

# RamseyVoice

'Achieving Excellence Together'



Issue 47  
July 2024



Prom  
Goodbye Year 11  
Library News  
And much more



# Summer Break

We wish all students and their families  
a relaxing summer break

Year 7 & 11 return to school on:

**3 September 2024**

Year 8, 9 & 10 return to school on:

**4 September 2024**





# HeadteacherUpdate

## Welcome to the Summer Term edition of The Ramsey Voice.

We hope you enjoy reading about the different events that have taken place this term. In this edition we have included details of the author visit and book awards, our end of year Awards Ceremony to recognise some individual successes, PE fixtures and sports day, UKMT's Junior maths Challenge, Dementia talk for our Health and Social Care students, the prom to celebrate year 11s reaching the end of their time at Ramsey, Anam Cara project delivered by Christian Youth Outreach, Jack Petchey regional finals that we hosted this year, Year 10 taster days at The Colchester Sixth form and Colchester Institute,

Year 9 university trip, D Day online event and the visit to an Alpaca farm.

We say goodbye to our year 11s and celebrated the end of their time at Ramsey with the usual year 11 final assembly, shirt signing and the prom. We wish them all the best in the future.

We wish you all an enjoyable and restful summer.

- Mrs Sterland





# LibraryNews

## Author Visit - Ian Eagleton

After much eagerly awaited anticipation, the Bridge Academy Trust Book Awards have made their triumphant return! This year, we bookworms have been fortunate to connect with fellow avid readers from local schools and had the privilege of meeting Ian Eagleton, the brilliant author behind the captivating novel 'Glitter Boy.' Eagleton's visit to Notley High School was an unforgettable experience, where he generously shared the inspiration behind his book. Based on his own life experiences, 'Glitter Boy' is an emotional, yet hopeful reflection of the acceptance and diversity embraced within our Bridge Academy Trust.

Our weekly book check-ups have been an integral part of our BAT book award journey, providing a

platform for us to delve into a diverse selection of literary works. From the heartwarming 'The Summer I Turned Pretty' to the thrilling 'Escape Room,' from the enchanting 'The Silver Road' to the thought-provoking 'Glitter Boy,' each book has left an indelible mark. While we were unable to meet with the esteemed Jenny Han, author of 'The Summer I Turned Pretty,' Ian Eagleton's presence more than made up for this missed opportunity. Our discussions have been lively and engaging, as we have dissected each book's themes, characters, and literary devices, implementing a deeper understanding and appreciation for the written word, in our 12-year-old minds.

- Luisa L, Molly G, Kenna F, Tiana R, Sophie B & Alex H





## Book Awards - The Ceremony

It was such a pleasure to attend Notley High School once more in June to discover which book had won the award, based on student votes. 11 Ramsey students attended, along with those from Notley and Moulsham. It was wonderful seeing the students share their love of reading together. Luisa from Ramsey won the award for Best Creative Writing, which she took inspiration from *The Summer I Turned Pretty*. We also participated in quizzes and library games, until it was time to find out the winner of this year's awards. This accolade went to *Glitter Boy*, a worthy winner and a very heartwarming story. All in all, a wonderful trip! Mrs Owen-Westwood and Mrs Gilbert are now looking ahead to next year when it will be our turn to host these awards.

- Mrs Owen-Westwood and Mrs Gilbert



## Library News

- If you have any outstanding books to return to the library, please hand them back in as soon as you can. As a reminder - there are no fines, we just want the books back.
- Some students have been selected to attend a trip to Red Lion Books in Colchester to spend the £750 from the Siobhan Dowd Trust on new books for our library, more about this in the next issue.
- What are your reading plans for this summer? Come and chat to Mrs Owen-Westwood or Mrs

Gilbert and we can give you recommendations on books you might like for the six week break. For example: 'A Good Girl's Guide to Murder' has recently been made into a television show on the BBC - we have the whole trilogy in the library for you to borrow.

We hope you have a fantastic summer and can't wait to see you all again in September. Happy reading!

