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#### Note from the Head

Welcome to another edition of the Ramsey Voice. It is nearly two years since the disruption caused by Covid-19 started. We have all had to make significant changes and there is no doubt the learning of the students has been interrupted. The students have displayed resilience by adapting to new control measures, new ways of learning and not being able to socialise in the same way with friends.

We are delighted that despite the challenges of staff and student absence in school, we are starting to return to some form of normal. This is particularly evident in the provision for extra-curricular activities and the extended curriculum.

The students have missed many opportunities, but we are planning a number of events and activities during the remainder of the year in an attempt to make up for lost time. The articles in this newsletter show that some of these activities have already started.

Providing the students with opportunities such as theatre trips, visiting speakers including an author, poet and a number of other external agencies help to bring the curriculum to life. They provide students with the chance to reflect on their studies and experience different opinions.

A key aspect of our work is to support and guide students in their next career steps. The opportunity to visit the Apprenticeship Fair and discuss other post-16 options is an important part of the decision making process to ensure students are fully informed about future opportunities.

The release of the finalised GCSE subject content for the summer examinations, means the Year 11 Countdown Programme can be fully implemented. Despite the disruption, the students are engaged in their learning and preparing for the final papers. They are showing the resilience needed to be successful, which will be a key factor in the months ahead.

We are delighted that once again, we are oversubscribed with Year 6 applications for next September. We are

looking forward to being able to arrange a more normal transition programme for the students moving from primary to secondary school.

Our key aim for students to 'aspire to be the best they can be', remains our focus in everything we do. We are confident that the Ramsey community will continue to work together to help us achieve our other aim of being 'an outstanding school in the heart of the community.'

Being resilient doesn't mean you're immune to stress and problems, it just means you know how to be tough in the face of them and you can bounce back quickly from setbacks.



Mr James

#### Year 11 Textile Design



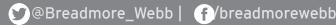










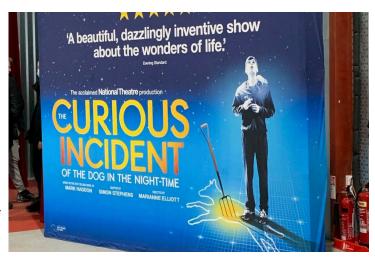




#### The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time Year 9 Theatre Trip

Theatre Returns! On Thursday 6 January, 50 Ramsey students went to the Troubadour Theatre in Wembley to watch "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time". With physical theatre performance created by Frantic Assembly Theatre Company for the National Theatre, this touring version of the production was a fabulous return to live performances after a "Covid Gap" of 2 years!

Students and staff were thrilled to join Subject Leader for Drama, Mrs Barnes, and be bravely out at this warehouse-style venue with a packed house of eager theatre lovers. This was a vital trip for GCSE Drama students who must review live theatre in their written examinations but we were delighted to get hold of extra tickets for other eager culture vulture students from Years 9, 10 and 11.



Take a look at what some of them had to say about the production.....

The performance itself was in a huge lit up box, which had small squares covering the wall, ceiling and floor, some of which opened and had storage in, others were big enough to hide in. There was amazing lighting effects, including images on the walls and floor. The music and sound effects were a little too loud for my liking. Other than that the performance was amazing!' - Gabrielle B





'The scenes on the train to London looked so real and the lights, colour, shape and movement told you how they would have wanted you to feel during that moment. For example on the train with Christian, the red lights moving about, which made you feel a sense of danger and maybe nerves.' - Maisie C

'Christopher wanted to find out who killed his dog Wellington, as the show went on, he found out it was his own father. So he got on a train to London to go and live with his mum (who his Dad had said was dead!). Lots of things were going through his head and he was very frustrated.' - Billy T





#### The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time Year 9 Theatre Trip





'The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time gave you an amazing insight into what it's like to be an autistic person. The lighting of the box and the physical theatre that was used, really complemented the part of Christopher, because it showed how his mind worked. There were lots of twists in the performance that kept you intrigued and at the edge of your seat. I remember the part when Christopher was on the train tracks, as being one of those moments because all you were worried about was if he survived or not. Luckily he did survive and the play continued to be as good as when it started. I highly recommend this play and think that anyone will enjoy it.' - Tegan J



