

The Ramsey Ram



Aspiration Charity Week



18th Edition

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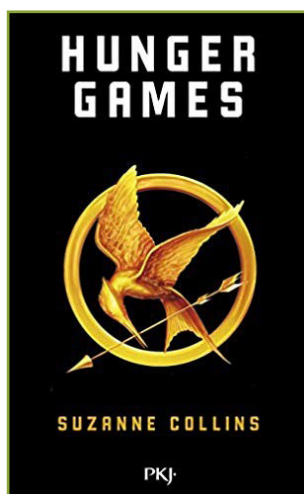
Hello, my name is Tazmin Sloat and I am in Year 10. I have been a member of the Ramsey Ram since it first started when I was in Year 7. One of the things I like the most about the Ramsey Ram is the variety of ideas that are expressed in different ways.

Hi, I'm Maximus Felton an editor for the Ramsey Ram and I am in year 10. I have been with the Ramsey Ram since year 7, just as it started. I joined the Ramsey Ram because I have always been interested in the various forms of writing. I have wanted to be part of the editorial team for a long time and now that I have finally reached this position, I want to influence and make a positive change to the team.

Bonjour, my name is Ellie Chatten. I joined the Ramsey Ram as soon as I joined Ramsey. I have published many articles in the Ramsey Ram and I'm now in Year 8. The reason why I joined and became an editor is because I enjoy brainstorming new ideas and exploring different opinions on significant topics.

Hey everyone, I'm Courtney Sloat and I am in Year 8. I have been a part of the Ramsey Ram since I first joined in Year 7 and was fortunate enough to recently be given the role of editor. I was drawn to the Ram as I liked the idea of working in a team and I am happy to say that the Ram team is one of the warmest and funniest I have worked with - don't be shy to get involved if you want to!

In this issue.....and more!!



Ramsey's Very Own Brilliant Club Graduates



A small, select group of students from both Year 9 and 10 during the autumn term took part in the Scholars Programme, run by the Brilliant Club. The Brilliant Club is a charity that strives to give students from all backgrounds more information about whether to pursue higher education, and it fulfils this aim by running schemes such as the Scholars Programme. This particular scheme places PhD students as tutors in tutorials with able and talented students about the PhD tutor's subject area - aside from learning about an interesting and different topic, students get the opportunity to practice new skills that will be helpful in the future, such as managing time, carrying out independent research and forming essays in response to in-depth questions. The topic that the group had this time around was Crime and Punishment in Imperial Russia which was taught by Mark Vincent - a topic most of us knew very little about initially.

Aside from the tutorials, the programme also gives students a taste of two different universities in order to present a broad range of what is available in the area of Higher Education. In October, the group went to the University of East Anglia in Norwich for the Launch Trip, but for the Graduation Trip, we were fortunate enough to go to Peterhouse College, which is one of the oldest and smallest colleges that make up the University of Cambridge. This prestigious university is unlike most universities in the sense that, in place of one main campus, the university is split into different colleges that are located around the city. Also, undergraduate students are offered on-site accommodation throughout the entirety of their studies whereas with other universities, such as UEA, students who have passed their first year may have to find accommodation off-campus.

During the trip, students were given a tour of the college and its grounds, including the dining area, the common room and the library, which was incredibly formidable and deadly silent due to the nature of the hardworking students studying. One of the university students who currently studies at Peterhouse College spoke of the incredible experiences she has had and went into detail about some of the more exciting areas of social life at university, such as birthday celebrations and annual parties. Peterhouse College is one of the colleges that will accept any students, whereas there are a few colleges that will accept only female students, mature students (those over 21) and some may not house students taking certain courses. Students also took part in a small number of sessions inside a lecture theatre - one of which looked at the impact of A-Level choices on degrees, but how degrees don't necessarily impact career prospects (to an extent). In fact, 80% of jobs that require a degree don't require one in an specific subject area - they want you to be able to apply your skills from university/student life to the workplace rather than your factual knowledge in a certain area.

The day concluded with a graduation ceremony, in which everyone was rewarded with a certificate signifying their achievements. From Ramsey, many of the students received high grades of 2:1 and 1sts on their final essays - proving how much work and effort they had put into the scheme. I would like to congratulate each and every student who took part this year - they were all fantastic and their grades are reflective of the care, effort and time spent on the project. By Tazmin Sloat (Year 10)



Yesterday I saw a guy spill his scrabble letters on the road. I asked him, "what's the word on the street?".