- Mrs Owen-Westwood and Mrs Gilbert





# Awards Evening

On Thursday 18th July Ramsey Academy held their Annual Awards evening, inviting students from all year groups to the evening to be recognised for their achievements throughout the year. The awards were presented by Heads of Faculty and a speech was given by Mr Malcolm Bailey, Chair of Governors of the school.

The evening culminated in a series of special awards presented to students who have been recognised as going above and beyond in their specific fields, or for showing the Characteristics of the school. A list of award winners is below.

Outstanding Contribution to Sport - Freya D

David Fielding Award - Joshua C

Alan Dyer Memorial Award - Violet W

Old Colonians Association Prize for Languages - Leiava F

The Milburn Drama Plate - Scott K

Lucy Jordan Plate - Christopher F

Halstead Grammar School Old Girls Association - Holli D

Christopher Holmes Prize - Samuel P

Elizabeth Ward Memorial Trophy - Callum R

Calum P Leys Award - Keval A

Subject Award Winners

Chloe B, Sophia J-P, Summer W, Emily H, Charlotte H, Luca B, Rex S, Karin A, Adela M, Dan S, Eadie G, Harvey O-W, Lacy H, Isabelle H, Cameron K, Charlie F, Jessica H, Nate P, Freya D, Tommy M, Gracie-May C, Casper L, Tomi F, Ruby M, Ruby M, Chloe B, Jude J, Leo N, Ava R, Lexi W-D, Amelie B-F, Summer B, Harry W, Freya T, Logan O, Oliver J, Daisy T-D, Isabelle P, Farrah F-M, Daisy S, Neha P, Milana T, Domonic P, Isaac B, Alesha W, Angel-Marie E, Hannah E, Theo W, Kaleb F, Daisy S, Amy R, Scott K, Joshie T, Martha N, Zac S, Passion M, Rosie B, Ella S, Tommy C, Pippa B, Sean C, William B, Hannah R, Esme O, Ophelia B, Bella W, Jessica T, Bodhi H, James S, Rafi C, Sam P, William B, Luisa L, Patrick N, Sonny F, Charlie M, Sam P, Oscar W, Matt T, Luca E, Daisy D.

Congratulations to all students receiving awards.

- Mr Newman







# PositiveFeedbackForm



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You can now submit positive feedback to us via this form <https://buff.ly/3FcZGZ6>. This can also be found on the contact us page of our website. We look forward to receiving all your comments.