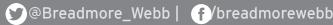


'I was pleasantly surprised how the theatre company were able to adapt from the book to present the story in such an engaging and intriging way, without straying far from the small intricacies of Mark Haddon's writing. Every minute was beautiful to watch, theatre is a much more open and creative approach than film; it was witty and funny. It kept the occasional crude jokes that were just as hilarious to read as they were to watch and it didn't skip out small details which could be so easily missed. It is clear that Simon Stevens (Playright) wholeheartedly enjoyed the book and his adaptation was nothing short of flawless. Christopher doesn't only serve as a fun, interesting, character, but a microcosm for many autistic people. It shows how Christopher struggles with simple concepts like metaphors and non-verbal lanaguage, but can do complex math and has encyclopaedic knowledge of space.' - Holly V











11/4/22 10am - 12pm

12/4/22 10am - 12pm

30/5/22 10am - 12pm

17/8/22 10am - 12pm

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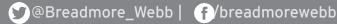
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#### Year 8 Poetry Workshop with Tony Lee - Tuesday 1 February 2022

**BESTSELLER** 

Tony Lee is a multiple-time New York Times
Best-seller List Author (hitting both #1 and #2 spots) and is also an Eagle Award winning Writer. A professional writer for almost thirty years, including a decade in trade journalism

and media marketing/creation for radio, since returning to comics in 2003 he has written for a variety of publishers including Marvel Comics. He has been the writer of both the ongoing Tenth Doctor and Eleventh Doctor 'Doctor Who' series of comics and his award nominated, creator-owned miniseries 'Hope Falls'. Tony is an accomplished storyteller and lecturer of writing, and has performed his 'Change The

Channel' tour at libraries, events and schools around the world including the 2009 and 2011 Edinburgh International Book Festivals, The Bath Literary Festival, the Newcastle Children's Book Festival, a 2009 tour of India for the British Council. His 'Change The Channel' school talks, where he spends a day at a school, based around the simple fact that many reluctant readers, if faced with a book they don't enjoy will often walk away from books altogether. He compares this to other mediums, showing that if you're

watching a movie on TV and hate it, you simply 'change the channel'. On Tuesday 1 February 2022, he came to Ramsey Academy to deliver his 'Change The Channel' workshop to students in Year 8 at Ramsey.



"The visit from New York Times bestselling author, Tony Lee, to Year 8 was truly inspirational. He is a really skilful orator and really got the audience hooked. He made his talk very interactive, which helped to capture the audience. The fact that he started off as a normal person, not going to fancy or private schools, just an ordinary boy, really helped to show that you can do anything you put your mind to. He explained how, as a Year 8, he hated reading and writing, but when an author visited his school (like he has visited The Ramsey Academy), he showed a new aspect to reading that Tony hadn't even considered before. Tony explained how everyone can enjoy reading, they just need to find the right book. He told a methaphoric story about 'changing the channel', which showed sometimes you just have to pick up a different book. He included lots of humour into his talk, as well as a bit of triggering the audience, like how books can trigger the reader. He made everyone feel included in his workshop, when he used the idea of the audience being the characters in a vampire story. He used this to show how everyone's story is different. He explained that it is sometimes easier to start in the middle of the story than at the beginning. Overall the visit from Tony Lee was very compelling and shall probably inspire some of the students to become authors." -Bella W 8AL



"On Tuesday 2 February, the global author, Tony Lee, came to Ramsey Academy. Tony was the writer of comic successes such as Spiderman and Star Trek. Tony made his first appearance in period 2, calling all Year 8s to the hall and partaking in activities with students. Explaining to students to read books they like and partook in

a renactment of a story, then told a story. His second appearance in periods 3, 4 and 5, partaking in a high-stakes workshop, with detentions as punishment. During the workshops, Tony caused chaos and drama by making students pick their best friend, causing confusion and betrayal. The students would battle to prevent detentions, until Tony revealed the detentions were fake, causing relief throughout the students." - Chay G



