

RAMSEY NEWS

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School Updates

A brief overview of key notices and school information

Wicked Writers Competition

Who has won the Wicked Writers Competition? Read to find out more....

Year 9 District Champions

See photos our new year 9 district football champions

Year 11 Dance Students

Photos of our year 11 students performing their examination dance in assemblies

VE DAY



A fantastic day celebrating VE day

VE day was a really exciting day for students and staff alike. Mrs Perrins shares more information about the wonderful activities that students were part of.



A GREAT FIRST 3 WEEKS

We have had 3 whole weeks since the Easter break, and they are flying by so quickly. I have spent much of my time popping in and out of lessons, meeting students on the playground and in the corridors and getting to know the wonderful team of staff.

There have been a number of wonderful things that I have experienced in my first 3 weeks that I wanted to share with you in this newsletter. I hope you enjoy reading about these as well as finding some helpful notices and information about the school.



A NOTE FROM MISS MEAD

Thank you to all parents who attended one of our two parent presentations. Hearing your views on our school priorities has very much helped us to shape the direction of our school improvement plans. We look forward to being able to demonstrate the progress we are making over the coming weeks and months.



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Uniform

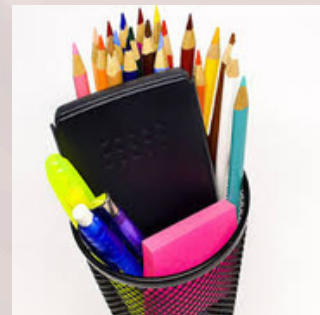
Students have risen to the challenge of wearing their uniform smartly and with pride. Thank you to all students who have embraced the use of the uniform card. I've been pleased to see so many students conscientiously ensuring that their shirts are tucked in, skirts are unrolled and blazers are worn. We will soon be issuing rewards to those who have had no signatures on their uniform cards! I will continue to monitor the weather over the next few weeks as we approach the summer months in earnest. When the weather is too hot, we will relax the requirement for blazers.



Equipment

Please be reminded that all students must arrive with the correct equipment each day. This will be checked by form tutors each morning. This includes:

- Pens, pencils, rubbers, ruler
- DEAR Book
- Scientific Calculator



If you are finding this difficult, we are here to support and can provide assistance to ensure that no child is disadvantaged.

Attendance Matters!

Congratulations to **7R4** for the highest percentage attendance so far this year at 95.9%. A reward is coming your way!

Attendance is critical! There is a direct link between those with good attendance (95%+) and improved GCSE/A Level grades. In fact, **for every day of school missed, pupils are likely to lose £750 in future earnings.**

Staffing

We are currently recruiting for a number of key roles for September 2025. I am pleased to share that we have significant high quality interest in many of our roles, including Head of School, Deputy Headteacher and Head of Maths. I am confident that we will have an even stronger team leading the school in September. We are interviewing prospective candidates for Head of School this week and will write to you as soon as we have news to share on this.



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The School Day

In order to ensure that examinations run as efficiently as possible, with minimal disruption, the timings of the school day will change from today, Monday 12th May, until the end of the exam period (Friday 20th June).

The new timings will be:

- Form Time: 8.30am to 8.50am
- Period 1: 8.50am to 9.50am
- Period 2: 9.50am to 10.50am
- Break: 10.50am to 11.15am
- Period 3: 11.15am to 12.15pm
- **Lunch: 12.15pm to 1pm**
- **Period 4: 1pm to 2pm**
- Period 5: 2pm to 3pm

The Governing Body

The clerk to governors is pleased to introduce the latest elected member of the governing body. Karen Boyles will be our new parent governor. The governing body consists of:

Malcolm Bailey, non elected – Chair
Tanya De Bruyne, non elected – Vice Chair

Rebecca Ayre – non elected
Catherine Hales – non elected
Emma Haxell – non elected
Jenny Gerrard – Staff
Sue Freear – Parent
Karen Boyles – Parent
Sandra Carroll, Head of School – ex officio

Disruption to Learning

In order to avoid unnecessary disruption to learning, we ask that all students take the opportunity to use the toilet and re-fill water bottles before school and during lunch and break.

