



Ramsden Hall  
Academy



# NEWSLETTER

## December 23

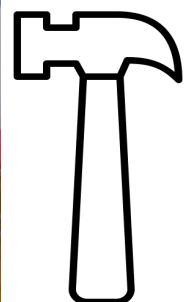
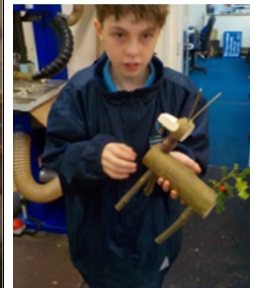
### Hello, and welcome to the Ramsden News!

It has been another busy half term here at Ramsden Hall! Students have been- building Christmas decorations in DT, algebra in Maths, making dens in Forest School, trampolining in PE and that's just some of the fantastic things our students have been involved in. We've also had loads of trips! Reward trips, enrichment trips and sports fixtures! Our students have had a jam packed half term and I hope you enjoy seeing what we've been up to!

### DT and Construction

This half term has been a busy one in Design Technology with students finishing off their furniture projects, making tables and chairs, and a host of Christmas projects!

In Construction, students have been working on their wall building skills. A fab skill for life and business!







## Football Fixtures

Students kicked off this half term with the SESSA football tournament which was a huge success!

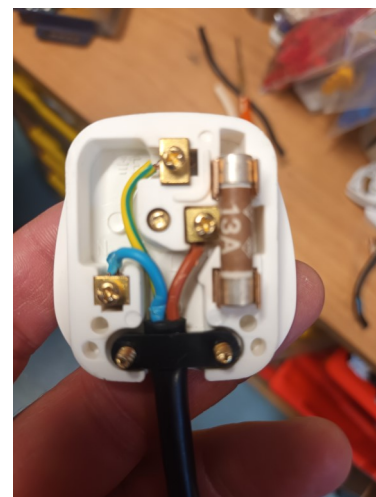
Our year 9 and 10 team were unbeaten throughout the entire competition!

**WELL DONE BOYS!**



## Science Wiring

Carson in Year 7 demonstrated his excellent wiring skills when he stripped back and rewired a plug with no help at all! May we have a budding electrician on our hands...? Watch this space...



## FOREST SCHOOL

This month in Forest School, we have responded to the wet and wintry weather by DEN BUILDING! The students have enjoyed using a variety of materials to create waterproof dens in the woods.

They engaged especially well with the 'waterproof testing' at the end when they poured bottles of water over the den to test for just how waterproof they were.

## Student Voice

We've had another successful half term with Student Voice. Students have shown real maturity and professionalism in meetings, demonstrating their dedication to school improvement. Student voice is on a Wednesday during activity time if any students are interested.



## Student success

Well done to Jenson, Kieran and Sonny who have already achieved their Level 1 in Functional Skills English. And also to Liam, Keegan and Carlton who have achieved their Functional Skills Level 1 English Reading Exam.



## Reward trips!

This half term students have had the opportunity to earn themselves places on the Friday reward trips to McDonald's, bowling and quazar!

Well done to those who worked hard to earn their places!

## Random trip of Rightness

A group of students celebrated their excellent half terms' achievements by going Go-Karting! The students thoroughly enjoyed zooming around the track and weren't a bit put off by the inclement weather.

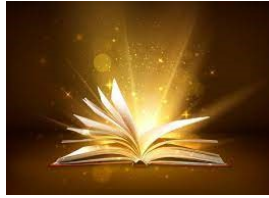


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# Reading at Ramsden



Pesh has spent another term listening to all the students come to read to him. Here he is with Zack in the library. They were listening to another student reading Macbeth!

Thank you to Debbie, who volunteers with Pesh each week, for helping our boys to develop their confidence for reading.



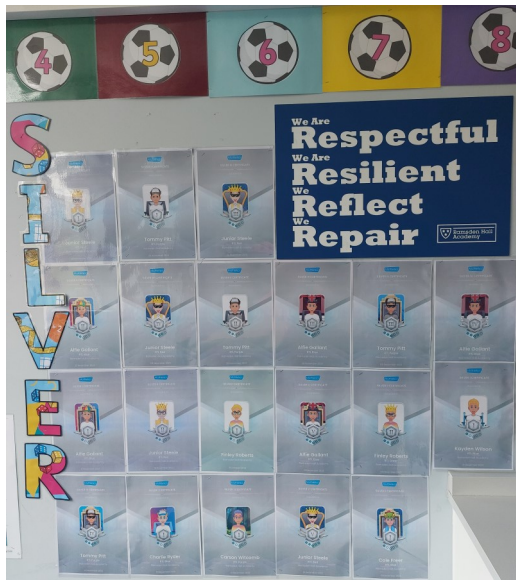
## SESSSA Swimming Gala



Back at the start of December some of our students took part in the SESSSA swimming gala at Runnymede swimming pool. Key Stage 3 did a fantastic job and came in 3rd, narrowly missing 2nd place.