#### Holocaust Memorial Day 2022

In 2001, Holocaust Memorial Day (27 January), was designated as an international day of commemoration: a day to remember the six million Jews murdered during the Holocaust, alongside the millions of other people killed under Nazi Persecution and in genocides that followed in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur. In response to the newly launched Holocaust Memorial Day, two synagogues in Northwood, north-west London, joined together to create educational events for local secondary school students. Known as 'Northwood Holocaust Memorial Day'. Their aim was to enable students to hear first-hand the testimonies of those who had survived the Holocaust, and from this to gain an understanding of the need to resist all forms of racism, discrimination and bullying in order to build a better, safer future for us all. From a handful of local schools attending, Northwood Holocaust Memorial Day Events, grew steadily over the ensuing 19 years, to become a fully-fledged charity in 2020, when Holocaust Learning UK was born! Holocaust Learning UK provides unique opportunities for secondary school students to understand the impact of the Holocaust, to hear the testimonies of survivors and to link this history with issues of racism, bullying and discrimination that still resonate today.

In the week beginning 24 January 2022, students in all year groups at Ramsey, commemorated Holocaust Memorial Day, by watching a video which outlined the reasons for the Holocaust and the wider links to other genocides which have happened since 1945. The video demonstrated the need for tolerance and the important role of respect of differing faiths within society.

On Wednesday 26 January 2022, Ramsey Year 9 students, attended a webinar which was run by the Holocaust Educational Trust, featuring a survivor from the Holocaust. Eva Clarke BEM, told the story of how she was born at Mauthausen Concentration Camp, Austria, on 29 April 1945. Her very birth was a crime punishable by death in a concentration camp. She and her mother are the only survivors of their family, 15 members of whom were killed in Auschwitz-Birkenau: three of Eva's grandparents, her father, uncles, aunts and her 7-year-old cousin, Peter.

"Why is it important to remember the Holocaust?"

Eva Clarke -"It's important to remember because it happened. It's important to remember people. To prevent genocide and prejudice and racism."



She talked vividly about her parents' lives under Nazi control. Her mother was born in Czechoslovakia, which was occupied by the Germans in 1939, and her father was a German Jew, who choose to leave Germany when Hitler came to power in 1933. Both of her parents were sent to Terezin Concentration Camp in 1941, even though they were separated from each other, they were able to secretly meet. Anka, Eva's mother became pregnant with a baby boy, Dan, who tragically died at the age of two months due to the horrific conditions in the camp. Eva



spoke of her mother's strength and determination not

to be separated from her husband, which led to her mother volunteering to go to Auschwitz-Birkenau. Sadly, she never saw her husband again, he was murdered a week before the liberation of Auschwitz. He never knew that Anka was pregnant again.



"Can you ever forgive the Nazis?"

Eva Clarke - "My mother always said the only people can forgive are the dead. Even though she felt that, she would never ever have blamed any Germans of a younger generation because you can't, they were not responsible."

The theme of this years' Holocaust Memorial Day is 'One Day' and Eva connected this theme to the day of her birth; 29 April 1945. Eva weighed about 3lbs/1.5 kg. If the camp's gas chambers hadn't been blown up on 28 April 1945 and the Americans hadn't liberated Mauthausen just days after Eva's birth, neither mother nor child would have survived.

# "70 Years on the Throne" **'The Queen' Platinum Jubilee**

Design a portrait of the Queen.

This can be completed using any media.

Exhibition to be held in Holy Trinity Church, Halstead.

Prizes for top entries.



**Deadline 18th March 2022** 

Hand entries in to your Art Teacher

#### Year 10 Visit to Colchester Institute (Braintree Campus) - Apprenticeship Event

On Tuesday 1 February 2022, students from Year 10 attended the Apprenticeship Information Event at the exciting new STEM Innovation Centre at the College in Braintree.

There are a huge range of employment and training opportunities for our students as they move on beyond school and they made the most of the opportunity to gather as much information as possible to broaden their thoughts about further education and



worlds of work that are out there. Students spoke to representatives from a range of public and private sector employers, as well as universities, local colleges and training providers.

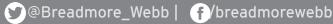
Apprenticeships have become highly sought forms of post-16 education and whereas we once thought of them as only being for people who wanted to pursue careers in the "traditional trades", they are now offered across a huge range of subject areas. From IT to business, from engineering to accountancy and from electrical installations to horticulture, apprenticeships are offered from level 1 to degree level depending on the academic ability of the student.

