



Hello and welcome to the last newsletter of the academic year. It doesn't feel that long ago that I was writing the first one. How time flies! It has been an incredibly busy half term with exams, transitions, new timetables, reward trips and the boarders holiday, to mention a few! And all of this during a heatwave! We've been hugely impressed with how staff and students have managed in the soaring temperatures especially when this has been a long and busy half term.

Well, let's show you what we've been up to before we break up for a well deserved Summer break.

Presidents Sports Day

At the start of June our younger students had the opportunity to go over to Chelmsford City Football and Athletics club to try their hand at some sporting activities. These included Boxercise, Table tennis, volleyball, boccia, Pedal go carts and Inflatable Fun as well. They met a few ex Sports people including Footballers Sir Trevor Brooking, Tony Cottee and Peter Shilton, Ex Essex and England cricket captain Graham Gooch, TV presenter and wheelchair rugby player Steve Brown amongst others. Despite mixed fortune with the weather everyone had a fun time.

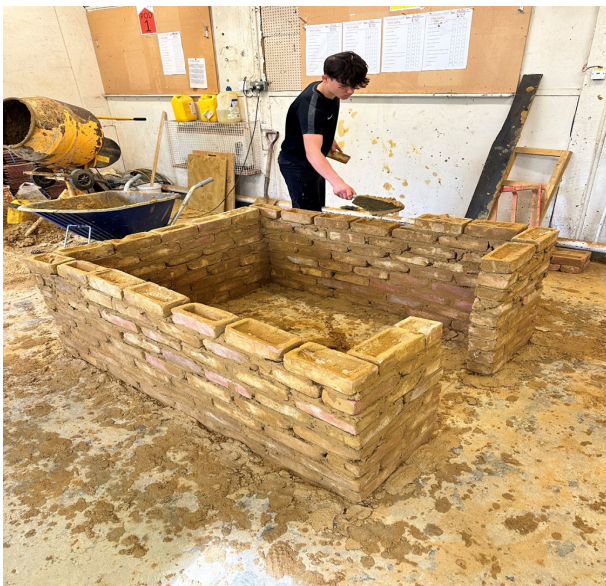
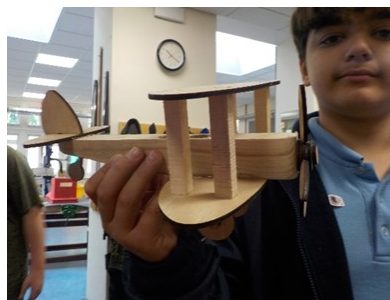


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In the last three weeks the students who are moving into year 9, having picked construction as an option, have had a great time showcasing their talents and developing new skills for their GCSE courses.

It's been great seeing students getting on with their choices and thriving at the new challenges offered in lessons.

Dylan built an excellent wall, as did Ralph. Koah did some experimental printing. Cameron made an excellent plane. Kai built a brilliant Play House and Logan also experimented with printing techniques.



AMAZING Artwork

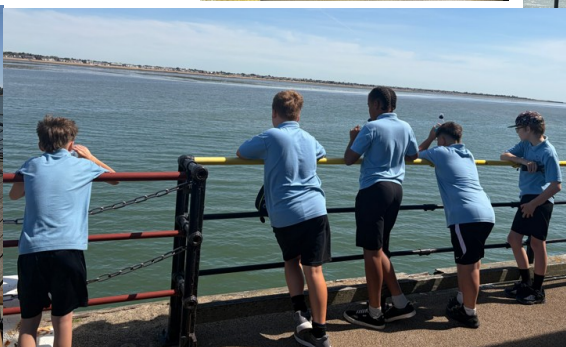
This is the final piece created by Rocky-Lee, one of our Art GCSE students.

For the final art exam students spend ten hours creating their final piece. Rocky-Lee chose to explore working with different natural materials to create his exam work.



RNLI visit Southend

This year Birch and Redwood took a trip to Southend Pier to visit the RNLI station and learn about what the volunteers do to protect those in need at sea. They were shown around the boats and learnt about the different emergencies that might occur and how the team respond. It was a great day out, full of educational opportunities and finished off with a well deserved ice-cream.



Residential Couch to 5k

Tasha in the residential was keen to get the boys moving and so started the couch to 5k programme with the boarders. Yesterday they completed the 5k!

It was great to see the boarders so dedicated and really pushing themselves. And all those that took part were rewarded with a delicious ice cream treat at Heavenly Deserts.



Red Group trip to Duxford

Students have been reading the book *Once* which takes place during the second world war. To support this we took students out to Duxford Imperial War Museum. It was a fantastic day where students got to learn about war through the various exhibitions and of course, the chance to look at planes!



Hearing tests

Our gentlemen had a visitor in school to carry out hearing checks, earlier in June. The Audiology department took the time to email after the visit saying how impressed they were with our students and what a lovely bunch they were.

It's always lovely when people take the time to let us know how great our students are, I mean, we know, but it's nice to hear it from someone else.



Prom trip

Students have continued to go out and about to local areas to enjoy the sunshine and develop those all important social skills as part of the Personal Development lessons.



