

Head's Up...(date)

March 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope that you enjoyed reading our academy newspaper last half term, which provided many more stories, photographs and showcased the extra-ordinary things that our pupils achieve. At Ian Ramsey CE Academy, our continued dedication to providing a high-quality education in a nurturing and inclusive environment has remained steadfast, and I am incredibly proud of the hard work and achievements of our pupils and staff.

As we look forward to the coming months, we are excited to build on the successes of the past year, continue our commitment to academic excellence, while also providing our pupils with opportunities to broaden their horizons through extracurricular activities.

We look forward to working in partnership with our families to support our pupils in achieving their full potential and prepare them for their future endeavours.

Thank you for your continued support, and we wish you all the very best for the Summer term ahead.

God bless,

Mr. Janes
Head Teacher



Dear Parent / Carer

I would like to thank our pupils for their hard work and dedication this term, particularly those who have improved their attendance since Christmas as this is one of our key targets. Well done to anyone who achieved 100%! That is amazing.

Please keep our Year 11 pupils in your thoughts and prayers as they move towards their final term at Ian Ramsey CE Academy and wish them good luck with their examinations so that they can go on to their next step, whether that is in employment, education or training.

Wishing you and your family a joyful Easter.

Mrs G Booth
Executive Head Teacher.



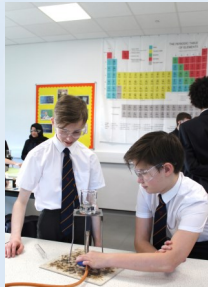
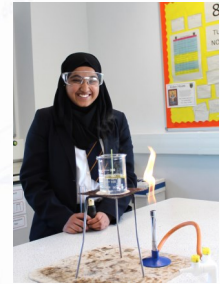
Together to Learn, to Grow, to Serve.



Northern Lights

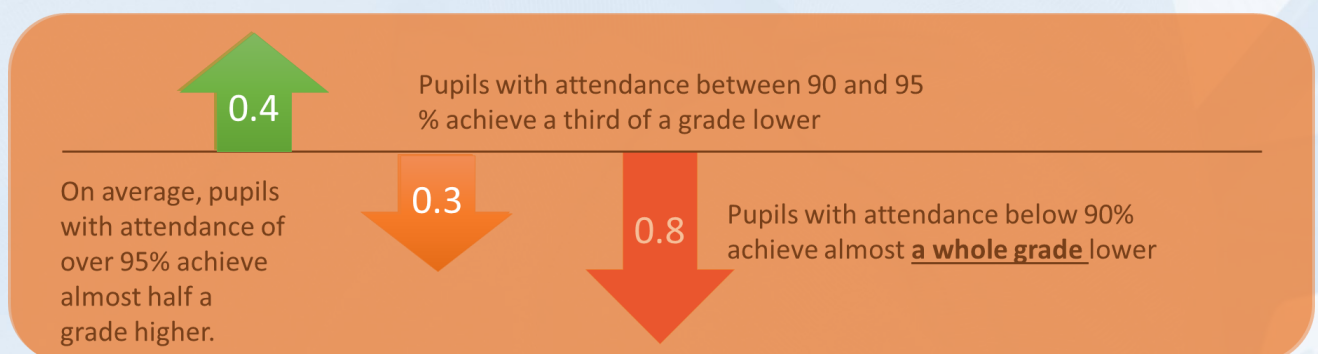
LEARNING TRUST

As of 1st February 2023, Dayspring Trust have officially merged with Northern Lights Learning Trust. We are extremely excited about this opportunity to work together and the opportunities it will bring to our young people and to our staff.



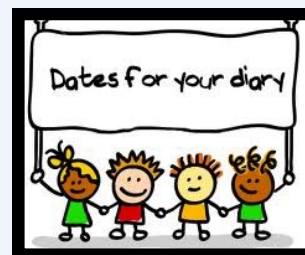
Attendance

We know that during the last couple of years our children have lost some learning time and this will vary greatly within our academy, depending on personal circumstance. Excellent attendance is the first line of attack in regaining this learning. If your child is not in school they are not gaining the knowledge and skills for them to develop. As an Academy, **96% is our minimum expectation for our pupils** which still equates to 7 days absence from school. Having a slight cough and cold, for instance, is not a reason for staying off school. There is a clear impact on pupils' outcomes when the greater their absence from school; in some cases being a whole grade per subject on average. The national average for secondary schools is normally 95% - we want to be better than average!



