

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER FRIDAY 22ND JULY 2016

Dear Parent/Carer

It's amazing to think that another school year has nearly finished. During this 40th anniversary year, the school has undergone some significant changes.

We started the year with our largest intake of new students, with an extra form group in Year 7. Our exciting new building projects have been underway during this year and we are on schedule for completion early next term. More recently, we received the news that Mr Mayne would be leaving the school at the end of the year and that I was asked to step into the role of Acting Headteacher by the Governing Body, something I feel immensely proud to do. I would just like to take this opportunity to wish Mr Mayne the very best in his new school for September. The Ofsted inspection last month was very disappointing for us all but I am confident that the measures the Governing Body have put in place to support the school will enable us to address the issues raised in the report and move us swiftly back to being graded as good.

Having been part of the school for over 11 years, I can't think of a more exciting and amazing week than our '40th Celebration' week. The week started with all year groups attending trips to either the Natural History Museum or the Science Museum in London. On Wednesday we hosted a festival with live music, competitions and lots of food for everyone. On Thursday we were privileged to be visited by several ex-students and members of staff for a tour of the school and a meal in Café Ramsay. I and several students then attended a ceremony at Holy Trinity Church to lay a wreath at the grave of Sir William Ramsay to mark the centenary of his passing in 1916. The day was rounded off with our annual celebration of student success with relatives of Sir William Ramsay as our guest speakers. Celebration week culminated with sports day on Friday, a fitting end to a remarkable week in school.

I would like to finish by thanking all the staff for their hard work and dedication to our students over the past year and hope all members of our school community have a restful summer break.

Mr C Carter
Acting Headteacher

Dates for 2016/2017 (Please note that event dates will be on the website calendar from September)

Autumn Term

Monday 5th September 2016 Year 7 and Year 12 students only
Tuesday 6th September 2016 All students return to school – Friday 21st October 2016
Monday 31st October 2016 – Tuesday 20th December 2016 (12.30pm)

Spring Term

Thursday 5th January 2017 – Friday 10th February 2017
Monday 20th February 2017 – Friday 31st March 2017

Summer Term

Wednesday 19th April 2017 – Friday 26th May 2017
Monday 5th June 2017 – Friday 21st July 2017 (12.30pm)

Staff INSET Days

Thursday 1st September 2016
Friday 2nd September 2016
Friday 25th November 2016
Wednesday 4th January 2017
Tuesday 18th April 2017

Messages for Parents/Carers

End of Year Assessment Reports for Years 7-10 are now available on the SLG.

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Sixth Form Information:

Year 12 End the Year on a High

Year 12 had a fantastic final week before heading off on their work experience placements. They enjoyed a brilliant trip to Brighton, took on other Schools in University Challenge where they came third, played a big part in the Ramsay Festival and finished the week with two relay teams coming first and second in the staff relay on Sports Day, beating the four other staff teams! They also supported the Year 7 and 8 Literacy Day and received lots of positive feedback from staff. A big thank you and Well Done to our Sixth Formers from Miss Le Count and Mrs Aldred. We look forward to seeing you in Year 13.

Year 12 AS Results

If you sat an AS exam, you can come and collect your results on Thursday 18th August from 10am – 1pm in Main Foyer of the Performing Arts Centre. If you need any guidance or support with your results, Miss Le Count and Mrs Aldred will be available on this day, as well as on Friday 26th August 10am - 1pm and Friday 2nd September (please book an appointment).

GCSE Results Day and Enrolment into Sixth Form

GCSE results are available to collect from the Performing Arts Centre 9.30am – 1pm on Thursday 25th August. If you cannot make this day, then you can collect your results from 10am – 1pm on Friday 26th August in the Foyer of the Performing Arts Centre. If you are joining us in September for Sixth Form, you must enrol onto your Sixth Form courses on one of these two days. Staff will be available to give you advice and support on your course choices and their entry requirements.