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## HousePoints



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# PEFixtures

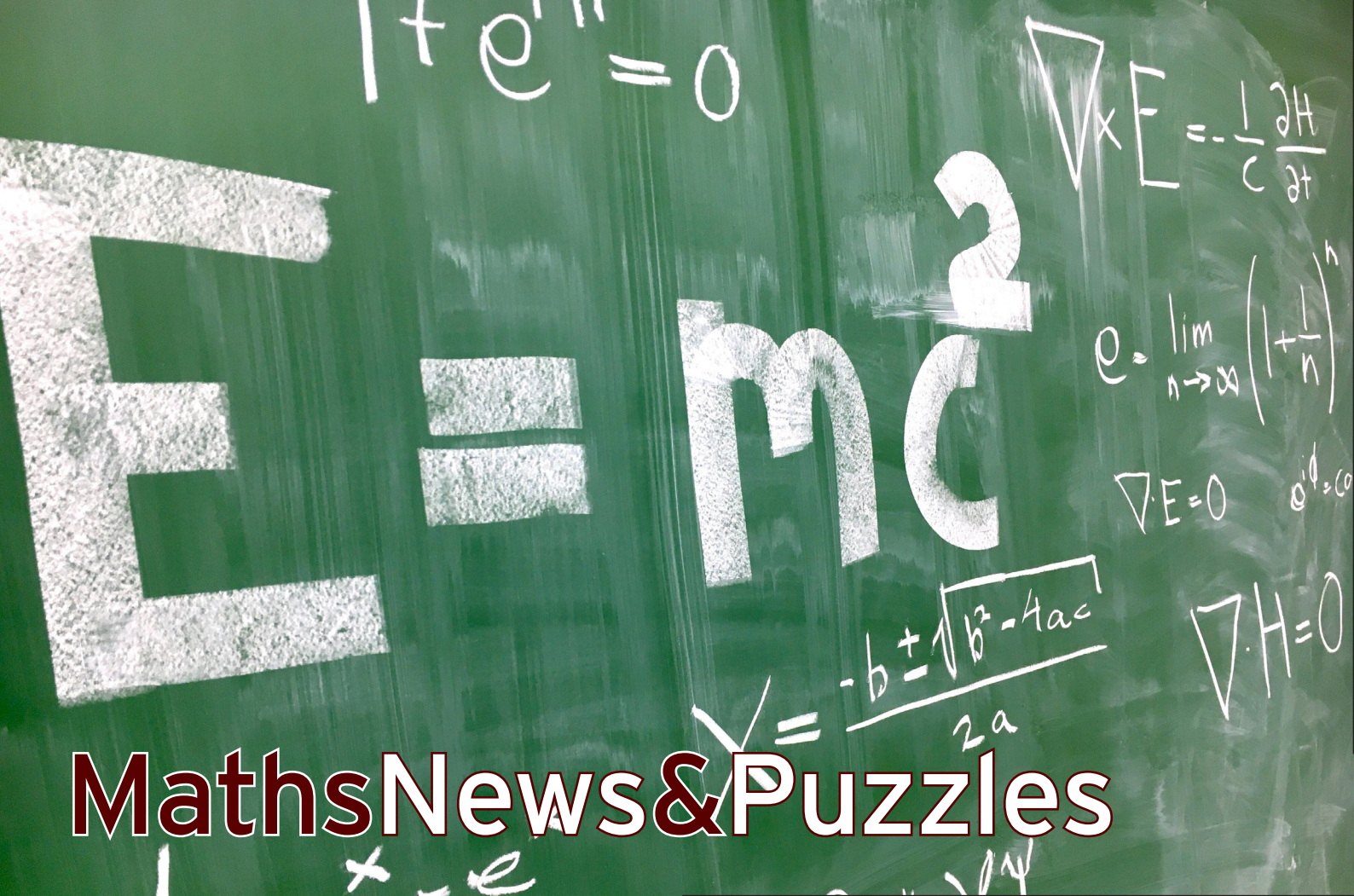


What a fantastic term in the PE department. Our biggest success was the Year 8 football team regaining the District Football title for a second year in a row with Mr Fareilly. We have also had students represent the school at Essex Schools Athletics with Freya D (Year 11) winning the hammer throw and Milana T (Year 10) coming second in the 80m hurdles. We took a team to District Athletics with great performances from students and some selected to go through to County finals. There has also been cricket and rounders fixtures for all year groups against Hedingham School with some fantastic wins from our students. Summer term also brings our favourite event of the year; Sports Day where students had the opportunity to participate in a range of sporting events throughout the day. We hope everyone has a restful summer holidays and we will get the extra curricular timetable sent out to parents / guardians at the beginning of September for the Autumn Term.

- Miss Danino







# Maths News & Puzzles

## Year 6

Year 6 students have taken part in Mathematics lesson this term as part of their orientation and investigated the number of handshakes that would happen in different size groups to see if they could come up with a prediction for 30 students. It was lovely to see how well students worked together to solve this problem.

- Mr Charlton

## Maths Problem

A cylindrical aluminium can contains 330 ml of cola.

If the can's diameter is 6 cm what is the can's height?

If the can's height was 10 cm what would the can's diameter have to be?

Which of these two cans uses the least aluminium?

If you could choose any diameter, which dimensions for a 330ml can would use the least amount of aluminium?







## UKMT's Junior Maths Challenge

This term 116 students took part in UKMT's Junior Mathematical Challenge. Students gained 27 bronze, 16 silver and 3 gold awards between them. 7 students went on to represent the Ramsey Academy in the next round, known as the Junior Kangaroo. "I found it fun and was glad that I got to take part in this competition. I would definitely do it again if the opportunity arose."

