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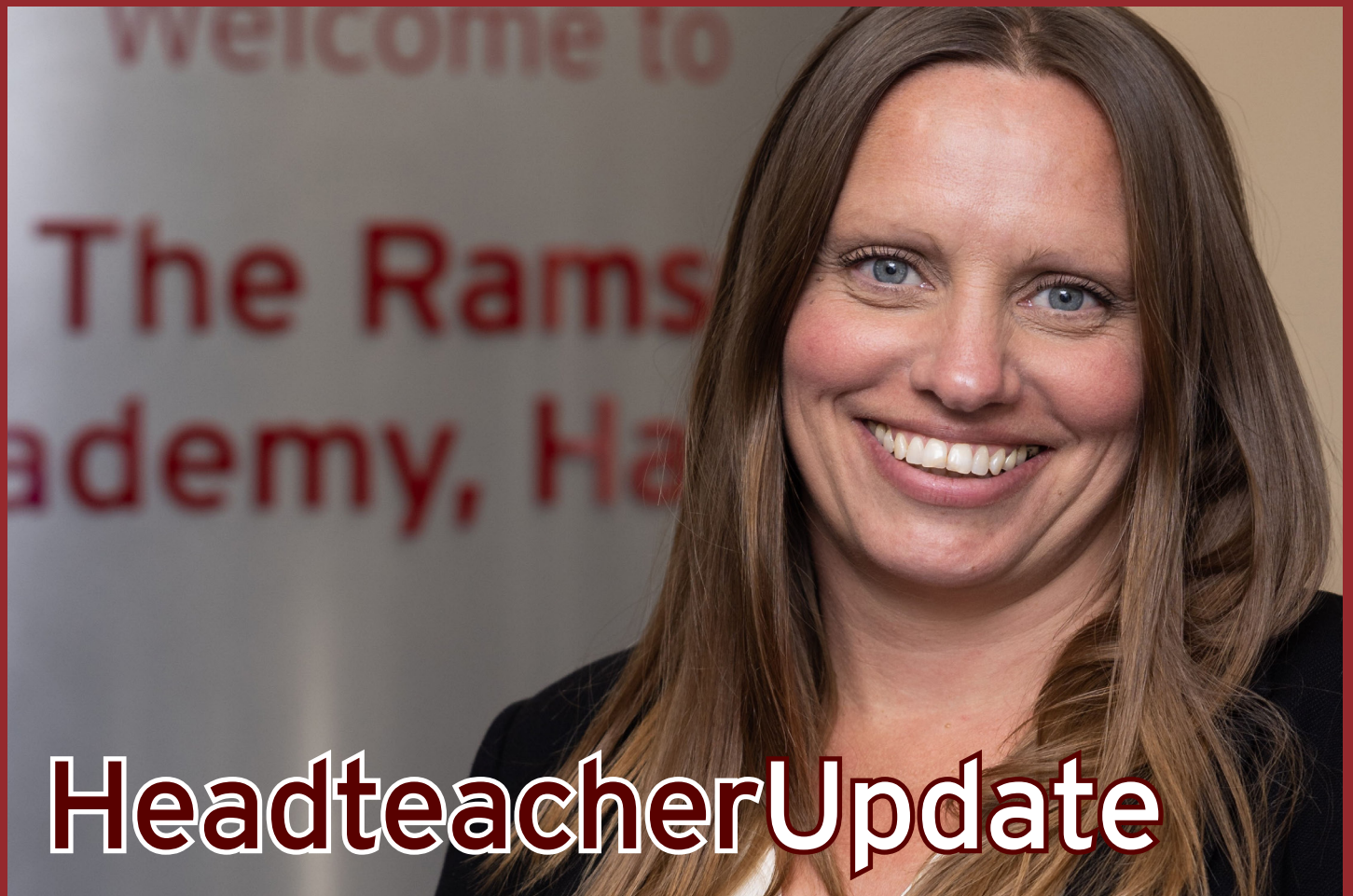
'Achieving Excellence Together'

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Walton
and much more

Goodbye Year 11



HeadteacherUpdate

Welcome to the Summer term edition of The Ramsey Voice. As always, we do hope that you enjoy reading about events that have taken place and the experiences students have had this term. There have been a number of field trips this term including Geography, Health and Social Care and History. Students engaged well with the visits and appreciated having the opportunity to experience these subjects outside of school.

