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**Tower of London trip
Shakespeare Festival
Pentathlete's Triumph
...and much more**

Staying Focused

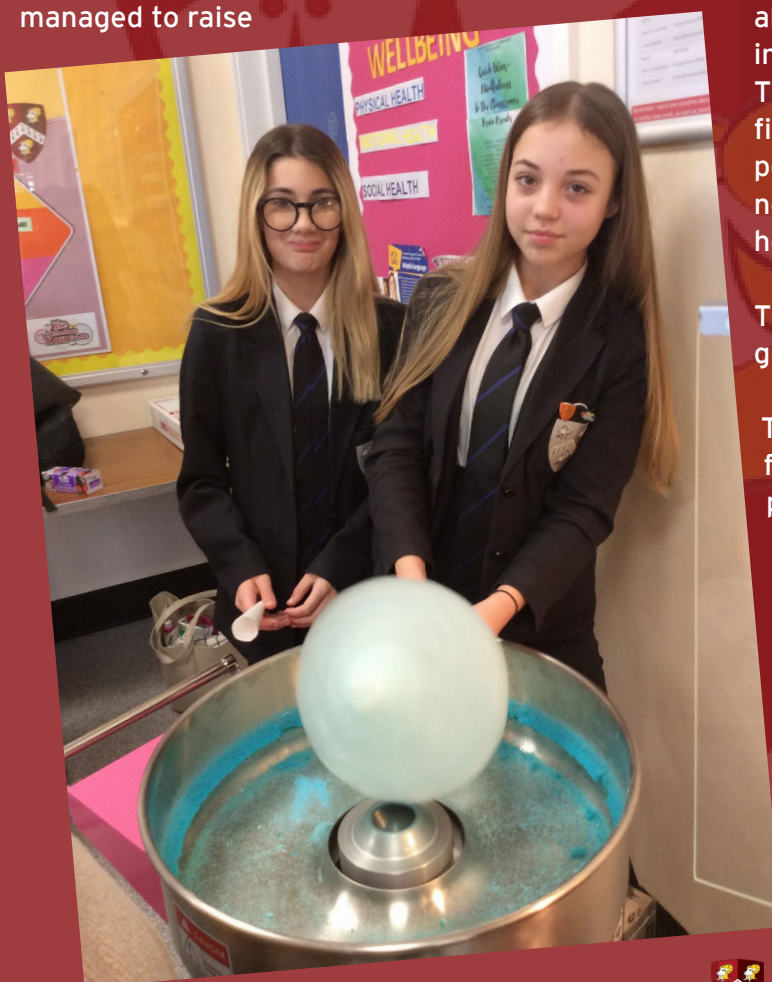
Focus Day #2 grabs pupils' attention



HeadteacherUpdate

Welcome to the Spring term edition of The Ramsey Voice. We do hope that you enjoy reading about events that have taken place and the experiences students have had this term.

This term has seen two charity weeks. Endeavour had their charity week before half term and managed to raise



£1,202. This money will be divided between their two house charities: Essex Air Ambulance and Kidsinspire.

Diversity's charity week is taking place this week. They have continued the tradition of selling lots of cakes, candyfloss and popcorn. Students have also had the chance to guess the number of sweets in the jar and to take part in an Easter egg hunt. There has been a Fifa tournament every lunchtime, films to watch, the Lip-sync battle, talent show, penalty shootout and a staff-versus-students netball match. The money raised will go to their house charity The Breck Foundation.

Thank you to all students and parents who have given so generously supporting the house charities.

Towards the end of February, we had our second focus day of the year (see picture spread on pages 6-7). Year 7 took part in a variety of sporting activities including tennis, martial arts, cheerleading, football, Boxfit and Dragonball. Year 8 visited the Tower of London. Many enjoyed viewing the Crown Jewels and finding out new historical facts. Year 9 completed a variety of practical activities in Science. Year 10 developed their speaking skills by preparing for the Jack Petchey Speak Out competition. Year 11 worked on their revision techniques and exam preparation through workshops with Positively you and subject-specific sessions



Staff Leavers

At the end of this term we say goodbye to Miss Anthony, who will be starting at Notley High School after Easter, and to Mrs Mann, who will be continuing in the role as an LSA, supporting students at a school in Suffolk.

