

# The Ramsey Academy, Halstead



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Dear Parent/Carers

As part of our continued commitment to provide our pupils with opportunities to enrich and engage them, the 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> July will be activities days. The structure of school day will remain the same, however the pupils will be in year groups focussing on a variety of activities to broaden their knowledge linked to certain curriculum areas.

**Year 7** – During periods 1 & 2 Year 7 will be competing in their form groups in an interhouse rounders competition for the morning. Each form group will play two games against a different house for each of these games.

From Break onwards the vast majority of our Year 7s will be attending a 2 night, 3 day residential to Kingswood in Kent. Packed full of activities including zip wire, leap of faith, archery and many more. Leaving on Wednesday and arriving back on Friday afternoon. Full details of the trip have been emailed home by Ms Buschman.

The remaining year 7 will be getting creative with the technology department. They will have the opportunity to work in small groups learning 3 new skills –

Art - New tools and techniques - the lino printing process.  
Food - Creative bread making.  
Technology - Recycle and Reuse - Picasso Portraits.

**Year 8** – Year 8 will be split between Maths and Science.

## Maths - Span the Gap

Everyone loves playing with K'Nex, not least the Mathematics Faculty. During Activities Week teams of students will be challenged to use large kits of K'Nex to build a bridge to span up to two metres and to carry as heavy a load as possible. The twist will be that they can only support the bridge by touching the ground at each end. Teams will have to decide on who will take on the roles of Team Leader, Construction Leader and Finance Director. They will be given a budget within which they have to operate and each part of K'Nex will have to be purchased. Marks will be awarded for staying within budget, the span of the bridge, the mass it could support and the quality of leadership and teamwork.

## Science –

Year 8 will be taking part in three sessions during the day.

1. Designing and making air rockets/aeroplanes. Students will be judged on their design based on the most accurate/furthest distance travelled/ longest flight time.



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2. Making a hex bug that they can keep. These will be exciting opportunities to race the Hex bugs and take part in a bug rodeo.

3. Designing a football strip for moon United. The best designs may be entered into a national competition.

#### **Year 9 –**

##### **Day 1: ‘Consent Workshop’**

‘A question of consent’ examines the complexities surrounding consent. The workshops especially focuses on what is right in terms of behaviour and explores mental and physical health within relationships. The group will watch performed scenes that explore consent from a chance meeting, within a relationship and also from a coercive and abusive perspective. Pupils are involved in considering personality types, communication styles, sexual attitudes and the complex influences on our behaviour.

##### **Day 2: ‘Careers Insight Day’**

Students will be introduced to a variety of departments within the council, participating in activities led by Climate and Environment, Procurement and ASC Dementia Awareness Team. The aim of the day is to discuss career pathways into Essex County Council (ECC) and techniques to break down barriers to employment.

**Year 10 –** “Year 10 this year will be focusing on “Future You” skills. Students will have the opportunity to cultivate the knowledge and skills they need when they leave school at 16 and head into employment, training and further education.

We have a variety of speakers and workshops from organisations such as the Department for Work and Pensions, AIM Apprenticeships, the University of Essex and local businesses and employers. All Year 10 students will develop interview skills and have the valuable experience of a mock professional interview with volunteers from our local employers.”

**Please note that both days are non-uniform**

Yours faithfully

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