The Eco club continue to grow their fruit and vegetables and our Artist in Residence has been in school, working with different groups of students producing some artwork which will soon be on display in the English area.

We have said goodbye to our year 11s with the usual end of year 11 assembly, shirt signing and the prom. We wish them all the best in the future and hope to see them on results day.

We were delighted to welcome students and parents to the end of year Awards evening last week. Congratulations to all students who achieved an award, you have worked hard to achieve this and should feel proud that you were chosen out of your year group to receive this. We were also privileged to present the 'Spirit of

Calum P Leys Award'. This is the first time this award has been presented and we thank his family for this. Each letter represents an important characteristic that we think of when we remember Mr Leys.

C - Curiosity - an openness to listen, understand and learn

P - Purposefulness - determination to be the best version of themselves

L - Luminosity - radiating an inner strength and compassion

Congratulations to Daisy who was the first ever winner of this award.

We have just completed our activities days - students have been involved in a variety of activities including a residential trip for year 7, lino printing, creative bread making, producing Picasso portraits, making rockets, hex bugs, designing a football strip, bridge building, consent workshops and careers insight activities.

Thank you for all the support you have given to the school this year and wish you an enjoyable and restful Summer.

Summer Break

We wish all students and their families a relaxing Summer break

Students return to school on

6 September 2023

Year 7 & 11 only

7 September 2023

Year 8, 9 & 10

Ramsey Social Media

Below are the official social media sites for The Ramsey Academy. Please be aware that, with the exception of departmental Instagram pages, other social media sites are not related to the school.

Facebook... www.facebook.com/ramseyacademy

Instagram... www.instagram.com/theramseyacademy

Twitter... www.twitter.com/ramseyacademy



Geography Fieldwork

Over the past couple of weeks, year 10 have been out completing their physical and human fieldwork for their GCSE Geography.

Our physical fieldwork took us to Walton on the Naze, where we studied long shore drift and coastal erosion. Students were all very excited when I told them that we were going to be throwing oranges into the sea and that we were also going to be measuring pebble size! The students were all brilliant and showed their enthusiasm for geography (and in some cases for Disney music!) Overall, the data that we collected will be helpful in preparing for the paper 3 exam next year.

Our other fieldwork was completed at Stratford in London, comparing the new East village with the older area of the Carpenters Estate. Once again the students were a credit to the school and collected some brilliant data, despite a few set backs such as people not wanting to answer questionnaires and one student leaving his mobile on a bench which then entailed Miss Pearce have to run back through Stratford to find it!

I just want to say thank you to all who were involved with the trips and well done to all the students who proved that, as always, Ramsey geographers are the best!

Miss Ellis





Health & Social Care

Recently a group of Year Ten Health and Social Care students visited Anglia Ruskin University in Chelmsford for the morning to attend an NHS and Social Care Expo.

The students got the chance to experience what it was like to have dementia and autism by visiting buses that replicated the experience. They attempted to work together to complete different tasks and follow a series of instructions. They also visited a careers fair where many health and social care careers were represented. Students got to chat to the professionals and look at the materials and resources they had bought with them.

After this, they learned about giving first aid and had a chance to practise this on a CPR training kit. Next, they had the opportunity to speak to ARU medical students and have a go at using some medical equipment.

Finally, they spent some time in one of the lecture theatres where they got to hear from social workers, an operating theatre practitioner and a pharmacist about their careers and the journey they went on to get to where they are today. It was a really positive and interesting day where the students did a lot in a short space of time. This was topped off by some excellent singing in the minibus on the way back to school!

