

The Ramsey Ram



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Editors' Notes

Our long standing editors Tazmin and Max are now in year 11 preparing to take their GCSE exams. We would like to thank them for their continued and committed service to the Ram ever since the first meeting about four years ago. It is through their dedication, leadership and supreme organisation skills that the Ramsey Ram has gone from strength to strength in the last few years. Whilst they still hold the titles of editors and contribute from time to time we are excited to announce that we have some new members joining the editing team.

Congratulations to Lois C (9D2) and Hannah S (9D1) who have shown real commitment and enthusiasm to the Ram for the last year and have been promoted. They will be joining Ellie C (9D2) to form the new editing team. Learn a bit more about them in the next edition of the Ramsey Ram.

For now though, enjoy this edition which, as always, is jam packed full of great content skilfully produced by Mrs Keen. If you are interested in joining the team please speak to any of our editors (you will recognise them by their blue badges) or speak to Miss Siseman. We meet every Tuesday at lunchtime in NF1 but you can just email anything you'd like published to: ramseyram@ramseyacademy.com

Miss Siseman

Prominent Poet Visits Ramsey

On Tuesday 21st January, the famous and brilliant poet Luke Wright was a visitor at the Ramsey Academy where he held an assembly, followed by workshops, for Year 10 and Year 11 students. Although when we first heard that there was to be an activity based around poetry there was some hesitation (as a common stereotype is the idea that poems are boring), after Wright's first performance we all knew that this man was out to challenge that stereotype and turn it on its head completely.

During the assembly Luke Wright performed a myriad of different poems from his collections - some were light-hearted and humorous while others had deeper meanings and were influenced by his family - all were performed with enthusiasm, panache and were timed perfectly to convey the right meaning. One of Wright's poems that stands out particularly is one that consists of primarily words beginning with the letter b. In spite of the colourful language that was apt to appear in Luke Wright's work, it became evidently clearer as time passed that poetry is something that can be fun and used to make people laugh - it is a lot more intriguing and exciting than society wants us to believe. Poems can also be used to convey ideas and emotions, as Wright showed through his moving performance: it is clear that this man belongs on the stage at events like the Edinburgh Fringe.

After the assembly, small numbers of Year 11 and Year 10 students were invited to take part in a workshop with Luke himself - in these sessions we discussed the process behind making poems and conveying images in more detail before attempting to write our own poems. Much like one of his poems that he performed in the assembly, we were tasked with choosing a letter and writing a poem using only words beginning with that letter (within reason). Although it was a big challenge to attempt, everyone approached it eagerly and after some working time, some of the results were amazing! Luke Wright also spoke about the benefits of writing poems that conform to structural rules (like ballads, of which Wright has written many himself) rather than writing in free verse - the rules that some types of poems enforce on a writer force them to search deeper within themselves and think about how to convey their own points.

Having Luke Wright visit was an absolute pleasure and delight - we are grateful that the English Department managed to organise his assemblies and workshops and would strongly recommend that anyone see Luke Wright live. By Tazmin S



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Film and Show Reviews



Jo Jo Rabbit Review: JoJo rabbit is an emotional rollercoaster but is probably one of the best comedy history films I've ever seen. It is about a young German boy called Johannes and he goes to a Hitler youth training weekend with his best friend Yogi and his imaginary friend Adolf Hitler, who gets him in a lot of trouble through the film. What will happen when he finds out his mum is hiding a Jewish girl upstairs called Elsa? I would give this movie 10/10. By Hannah S

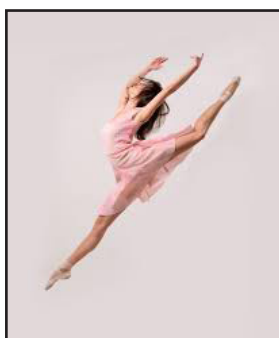


Star Wars The Rise of Skywalker Review: The Rise of Skywalker is the final film of the Star Wars Saga. The last part of the story sees the return of the familiar faces of Lando Calrissian, Chewbacca, C3PO, Princess Leia, BB8, R2D2, Luke Skywalker, Poe, Finn, Rey and of course Kylo Ren. What evil will the resistance face and will Kylo Ren and his first order succeed in their mission? Or will Rey and Leia's resistance pull through and save the galaxy? I would give this movie 10/10. By Hannah S



Six: The Musical Show Review: Six the musical is a musical about Henry VIII's wives who have formed a girl band and they have a competition to see who the leader of the band will be. They must perform a song about their life and experience of living with Henry. Who will win? Who had the worst time Aragon, Boleyn, Seymour, Cleves, Howard or Parr? By Hannah S

Life as a Dancer



Life as a dancer can be very hard, and I know all dancers can relate to me as after a full week of dancing it can take its toll on your body. When you perform at dance shows you will understand that your feet are always hurting, you always must move your back to a different position to how it was before and the leg pains - they are probably the worst. I do at least a couple of shows every year and it's been like that since I was very young. By Ellie C

What is Netflix?

