



## RAMSAY READER EASTER 2016

Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for the support you have given your child and our school over what has been an incredibly short term (particularly this second half)! I hope that you and your families can enjoy a break over Easter and we look forward to welcoming all students back on **Tuesday 12th April**.

There have been many highlights throughout the term, culminating in our production of *Bugsy Malone*. I am always so impressed with the way in which our students work alongside each other and staff in preparing for a production of this kind.

Finally, you'll see from Mr Hearne's report on page 2 that after many weeks of preparation the new build is progressing well. It's an exciting time for our school and I would like to thank staff for adapting to any inconvenience caused through this period and also our students for behaving so well.

Best regards

**Mark Mayne**  
**Head**

### **Important—Re Parent/Carer Calendar**

***As from the start of the Summer Term parents/carers will need to refer to the school website parent calendar for any updates/changes.***

### **Letters / Communications to parents/carers**

Attached please find the Clubs Activities Leaflet for PE; their clubs will start week commencing Monday 18<sup>th</sup> April. The whole School Clubs/Activities Leaflet will follow shortly after the Easter break.

Letter from Adviza re Special Educational Needs; an event for parents/carers on Wednesday 4th May, 2016, 4.00 pm—6.00pm at Cressex Community School.

Stop Press:



A full show report will be featured in our Newsletter after Easter.

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## **Ramsay's New Extension!**

As you may be aware there is significant building work underway across the school site at the moment. We are in the process of constructing a large new building at the back of the school, adjacent to the existing Science block and Art/Food Technology departments. This is just a part of the construction changes planned that are part of a radical enhancement to our school.

We will have, upon completion, 14 additional classrooms, including 3 new science laboratories, a new 6<sup>th</sup> form block and a completely new reception area. A new student drop off lane will be built at the front of the school, with new public and staff car parking.



As you can see from the pictures, the building work is progressing at some pace. A large part of the groundwork has been completed, and the steel frame has started to go up. The steel frame is delivered on large flatbed trucks, outside of school hours, and an extremely large crane lifts each section into place, before being secured by builders either on the ground or high in the air as the picture below demonstrates!



We will keep you updated of the progress of this exciting phase of development of the school over the course of the year. I am sure you will agree that once completed, the pupils and staff will have an environment that really encourages teaching and learning, and a school that we should all be proud of.

**Andy Hearne**  
**Business Manager**

## **SWR Honours:**

Please see the following details of those students who have been nominated and awarded with the SWR Honours badges in recognition of their exceptional commitment to our seven school values.

### **Year 7**

7.1	Ms Hay	Thomas Sullivan	Respect
7.2	Mr Bent	Sophie Burr	Commitment
7.3	Mr Hutton	Farhan Shah	Ambition
7.6	Ms Warren	Ella McNeil	Courage

### **Year 8**

8.4	Mr Balloo	Jacob Cockbill	Commitment
8.6	Ms Muttitt	Mohsin Hashmi	Ambition

### **Year 9**

9.3	Mrs Pitt	Portia Anderson	Commitment
9.5	Miss Bigham	Nasim Rahman	Trust
9.6	Miss Sparks	Zeenat Aftab	Trust

### **Year 10**

10.2	Miss Dahl	Emily Waldron	Commitment
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### **Year 11**

11.1	Miss Ottocento/ Mrs Woodcraft	Bisma Tanvir	Courage
11.3	Mrs Hawes	Joshua Dodsworth	Commitment
11.4	Mr Khan	Halina Clyne	Commitment
11.5	Ms Holt	Rebecca Hill	Respect

## **Achievement Points**

Well done and congratulations to the following Tutor Groups who earned the most Achievement points this term :-

**7.3 / 8.4 / 9.1 / 10.2 / 11.3**

A new competition for the Spring Term will start after Easter .

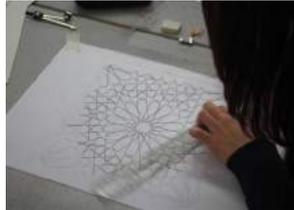
Mr Carter, Deputy Head

## Art Department News

On Wednesday 2nd March a group of year 9 and 10 students were able to work with two visitors from the Milton Keynes Islamic Centre to create some excellent pieces of Islamic Art. The speaker, Kassim, delivered an excellent presentation on the history and roots of Islamic Art, also the Geometric and spiritual Links to Art and Architecture over the centuries.

The students learned about the religion of Islam and how it is a cultural idea that has inspired many different countries like Spain, Turkey India and Italy to name a few. The workshop helped the students to understand that there should be no negative association to Islam, through open discussion.

Maryam then introduced them to the Geometric and Mathematical techniques involved in creating the beautiful designs, which were then painted in the traditional colours. Miss Gallant, Miss Warren and Miss Hills were also involved and helped out on the day.