Miss Linsdell



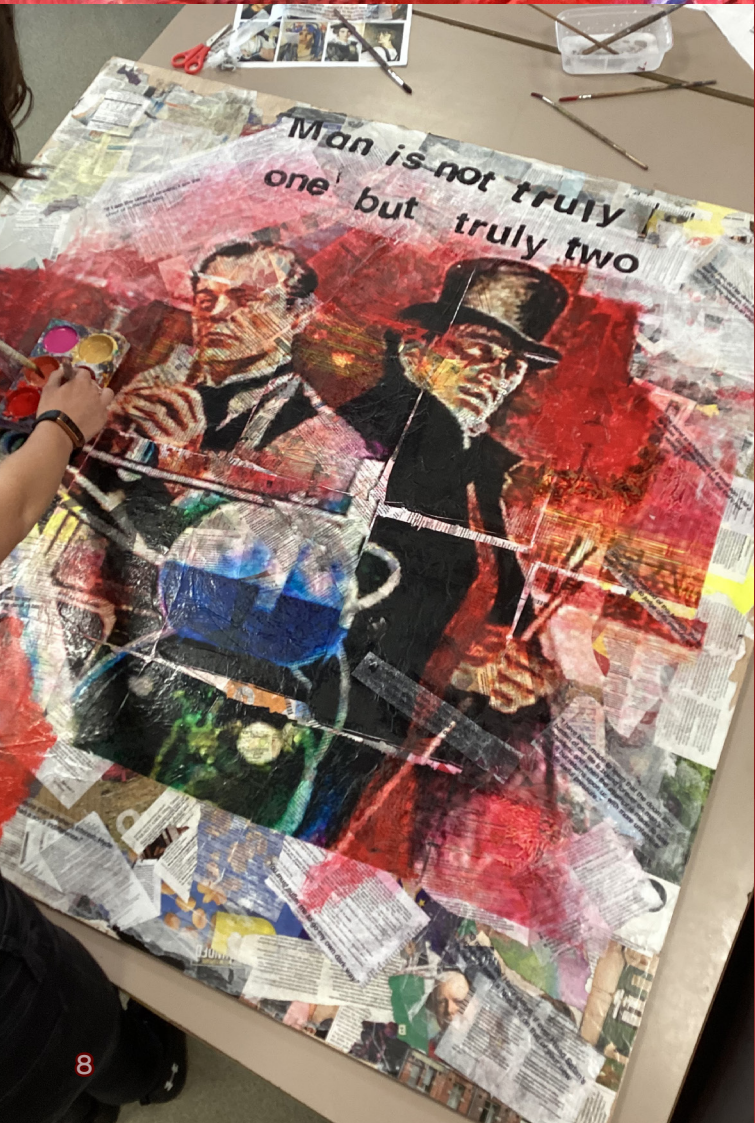
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Artist in Residence



A selection of our prospective GCSE Art and 3D Design Year 9 students took part in three Artist in Residence sessions throughout May. With the guidance and support from Matt Mackman a local working and professional artist the students produced four 4 foot mixed media artworks. The theme for each piece came from the texts our students study within the English Curriculum. Students used photocollage, print, paint and stencils to create the works which will be placed on display in our English area.

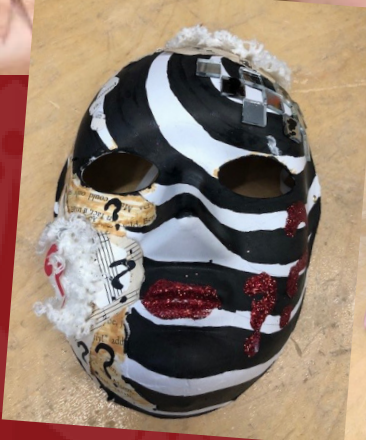
Mrs Gerrard



MaskPerformance

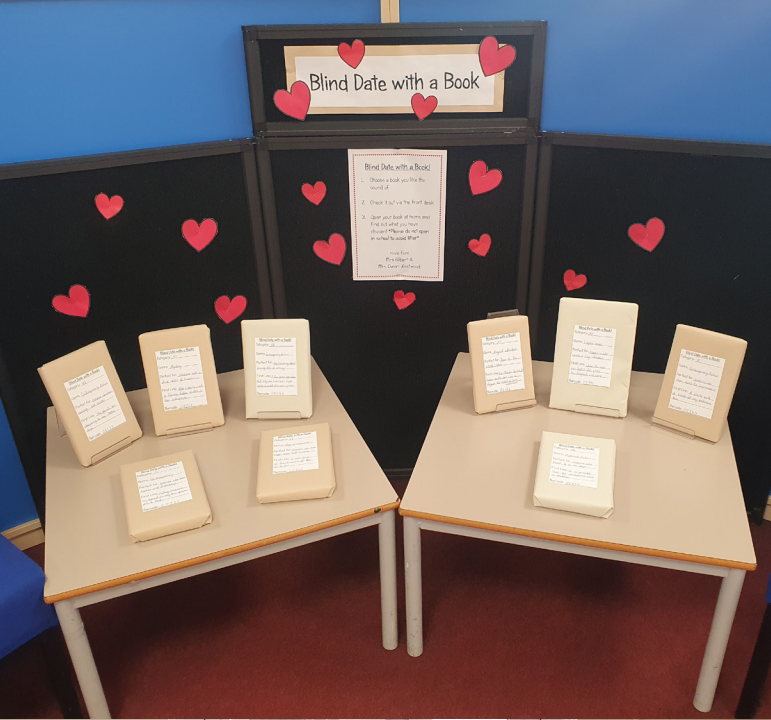
In Drama this term, Year 8 have been learning about the art of mask performance. The students have had the chance to decorate their masks to suit their characters and personalities and to write their own scenarios. The skills and techniques are very different to usual theatre performance and they have had to work hard to master the physicality and pace needed to communicate through their masks!