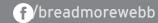
There was a real buzz about the event as students experienced recording and TV studios, beauty therapy salons, art and media rooms, IT suites and business environments. We were hugely proud as many came away with contacts for work experience and part time jobs as well as aspirational thoughts for future careers and professional qualifications and training.

How wonderful it is that students are carefully considering the professional and academic worlds on offer to them and that they really understand that their paths to the future can be many and varied!

Well done Year 10!







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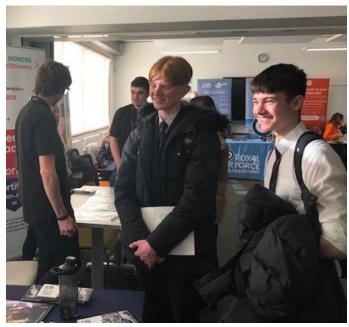


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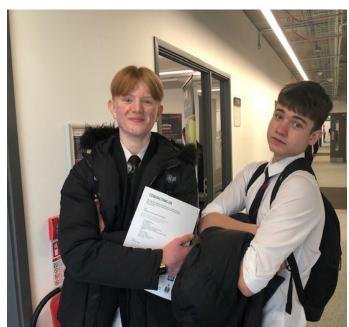












#### Health and Social Care News

This academic year has seen numbers opting for Health and Social Care in Years 10 and 11 rise to over a hundred for the first time with Year 9 students recently being introduced to the course as part of the options process.

In Year 10, we have been looking at the different life stages that we go through and factors that affect growth and development, such as culture, money and the influence of role models. Some of the work produced by students, particularly for homework, has been exceptional. Well done to all those students who have made such a positive start to the course. A special mention to Lilly-Mae C, Molly H, Hannah J, Tegan J, Morgan N, Erin S, Mpumi T, Jess W and Gemma W for their consistently high-quality work.

In Year 11, we have been focusing on factors that affect health and wellbeing, such as genetic inheritance, stress, financial resources and housing. This is all in preparation for the final exam in May. More recently, we have been looking at health indicators, like blood pressure and pulse readings, and students have had the opportunity to carry out these tests themselves, as well as looking at recording and interpreting data. Year 11 students have been excellent since their return in September and have been an absolute pleasure to teach! A special mention goes to Ruby B, Ellie C, Cordelia D, Kiana E, Tom F, Jimi K, Amelia N, Yakup O, Lucy R, Melissa S, Josie S and Niamh T for consistent contributions to class discussions. A big shout out also to Sonnie B, Olivia B, Josh E, Gracie M and Rosie R who have made big improvements so far this year.





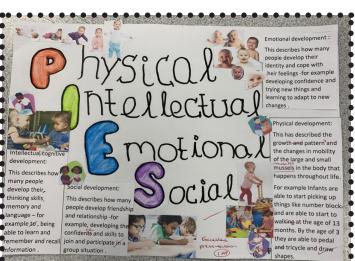
# SHOUT OUT TO ALL EX STUDENTS!!!

If you are an ex Ramsey student and you work in either the health or social care professions, we are looking to hear from you.

We would love to hear from ex-students who are keen to share their stories with our Health and Social Care students to inspire them in their future career paths.

> If this is something you would be interested in, please email rlinsdell@ramseyacademy.com







#### **Health and Social Care News**

#### Jessica louise nelson.



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Most of infancy, early childhood and adolescence her life was normal. In Early childhood her parents spilt when she was five and she was left with her three siblings. She's the second youngest of 4 with 30'd, plontathon and Joseph. Throughout her childhood she had small in the started the second was extract the second of the second was a started the second of the second of the second was a started the second of second second of seco acting roles which would have started he dream to become a pop star and become



Jesynelson had a normal, calm and happy life until she hit early adulthoo When she was 20 she entered herself into a live competition called X factor with three other friends. Entering into X factor was one of her childhood dreams but when she actually got there it was the opposite of what she thought. She got so much abuse and hate comments off social media and direct messages.