Key dates

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| Return to school: | Monday 17th April 2023 |
| Bank Holiday Mondays: | Monday 1st and 8th May 2023 |
| End of half term: | Friday 26th May 2023 (3.00pm) |
| Return to school: | Monday 5th June 2023 |
| Summer holiday: | Thursday 20th July 2023 |



For all key dates, please see our website: <https://ianramsey.org.uk/term-dates>

Communication



We endeavour to respond to parents and carers, within 48 hours of the initial contact. In some cases, a member of staff may contact you, to acknowledge your correspondence, and give you a timescale in which they can respond.

Please remember that we are a working academy, and it is not always possible to respond immediately, to parents and carers. However, if it is a safeguarding issue you must email our Safeguarding Lead, Miss Fox (Deputy Head Teacher). You can use the 'contact us' link on our website, so this is dealt with quickly.

We have a strict code of conduct across the academy about how we communicate with each other. I recognise at times you may feel frustrated, but as a gentle reminder, ***please act respectfully and politely when speaking with staff who are working to support your child.*** After speaking with any member of staff, should you feel that the issue has not been resolved, please contact the academy and ask to speak to the appropriate line manager.

It is important that we continue to work in partnership: parent/carer, child and school. You can contact the academy by email using the contact details on our website. For pastoral concerns, your first point of contact should be your child's tutor or a member of the pastoral team, unless there is a safeguarding concern. Should you have any questions relating to your child's learning in a specific subject, in the first instance, please contact their class teacher to discuss this.



We share information via EduLink, Instagram, Facebook and Twitter.

Bishop of Lesotho Visit



In February Ian Ramsey CE Academy welcomed a very special visitor, The Right Rev Dr Vicentia Kgabe, Bishop of Lesotho. She came to look around our school, and was treated to some fantastic performances by pupils. In turn she answered pupils questions on her early life, how she became a Bishop and what day to day life is like in Lesotho.

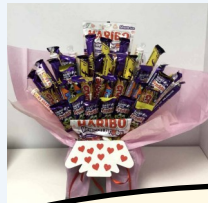


On International Women's Day, Wednesday 8th March, Mrs Gordon arranged a flower delivery for all the Academy staff members who wanted to take part. Year 7 pupils were on delivery duty.

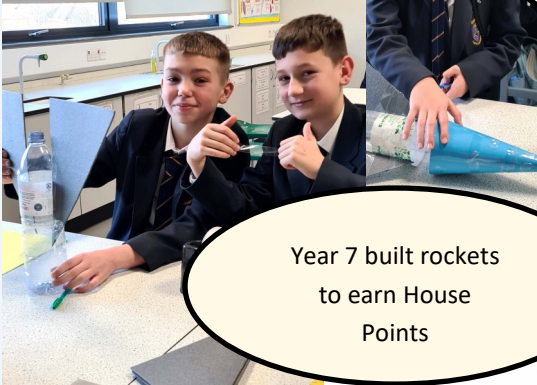
Duke of Edinburgh— Two groups of pupils took part in a twelve hour sponsored walk over two weekends in March, raising money for their summer expeditions that are part of their Bronze Awards. Even though the weather was unpleasant, they carried on regardless.



We've been busy this term:



Year 11 have been working hard raising money for Prom; washing cars, doing raffles and making staff lip sync to their favourite songs.



Year 7 built rockets to earn House Points



Maths marked Pi Day with cake, competitions and a pie in the face for Mr Spence (which raised over £90 for the mini bus fund).



Year 7 and 11 Rugby team both won; Year 11 became County Champions



We celebrated World Book Day with costumes, decorated doors and an author visit.



And 7A won doughnuts for the best Worship

Prayers

Almighty God, who through thine only-begotten Son Jesus Christ has overcome death and opened unto us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's Resurrection may be raised from the death of sin by thy life-giving Spirit; through the same Jesus Christ Our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the same Spirit ever, one God, world without end.

Amen