## P E Department News



On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March a group of 20 Netballers from Years 7-10 went on a trip to Hertfordshire Sports Village to watch a game of Superleague Netball - Hertfordshire Mavericks vs Celtic Dragons. We arrived just in time for the warm up and took our seats at the end of the court. The game was being televised so we were in a prime position to make it onto TV coming equipped with their signs! The game was close throughout and the players were very physical and fit, it was a great match. Final scores finished 67-45 to the Mavericks.

Becca Waldron said "I loved this trip so much, the netball players were amazing and I learnt a lot from them. I also loved being on TV!", Erin Jacobson said "I learned so much from this experience and can't wait to try it in training." We all really enjoyed it and can't wait to go again!

## More News from PE

### Sports Report



"Two year 7 students, Kai Sproate of 7.7 and Ethan Light 7.6, who have both been selected to represent England in the Gothia Cup in Sweden this summer. The Gothia Cup is the largest World Football Youth Cup with over 80 nations in attendance.

The tournament is held in July and the two students have been put forward by their District or Academy to represent one of the two England teams that have been entered. They will be training regularly before they go, using top of the range facilities at Reading Football Club. This is a tremendous opportunity for the boys and will be great experience for them and we wish them the best of luck."



Congratulations to Sam Elliott who has qualified for the British Schools Judo Championship. Sam will be representing SWR after qualifying by winning 3 medals (a silver and 2 bronze) in ranking events.

Sam has been training and competing at Micklefield Judo Club twice a week since he was 7 years old. We hope that with the support of his coaches, his hard work and dedication will pay off and he can pick up a medal for SWR at the finals in April.

## Year 10 Music Trip to the Wycombe Swan Theatre

On Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> January the Year 10 BTEC Music class went on a trip to the Wycombe Swan to see how the theatre is run. Students attended the trip in preparation for their Unit 1 exam in June this year as well as Unit 2 whereby they have the exciting task of organising their own music event! During the afternoon, students were able to gain a good understanding of the procedures and expectations of a live event and they were also given the opportunity to find out about the people who work in these organisation. The class met people who work in technical, production and administrative roles and the venue. Students learnt that the success of any music event relies heavily



on the planning and development process. It highlighted the importance of knowing that different types of audiences and marketing products are vital for any event to be successful.

We visited the main theatre itself as well as the Old Town Hall, a magnificent building which would be suitable for smaller and more intimate music events.

We look forward to visiting the theatre soon. Thank you to Mr Thomas and Miss Grigg who joined us on the great trip



The Year 10 Music class standing on the stage!

## Year 12 Music trip to Bucks New University

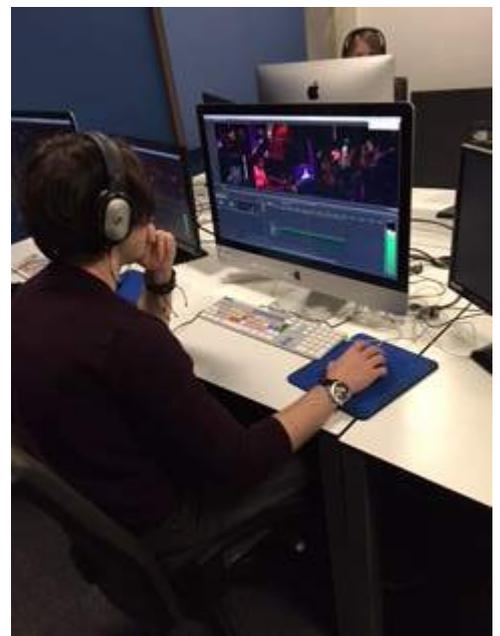
On Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> March Year 12 BTEC Music students visited Bucks New University for a music industry day. The day provided students with an exciting and meaningful experience which gave them an insight into the range of careers available in the Music Industry. It was very informative, interactive and inspiring.

In the morning students were given an insight into events and Music Management including:-

Expert panels covering A&R, Artist Management, Legal, Licensing, Copyright and Venue Management: practical sessions regarding events and venue management, covering logistics, planning and implementation.

The afternoon session was based around Audio and Music Production where students were given the opportunity to watch BBC Introducing record and film a live band, work in a studio mixing a session from BBC Introducing, work in the editing suit editing clips for BBC Introducing and be in the outdoor broadcasting truck, observing and learning about vision mixing.

The day was a great success and all students thoroughly enjoyed the trip. The Year 12 music class will be putting their knowledge to the test as they are preparing for a big music festival here at Sir William Ramsay School. More details to follow!



## News from Food Tech



## Year 7 Cooking Club

Some budding young cooks in Year 7 have been meeting after school cooking up some tasty treats! In the pictures, showing off their Easter offerings are: William Street, Ben Ward, Benji Willis, Thomas Sullivan, Oliver Boakes and Isabella Penfold.