Your first day as a Sixth Former will be on Monday 5th September **at 9.15am in the Performing Arts Centre.** However, Miss Le Count and Mrs Aldred will be available throughout the day on Friday 2nd September should you need more support with your options and preparation for starting your Sixth Form Career.

A Level Exam Results Helpline

The DfE will be opening its Exam Results Helpline again this year. Students or parents/carers needing free help, advice and support can speak to careers advisers on **0808 100 8000**. The line opens on Thursday 18 August. The helpline, which is managed by around 40 careers advisers, helped over 9,500 people last year.

Welcome to our New Year 7 students

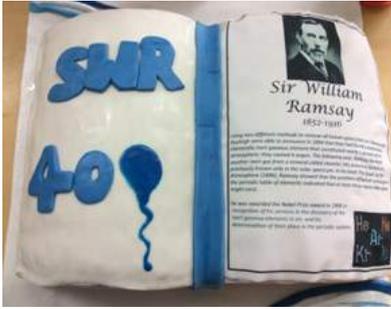
On Tuesday 12th July we welcomed our new cohort of Year 7 students from a variety of different primary schools to Sir William Ramsay School. Students were introduced to their new form group and tutors. It was lovely to see so many new friendships being made and happy smiley faces throughout the day. There were a range of fun activities planned such as team bonding, badminton and science experiments to help the students feel ready and confident for their first year at Sir William Ramsay School. We had a fantastic selection of student ambassadors who were brilliant throughout the whole day. A big thank you to:

7.1 Apryl Scorer	7.4 Ethan Davies
7.1 Thomas Sullivan	7.4 Erin Finlay
7.2 Kayleigh Sturges	7.5 Maddie Wood
7.2 Oliver Boakes	7.5 Lewis Rutland
7.3 Rajwayne Bryan	7.6 Connor Smith
7.3 Rebecca Waldron	7.6 Mia Woods
	7.7 Kai Sproate

I look forward to seeing all the new Year 7 students in September and hope they have a great summer break. Please do remember that Year 7 Summer projects are due 9th September.
Miss Gurney

Student Transport: If parents/carers have any issues/questions re school transport, all calls should be directed to the dedicated Transport Team at County on: 01296 387439.

Newspaper article on Sir William Ramsay School 40th Birthday Festival Week



Forty years ago, Sir William Ramsay School opened its doors for the first time to an intake of 90 students. Students and staff, including ex students and staff, came together to celebrate this 'ruby birthday' with an enterprising and entertaining Festival Week.

Central to the celebrations was Festival Day.

Students had been busily rehearsing and planning for this day for weeks; some made a delicious selection of Mexican food for lunch, others provided cakes and goodies. A variety of stalls were set up on the field including two music stages to showcase the multi-talented singers and musicians at the school. Our year 12 performing arts and music students had put together a programme of live music which accompanied all the activities. "It was totally



brilliant to hear the music", enthused Morgan in year 9, "the best bit was listening to the great singing." Leah and Sophie from Year 12 agreed, "such a great experience organising and running this event."

During the week, visits were taken to the British Museum Egyptian and Roman galleries, and to the Natural Science Museum. Pete Johnson, a former teacher turned successful novelist, came to talk to KS3 students about his books; generating ideas and how to make it as a writer.

Ex-students were invited to a lunch alongside some of their ex-teachers. All were impressed at the expansion which the school has recently undergone and the new facilities currently being built. One of the first student intake, Joy Small (nee Woodbridge) shared clear memories of her first year; "I had a very happy time here," she said, "we had to move with our chair from room to room during the first term."

We were delighted to welcome members of Sir William Ramsay's family to join us, this also being the centenary of his death. They had lunch, toured the school, and then students went with them to Sir William's memorial in Hazlemere to lay a wreath. Later, at Awards Evening, they presented the prizes and awards. Sir William, the Nobel Prize winning chemist, settled in Hazlemere. Finally, the entire school took part in a bumper Sports Day on Friday, a fitting end to a brilliant week. "Let's have a Festival every year!" said Emily and Josh in Year 9.



