

Happy New Year, although that seems an age ago now! Students have got stuck back into learning this half term and coped well with the cold, wet weather. We've had the most successful year EVER for our year 10 and 11 students going out to work experience with many returning to school even more ambitious for their life after Ramsden Hall.

We've had another round of fantastic 4R's reward trips with students going to Oxygen trampoline park, Laser Tag, Colchester Zoo, Barleylands and an Escape Room! It's fantastic to see students enjoy the rewards for their hard work and effort over the half term.

Gymnastics

Students have continued to enjoy gymnastics each Tuesday afternoon. As you can see the students have worked hard to build up skills like stamina, strength and resilience. It's a great chance for our more physical students to harness their natural skills and really flourish.



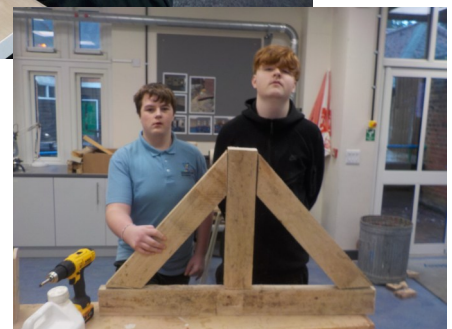
Forest School

It has been wonderful to see the first signs of spring in the woods this half term. Students have had a great time building fire torches and exploring a new section of the woods whilst the perimeter fence goes up.



DT and Construction

Students have been enjoying their DT lessons as they create gifts for Valentines and finishing up this half terms projects. As you can see the students have enjoyed working on their projects and are proud of the final results.



Latimer League fixture away v Treetops School

Our football team travelled for a league fixture against Treetops on 4/2/26.

A close fought 1st half ended with the score 1-1. After half time things went our way and 4 2nd half goals gave a good 5-1 win.

The boys played very well and showed good team spirit and sportsmanship.



Work Experience

The week beginning 12th January saw 25 of our year 10 and 11 students heading off to work experience. We are very proud of this year's cohort and every single one of them was successful. They demonstrated a level of maturity and independence beyond their age with lots of them managing travel on their own and unsociable hours.

Staff enjoyed visiting the boys at their placements and heard great comments from employers.

Here just some of them:

"Excellent at communicating with clients and polite at all times"

"He did everything asked of him and is a quiet, well mannered young man who we would be happy to have him back"

"Whichever job we gave him he did the best of his ability and extremely thoroughly"

"Very enthusiastic, had to be told to take a break"

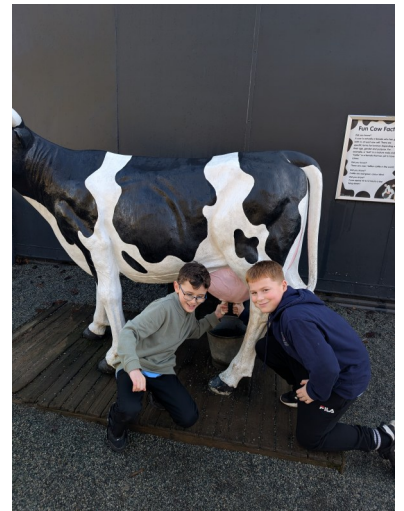
"Have never met anyone so keen to work and learn. This is definitely the career for him"

They have opened opportunities for future students as nearly all the employers said that they would be happy to support Ramsden Hall with placements again. Types of industries experienced were libraries, schools, sports coaching, mechanics, animal care, radio stations, golf clubs, music venues, site maintenance, electrics and plumbing to name a few.



Redwood and Birch News

It's been a busy half term for Redwood and Birch. Students have been learning practical skills whilst learning about ratio, taking part in practical science lessons in the lab and getting out and about for personal development. It's been a full on half term and although the weather has been less than sunny, the students have been making the most of the outdoors and staying active.



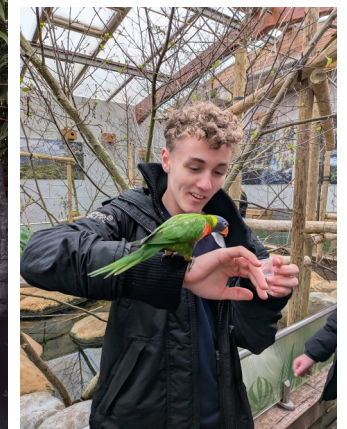
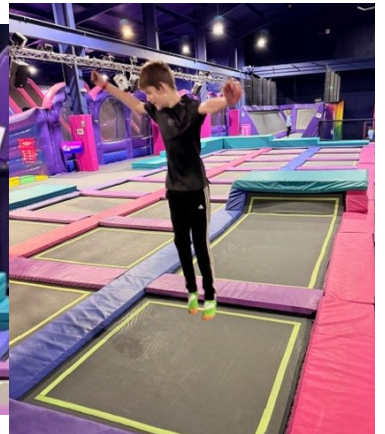
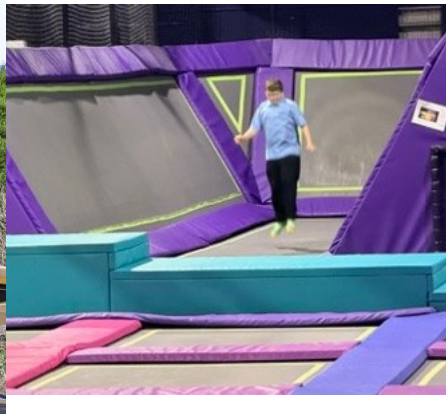
Residential

This term in the residential the weather has not been kind but it hasn't stopped us from having great fun and doing brilliant activities! We have been enjoying going Ice skating, Trampolining, been set challenges at the gym and one of the activities that we all love the most, Nerf wars around the residential!



Reward Trips

This half term we have another set of great trips for our young people based on their trip tokens achieved for points and attitude to learning. We've had Oxygen, Laser Tag, Colchester Zoo and Barleylands for trip tokens and an Escape Room and Macdonalds for our best attender's! It's great to see our students work towards these trips and to see the enjoyment they get from achieving them.



Achievements

Points

Key Stage 3

Ben E

Finley W-R

Ralph A

Key Stage 4

Isaac H

Korey H

Cole F

Attendance

The following students have achieved top attendance in the school. Well done to all of you who have tried extra hard to come into school, even when it's dark and miserable! And well done for BREAKING THE BANK at the Escape Room.



Taylan W, Archie J, Ralph A, Finley W-R, Lennon W, Jake H, James H, Cole F, Hunter H and Koah W.



What a brilliant half term we've had at Ramsden Hall Academy! I'm delighted to share some outstanding achievements that really demonstrate the commitment and dedication of our pupils.

Attendance excellence

I'm incredibly proud to announce that 23 pupils have achieved 100% attendance this half term – that's a wonderful achievement and shows real commitment to their learning. Even more impressively, 3 pupils have not missed a single day of school since September! This is a tremendous accomplishment and these pupils are setting an excellent example for the whole school.

Good attendance is so important because it helps pupils make the most of every learning opportunity and build strong friendships. Thank you to all our families for supporting your children to attend school regularly.

Reward trip success

Our reward trips this half term have been a huge success. The 40 pupils who earned the highest points have achieved some of the best totals we've seen in a long time. This shows how hard our pupils are working and how well they're demonstrating our school values every day. Well done to everyone who took part – you should be very proud of yourselves. Have a fantastic half term and we look forward to seeing you After the break