What is Netflix?

Netflix is an app you can get where you can get a range of movies, dramas and documentaries from any genre and watch on the go. It has everything from teenage dramas to scary movies to films made for younger children; so it's appropriate for younger years.

Are you bored? well then just download Netflix and it will cheer you up! Having trouble at school with friends or bored doing homework, just turn on Netflix. I would recommend Netflix for all age groups!

By Ellie C



Teacher Talk – Mr Mc Carthy

Have you always wanted to become a teacher?

When I was younger, I never thought I would be a teacher, I wanted to be a judge! but something changed and I wanted to be a teacher.

When did you start teaching?

I have been teaching at Ramsey for two and a half weeks, but I have been teaching for about five years.

Where did you work before joining us at Ramsey?

A school in Clacton.

Have you taught any other subjects as well as Computer Science?

I am a Maths, Science and Computer Science teacher.

What was your favourite subject at school?

My favourite subject was Maths.

Was it a hard process to begin teaching?

The training wasn't too hard, but learning how to manage the behaviour was.

Were you good at school?

Yes? Let's just leave it at that!

Do you feel like you have settled in at Ramsey?

Yes, everyone is really helpful and nice.

By Morgan N and Sophie T

Young Essex Assembly Event

On the 24th of January 2020, roughly ten students from Year nine, consisting of myself, Lucas, Charles, and others arrived at a large hall, where we were given a lanyard with our names on, and we were seated. We were slightly late, but that didn't matter too much, as a few other schools (of about 8 total) were late also.

From about 9:15am we were seated, and after about ten to fifteen minutes, the introduction began. We were told what we were doing, and introduced to all the staff members, the YEA (Young Essex Assembly) and the police, paramedics, and fire service. This introduction ended at roughly 10:00am, where, unexpectedly, we were to pair up, and do boxing exercises with one another, along with somewhat tedious exercises such as squats. This was an introduction to the combat service and what is assumed to be the exercises performed as training if you were to serve in that area of work.



This ended at about 10:20am and we were talked to for another few minutes, and we made our way to the first workshop at around 10:30am: Hate Crime. Here, we conversed with the charity 'Show Racism the Red Card'. We talked about the difference between discrimination, hate crime, and simply not being nice.

After about forty minutes, we moved on to the next workshop, Cyber safety, which began at 11:15am, and we were taught about how easy it is to hack somebody's phone, when all you need is their number, and you can send and receive messages as them. We also learned how to protect ourselves from this, by using VPNs. We also learned that if you use an open Wi-Fi, people can view what you are looking at on that public Wi-Fi. On top of that, my apologies to Android users like myself, that Apple has a more secure app/play store, as apparently all apps are verified by Apple. This ended at about 11:55am, and we moved on to the third and final workshop: Human trafficking, and county lines.

Human trafficking is where people, often children and teenagers, are treated almost like slaves, and have to carry out illegal activities, like selling drugs, just to protect their family from harm. County lines are large drug (and other illegal products) businesses that are centred originally in a large city or town, but expand to smaller towns and villages. Human trafficking is often involved with this.

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This workshop ended at about 12:40pm, where we were provided with a free lunch buffet (with sandwiches, crisps, drinks, etc) and we were allowed to try on a fireman's outfit. Lucas and I got the chance to do so, however, Charles bailed on us and decide not to. The outfit was quite heavy, and we were provided with a tank of air that could be filled to last about forty minutes on an average man.

After lunch, at 13:00pm we got to interview a few people who worked in different areas of the emergency services. One woman was the owner of a police dog who had lost one of their legs after being run over by a criminal who was trying to get away. However, that has not hindered them, as they are as energetic as ever! It seems, from our discussions with the staff, that being in the police force at times can be rewarding, by saving people's lives and restoring peace and happiness to people in need, but whilst in the effort of all this, it can be extremely tiring and psychologically deteriorating for those who do not have exceptionally high mental limits, this can be due to lack of success on severe crimes like murder and human trafficking. If that isn't for you, but you still want to contribute to the police force, you could become a police dog trainer, and train dogs to restrain criminals and sniff out clues (like blood or drugs).

If you are more into saving lives without tracking criminals, but still want to be on scene, you could become a paramedic, which is also a stressful job, but is not only safer for you, but you are the person who treats the wounded, which is a great thing to do.

On top of this, you also may be called from time to time by random people who may be going through a hard time, like they are addicted to drugs, but want to stop, and don't want to be fined and arrested. It is almost like a phone call therapy, so be prepared for that.

After finishing up with the several interviews at 14:00, we ended with a final talk, and then left after 14:30, arriving around 15:30 at the Ramsey Academy.

By Yakup O



WW3 Will it happen?

World War 3 has feared to have escalated during some recent events around the world: Iranian General, Qassem soleimani, has lately been assassinated during a US missile strike on 3rd January 2020. Since then Iran has promised a retaliation against the US.