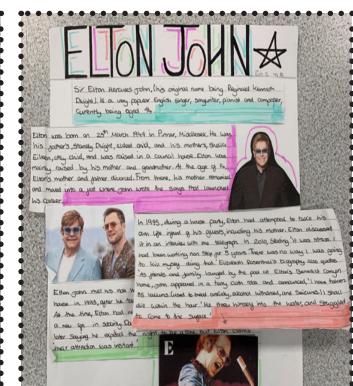


After getting all that abuse she then developed depression and struggled for ages with that. As the comments kept coming and coming it got the comments kept coming and coming it got worse and she wanted to take her life. She had many attempts to take her life and was hospitalised at one point as she'd had such a bad time. She took her pain and triefs to start recovering, she filmed a documentary trying to help others struggling with Jif-mental health and tried to promote recovery. She also raised awareness of what could happen if you did commit and how it would affect your family.

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Elton and David had a relationship in

despite their 15 year age gap.

on to have a wooding consmoon on 21st December 2014, as soon as gay maniage was logalised in the UK. The pair are now married and happily raising their two sons Elijah and Zachauy

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# **Johnny Depp**



Johnny Depp was born in the United States of America in Owensboro, Kentucky. He was born on the  $9^{\text{th}}$  of June 1963 which makes him 58 at the time of writing this. His parents are Betty Sue Palmer and John Christopher Depp. His siblings are Daniel Depp, Debbie Depp and Christi

Johnny Depp has faced some alcohol and drug abuse in his life. He started smoking cigarettes at twelve years old with drugs and alcohol following soon after. He used substances (drugs and alcohol) to numb himself and to ease the anxiety he felt about being in the public eye. His family and friends helped him to escape his addictions and he also scored a starring role in the movie Ed Wood, this also helped to put an end to his substance abuse. In recent years, it has been rumoured that he has started drinking again but he has shut do these rumours and spoke about how his nedications have helped him





his life, Depp has had two wives and has had a divorce with both of them. His first wife, Lori Anne Allison is the motherhis two children (Jack Depp and Lily-Rose Depp), she was married to Depp for two years before filing a divorce for unknown reasons, but she has good things to say about her ex husband. Johnny Depp's second wife. Amber Heard, divorced him after two years and is said to have abused him (as you can see on the picture on the left). Johnny Depp is suing her for this reason as she wrote in the Washington Post about being a survivor of domestic abuse; he has received much controversy and nearly lost a role he was cast as because the publisher of The Sun wrote that he was a "Wife Beater" and that everyone was on Amber's side and not his. This has affected him because he has had to prove his ocence which could have been hard for him to do

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#### **ELLEN POMPEO**

Ellen Pompeo is an American actress and producer. She is one of the world most paid actors since 2017.

Ellen was born on 10 November 1969 in Everett, Massachusetts. She was raised as a Catholic as her both her parents were catholic. Ellen has five older siblings, three sisters and two brothers. They were not

a wealthy family. At the age of four Ellen's life was turned upside down as her mother died of a painkiller overdose. However, her father married other women not long after so Ellen had to adapt to living with her new step mother. When Ellen became a teenager, she got a job as a bartender because she did not want to burden her father and his new wife. She never gave up her dream of having an individual life so when she saved up enough money Ellen went to concur New York city.

In 2006, Ellen Pompeo said, "I think having my mother die at such a very young age (when she was 39) made me appreciate life so much.

At first, when Ellen moved, she continued to work as a waitress, but soon an employee of an advertising agency noticed her. They offered her roles in commercials. Of course, the shooting in advertising did not make Ellen Pompeo famous. Thanks to it, the actress got the first role in a film in 1996. Ellen made her debut by guest-starring in the series Law & Order. Although this role was small, it got Ellen one step closer to her dream. In 2001 she went to Los Angeles. At first, Ellen had a hard time because bit parts and auditions almost shook the girl's faith in herself. In 2004, the actress played in two cult TV series. In Friends, Ellen got a cameo role, but in the TV series Grey's Anatomy (released in 2005), Pompeo portrayed one of the title characters, whose career and personal life took centre stage in the story and that story is still going on today in its eighteenth season.

During the time of becoming a great actress she was also building a family. Ellen met Chris Ivery in a Los Angeles grocery store in 2003. They began dating after 6 months

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of friendship and got married in 2007, with the New York City mayor Michael Bloomberg as the legal witness to the ceremony. They have two daughters and a son together. Over her life there were many rumours about her having an eating disorder but after some investigating this is not true and she is just naturally slim.