- Isaac B

"I found it quite challenging, but I ended feeling confident with my scores."

-Anon

"I really enjoyed the experience of doing the test. It was challenging but rewarding at the same time."

-Anon

"I found it nerve racking at first but afterwards I was really proud of myself and glad that I took part."

- Seb P

Overall, we were all glad that we did it.

-7Y1





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# DementiaTalk

On Monday 1st July the Year Ten Health and Social Care students were delighted to welcome two visiting speakers to their lessons. The students have been looking at a variety of different medical conditions and health care services over the last few weeks. These conditions have included arthritis, asthma, Type 2 diabetes and dementia. The students have learned about the symptoms for each of these conditions and where people with these conditions can get help and support.

To further their understanding of dementia, Lisa and Carl visited their lessons. Lisa works for the Alzheimer's Society and Carl lives with early onset dementia. Lisa was able to tell us all about how she got into her job, what the Alzheimer's Society can help with and the facts about the condition. Carl, on the other hand, was able to provide an insight into what it is like to live with the condition, how he was first diagnosed and how it has affected his life and the lives of his family members.

It was a really interesting discussion which gave students the opportunity to ask any questions they wanted. They discovered that not everyone with dementia is elderly and forgetful and that there are different types of dementia. They also learned that to support someone with dementia they should be kind and patient and treat them with respect.

- Miss Linsdell

"We had a dementia talk with a person who is living with dementia. It was really interesting for me as I got to learn other things that I didn't already know, like how you can make a workplace dementia friendly by highlighting the important things on the walls with something as simple as tape so it can be visible to everyone."

- Passion M

"Something I found interesting about the discussion about dementia was how positive Carl (a man living with dementia) was as well as how positive his outlook on life is."

- Lila A

"Carl was a very nice, honest and open man. He answered every question asked and was truthful about how he felt about his life. It was very eye opening into the life of someone who lives with dementia."

- James J

"I found the dementia talk very informative and interesting. It was done in a way that made me feel comfortable and it made me realise that not everyone living with dementia is the same. It also made me realise you can't just make assumptions about people as you never know what their life is like."

- Amber A

"During the talk, we found out how to support someone living with dementia, the biggest thing was to just be kind and have time for them."

- Emi R

"Meeting Carl has changed the way I have looked at people who have dementia because I always believed that you needed to be old to have dementia, but Carl was young, and has so much life to live still which was a massive eye opener."

- Grace C





# Prom

The Year 11 students at the Ramsey Academy marked the end of an era by celebrating their time at school at their prom on Thursday, July 11th.

You can view all the images from the evening here:  
<https://prom.ramseyacademy.com/photos/2024>











# SportsDay

On 5th July we had a rather wet Sports Day, however we still managed to get all the sports played through all the year groups. We live streamed the athletics relays to everyone period 5 with some fantastic performances and displays of sportsmanship from students. Endeavour took the win with 285 points, Diversity came in second with 263 points and Aspiration third with 253 points. Well done to everyone that took part in a sport.

- Miss Danino



# Community Award

If your child has participated in an event, volunteered, or assisted in any way, and you would like them to be acknowledged for their contributions, you can contact [office@ramseyacademy.com](mailto:office@ramseyacademy.com). This program is designed to help them earn a Trust Community award and badge, boosting their self-esteem and motivating them to continue making a positive impact.







# AnamCara



We were lucky enough to welcome a Christian Youth Outreach project during his week. Anam Cara is Celtic for soul friend and this project encompassed a large range of creative and spiritual activities for students to get involved in. These ranged from a meditative tent; friendship bracelets; opportunities for thanks and prayers; calm jars, and many others. Students from years 7-9, and a Year 10 RE class, engaged brilliantly with this, taking the opportunity to relax, reflect, and consider many issues they may not have thought about before. Huge thanks to Matt and Kate for setting up and running this project for us. This was a great opportunity for our students.