The Iranian government has set an \$80 million bounty for killing President Donald Trump.

Iranian Foreign minister, Mohammad Javad Zarif, has classified the killing of the Iranian general as a form of US terrorism and has quoted "US bears responsibility for all the consequences of its rogue adventurism."



Even Iran's supreme leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, to whom General Soleimani had reported to directly, had said: "All enemies should know that the Jihad of resistance will continue with doubled motivation, and a definite victory awaits the fighters in the holy war."

The US said the strike killed General Soleimani because he " was actively developing plans to attack American diplomats and service members in Iraq and throughout the region."

On another note, Brexit has been said to be another factor of the possible future of World War 3. The Prime Minister has said himself, for Britain to stay in the EU to help prevent the European continent from being, once again, ripped apart by another conflict. Mr Johnson said, trying to back-up Brexit, "People should think very hard before they make these kinds of warnings."

Other political parties have pleaded that the act of Brexit will also destroy the British and Irish economy and wish that Brexit does not proceed.

Overall, I think the chance of World War three could be at great risk, but we will have to see what will happen in the future and hope that such a catastrophe will not progress to chaos. However, most people argue that World War Three is unlikely as no nation would want to detriment itself through a nuclear conflict and lead to the destruction of the planet.



By Lucas H



Gavin and Stacey TV Show Review

GAVIN AND STACEY CHRISTMAS SPECIAL – ABSOLUTELY CRACKIN’

Gavin and Stacey, written by and starring James Corden and Ruth Jones, follows the lives of Gavin, an Essex boy and Stacey West, a Welsh girl who meet over the phone and end up getting married. Their best mates, Nessa and Smithy, are also key characters within the story, having a love/hate relationship throughout and ending up having a baby, Neil.



Gavin and Stacey made a comeback over Christmas after ten years off the screen and it was not a disappointment. Funny and sweet, it appealed to many and it got fabulous reviews.

Neil, 'the baby' is now eleven and Gavin and Stacey are living in Wales with three children. As all the family spend Christmas together, there are many funny misadventures such as Pam forgetting the Christmas puddings and then leaving the replacements in the pub. The Christmas Eve celebrations are also hilarious. The show ends on a brilliant cliff hanger with Nessa declaring her love to Smithy.



The show ended up being the highest rated show over Christmas and for the whole of the 2010s. 17.1 million viewers tuned in live or on catch up. Knowing we will never know what happened on the fishing trip between Bryn and Jason or what will happen between Nessa and Smithy has left the public thinking and pining for more.

My favourite part was when Smithy's girlfriend doesn't understand a single tradition. I would rate this 9/10 stars only because I was so disappointed that this may be the last episode ever.

By Holly S



Sue Perkins, Spectacles Book Review

I recently read the much-loved Sue Perkins's autobiography: Spectacles and it was one of the funniest books I've read in a long time. Packed with witty and hilarious comments, Sue's book is relatable and so exciting. She constructs sentences in ways that make the reader feel so joyful. This book really made me laugh and I'm sure it has for others too.

The book is about Sue's life. She entails all the highs and lows that she's had in her life. It was clear in this book that being a teenager was one of the hardest times for her (isn't it for all of us?) and she made the book so interesting, it kept me gripped until the end. By Louis C

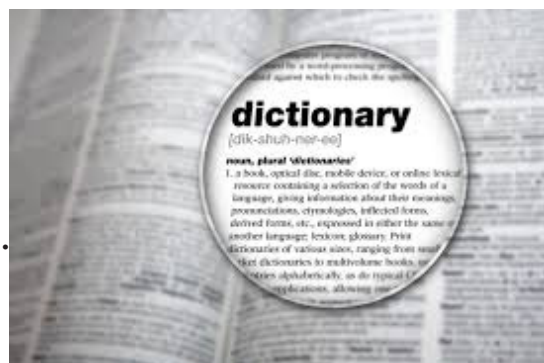


Dictionary Corner

Yakup: Ländler - An Austrian Country dance in which couples spin around and clap.

Charles: DAB - abbreviation for digital audio broadcasting.

Lucas: Cynical - adjective believing the worst of people.



Friday Night Dinner Review

Friday Night Dinner is a British comedy written and created by Robert Popper. It stars Mark Heap, Tamsin Greig, Paul Ritter and Tom Rosenthal. It is a comedy about a Jewish family that meet up every Friday night for dinner, however, there always seems to be a catastrophe (often involving their crazy neighbour, Jim, and his dog Wilson who frequently turns up at their house). For example, Jim finds a pound on the driveway and tries to return it and asks for a pound reward before



running off as he sees a ventriloquist doll. Then he interrupts their evening several more times on different occasions. This sort of thing happens in every episode.

Friday Night Dinner is very popular and well written with lots of funny but subtle jokes. I would recommend watching this TV series. I would rate this series a 9/10 because it's very funny and entertaining.



By Holly S and Alfie W