SWR's 40th Anniversary Week—as experienced by some of our students

On Wednesday 13th July 2016 the Sir William Ramsay School students celebrated in a festival style. It was 40 years since the school had started and we all took part in the fantastic celebration. Entering school in our own clothes we showed off our style. The duration of periods one and two were normal lessons for most students, while some of the year nine students, me included, prepared the Street food for the stall. Cupcakes, chicken, humous, salad, nachos, salsa and more treats were prepared and placed out before it all began. We walked out with our friends to receive our wristbands. We strolled through the stalls and sat on the grass as the live music tuned up. My friends and I sat on a blanket by the stage. As you would expect from England, the weather turned. Blue skies and sun gave way to clouds and rain that came and went during the day, but nothing stopped.

Henna, food, make-up, games, music and more. I took a shift on the food stall and you would have been amazed by the queues for the food for each of the stalls.

Wrapping up the celebrations was the staff band featuring teachers from Maths, SEN, Music, English and more. For the last half hour of the school day we finished off in lessons. The day was filled with fun and England's wacky weather did not stop that.

Sophie Skingley 9.2

Starting on 11th July, Sir William Ramsay had a 40th Anniversary week. We were celebrating 40 years of the school being built. Our school was named after Sir William Ramsay who was a famous chemist in the 1800's. He discovered and created some elements on the periodic table.

The highlight of the week was the birthday party/festival. The whole day was very exciting and brought a great vibe around the school. The festival started was between 11-2.30. However, people doing stall and helping out with the stage could stay all day. We had people come in for food stalls such as hotdog/burger van, candy floss, crepes and sweet stalls. Throughout the day we had musical artists from the school performing on the main stage and the acoustic stage. The main stage performances started later in the day due to bad weather. Daniella Scorer and friend started to get everyone jumping with their rap/hip-hop song. To finish the day off we had a teacher and LSA band to perform a few songs. They played the final song featuring Mr Smith (English teacher) and it finished the day off with a bang! #Rave the Wave. We all can't wait till the school turns 50! It was an amazing week!

Kathryn Thomas 9.2

On the week commencing Monday 11 July, Sir William Ramsay School hosted its 40th Birthday Celebrations. The school is named after a famous chemist, Sir William Ramsay, who invented the Noble gases (group 8/0) on the periodic table. The birthday celebrations celebrated the school's opening in 1976, the year 2016 is also significant as it happens to be 100 years since Sir William Ramsay passed away. The week was amazing, especially the festival and sports day, which happened to be gripping and exciting.

We began the celebrations on the Monday where the year 7's and 8's either went to the Natural History Museum or the Science Museum. My brother who is in year 7 went to the Science Museum and he talked very greatly of his experience and had an amazing time. Meanwhile the rest of the school had a workshop on SMSC in which they had to create presentations on important factors of life such as racism or gay rights.

On the Tuesday, the year 9 students had an exciting trip to London's very own British Museum. The students dived through different eras such as Ancient Egypt and the African lifestyle. My friend Megan Verity found the trip very exciting as she saw many artefacts from the past such as pottery.

The Wednesday, the highlight of the week, the festival was amazing. Although the weather was disgusting, everyone still had an amazing time. The school hired a burger van, candy floss and even an ice-cream van. Although we already had a lot of food, I helped in the Food Tech department in which we made cupcakes, wraps and even nachos.

During the school on Thursday nothing for the celebrations happened, however, in the evening it was an awards evening for the students who excelled in certain subjects. The school even had surprise guests who were ancestors of Sir William Ramsay who gave a long speech.

Friday was a day for the whole school to become competitive as it was sports day. We had fun track events and also had group teams for difficult sports such as rounders and benchball. The week was definitely a highlight to all students and staff careers.