Key Stage 4 finished joint 3rd!

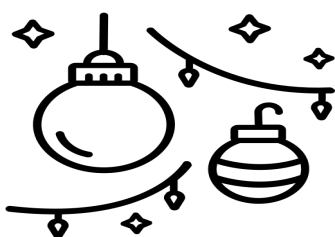
Not bad considering our pool is shut for winter! Well done to all those involved.



## Mathletics



A huge well done to Alfie in year 8 for being the first student to achieve a GOLD in Mathletics! We've had a record number of students achieve Silver too! Students have shown real dedication to getting their work done, with some opting to work at home too, showing a real 'can do' attitude and resilience.





# Residential

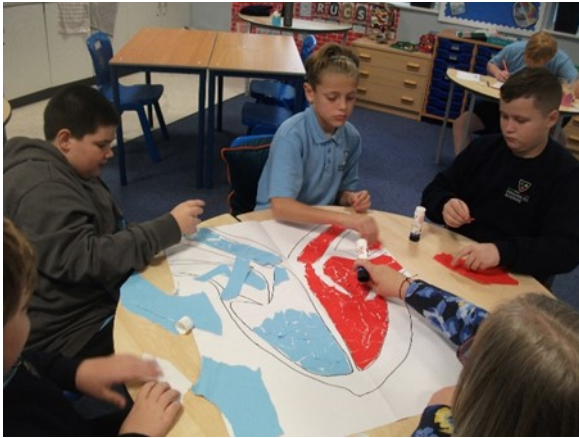
Residential have had a very busy but exciting half term! They have been ice skating every Monday evening which the boys have loved! They've been to see Peter Pan the panto (oh yes they have!) at the Cliffs Pavilion and they've been to see the new Wonka film. They've been to Spoons which is an all you can eat buffet which was particularly popular with Carson! They've taken part in tubing, and attended Mark's Boot Camp to ensure they stay fit and healthy for winter!

As you can see it's been a very busy half term for our boarders and the staff. Massive thank you to our residential team for proving our boarders with these excellent opportunities. We hope you all have a restful holiday!





# Redwood



It's been another busy half term for the Redwood students. We've welcomed some new students and continued to work super hard in lessons! We have been looking at the organs of the body. Whilst studying the heart we completed this collage to identify the key features of the heart.

We added some festive cheer to our Redwood classroom. It looks lovely with the Christmas lights on the tree.



On the 5<sup>th</sup> of December we went to the Presidents Sporting Lunch to celebrate the sporting achievements of many Essex schools. There was dancing, face painting and special guests. We all came home with balloon creations, painted faces and a huge goody bag full of Christmas treats and toys. Here is Korey collecting the sportsman award on behalf of his friend Mason.

Last week the boys got to go to McDonald's AND see Wonka! A fab trip thoroughly enjoyed by them all!



# Rewards

**100%**

**Attendance!**

**KS3: Trievi Gittos, Korey Hackett, Freddie Kinnear, Isaac Sculpher, Harlee McBane, Kai Osei, Patrick Ward, Carson Witcomb**

**KS4: William Bentley, Aiden-Lee Kilbane, James Hatchett, Nick Shala**

**Points**

**Top KS3 Points**

**1st - Korey H**

**2nd - Kai O**

**3rd - Mason J**

**Top KS4 Points**

**1st - Jay E**

**2nd - Nick S**

**3rd - Nathan W**

## A word from the head.

We're really proud of our students this half term. We've seen some excellent achievements and the students have got to enjoy a number of fun reward trips.

I wish all our students a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! I look forward to their continued hard work and success in January!

## If you need to talk, we're here to listen

Families are facing many struggles and it may feel like it is coming in at every angle. Trying to manage this and parenting children can be really difficult. Our trained family support workers can give you the space to talk, helping you to explore your situation and identify the way forward. If you need support you can email us at [askus@familylives.org.uk](mailto:askus@familylives.org.uk), call us on our helpline 0808 800 2222 or use our live chat service.

