



Hello and welcome to the first Summer edition of the Ramsden Hall Academy newsletter. This half term has flown by and the students have enjoyed being out and about in the improving weather. It's been another busy half term with exams, trips and general learning! We've had fun and enjoyed continuing to watch our students thrive. It's difficult to believe that next half term will take us to the Summer break!

I hope you enjoy seeing what we've been up to in the last few weeks.

Jack Petchey Winner!

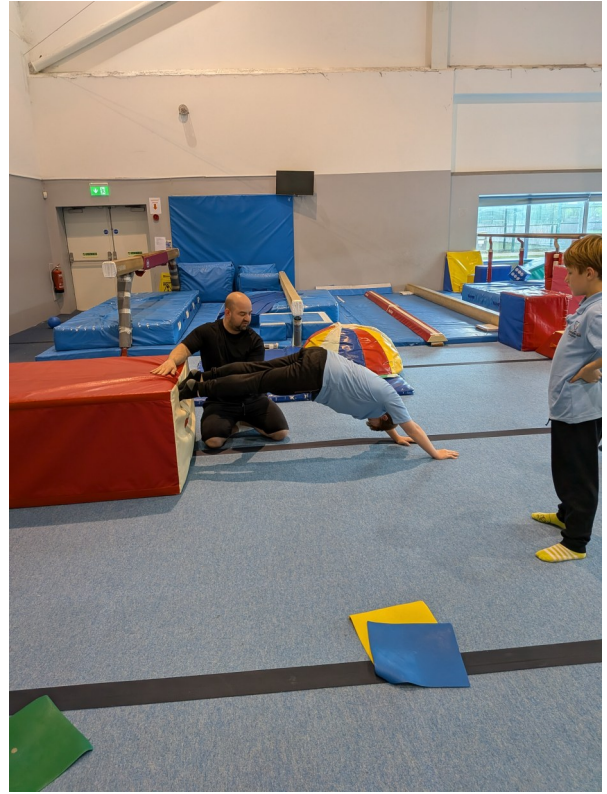
The Jack Petchey Foundation was set up to inspire and motivate young people across London and Essex by providing exciting projects and programmes for them to get involved in. They also recognise the outstanding achievements of today's young people by awarding them for their hard work and positive impact in their school or community. Each term staff nominate a student who they think has shown dedication across the school or in a specific area. It is a prestigious award which not only offers the student the accolade of winning but they are also given £250 to spend in an area of the school of their choosing.

James in year 11 was given the Jack Petchey Achievement Award for his engagement during work experience at Gateway FM radio, his great progress in GCSE Music with an excellent predicated grade and his developed independence attending college interviews and taking public transport by himself. Well done James!



Gymnastics

Gymnastics is a regular feature in our half termly newsletters! It's such a great afternoon where our students can really enjoy themselves outside of the classroom. Students have shown great resilience here, learning new skills and pushing themselves to try new things. It has been a real privilege to see these students at work here every week.



A busy half term in DT and Construction

DT is always a very busy area with students engaging with a variety of different projects and this half term is no different! As you can see the students have been creating pieces and learning how to use a variety of different tools and techniques.



P.E. News

It's been a busy half term for the P.E. department we have had 2 SESSSA Dodgeball tournaments with both KS3 and KS4 running out winners Well done to all involved.

Latimer League update:

We suffered a narrow defeat against Marketfield school 8-7

Our next game was a good win against Doucecroft 20-1

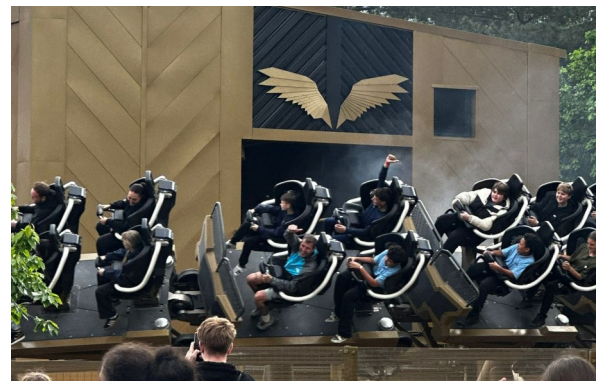
We then were victorious against St Nicholas 3-0

Next half term we have SESSSA Athletics, Invincible Games, Presidents Sports day and 4 Latimer league fixtures.

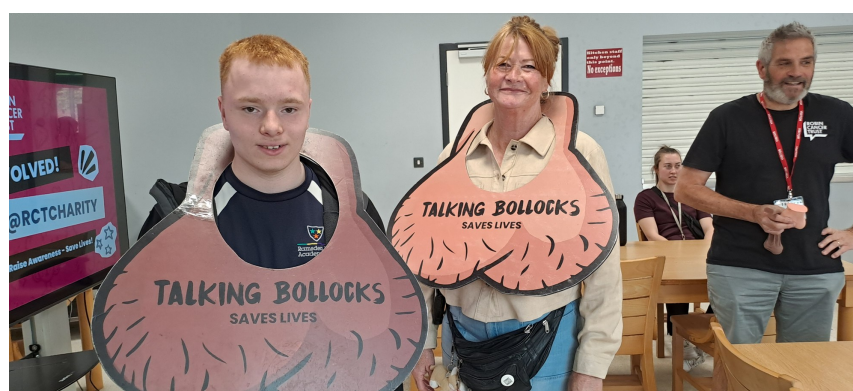


Random Trip of Rightness

As well as the reward trips at the end of the half term we organised a 'Random Trip of Rightness' to Thorpe Park. This was awarded to students who consistently get it right, achieving good points in lessons and conducting themselves well across the school. This was a great day out and the students were excellent ambassadors for the school.