Alexandra Burge 9.3

On Monday year 7's went on a trip to the Natural History Museum and they all had lots and lots of fun. Some people did not go on the trip, so they stayed at school and completed a literacy thing all day which is really fun.

On Tuesday we stayed in our forms and we were making and performing things like how you settled into school, Racism and all sorts of different things you want to learn.

On the amazing Wednesday, it was the day which made everyone really excited and the whole school was out on the field singing, having fun, eating, drinking and even maybe dancing. With a dance performance from some people, for example Hollie Meaden, Charlotte Emery Anderson and lots of other kind of people. There was also ice creams vans, a burger and a hot dog van. They were really nice and everyone loved it. There was a black van thing that changes into a stage and people would go up there to have a sing-a-long and everyone would come and watch/listen to them.

On Thursday we had an author visit who was Pete Johnson and he came in and told us some things about his books and some people brought his books when he came to speak to us. On Friday for the whole day we had sports day and at break and lunchtime some of year 7's would go and dance to the music which was fun. Everybody enjoyed it and we all had lots of fun.

Annemarie Davenport 7.1

This week (mon 11th – fri 15th) marked the 40th birthday of our school. The week was full of different events to celebrate a great achievement.

Monday 11th July was a trip to the Natural History Museum for year 7. We had a marvellous time and got to see loads of exhibits. We really enjoyed the day and some groups even got to go into the gift shop. On Tuesday 12th July, we had an English workshop We had to create a presentation on any subject we wanted. Then we had to perform them to our form and our tutors had to choose one group per form. That group then had to perform their presentation in front of years 7 and 8. This was a great chance to help build up the confidence levels of students.

Wednesday 13th, the big day. Periods 1 and 2 were normal but 3-5, we had a massive festival. It was a great chance for us to come together as a school and celebrate. We had a main stage for singing, an ice cream van and so much more. It was a great event.

Thursday we had an author come in to visit. The author was Pete Johnson. He told us all about his books. Friday was sports day. Everyone competed in loads of events and the overall winners were 9.6. We had a great day of sport.

Hollie Meaden 7.7

For the first day (Monday) we went to the Natural History Museum, it was a long journey but worth it on the coach. Me and Emily had a blast, we played games and talked but at the museum. WOW! We got to see the human biology and dinosaurs and earthquakes, then after lunch we got freetime and our group chose to go to the gift shop (I brought some chocolate)

Literacy Workshop: On Tuesday we went into the sports hall to find out what we were doing. We went into our form room. We were assigned 4 6th formers to help us. We were all put into groups and decided on a topic to speak about in front of the form. My group decided on Gaming additions. We created PowerPoints to go with the speech.

Wednesday, we were all excited to see what was on the field as it was festival day. There were burger vans, ice-cream vans, the stage set up for musical performances, candy floss, henna, refreshments, bouncy assault course. The overall day was amazing and fabulous.

Emily Wyatt & Charlotte Emery-Anderson, 7.1

News from the SEND Department

After a fantastic Mini Olympics at Great Marlow School back in March, we'd like to congratulate our students from the SEND department on a successful trip to The Lord Taverners Boccia Competition at Sir Herberton Academy in Bletchley this term.

Our team from the Physical Disabilities – ARP received a *second place in county award for Bucks*.



In April we ran two trips to High Wycombe Town centre: One of which was a Personal, social development trip to Metro Bank and one of our wheelchair users went the following week to complete a disability access survey of the town. Tauhid self –tested disability access of local premises and went on to question various managers about the access of their amenities. He then presented his findings to Wycombe District Council. For these trips, as part of the student's self-help and independence development, the students took the bus to town purchasing their own tickets, ordered and paid for their own healthy lunch and made general enquiries around the shops and banks. We look forward to organising more trips in the new academic year.