SESSA Athletics

10 boys took part this year at Basildon Sporting Village, All the boys behaved well, showed good sportsmanship and were very encouraging towards pupils from all schools involved. We returned to school with a number of medals. Well done!



The Jack Petchey Achievement Award

This is a youth recognition scheme that celebrates young people aged 11–25 in London and Essex who put in effort, do their best, and overcome challenges.

Buddy, in year 10 was awarded the Achievement Award this term. Staff mentioned " Buddy has become a mature young man overcoming his ADHD diagnosis and trying to model good behaviour in school. Buddy is unfailingly polite and thoughtful. He has developed excellent relationships with staff and is a credit to the school when at Rally Sport."

Well done Buddy!



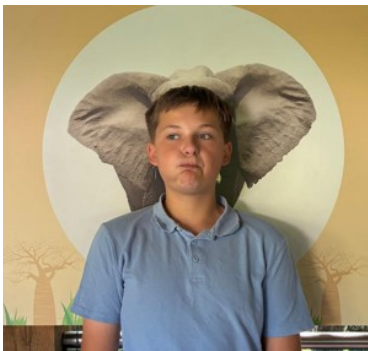
Residential

It's been a very busy half term for our boarders, particularly because they got to enjoy the AMAZING Boarders Holiday! This is an action packed week where our boarding students and staff go out every day, taking part in a range of awesome activities like Nuclear laser tag, a day at the beach in Broadstairs, high ropes, Watersports and Brightlingsea Lido! And let's not forget lots of ice cream breaks (and iced coffee for the staff!). It was a great, action packed week. A HUGE thank you to our boarding team who go above and beyond to make sure our students have the best possible experiences on the holiday and each week in boarding.



Reward Trips

We've had some excellent reward trips this half term with days to Thorpe Park, Chessington World of Adventure, Colchester Zoo and another trip to Duxford, as we had so much fun the first time. Students are awarded trips based on their weekly trip points, which students earn for their behaviour and attitude in and around the school. Students have had a fantastic time and were excellent ambassadors for the school.



Achievements

Points

Key Stage 3

Ben E

Vinnie

Finley W-R

Key Stage 4

Shane

Mason A

Isaac H

Attendance

As you will all be aware, attendance is key to student attainment and achievement.

This half term we celebrated our top attenders with a bowling trip which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Congratulations to the Ralph who has achieved an awesome 100% THIS YEAR!



Random Trip of Rightness

We were able to reward the students who had made changes to their behaviour in school with a 'Random Trip of Rightness' to go and see Toy Story 5 at the cinema.

It was great to see the students enjoying themselves and being proud of their achievements.



Celebrating Our First Year of Attendance Banding

This year has been our first year using the banding model across the school, and we are incredibly proud of everything our pupils have achieved. The new approach has helped us make sure every child receives the right support to help them learn, communicate and succeed.

We would like to say a huge well done to our **Band 11 pupils**, who have worked hard all year and made fantastic progress. We are also very proud of our **Band 10 pupils**, who have shown excellent commitment and have been great role models for others.

A special congratulations goes to our **top 35 pupils for attendance**. Their positive attitude and commitment to coming to school every day has helped them make the most of every learning opportunity and achieve great success.

Most importantly, we would like to thank all of our parents and carers. Your support, encouragement and partnership with the school have played a huge part in your children's achievements. Working together has helped our pupils grow in confidence, develop their communication skills and enjoy success both in and out of the classroom.

Thank you for your continued support throughout the year. We are excited to build on this success next year and celebrate even more achievements together. Well done to all of our pupils and families!

Word from the head

As we come to the end of another successful and busy academic year at Ramsden Hall Academy, it is a great opportunity to reflect on the many achievements, experiences, and memories our students have made over the past twelve months. We are incredibly proud of the progress our young people have shown, both in their learning and in their personal development, and we would like to thank our families, staff, and wider community for their ongoing support throughout the year.

The final few weeks of term have been particularly exciting, with students enjoying a range of rewarding educational visits and enrichment activities. Trips to Thorpe Park, Chessington World of Adventures, the Zoo, and the Imperial War Museum Duxford provided wonderful opportunities for students to learn outside the classroom, challenge themselves, and spend quality time with their peers and staff. It has been fantastic to see so many smiles, new experiences, and positive memories being created through these opportunities.

As we say goodbye to our Year 11 students, we would like to wish them every success as they move on to the next stage of their journey. Whether they are beginning college courses, apprenticeships, training programmes, or employment, we are confident they will take with them the resilience, skills, and determination they have developed during their time at Ramsden Hall Academy. They have been an important part of our school community, and we are proud of all they have achieved.

We would also like to wish our Year 11 leavers the very best of luck on exam results day. We know how much effort and commitment they have put into their studies, and we hope their results reflect the hard work they have shown. Whatever the outcome, they should be proud of the progress they have made and look forward with confidence to the opportunities ahead.

Finally, I would like to thank all of our staff for their dedication and hard work, and all our parents and carers for the support they have given the school throughout the year. We wish everyone a safe, enjoyable, and relaxing summer break and look forward to welcoming our students back in September for another exciting year at Ramsden Hall Academy.