To ensure we can accommodate all students effectively, we kindly ask that parents provide medical evidence by Friday, 23rd May 2025 to Ms Bartlett, our Data Manager, at **JBartlett@ramseyacademy.com** if their child requires a toilet pass for health-related reasons. This documentation will help us better understand the individual needs of our students and ensure that appropriate support is provided. Please note that if we do not receive medical evidence, a toilet pass will not be issued.

Working together, we can ensure that students are maximising their learning time in school and boosting their chances of leaving school with excellent results.



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VE DAY

This week we have been celebrating the 80th anniversary of V E Day. The week began with a visit from 3 residents from Colne View Care Home who were able to talk to the pupils about their memories of the war. On Thursday we had a full day of activities. Pupils came to school in non-uniform and in the process raised £400 for the British Legion. Lessons had a WW2 theme which included parachute testing in Science, medal designing in Art and WW2 improvisations in Drama. In History lessons, Year 7 and 8 worked hard to create a scale model of a WW2 tank and we were visited by Mr Legg who kindly provided a vast number of WW2 artefacts and 2 authentic military vehicles for the pupils to learn about and interact with. At lunch time we had a concert in the Triangles and there was special V E Day food available in the Canteen. - **Mrs Perrins**



It was a huge pleasure to walk around the school on VE day and experience all of the wonderful activities that were planned for us, as a community, to celebrate. We also had a VE day competition where students created their own, wonderful pieces of art to mark the occasion. Mr Shefford displayed the winning entries in assembly on Friday - see photos below. - **Ms Carroll**



Parent Feedback

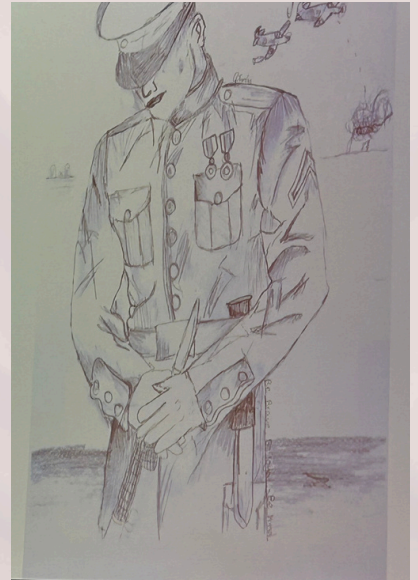
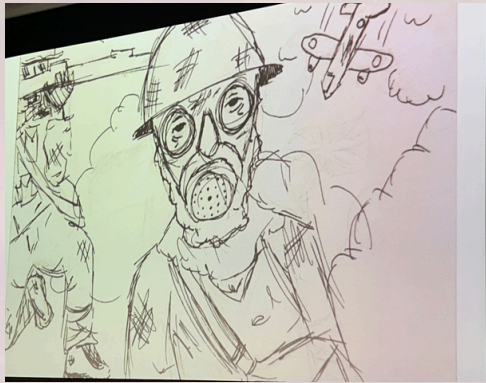
"I just wanted to send a quick message to say thank you to yourself and whoever else organised all the military exhibits today for history class today. Our son stopped to tell us how much he enjoyed history today and went on to tell us about all they did in terms of the vehicles and guns etc. So, I just wanted to let you know that the lesson really did impact him."



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WICKED WRITERS

What is Wicked Writers: Be the Change?

Wicked Writers is a persuasive writing competition inspired by the themes of Wicked the musical, which gives pupils a chance to have their voice heard and to win some exciting prizes in the process.

This year, we asked pupils aged 9 to 14 to write persuasively about a positive change they would like to see in their local community. This could be anything from environment to mental health to social justice – it just needed to be local! Making a positive change is a key theme in Wicked and is the subject of the song For Good.