Mrs Barnes





Library News



Please come by the library and check out our new displays - we've cherry-picked some summer themed books that you are welcome to borrow over the course of the six weeks holiday. Please ask the librarians if there is anything in particular you are looking for and we will do our best to help you find it! We also have a new 'reading buddies' carousel, where we have gathered multiple copies of the same book. This means you and some friends can all read the same book at the same time, and discuss it as you're reading it. Our 'Blind Date with a Book' display is proving very popular, and is getting refreshed with new books on a regular basis. We love seeing the excitement around this display! We are hoping to introduce lots of new lunchtime clubs in the library from September, so watch this space to find out more. Happy reading!

Mrs Gilbert and Mrs Owen-Westwood





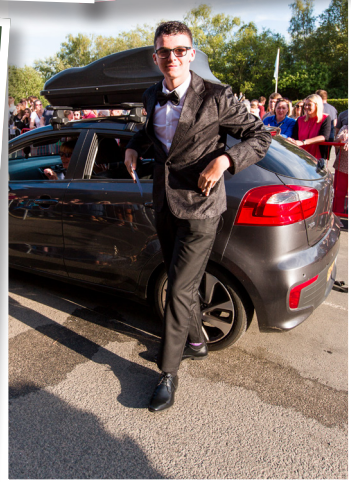
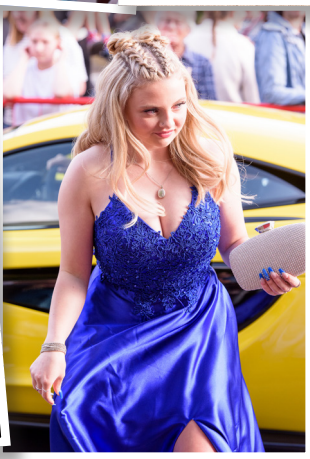
Year 11 Prom

This year's Prom was another opportunity to formally celebrate the end of an era with our year 11. The Prom symbolises their success and is our way of celebrating everything they have achieved over the 5 years that they have been at the Academy.

It was a fabulous evening with lots of smiles, laughter and dancing. We wish Year 11 the very best as they continue their journey onto the next phase of their life.

Mrs Howkins









Hedingham Castle Trip

This term Year 10 visited Hedingham Castle as part of their History Around Us GCSE. They saw the influences of different time periods on the site from the medieval period to modern day. Hedingham Castle was built in 1140 for the de Vere family, a very powerful Norman family. It was used during the medieval period as a symbol of their power and control and played a big role in the Barons' War. During the Tudor period, it was famously visited by Henry VII, who had been helped by John de Vere during the War of the Roses. John de Vere wanted to show Henry his beautiful new bridge, however, Henry VII wasn't impressed by the number of servants that John had and fined him!

The site changed hands to the Ashhurst family during the Georgian period and a fine Mansion House was added, as well as the gardens, dovecote and lake. Now the site is used for an open-air theatre, an escape room, weddings, and of course... school trips.