I would also like to mention Mrs Muir, who will be leaving us at the end of April. Staff, students and parents will miss all her work and support with our students, in particular those in learning support. Here is a message from Mrs Muir:

I came to The Ramsey Academy in 2009 after teaching solely in primary schools. To say my first day was scary is an understatement. The students were huge and had opinions. The more time I spent here, the more I realised that secondary school was the place for me. My career developed from

Foundation Class teacher to SENCo, and I have met and worked with a huge number of wonderful students and families along the way.

Whilst I am sad to be leaving, I am looking forward to the new adventures ahead in North Devon, with an opportunity to spend more time with my family and ponies. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff at The Ramsey Academy, they are the best, most supportive group of people to work with. A thank-you must go to all the students who every day make me laugh and smile.

My message to you all is: 'Just give it ago, don't be afraid to go get it wrong!'

We do hope you have an enjoyable and restful Easter.





THURSDAY 26TH JANUARY 2023,
10AM

**LIVE WEBCAST
TO MARK HOLOCAUST
MEMORIAL DAY 2023**

**HEAR FROM HOLOCAUST SURVIVOR
RUTH POSNER BEM**

**SHARE HER PERSONAL
TESTIMONY**

Survivor's Story

On Thursday 26th January, Year 9 attended a webinar with Holocaust survivor Ruth Posner. This was part of the activities for Holocaust Memorial Day, which is a nationally-celebrated event.

Ruth grew up in Warsaw, Poland. When the Nazis invaded Poland, Ruth and her family were rounded up and detained in the Warsaw Ghetto, where conditions quickly became horrific. Many Jews starved or died from the infectious diseases which swept through the inhabitants.

Ruth's father managed to arrange for her to be smuggled out of the ghetto and she was given work in a leather factory.

Once outside the ghetto, Ruth was cared for by an aunt and had to assume a new identity as a Polish Catholic called Irena.

Despite having escaped from the ghetto, Ruth's life got even more difficult when the Poles of Warsaw were rounded up to be used as slave labour in Germany following the Warsaw uprising.

Ruth was taken to work in Essen, which was frequently bombed by the allies. In a particularly-brutal bombing raid, Ruth and her aunt managed to escape their captors once again, and took refuge with a family of German farmers who agreed that in return for work, they would shelter

them. At the end of the war Ruth was sent by the Kindertransport to England, where she later married and became a dancer.

Ruth's aunt also managed to survive the war, but her children were not so fortunate. Ruth's aunt had managed to get her children taken in by a farming family to hide their Jewish identity. Sadly, the children were denounced to the Gestapo and were taken outside of the farmer's home and shot at the ages of six and eight.

The webinar was a valuable opportunity to hear first-hand from a survivor. These are Ruth's thought on why it is important to talk about the Holocaust.

