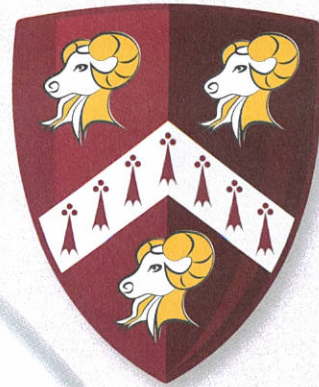


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Dear Parents/Carers

This term has yet again passed quickly and I would like to thank you for your continued support. I was recently informed The Ramsey School opened its doors 40 years ago this week. I would like to suggest that recent improvements mean the school is in one of its strongest positions ever; providing a good education for the children of Halstead and the surrounding area and making progress to achieve our aim of being "an outstanding school in the heart of the community."

The recent Achievement Awards Evening celebrated the success of former students. We were delighted James Cleverly, MP for Braintree, was able to attend and present the awards. Many of the students have progressed to post-16 studies or apprenticeships and it was fantastic to hear their stories of new challenges and future plans.

As normal at the end of each term there are staff changes for a variety of reasons. We say goodbye to Mrs Elliott (MFL) and on behalf of the students, staff and Governors I would like to thank her for contributions during her short time at The Ramsey Academy. We welcome new staff including; Mrs Neale, Mrs Sumner, Mrs Turner and Mrs Burr who will all join the Learning Support Faculty, Mr Cunningham (Science), Mrs Rashid (Maths) and Mrs Sams (Administration).

The final day of this term is Friday 18 December with students being dismissed at 12.00 noon. A reminder that the first day back for students is Tuesday 5 January 2016. I would also like to remind everyone that we are working hard to encourage our students to have high aspirations and pride in themselves as well as the School. Please support us by ensuring they attend lessons fully equipped and wear the correct uniform.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone 'Merry Christmas and Happy New Year'.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely

Rob James
Headteacher