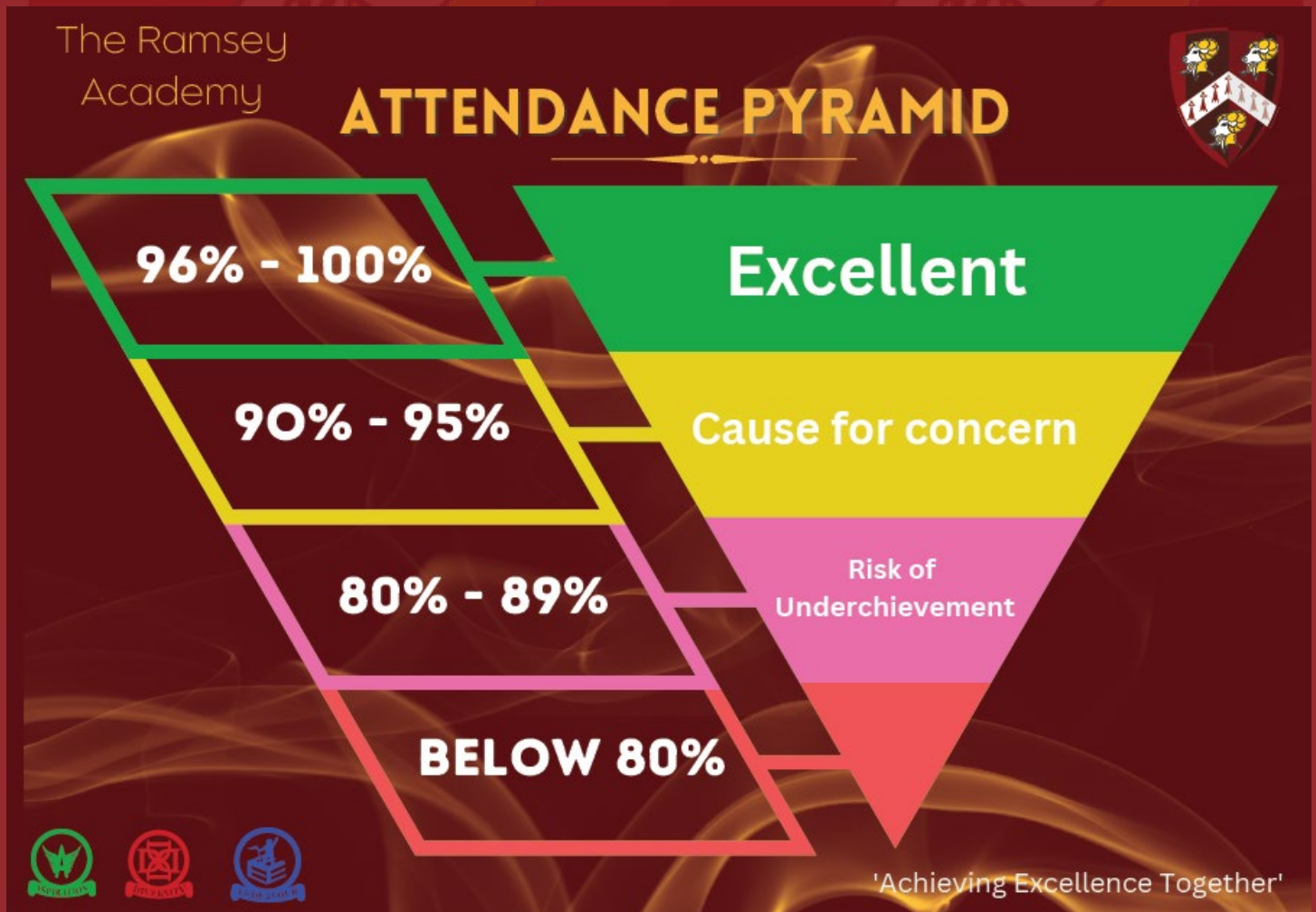
Our students said this about their day...
Libby and Ella loved the helmets, the 28ft arch and the minstrel gallery. Elias liked the dovecote, Mollie the banqueting hall, Carys the bridge, Bradie the helmets, Jacob the arch, Brandon the fish, Clara the interior lighting, Marney the view from the top, Sam the fish in the lake, Will the Georgian garden, Ralph the lake, Cian the arch. Izzy said "that staircase was one of the best I've ever walked down... not as scary as I thought!"





Raise Your Childs Attendance Raise their Chances!

Do you know what your child's attendance is?



1 school year at 90% attendance = 4 whole weeks of lessons MISSED!!!
90% attendance over 5 years of secondary school....✚ a school year missed!

Green - Your barrier to achieving excellence is your engagement with lessons

Amber - You are likely to miss information because of your attendance, making it difficult to achieve excellence

Pink - you are at risk of not achieving excellence because of your attendance.