- Mrs Price





# JackPetchey



## Jack Petchey Speak Out Challenge

The opportunity of participating in the Jack Petchey regional finals is an experience I will never forget. Despite the undeniable nerves and overwhelming anxiety I'm sure all of the participants can testify to possessing that day, it was a major stepping stone in terms of boosting my confidence and self-esteem.

Firstly, I would like to comment on the friendly nature of all the staff involved. Whether that be Mrs Jordan-Burrows who was constantly looking out for the Ramsey participants and making sure we were both aware of our ability to impactfully present such passionate messages; or the Jack Petchey staff who were attentive in setting up a pre-speech workshop that helped immensely to ease the nerves and create a friendly atmosphere that ultimately allowed me to reach out and make friends with other competitors.

Secondly, most of my success during the speech wouldn't have been possible without the advice and aid from the staff. They helped all of us to see that no matter what our results were, going up on that stage and simply presenting our ideas was

an achievement in itself. I am proud of myself for braving the exposure and I'm even more delighted that my speech came third and was met with such positive feedback.

It truly opened my eyes to the impact my voice can have if I remember that I have the courage to use it.

- Scarlett E







## Year 10 Taster Days

Over the last half-term, some students from Year 10 have had the opportunity to experience taster days at Colchester Sixth Form and Colchester Institute.

These days have allowed students to gain a greater understanding of the provision and the respective career pathways available after Year 11. Students have been able to take part in a range of activities linked to different curriculum area and gain first-hand experience of student life.

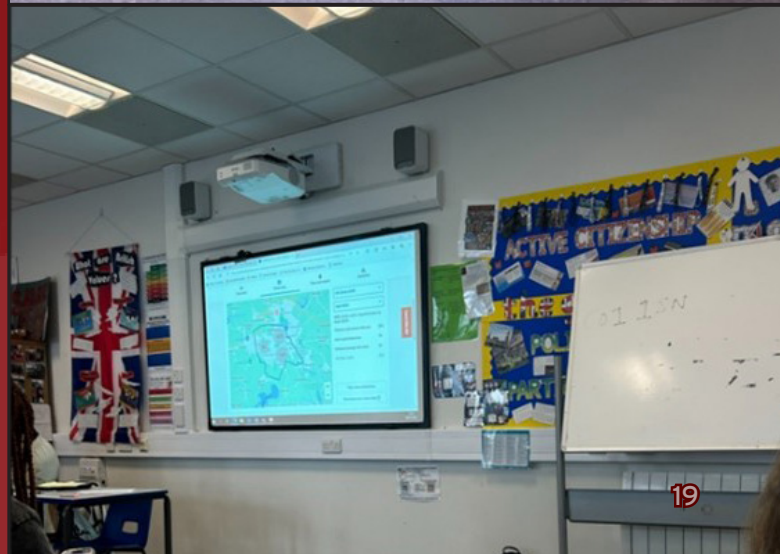
- Miss Pearce

I really enjoyed watching how to make things out of wood, as I really want to become a carpenter.

- Alfie

It was lovely to see the college and what courses they have to offer me.

-Bella







# UniversityTrip

## Year 9 University Trip

On Wednesday 10th July, Year 9 went to the University of Essex.

This taster day allowed students to explore further education and broaden their horizons.

Students took part in a range of activities, such as a campus tour, a subject taster on creative writing and a talk on post-16 options and where the different paths can take students.

Students also had the opportunity to speak university students to find out what university life is really like.

- Miss Pearce

I went to the university and my experience was immense. They told us all about the different opportunities and things to do there.