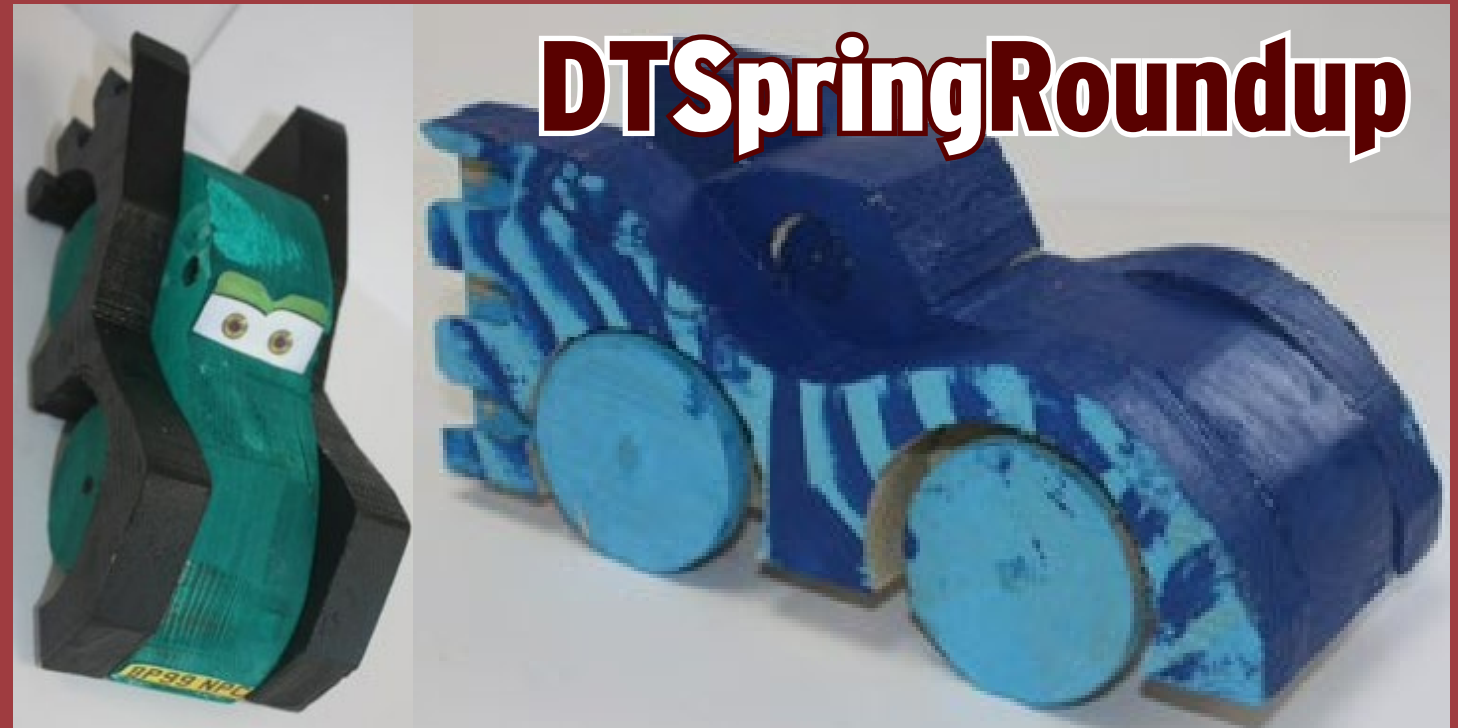
"I carry this burden in my heart all the time because I have no family. I didn't want to talk about my experience, and I didn't want people to feel sorry for me.

"But what made me talk about it - and even scream about it - is the resurgence of anti-Semitism.

"People say it didn't exist. It's because of the trouble we have with Palestine and Israel, how Judaism has been mixed with those complex issues, it has fuelled antisemitism. I said, no. Now, I am going to scream about it wherever possible. I am going to talk about it."



DT Spring Roundup



The road to success is under construction...

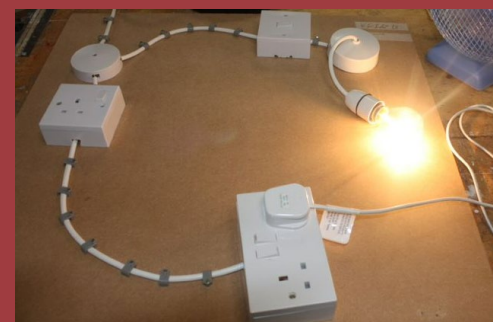
Year 7 Product Design cars whizzing away looking all unique and creative, ready to hit the spring roads to turn heads. I'm so proud of all the students amazing work!

produce forever-keep items for their families. Well done to you all!