Red - You will be missing vital information, making it difficult to catch up work and achieve excellence because of your attendance. This often leads to a negative spiral of attendance and achievement.

What is the school doing to help?

As a school we are rewarding students' attendance:

100% attendance for a week, students get house points and we have been completing random name draw, selecting 5 students from each house to win spot prizes.

Tutor groups have received rewards of sweets or cookies for the highest attendance as a tutor group.

Tutor groups have received sweets if they have the least number of lates, or the most students with 100% attendance, or have shown the most improvement. We change the criteria each time.

What can I do as a parent to help?





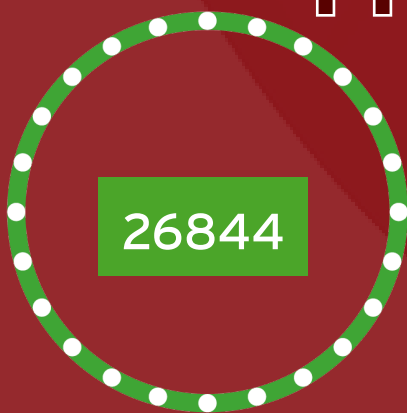
EcoClub

This week Eco Club have been harvesting some of the fruits of their labour. This year our radishes were particularly impressive and we also had a good crop of strawberries and lettuce. Eco Club meet weekly and help to maintain our wellbeing garden in school and use the poly tunnel to grow some fruit and vegetables. Our primary aim was to encourage more biodiversity on the school site and this has definitely been achieved. We have a wide range of plants doing well and have created an ideal haven for insects and other pollinators.

Mrs Perrins



HousePoints



Aspiration



Endeavour



Diversity

ActivitiesDay



Local Employers Working With YR 10 for Activities Days 2023!

Ramsey students in Yr 10 have had the opportunity to engage with a fantastic array of representatives from local businesses, further education and higher education providers this week. They have had workshops and presentations on professional CV building, gap years and charity work abroad, apprenticeships, future skills, interview techniques and university life.

We are also delighted that students have also risen to the challenge of mock professional interviews with local employers: Maycast Nokes, Kew Law, Colchester Institute, Milbank, PerkBox Digital Marketing, Care Uk Colne View Care Home, Healthwatch UK and The Essex. We are so proud of the way that the students have approached these challenges with courage, maturity, energy and high level preparation! We are also hugely grateful to the local businesses and charities that have given up their time to provide such a valuable experience

for our students. They have been so generous with their time, ideas and positive feedback for Ramsey Yr 10. Students were given individual feedback with oodles of professional advice moving forwards but we are delighted with the very complimentary comments returned.

Students have been described in terms such as:

“natural leader, so self-motivating,” (University if Essex - Make Happen)

“very confident and professional,” (The Essex)

“keen ideas of long-term goals....we’d consider him for an apprenticeship,” (Maycast Nokes)

“What a delight! thoughtful, considered and mature beyond her years....a strong sense of self and great self-awareness,” (Perkbox Digital Marketing)

Mrs Barnes

SUMMER CAMPS

21ST AUGUST -
22ND AUGUST



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Positive Feedback Form

Don't forget you can submit positive feedback to us via [this form](#). This can also be found on the contact us page of our website. We look forward to receiving all your comments.



Spirit of Calum P Leys Award

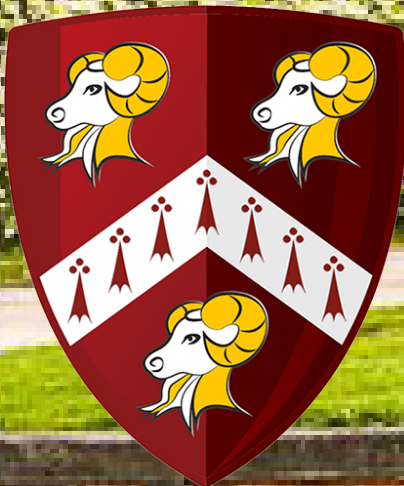
How did getting the award make me feel?

I was invited to the summer awards evening and thrilled to go. After the awards for the subjects were announced, I was delighted to have been recognized for music.

I was quite surprised when Mrs. Sterland read out my name as the first ever person to get the 'Spirit of Calum P Leys' award. I feel very lucky to have been awarded it. I love coming to school each day, working hard to do my best and trying out new skills every day.

Daisy





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