The Great Geography Bake Off

This year the Geography department decided to introduce a new competition along with Food Technology. Students were asked to design a Geography-themed cake individually or in groups of three. There were a large number of entries to the Bake Off competition and Mrs Hawes and I found it difficult to select our finalists for the final on Wednesday 13th July. The entries included a variety of ideas from waterfalls, volcanoes and famous landmarks.



The finalists' cakes were put on display at the Sir William Ramsay festival, where students and staff were asked to nominate which cake they thought was the best. In addition to this we had some members of staff to judge according to a strict criteria. All members of staff were extremely impressed with the amazing quality of all the cakes entered into the final.

It was an extremely close competition and hard to pick a winner and congratulations and well done to all those students who entered.

WINNERS: Maddy Wood,
Isla-May Dilinchev and Poppy Payne (7.5)

Second Place: Emma Mahoney (7.3),
Ella Scarfe and Bethany Holbrook (7.2)

Joint Third Place:

1. Fleur Plunkett and Lauren Stephen (7.3)
2. Rebecca Waldron (7.3), Mia Browne,
Victoria Hawkins (7.4)

Miss Gurney



Winners

Results of our competition to design our SWR 40th Birthday poster are :

First Place:

Amy Stephen and Amy Grayley, 7.5

Second Place:

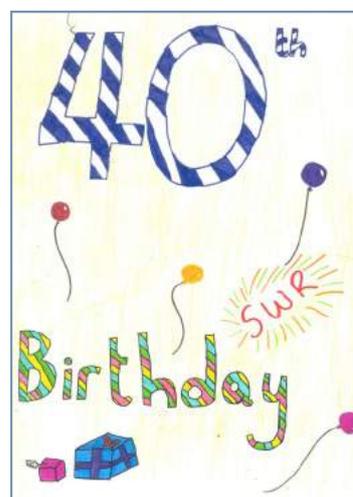
Hayley Richards, 8.6

Third Place :

Isla May Dilinchev, 7.5

Elizabeth Dunlop. 7.5

Maddy Wood, 7.5



News from the PE Department

On Friday 15th July the PE Department hosted the school's annual Sports Day. This year the competition was fierce with students determined to win their year group competition.

Students competed in Football, Netball, Rounders, Benchball and Athletics with every student in the school doing at least one team activity and one athletics event each. The students were fantastic and demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship throughout whilst still keeping a competitive edge.

The winning forms were:

Year 7:	7.4
Year 8:	8.5
Year 9:	9.6
Year 10:	10.5



9.6 took the overall crown with the highest points total of any form with a huge score of 394 points!

The winners of the highly contested staff relay were the PE Department.

Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to all the staff who helped make it such a fantastic whole school event!

We are pleased to announce that the PE Department have just received the prestigious School Games Award at Silver standard!

The School Games Mark is a Government led awards scheme launched in 2012 to reward schools for their commitment to the development of competition across their school and into the community.

The Silver award is given to schools who engage more than 35% of their school community in regular extra-curricular sport and who have at least 10% of students involved in leading and officiating sport.

Congratulations to the students for all their hard work in the extra-curricular programme and thank you to the parents and carers for their continued support for children's physical education at Sir William Ramsay School.

Sir Wimbledon Ramsay

Big congratulations to all who took part in the competitions during their lunchtimes. Over 100 students participated across all year groups. Eventual winners were Ethan Light and Tehya Allen in Year 7, Year 8 winner was Jamie Drew, Year 9 winners were George Lasseter and Daniella Baker and in Year 10 Jack Vaughan went all the way to overcome Oliver Cooper in a fiercely competitive match. All winners received their own brand new racquet to help them practice ready to defend their titles next year.

Mr Harrowell

Head of PE



SWR going to Peru 2017

We are a group of year 11 and 12 students embarking on a 4 week-long trip to Peru in summer 2017, where we will be working within local communities and carrying out important charity work.