Robin Cancer Trust visit to Ramsden Hall, 6th May 2026. Darren Couchman delivered an important men's health message to our students. Darren is himself a cancer survivor and is the author of a book called "One Lump or Two". Darren's humorous style of delivery ensured every student was fully informed of the message as well as engaged and en-

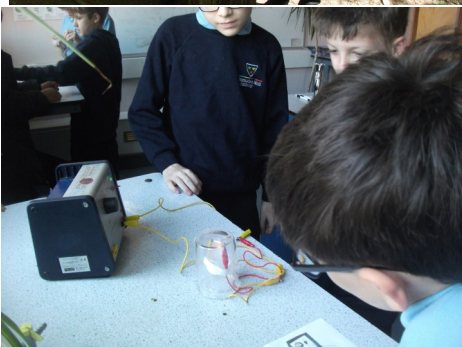
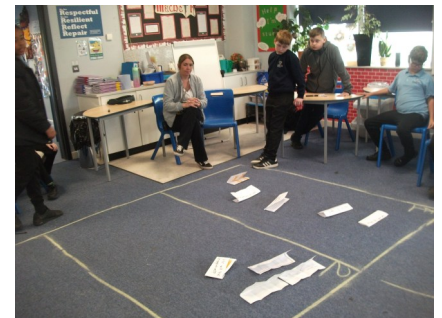


Forest School

Students continue to enjoy their Forest School and ASDAN lessons in the Ramsden woods. Each lesson Students build on their woodland skills. The daffodils and bluebells have been and gone but the fun and adventure continues!

Redwood and Birch

It's been a busy half term in our Redwood and Birch areas as students come to the end of their time in these classes. They have been carrying out practical science experiments, creating a light bulb and a fruit battery. They've enjoyed getting out and about for personal development to Barleylands Farm, Hanningfield Reservoir and local parks. This is a great chance for our students to develop social skills and make bonds with other students, building on friendships. Students have been learning essential First Aid skills and developing their English skills in an interactive way whilst also working on their team skills. There are also some slightly delayed chocolate bar pictures from the students' pre-Easter learning on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.



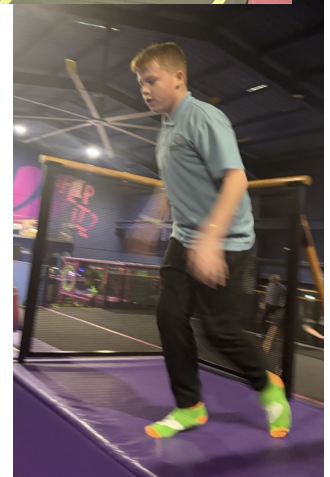
Residential

This half term in residential we have again been up to lots of amazing things, especially now the weather is getting better and we can spend more time outside. We went to Barleylands to see the animals which was great fun, had many a fire pit as well as spending some time looking after Lady the horse. We've also been enjoying out weekly swimming and Youth Club sessions as well as enjoying local parks. It's not long until the boarders holiday which is shaping up to be the best one EVER!



Reward Trips

It's been another great week for reward trips. Students have been to Oxygen trampoline park, Barleylands Farm, Indie Rock indoor climbing wall and an Escape Room, all topped off with a visit to McDonalds. Students have been awarded trips for their achievement in lessons and behaviour around the school in relation to the 4 R's, resilience, respect, repair and reflect. We understand that everyone isn't going to get it right every time and that an individual who is able to reflect on their behaviour is going to be able to apply that to life outside of Ramsden Hall. As you can see the students had a brilliant time! We also had a reward trip for year 6 students who completed their SATS exams. They were as very resilient bunch who showed great maturity and drive. Well done!



Achievements

Points

Key Stage 3

Ben E

Vinnie

Matthew

Key Stage 4

Mason A

Ciaran

James

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 paintball trip which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

Congratulations to the Ralph and Archie J who have achieved an awesome 100% THIS YEAR!

And a big well done to Mario, Ben, Patrick, Harry T, Nick S, Vinnie, James H, Jake H, Finlay G and Zack M who have all achieved over 97% this year.



Word from the Head

This has been a particularly busy and productive term across the school. Our Year 11 students have now begun their GCSE examinations and are working incredibly hard in the final stage of their journey with us. Study leave will be starting in July, and we would like to take this opportunity to wish them every success in their exams. Their commitment and resilience have been commendable, and we are very proud of their efforts. We look forward to celebrating their achievements in the coming months.

Next term will be a long one, but it promises to be filled with exciting events and activities as we continue to support our students and prepare for the start of the new academic year.