The first group of Year 9 Product Design students have now departed to their second technology subject. The students work incredibly hard to

Year 10 and 11 Construction students have worked incredibly hard developing their carpentry, painting & decorating and electrical skills. I'm super proud of their amazing work they have produced!

Miss Jarvinen



FabulousFocusDay



Tower of London



On February 28th, Year 8 students experienced a visit to the Tower of London. Three coaches and the minibus set off at 7.45am from Ramsey and made good time getting to London shortly before 10am. Once wristbands were distributed, it was time to split into small groups to explore the Tower and its many exhibits. Pupils were able to explore the Medieval parts of the site, and were able to see the recreation of King Henry's bedroom. Pupils also visited areas of the site where prisoners had carved elaborate pictures into the wall - it was certainly far more intricate than modern graffiti! The pupils were able to look at the torture instruments used in the tower and see where people were beheaded. The white tower contains many suits of armour and the pupils particularly liked seeing Henry VIII's armour and his son Edward's, which was very small. On the top floor of the White Tower pupils were able to have turns on the interactive exhibits to see how accurate their musket firing and sword skills were. The highlight of most students' day was visiting the Crown Jewels. The pupils were amazed by the amount of gold and diamonds on display, lots of which will be used during the coronation of Charles III in May. The pupils were extremely well behaved on the trip and certainly made the staff incredibly proud of them.

Some of the pupil feedback:

It was a great experience, lots of interesting facts.
Ivan G

The trip was a lot of fun. I had a great time. The crown jewels were really shiny, it was such a good day.
Anabelle L

I thought the golden spoon for the holy oil in the coronation was epic!
Jack V





LibraryNews



I hope you enjoyed the half-term break and look forward to seeing you all in the library soon.

The BAT Book Award candidates have been chosen from years 7, 8 and 9, and will be reading five books over the coming months. Below are the books that they will be reading. Why not read them too? They are all great reads!

There is a wonderful selection of new books, fiction and graphic novels in the library, superbly displayed in the 'New Books' section by our student librarians.

Check out our Bookflix display with categories: 'Trending Now', 'New Releases', 'Books that became Movies' and 'Binge-worthy Series'.



Happy reading everyone! From Mrs Gilbert



Exploring Sikhism

Year 7 have been exploring Sikhism in RE lessons this term. In their lessons they have been enjoying the chance to handle the 5K's and other artefacts connected to Sikhism. Pupils have enjoyed exploring the reasons behind each of the 5K's and have looked at the impact on Sikh's lives.



Shakespeare Festival



Students from across the school were given the opportunity to be part of the National School's Shakespeare Festival. The cast of Romeo and Juliet were provided the opportunity to work with professional director Jordana Golbourn to explore ideas for the show. The show was then performed as part of the National School's Shakespeare Festival in the Civic Theatre in Chelmsford. During the evening the pupils were able to showcase their talents to parents. We are immensely proud of the contributions of all those

who took part, they were absolutely fabulous on the day and performed superbly. During the day a member of staff from another school commented on how our students were a credit to the school.





MentalHealthChampions

This term we welcomed One Goal in to run day two of the mental health champion training. We have successfully trained up 22 students across year 7 to 10 to become mental health champions for the school.



You can now submit postive feedback to us via [this form](#). This can also be found on the contact us page of our website. We look forward to receiving all your comments.