Part of our challenge is to fundraise £4000 each for the trip. We'd love to tell you what we've been doing to raise funds. We have been involved in a series of fun, busy and exciting events this month. Here's a brief look at what we've been up to:

Quiz Night:

On Friday 1st July students and teachers held a quiz night to raise funds. The cost was £10 per person which included a fish and chip supper and prizes for the winners including chocolates, wine, beer and sweets.

There was a silent auction which included numerous prizes such as golfing lessons, Boogie Bounce sessions, an exercise bike, lush products, numerous brand new toys and alcoholic beverages. The range was fantastic and there was something on offer for everyone. Thank you to all the kind donors.

Students had gathered their teams which included a wide variety of knowledge and experience. There was a team of teachers from the school so we were all doomed... or so we thought! (Thank you for your support). Mr Harrowell hosted the evening excellently (Thank You) and had a good rapport with everyone. He built the suspense of who had won the quiz and auction items and hosted additional fundraising games, for which again there was a great selection of prizes.

Miss O'Neill helped the students with the sorting of the auction bids and money collection (Thank you) - apologies were given from Miss Ullah as she was unfortunately ill.

During the food interval a leader board was produced - Mr Harrowell pointed out (with good humour) that the interim leaders were not the teachers! At the end of the evening the worthy winners (named - The Dirty Dozen) were announced and they received their accolade and gifts.

Overall it was a successful evening, each student receiving £124 each for their funds. Thank you to everyone for their support and generosity, and a great fun evening.

With thanks to all friends and family who took part.

Refreshments at the Sports Awards Evening:

On Thursday 7th July, Seren and Melody ran a refreshments stall in the half hour interval and raised a staggering £300, selling out of all drinks within the first 15 minutes.

Car wash:

The team of Melody, Finn, Seren, Brian, Charlotte and Rebecca washed staff cars from 10am-3pm on Friday 8th July, raising £216. Thank you to Miss Ullah for getting all the teachers to book their cars in and to trust us to wash them!

Music Festival stall:

As part of the SWR 40th birthday anniversary celebration, the Music Festival was a brilliant day full of entertainment. In between taking part in events, we ran a stall with Miss Ullah offering Henna, refreshments, sweets, cakes and gift cards and raised a staggering £600!

Once again none of this would have been possible without the continued support from all our friends, our school teachers, family and outside sponsors.

This is an insight into how hard we have all been working and how we aim to run events next year. Sainsbury's in Beaconsfield will see us bag packing on 17th December, and we will also be organising events in school especially around Christmas time. Watch this space for future events...

Written by Melody Czkan and Rebecca Southam

FAMILY FUN DAY

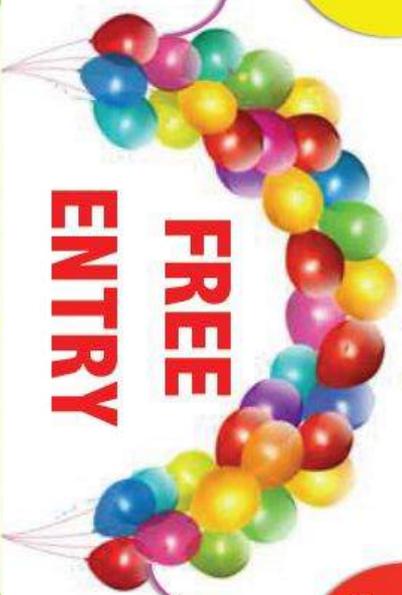
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	Thursday	5.45pm	6.45pm
Monday 8 th August No class on Thursday 11 th August		5.45pm	6.45pm
Monday 15 th August No class on Thursday 18 th August		5.45pm	6.45pm
Monday 22 nd August No class on Thursday 25 th August		5.45pm	6.45pm
No class on Bank Holiday 29 th August			
Thursday 1 st September		5.45pm	6.45pm
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	Thursday	5.45pm	6.45pm

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