



WEEKLY NEWSLETTER 29 SEPTEMBER 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Walking around

We have had a settled and purposeful start to the school year. When walking around the school during lesson times, I have been pleased with quality of teaching and learning taking place.

Open Evening

Last week, we were delighted to welcome about 800 visitors to Open Evening which was a lively and busy event. It was great to see so many students back in the evening wanting to show off and talk about their school. We look forward to welcoming more visitors at our Open Mornings on 2, 9 and 16 October 9.15-10.30am.

GCSE and A Level exam results this summer

Having met with the Parent Council, I am aware that parents/carers do not have an overview of this summer's exam results.

GCSE

	Summer 2017	% Improvement from 2016
5 A*-C (9-4)	75%	14%
5 A*-C (9-4) including English and Maths	67%	17%
% 9-4 in English and Maths	70%	15%
% 9-4 in Maths	74%	10%
% 9-4 in English	79%	19%
Number of Grade A/7 and	263	67%

The top performers were Hannah Eldred who was thrilled to get 6 A*s, a 9, two 8s and an A and Toby Bates' results included five As, two 8s and a 7.

Sir William Ramsay students in the top 3% of results in the country at GCSE

We also had five grade 9s in English Language/Literature. To get a grade 9, these students had to be in the top 3% of scores in that subject in the country. A fantastic achievement and well done to Hannah Eldred, Saib Sadiq, Zhanay Cruickshank, Anna Lestyuk-Bunyak and Ruby Archer.

A Level

It was also a fantastic year for our A Level and BTEC students at Sir William Ramsay School. Our overall A*-C increased to 61%, up nearly 10% on last year. Our A*-B was 34% and the overall pass rate 98%. As always we had some excellent individual successes with a high number of our students securing places on their chosen courses.

The top two performers were Charlotte Reeve-Parker with 3 Distinctions starred and Annie McDermott with 2 Distinctions starred and a Distinction.

In assemblies at the beginning of term, I told the students what had been achieved last summer and that they should be aspiring to meet and beat the results of last year's Years 11 and 13.

Mrs Christine McLintock
Headteacher

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Important Dates Week Commencing Monday 2nd October is Week 1

Monday 2nd October Open Morning 0915 — 1030

Tuesday 3rd October Y11 Mock Oral Exams (MFL)

Saturday 7th October Wycombe District Cross Country Competition, Hughenden Park

Monday 9th October Open Morning 0915—1030

NB: The Parent calendar is available on our website; it is continually being updated so please do refer to the website for updates.

Letters home to parents

Email re Careers Fayre, January 2018 * see overleaf

Clubs & Activities —Autumn Term The list of our whole school clubs & activities is now available on our website, together with The PE Department list of Winter Extra Curricular Activities —please see the following link:

- [Winter clubs & Activities](#)
- [Extra Curricular Clubs](#)

Yr9 Samba Drumming Workshop

The Music Department are excited to announce a visit on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th November from 'Inspire-Works' who will be delivering a Samba Workshop for the entire Year 9 Cohort. It is in keeping with their topic at the time and will look to raise the standards of their performance skills, ensemble skills and listening skills through fast-paced, high energy Samba Drumming. The price of the workshop is £5 and is available to pay for on Parent Pay. I would like to thank those families who have already paid but, unfortunately, there are still a large number of students who have not yet made their payments. In order to confirm this booking we need a majority of the year group to participate so it would be helpful if you could please ensure that your son/daughter is involved in the workshop and make your payments, please, by Friday 6th October. If we don't get enough people to run the sessions, those who have paid will receive a refund. We would really like to have the entire year take part in a really fun and enriching experience. (NB: Pupil Premium students will not need to make payments as funding is provided for their places.)

Thank you in advance for your support.

Mr Maxwell, Head of Music



News from Form 9.3

Macmillan Breaktime Bake Sale

Following their successful event last year, on Friday 22nd September Form 9.3 held another wonderful cake sale in school and raised £100 for the charity Macmillan Cancer Support. There were a great variety of delicious cakes which were enjoyed by students and staff alike. Well done, indeed, 9.3. Miss Schofield



Dear Parents/Carers

Careers Fayre

We are pleased to be planning a Careers Fayre for our Year 10, 11, 12 and 13 students which will take place on 18th January 2018, 4.30 – 7.30 pm. We want to make this a worthwhile and engaging event to assist and inspire our students in making plans for their future. We aim to showcase a wide variety of industries and sectors and to this end we would like to ask all our parents and carers if they or the industries/companies/sectors they work in would like to be exhibitors at our fayre.

Please would you email me as follows if you would like to help make this an exciting event for our students.

Thank you.

Kind regards

Miss Amanda Hall, Head of Beauty Therapy/Work Related Learning/Careers

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Reminder for Yr11 ICT students

Please note that for Yr 11/IT the **deadline for Unit 3 coursework is 13th October 2017.**

This is an important deadline to meet the requirements of the course qualification. Catch-Up Classes will run on Tuesday after school until October half term from 3pm to 4pm. Students should please make every effort to attend.

Mrs Holt, Leader of IT

Sixth Form News

Our Year 12 students will be visited by 'Elevate' on Monday 16th October and will be given a presentation called 'Study Sensei' – This session will answer the fundamental question of 'what is study'? This will be broken down into 4 key areas - reading, independent learning, note taking and conceptual learning. This will give the students the study skills required of top students and provide them with a road-map of what work they need to be doing across the year and how they can do this. Details can be found at www.elevateeducation.com

Sir William Ramsay School has been able to negotiate a discounted rate for our students and would like to request a voluntary contribution of £4.00, per student, to cover the cost of this valuable and positive training. This has been added as a payment option on Parentpay. You can pay online or request a barcode letter from Ms Forde, Student Reception, to pay cash at any of the Paypoint machines available in local retail shops.

Important—Leave of Absence requests for students

Should leave of absence be required for a student, parents/carers should please complete the leave of absence form obtainable from our website under the parents section, 'absence'. Please see the following link to the form: