

# Head's Up...(date)

October 2022



Dear Parent/Carer,

During the first half term of the year we have been re-visiting our Christian vision to make sure that, **'Together to learn, to grow, to serve'** is still as relevant today, as it was when we came together, seven years ago, to write it. Our vision statement is embodied in the words: **'Each of you should use whatever gifts you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms.'** (1Peter 4:10), which remind us that we all have a part to play in supporting our community.

At the start of the term, I shared with the pupils and staff what this vision meant to me and what I wanted for the children, families and staff of Ian Ramsey CE Academy. Firstly, you need to know that I am passionate about teaching and learning. I want us all to be part of a community that celebrates diversity and provides an inclusive space where everyone truly feels valued and cared for; where we recognise and celebrate our differences and show respect and tolerance to others; where there is a strong sense of family and a 'can do' aspirational culture. I am passionate in my belief that everyone can learn and will succeed - there is no place for second best.

Ian Ramsey CE Academy is a place of high expectations and a school where we challenge underperformance because every child deserves the very best. Providing a future that they can aspire to and believe in; a future they can help to shape. Working in collaboration we seek to develop pupil leadership in all corners of the academy and create leaders who have humility and integrity. I want us all to grow and flourish, so that we can strive to be the very best versions of ourselves, in God's image. I want to listen to your voices and hear what you are saying. We are an inclusive school that puts the children at the centre of all decisions; providing opportunities for all and levelling the playing field for everyone. Inclusivity means everyone; no one is left behind. To truly flourish, all must flourish.

I hope that you enjoy reading our Autumn newsletter; it showcases some of the ways in which our children and staff live out our ethos, values and vision on a daily basis. Toward the end of the term we will be sending out our academy newspaper, which will provide many more stories, photographs and sharing the extra-ordinary things that our pupils achieve.

God bless,

Mr. Janes

**Head Teacher**

Dear All,

Welcome to our first newsletter of the term. Thank you for everything you have achieved since returning in September. It's certainly been an exciting start and we are delighted to see the competitive spirit rising between our new houses with the first cooking challenge having taken place. Congratulations to Bede House on making the best pizza!



Discussions are continuing with Northern Lights Learning Trust - more information will follow before Christmas. We are enjoying working together on the theme of metacognition and how it impacts on teaching and learning.

With best wishes,

Mrs. Booth

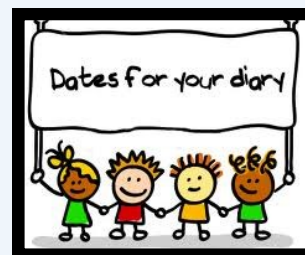
**Executive Headteacher**

## Key dates

**Return to school:** Monday 31st October 2022

**End of term:** Tuesday 20th December 2022 (3.00pm)

**Return to school:** Wednesday 4th January 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.

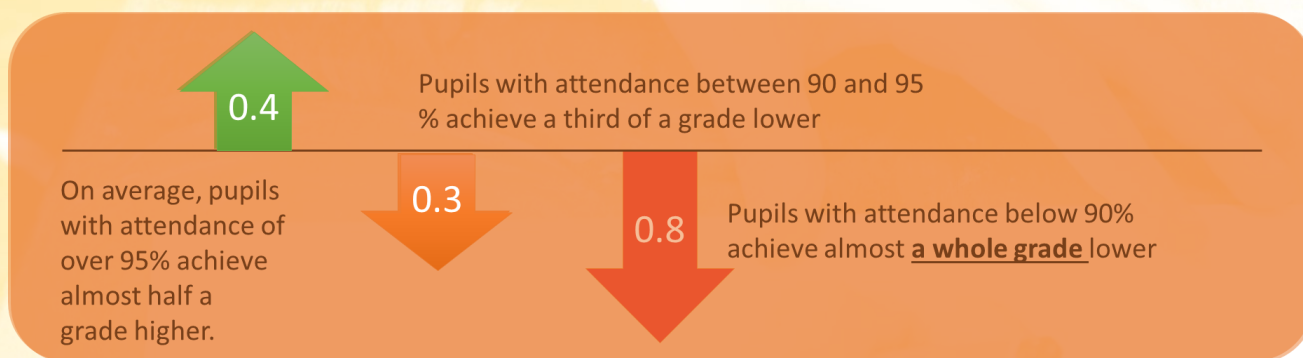


## Lunch Time arrangements

After half term we are going to be moving Year 7 to an earlier lunch sitting. They will finish lessons at 12:15pm and have social time outside (or inside during heavy rain or snow) and be called into the lunch hall at approximately 12:30pm. They will then return to lessons at 1.00pm.

## 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!



## Year 11 Mock Examinations

**Mock Exams**

**Series 1**  
Monday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2022–  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022

**Series 2**  
W/C Monday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2023  
and W/C 27<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

**Revision Website**

YEAR 11 REVISION

GENERAL REVISION MATERIALS

SUBJECT REVISION INFORMATION AND MATERIALS



Please scan the QR code to visit the academy website where you can find the Year 11 Curriculum Evening presentation.



## Prayers

Lord, help me to dare to be different. Thank you that you died for me that I may live together with you. Help me to avoid every kind of evil and live a life of love, kindness, joy and peace,

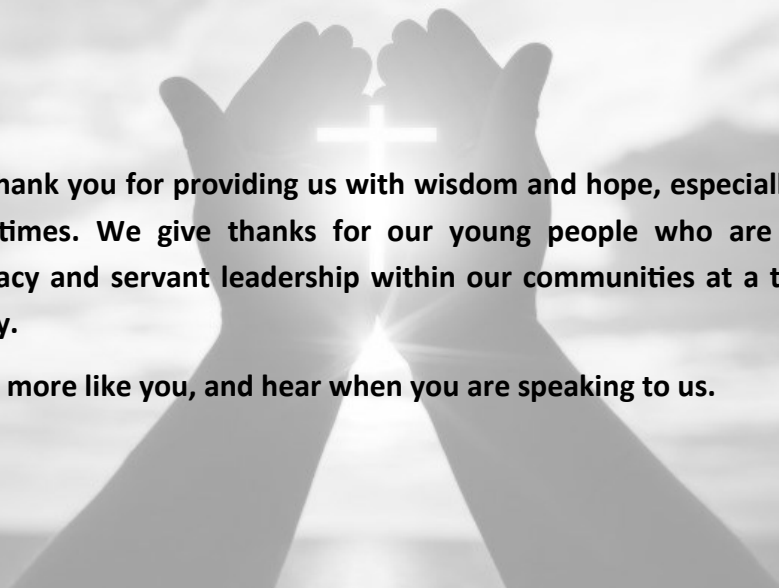
Amen

Heavenly father, thank you for providing us with wisdom and hope, especially during these financially tough times. We give thanks for our young people who are showing such courageous advocacy and servant leadership within our communities at a time when it is needed by so many.

Help us to become more like you, and hear when you are speaking to us.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.



## Pre Loved Uniform Shop

Open at 3:15—5:00pm Monday 7th November

Remember that you can either drop off or pick up pre loved pieces of uniform. Our Year 11 prefect team are now supporting to wash, iron and label up all the donated uniform. They plan to then open a regular shop each month where parents/carers can come and swap, make a donation or simply take the uniform they need. We have also extended our shop to include winter coats. All items are in very good or new condition.

## Ian Ramsey CE Academy Christmas Carol Service

**Monday 19th December 2022**

**Stockton Parish Church 5:30 - 6:30pm**

We are excited to be able to return to Stockton Parish Church for our Christmas service. We hope to fill the church with the families and friends of Ian Ramsey CE Academy, including prospective Year 6 pupils and their families. This is a wonderful opportunity to gather to give thanks. This will be a magical way to end the term and we hope that as many of you as possible will join us.

