each other for such a brief time.

In some interleaving scenes, the women meet each other in the "Wasteground" - a place where they are all as they were as children, playing together.

The Cast

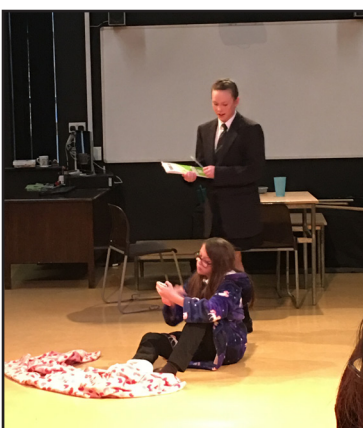
Doris
Margaret
Jackie
Rosie

Isla Harris
Amelia Bell
Lenay Vanstone
Willow Hunter

Directed by Tazmin Sloat

their own work and the performances were hugely atmospheric and powerful as we were taken on a journey through the lives of a whole raft of characters from across the millennia of theatre literature and genre. What a fabulous way to celebrate the wealth of talent in our school! More pictures of the evening are available for you to enjoy on our website <https://www.ramseyacademy.com/photo-gallery/s-86/2019/drama-showcase-evenings> Mrs Barnes





Information for Parents and students

Volunteering information from the local library:

A fantastic summer holiday volunteering opportunity with Essex Libraries, for students aged 14 and over.

Essex Libraries are inviting students aged 14 and over to volunteer in their local library during the summer holidays. Their role will be to encourage children to participate in the annual Summer Reading Challenge and talk to them about the books they are reading. Students can use this opportunity to gain work experience within their community and they can put the volunteering hours towards Youth Award Schemes such as Duke of Edinburgh. Volunteering will help them gain new skills and self-confidence.

Last year we successfully recruited over 490 volunteers, 85% of whom were under 19 years old.

We ask our volunteers to volunteer for a minimum of 18 hours - although they are welcome to offer to do more hours if they wish. The online application process is quick and easy.

When the online application form is submitted and processed we will send the applicant a short reference form to be signed by their tutor. They will then need to hand this form in to their placement library.

Further information, the role description and the link to the online form can be found on the Essex Libraries website Summer Reading Challenge Volunteer page. This year's challenge is called Space Chase.

The deadline for applications this year is Sunday 16 June 2018. Students need to be aged 14 or over, but anyone turning 14 during the summer holidays by 1 September 2019 will be accepted. Owing to a high demand for places each library has a maximum number of volunteers they require so these will be allocated on a first come first serve basis.

Essex Libraries

Email: SummerReading.ChallengeVolunteer@essex.gov.uk | libraries.essex.gov.uk



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

to help children take part in the

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE 2019

in libraries during the summer holidays.

INTERESTED? aged 14 and over?

Apply online at libraries.essex.gov.uk

Closing date: **Sunday 16 June**. Apply early to secure your first library choice





ANDERSON APPRENTICE SCHEME

INTO ITS SIXTEENTH YEAR, ANDERSON OFFER A **BESPOKE CONSTRUCTION APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME**, UNLOCKING THE DOOR FOR THOSE LOOKING FOR A CAREER IN THE CONSTRUCTION AND PROPERTY DEVELOPMENT INDUSTRY.

Our Anderson apprentices attend both practical and theory-based training sessions, focussing on honing their skills in a variety of subjects, including: streetworks, drainage, excavations, concreting, paving, kerbing and plant/machinery. All of the valuable lessons result in nationally recognised qualifications and a solid grounding in high-quality and safe construction practices. Many Anderson apprentices go on to use these qualifications in working their way through our business, even becoming site managers.

The Anderson Apprenticeship Scheme is now open for applications to the September programme and the deadline for applications is Friday 31st May at 5.00pm. Applicants should submit a covering letter and CV to apprentices@andersongroup.co.uk.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE ANDERSON APPRENTICESHIP SCHEME, PLEASE CONTACT GRACE JOHNSON
APPRENTICES@ANDERSONGROUP.CO.UK
 +44(0)1245 399 999



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17 April at 09:23 ·

Think you've got what it takes? The Anderson Apprenticeship Scheme is now open!

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Apprenticeship Opportunities

APPRENTICESHIP INFORMATION EVENT

Colchester Institute, Colchester Campus

29th May 2019 5pm - 7pm



This extensive event will enable students and parents to talk directly to employers and apprenticeship providers and explore this ever-growing world of training and work.

Please encourage students to bring a CV with them as employers will have current vacancies on offer on the evening.

Please book to confirm your attendance if possible via www.colchester.ac.uk/events

Dates For your Diary

Friday 24th May - End of half-term

Monday 3rd June - Start of new half-term

Friday 21st June - Non-student day

Monday 24th June - Normal lunchtimes resume 1:10-2pm

Thursday 11th July - Year 11 Prom

Friday 26th July - End of Sumer Term

Wednesday 4th September - New term begins