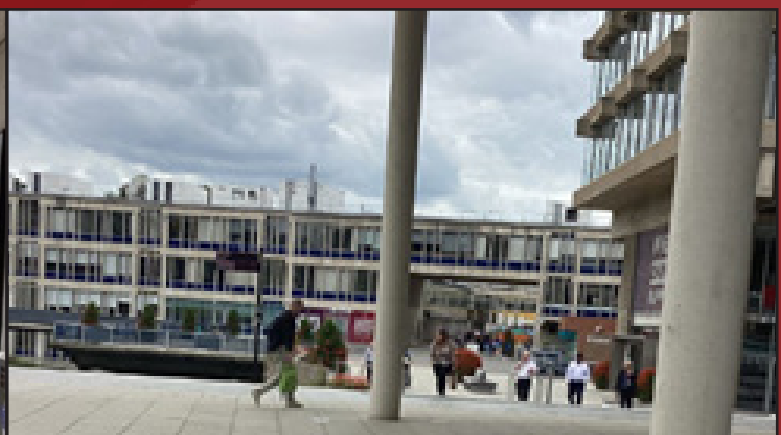
- Lewis

The university trip was information and helped gauge what university life is like. The tour was interesting and showed a good portion of the campus.

- Isabella

I thought that the university trip was incredibly helpful. It gave us an insight into what a student life is like, what options we have for further education and tips for financial support.

-Florence





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# NATIONAL

# ARCHIVES

## D- Day

All Year 9 students at Ramsey recently engaged in the National Archives' 'Archives Live: D-Day' online event. This virtual session provided an in-depth look into the pivotal events of D-Day, with contributions from Historian and Presenter Dan Snow.

The event allowed students to explore primary historical documents, photographs, and personal letters connected to D-Day. The experts at the National Archives guided students through the strategic planning and execution of the Normandy landings, providing further insight into the complexities of this historic military operation.

It was a great opportunity for students to learn more about the role of the National Archives and consider the importance of maintaining historical documents for the future and highlighted some potential careers for those who have chosen History to study at GCSE.

- Mr Shefford

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# Vacancies

Have you considered working at the Ramsey Academy?

Please see the vacancies section of our website for more details.

<https://www.careersatbridge.com/our-schools/item/the-ramsey-academy-halstead>

All vacancies at the school can be found on this page.





# Goodbye Year 11



On their last official day at school year 11 celebrated with the opportunity to sign each other's shirts and a leavers' assembly.

The full image gallery can be found on our website.









# The Ramsey Academy, Halstead

## Academic Year 2024-2025






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In addition, schools allocate five non-pupil days out of the school days indicated, or the equivalent in disaggregated twilight sessions.

<b>Autumn Term:</b>	Monday 2 September 2024 – Friday 20 December 2024 <i>Half Term 28 October – 1 November</i>	75 days
<b>Spring Term:</b>	Monday 6 January 2025 – Friday 4 April 2025 <i>Half Term 17 February - 21 February</i>	60 days
<b>Summer Term:</b>	Tuesday 22 April 2025 – Tuesday 22 July 2025 <i>Half Term 26 May – 30 May, and May Bank Holiday - 5 May</i>	60 days
		<u>195 days</u>

**Please note:**

The above dates may vary for individual schools, especially Foundation, Voluntary Aided schools and Academies.

You are strongly advised to check with your child's school before making any holiday or other commitments.





# AlpacaVisit



Students took part in an educational talk about Alpacas and learning some interesting facts before putting on the halter and taking the Alpaca for a walk in the fields. They then got to feed the Alpacas and handle the goats on the farm, before entertaining the obstacle course with the Alpacas. All students and staff had a fantastic time , it was an excellent learning opportunity and they were a credit to Ramsey Academy.

- Mrs Osborn







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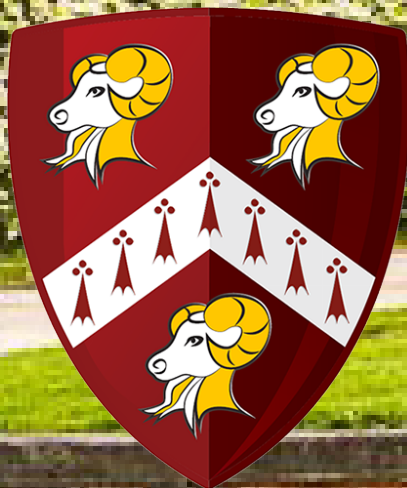
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