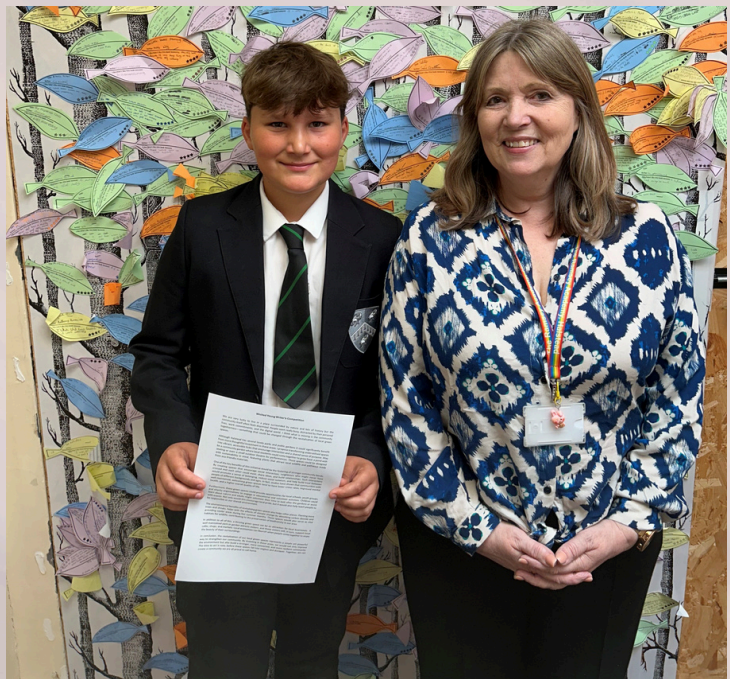
In 2025, we were lucky to have an incredible judging panel, including Cressida Cowell, bestselling author of How to Train Your Dragon and a former Waterstone's Children's Laureate; Manjeet Mann, award-winning author of The Crossing and Run, Rebel; and Jonathan Douglas, CEO of the National Literacy Trust.

We are absolutely thrilled to share some fantastic news from our English faculty – Ollie in Year 7, has been officially shortlisted for the 2025 Wicked Writers: Be the Change competition!

This national writing competition had thousands of entries from across the country, so being shortlisted is an incredible achievement – and we couldn't be prouder of Ollie!

Ollie's entry stood out for its originality, powerful voice, and heartfelt vision for change. Judged by an impressive panel including Cressida Cowell (author of How to Train Your Dragon), Manjeet Mann (author of Run, Rebel), and Jonathan Douglas (CEO of the National Literacy Trust), Ollie's writing truly made an impact.

It's inspiring to see one of our students recognised in a competition that celebrates not only creative and persuasive writing but also empathy, community spirit, and the power of young voices to shape the future. Ollie's work reminds us all that positive change starts with a single idea—and a willingness to speak up. Well done, Ollie—you've made the whole of The Ramsey Academy proud! - **Mr Dare**



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YEAR 11 DANCE STUDENTS

As a performing arts teacher, it is the greatest privilege to watch students perform and express their feelings through the arts. I had this privilege twice this week, whilst watching both the music students perform outside as part of the celebrations and watching the year 11 dance students perform their exam piece for students in years 7 to 10 assemblies. I am extremely proud of these girls. Performing in front of your peers is certainly nerve-wracking, but the girls showed confidence and resilience. In addition, the stimulus of this piece was based around the mental health of young people - something that has hugely impacted so many teenagers today. Students in each year group were thoroughly impressed by what they saw. Thank you to Miss Danino for supporting and encouraging the girls.



"The concept of our dance is about someone battling mental health problems such as being depressed and getting taken into a psych ward, resulting in friendships being torn apart. But when the person fighting against mental health problems gets out of the psych ward it brings everyone together and makes the relationships between one another stronger. The style of our dance is contemporary we chose to do this style of dance as you can show the emotions and moods among the songs" - Gracie, Year 11



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YEAR 9 DISTRICT FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS

I am so proud of the boys that have yet again gone the whole school year without losing a game, they had some very challenging situations with most of the games not being able to put out our strongest squad but always finding away to push through and get some important wins at key times. (3-2 vs Alec Hunter with two goal in the final 5 mins as a standout for me).

Yet again I would like to say a huge thanks to all the parents that were able to attend the final. The boys all loved seeing you there.

Lots more to plan for next year, where they aim to break the school's record of being the most successful team. - **Mr Farrelly**



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