#### **Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme**



The Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme at Ramsey, has continued after Christmas, with both groups having looked at menu planning; expedition nutrition; and eDofE admin (updating their online section details). It won't be long until we start our final expedition route planning, but in the meantime, please continue to refer to the itinerary - found on the DofE SharePoint page - to see what each group will be doing each fortnight. Below is the itinerary up until the Easter holidays in April.

Group A: route card writing	(section check!)
Group B: route card writing	(section check!)
February Half Term	
Group A: Camp craft (tents and stove practice)	
Group B: Camp craft (tents and stove practice)	
Group A: Camp craft (bag packing)	
Group B: Camp craft (bag packing)	
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Students, please continue to upload your evidence and keep an eye on how long you've been doing your sections, so you can get them signed by your chosen assessor as soon as possible after you've finished! Remember: your chosen assessor cannot be a family member.

Once you've done your 3 or 6 months, take your booklet to your chosen assessor and ask them to complete the relevant page - including contact details. You can then photograph this and upload it, like evidence, as your "Assessor's report".

Parents/carers, please continue to support your child with their activities and remind them that it is their responsibility to attend the fortnightly meetings, and to find myself, Miss Ellis or Mr Jefferies should they need any help or support.

Already many students are getting close to completing one or more of their sections (skills, physical and volunteering) and it would be lovely to see lots of 'green ticks' on my eDofE dashboard as students get ever closer to achieving their Bronze Award! Keep it up!

Miss Hilton



#### Ramsey Library News - Spring Term 2022......so far







Library news from Mrs Burrage and Mrs Heath

The student librarians have been busy helping with book displays, designing posters, cataloguing and labelling new books and helping to keep the library in good working order for the school.

We are focusing on the book genre, science fiction. Emma in tutor group 10D1 has written a wonderful book review on 'The Maze Runner' book series, which is available for students to read in the library. Thank you Emma for this. We have awarded you with some well-deserved house points!

A science fact or science fiction guiz has commenced. This is proving very popular with students. All correct entries will go into a draw to take place on 28 February. One lucky winner will win a £10.00 book token!

Last term, Sophie in tutor group 8D1 won the December Year 7 and 8 Christmas quiz! We hope you enjoyed your prize.

We are currently promoting reading for pleasure, and all of the associated physical and mental health benefits. Our students have been telling us why they love reading! Remarks such as 'It's entertaining', 'It helps me relax', and 'It brings a sense of calm' are among the many comments we have received so far.

We have had various activities available and a display focused on 'The Happy News' - a positive story newspaper which the students can enjoy reading at break and lunchtime. Students have been busy colouring and doing wordsearches. We have a 'Wall of Fame' displaying the student's colouring. They are really brightening up the library!

A large stock of new fiction and non-fiction books have arrived. Many have gone out on loan already. Happy reading everyone!







#### **Audley End Half Term Explorer Quest**

Looking for something exciting to entertain the kids this February Half Term? Audley End House and Gardens in Saffron Walden could be the ideal place for a day of fun. From Saturday February 12 to Sunday February 20 (10am-5pm) this spectacular mansion is hosting its brand-new Half Term Explorer Quest event.

What can you expect? Well, here you 'will track down the clues and solve the puzzles as you follow the family trail through the gardens of Audley End.'

Date: February 12-20



### Love your Library Day - 19/2/2022



'Love Your Library' is back once again! This event takes place at many libraries across the county, but below are the details for Halstead Library.

On Saturday 19 February 2022 join us for crafts and activities as well as have the opportunity to discover what else your local library does.

Venue: Halstead Library, Bridge Street, Halstead, CO9 1HU

#### Year 11 Boys Handball success



A team of Ramsey Year 11 Boys played in a handball fixture on Wednesday 26 January 2022, held at Notley High School.

The Ramsey team players were; Bobby T, Millan H, Jacob P, Will G, Tom F, Fin B, and Oskar R.

There were 8 teams competing in the tournament, from around the local area. Ramsey played 4 of the teams, winning every game. They won every game and only conceded one goal in all the matches!

The team were very good both attacking and defensively. The boys played really well and represented the school amazingly.