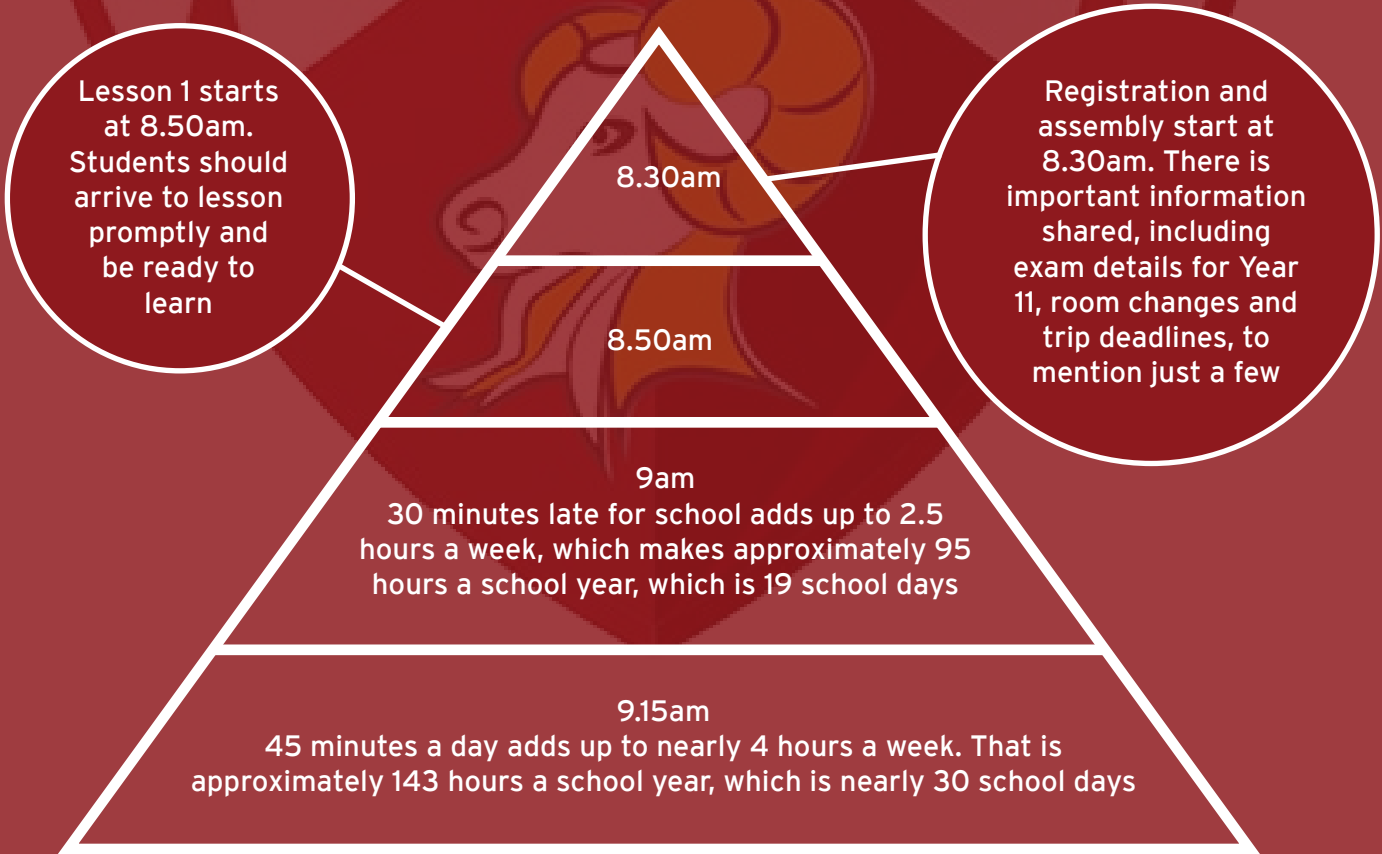
AttendanceMatters

- “It’s alright, they’ve only missed a couple of days”
- But how quickly does a couple of days add up?
- September – Dec 20 = 71 school days
- September – July = 189 school days

Attendance	Actual days (Sep – Dec)	Days Absent this Term	Lessons Lost this Term	End of School Year Lesson Lost
100%	71	0	0	
97%	69	2	10	30
94%	67	4	20	60
91%	65	6	30	90
88%	63	8	40	120
86%	61	10	50	150
83%	59	12	60	180

What about being late to school or lesson? “It doesn’t matter, its only five minutes.....”