Today at the bank an old lady asked me to help check her balance, so I pushed her over.

I told my girlfriend she drew her eyebrows too high, she seemed surprised.

My dog used to chase people on a bike a lot. It got so bad, finally I had to take his bike away.

I'm so good at sleeping, I can do it with my eyes closed.

My boss told me to have a good day... so I went home.

Why is Peter Pan always flying? He never lands.

A woman walks into a library and asks if they have any books about paranoia? The librarian says, "they're right behind you"

Why do blind people hate skydiving? It scares the hell out of their dogs.

Why did the old man fall into the well, because he couldn't see that well.

By Lois Cheeney and Hannah Salter



Ask Ramsey Ronald



Dear Ramsey Ronald

My parents argue all the time and it really upsets my younger siblings. I don't know what to do and I feel as though it's all my fault. Whenever they argue my sister always starts crying and I never know what to do - she won't stop until they do but they never seem to realise.

Dear anonymous,

It's not your fault at all and sometimes parents argue it's not all that uncommon. I understand that the situation can be quite upsetting especially for younger siblings, you could try taking them out of the room and preoccupying them with something they like to do i.e. colouring, drawing, playing games etc. You could also try communicating with your parents about how it has made you and your siblings feel so that they are more aware.

Good luck!

Ramsey Ronald

Teacher Talk – Miss Hilton

1. Have you always wanted to be a teacher?

Yes, I have always wanted to be a teacher since I was about 11 but I wanted to be an English teacher but when I got to GCSE I had a really good Geography teacher which changed my mind to want to teach Geography instead.

2. What has been your biggest achievement so far in life?

My biggest achievement so far is probably completing gold for Duke of Edinburgh award, I had to walk for 4 days and 3 days camping and I walked over 100 miles.

3. Did you ever get 1 detention in school?

No I never got a detention at school but we didn't have detentions in the school I went to, we just had to stay in the classroom at lunch.

4. What were you like at school?

I was a bit of a goodie-two-shoes, I was hard working, well behaved and I wanted to be sporty but I wasn't. I always tried to do my best and wanted to do well.

5. Why did you decide to teach Geography and were you good at Geography at school?

Well as I mentioned before I wanted to teach English but when I got to GCSE I had this amazing Geography teacher which helped me to learn to love Geography and find out more about the world we live in and I was good at Geography when I was in school.

Bonus Questions

6. If you could have any super power what would it be and why?

I would probably have to say to have the ability to know everything because it would be quite cool and I hate being wrong.

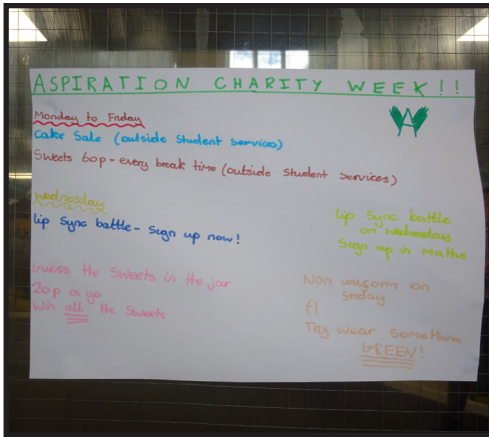
By Courtney Sloat and Olivia Burlong.





Aspiration Charity Week

11th – 15th March 2019



Aspiration's long-awaited charity week finally took place between 11th to 15th March, where a substantial amount of money was raised for the Smile of Arran Trust, a charity that was established to fund brain tumour research after the tragic death of a young boy named Arran Tosh.

On Monday, a basketball match between Year 11 boys and staff took place in the Sports Hall. The spectators thought that it was an amazing way to raise money and that it was really engaging and enjoyable to watch. We interviewed some students after the match had finished, who commented that next year another good idea could perhaps be hosting a football match. Tuesday was host to a netball match between Year 11 girls and various staff members - this took place in the Sports Hall once more.



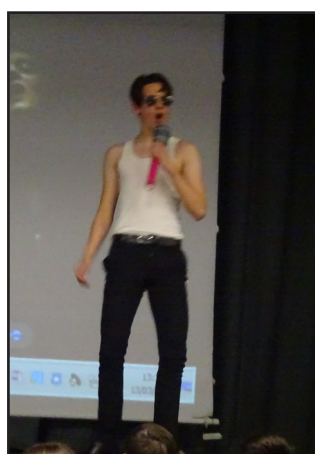
The infamous Lip-Sync Battle took place on Wednesday in the Main Hall - this event was jam packed, and was the most visited event of the week. Various acts performed a range of songs: everything from Baby Shark to Bohemian Rhapsody and Don't Stop Me Now. Harvey H came in third, Ewan S was second and the winners were Ivan S, Tom B and Levi H. Smile of Arran T-Shirts were awarded as prizes, but it should be noted that everyone who took part was fantastic. This was followed by Ramsey's Got Talent on Thursday, which gave some of our talented students a chance to shine.

In replacement of the usual sea of uniformed students, on Friday the school corridors were awash with green - the colour of Aspiration - to mark the end of a fabulous charity week. During lunch, a sponsored run took place, and an afterschool disco for the younger students (Year 7s and 8s) took place - this was said to be great fun. Both students and staff alike agree that the week was a success, and that everyone who got involved should be proud of what they achieved.



Thank you and well done to all who took part or donated throughout the week.

Written by Tazmin Sloat and the Ramsey Ram Team



The Hunger Games Book Review

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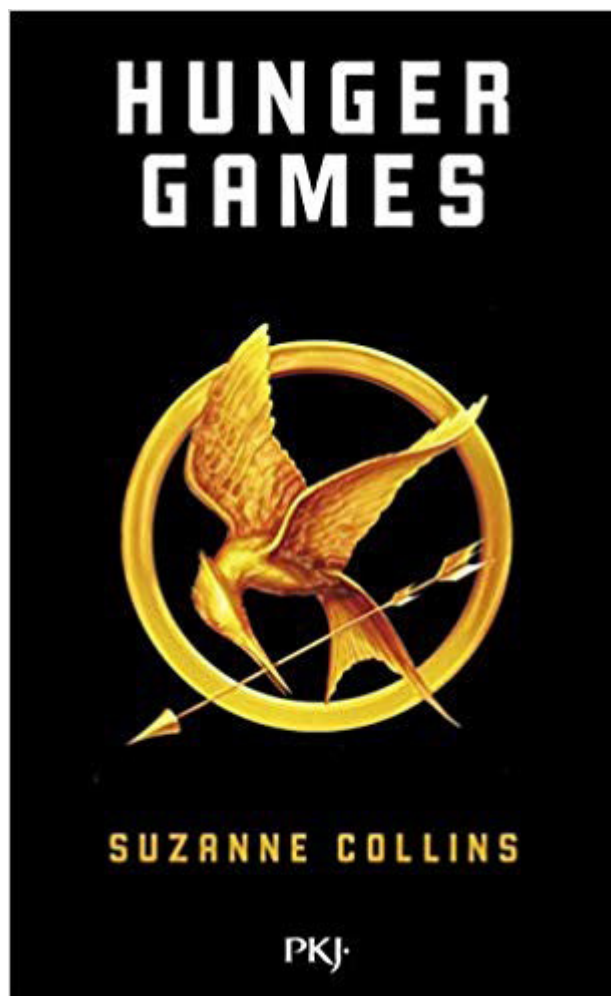


The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins is the first book of The Hunger Games trilogy, containing: The Hunger Games, Catching Fire and Mockingjay. All these stories are set in the country of Panem, which is split into 13 districts. The thirteenth district is uninhabited and resembles a wasteland. Among these districts is the Capitol (the Capitol controls all of the districts). The Capitol is very futuristic and much more developed than the rest of Panem, they have a ridiculous fashion sense and a very loud and proud attitude towards everything. The Hunger Games is an annual ceremony in which, two contestants from each district fight to the death for the chance to win extra food, water and luxuries for their district. Contestants can be aged anywhere from age 12-18 and the arenas can be anything from a sandy desert to a snowy forest.

In the story Katniss Everdeen is chosen to participate in The Hunger Games, she is focused on winning for her district, until she discovers that the games are simply for the Capitol's entertainment. Having a good storyline may keep her alive.

Personally, I found The Hunger Games to be a very intense and gripping story, I would give it 5-stars. It's a must-read for any reader who loves a thrilling plot.

By Lois Cheeney, 8D2



**Unscramble
the Eggs to
win a prize!!**

Form Groups, collectively find the hidden word amongst our colourful eggs and pop along to NF1 to claim a prize for your form