Minutes Late	Across a School Day	Across this Term (71 days)
5	25	Approx. 30 hours
10	50	Approx. 60 hours
15	75	Approx. 89 hours



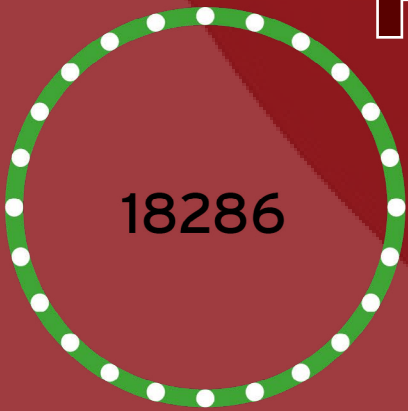


MagnificentMilana!

Competing in the Pentathlon is one of the toughest challenges for any athlete, with five events over one day, including 60m hurdles, long jump, shot putt, high jump and finishing with the 800m. Ramsey Academy student Milana Thorpe, a member of Chelmsford Athletics Club, took part in this year's England Athletics UK national combined indoor championships in Sheffield - pitting herself against the best U15 athletes from across the UK. After a good start, coming fifth overall in the hurdles, a PB in the long jump of 4.97m moved her into second place, which she held on to with another PB in the shot putt of 9.16m.

On to high jump, a height of 1.41m moved Milana into third place, which left it all down to the 800m to keep her place on the podium. Another PB of two minutes 29 seconds finishing second secured her a third place medal and a massive overall PB of 3102 points, 275 more than her previous PB in december in the South of England Championships where she came second overall. Milana now has her sights set on the outdoor season and English Schools where a top four place would earn her an England shirt competing in the international championships in december.

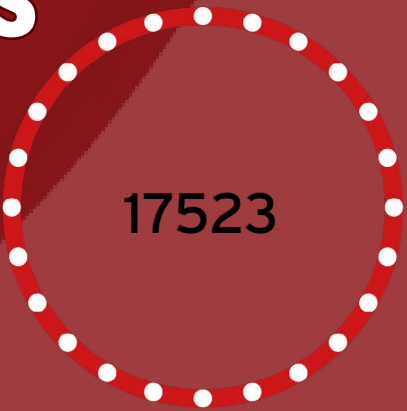
HousePoints



Aspiration



Endeavour



Diversity



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AGE 4 TO 18?
WANT TO :
*LEARN A NEW SKILL
*MAKE NEW FRIENDS
*GET FITTER
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Facebook... www.facebook.com/ramseyacademy

Instagram... www.instagram.com/theramseyacademy

Twitter... www.twitter.com/ramseyacademy

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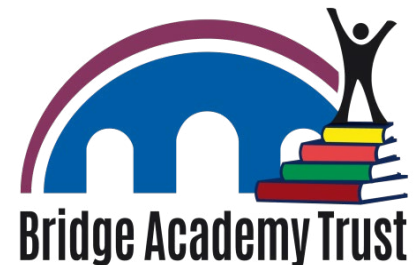
www.essex.gov.uk/fostering

Watch an inspirational video here:

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mzDkvCOCaLU>)

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Richard de Clare

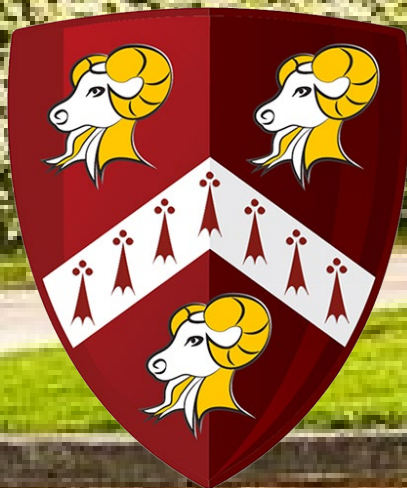
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