

# Ian Ramsey CE Academy

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Stockton's Language College



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## Newsletter

### Message from the Head of School

Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome to our May newsletter. Please keep our Year 11 and 10 pupils in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare for and sit their GCSE examinations. Our staff and Directors wish all of our pupils every success during what can be an emotional and stressful time. Please do not hesitate to contact your child's Head of Year or Pastoral Manager if we can be of any further assistance, or if you feel we need to know something that may be adding to the examination pressure.

We had a wonderful first meeting with our new Year 7 pupils and parents who are joining us in September. Our transition days on Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th July are exciting events, and we have some wonderful activities planned. Pupils will experience at first hand just what it is like in secondary school, and we are sure they will have a wonderful time getting to know one another and finding their way around Ian Ramsey.

With best wishes

Head of School



### Summer Concert

Wednesday 28th June 2017,  
7pm. Tickets on sale now.

## Years 7 and 8 See the World with Google Expeditions



The Geography Department were lucky enough to be visited by Google Expeditions recently. Google Expeditions is designed to bring lessons to life by allowing the students to use a headset to travel virtually anywhere in the world. Mr Laird and Miss Makin were able to guide our Year 7 and 8 students through the Bornean

rainforest in Indonesia, considering plant adaptation and deforestation. Additionally, they climbed up Mount Everest, starting at base camp, then travelled inside a volcano to see a magma chamber! Pupils and staff were amazed by the experience, and it certainly raised the most noise that we have heard coming from a Humanities classroom in quite some time, as pupils whooped for joy at what they could see all around them.

Outstretched arms told us that they really did feel as if they were there! We are currently investigating how we can make this technology a permanent part of our teaching right throughout the Academy.



## Past Pupil Success

### Former Pupil Set to Deliver Service with a Smile

Former pupil, Craig Buttery, is set to jet off far and wide, after earning his cabin crew wings with Airline Jet2.

Craig (*pictured right*), who attended Ian Ramsey from 2009 to 2014, passed an intensive course of quick thinking, health and safety, and how to offer outstanding in-flight customer service.

Well done, Craig; perhaps we will see you above the clouds some day!



### Callum Continues to be a Hit in Popular TV Show



Callum Woodhouse, who attended Ian Ramsey from 2005 to 2010, is on our screens again in the second series of the popular TV show, *The Durrells*.

After Ian Ramsey, he studied A-Levels in English language, media studies and theatre studies at Stockton Sixth Form College, before landing a place

at the prestigious stage school LAMDA - the London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art. Callum grew up performing in amateur dramatics groups. The move to London, far from home, to study acting and, being cast in the *Durrells*, has made his dream of acting come true!



### Notable Dates

Thursday 15th June - *E-Safety Training for Parents/ Carers: 5pm to 6pm. All welcome.*

Friday 23rd June - *Year 11 Leavers' Lunch*

Wednesday 28th June - *Summer Concert 7pm*

Thursday 29th June - *GCSE Art Exhibition  
3.30pm to 6pm*

Friday 30th June - *Year 11 Leavers Prom  
Hardwick Hall*

Wed 5th &

Thurs 6th July - *Year 6 Transition Days*

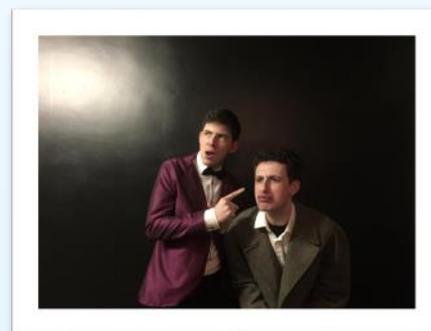
10th to 14th July - *International Week*

Friday 21st July - *End of Summer Term  
Pupils dismissed  
from 1.15pm onwards*

Wed 6th Sept - *Pupils return - details for follow*

Thurs 21st Sept - *Open Evening (entry 2018)*

### Drama Students to Perform at Edinburgh Festival



A play, written and performed by two former Ian Ramsey pupils, has been chosen to be performed at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival.

Con Best and Harry Lidford, both 19, began working together while studying drama at Stockton Sixth Form College. They wrote a two-minute comedy sketch during a lesson, and went on to develop it into a 20 minute final production for their course.

Harry has an offer to read mathematics at Durham University from the autumn, but plans to carry on writing, whilst Con is hoping to start a career in acting.

## Chopstick Challenge

Year 7 Geography have been studying the topic of China. Further to solving the terracotta army mystery, our pupils finished with a chopstick competition.

Using their partner as a spotter, they were timed to see how many jelly beans or chocolate raisins they could pick up and eat.

Needless to say this went down a treat, and they all went away, keen to go to a Chinese restaurant to use their chopsticks!



## Physical Education

### Football News

Ian Ramsey continues to dominate the Stockton Schools Football League, with the Year 8 and Year 10 teams winning their respective leagues and cups. Years 7 and 9 can also be proud of their achievements throughout the season, with some excellent victories and performances.



Whilst there have been some outstanding individual performances this season throughout all the year groups, it is important to recognise the boys as a whole who have all contributed to our success. The PE department would like to thank all the boys who have represented Ian Ramsey Academy this season.



### Libby's Football Season Ends in Success

Libby Henderson in Year 9 is part of the Boro Rangers U14 team that have been crowned North East Champions for the 2016-2017 season. A fantastic achievement. Well done, Libby!



### Athletics News

In athletics, many pupils qualified for the Stockton Schools Championships. Boy qualifiers included Bradley Dobbs: Javelin; Henry Mitson: 1500; Muhammad Ali Khizar: Shot Putt and Hammer; and Pierre Cerisier: Triple Jump.

A special mention to the Year 10 boys (Nathan Walls, Will Gowan, Pierre Cerisier and Henry Mitson), who also won the 4x100m relay, defeating an extremely strong Northfield.

Qualifiers from the girls events included:

Emily Hulyer (Year 10): 1st in 100m & 200m  
Mia Bingham (Year 9): 2nd 800m  
Grace McDonald (Year 7): 1st shot  
Ellie Hewitt (Year 11): 300m & 800m.

The PE Department would like to thank all the pupils who took part, and who continue to represent the academy in athletics fixtures.



## Physical Education Continued

### Russell Foster Cup Final

Well done to Paige Howden and Georgia Wright (*front row, 2nd and 3rd from left*), who represented Middlesbrough Under 16 Ladies in the Russell Foster Cup Final.

Unfortunately, they were beaten by Washington AFC Girls, but it was still a fantastic achievement to reach the final.

### Chloe Brings Home Silver



Well done Chloe Holdforth in Year 10. Chloe (*right*) represents Tees Valley Titans Wheelchair Basketball Team. The team played in the Lord Taverner's Junior League Finals at the University of Worcester. They won the first game 20-19, and also the second with 20-14, finishing second place overall. A fantastic achievement, Chloe!

### Pupil Presented Award by MFC Legend

Well done Leonie Hutchinson in Year 11. Leonie (*left*), was presented with the award for 'Outstanding Achievement in Football', at the Teesside Schools Sports Awards. She received her award from MFC legend, Craig Hignett. Amazing achievement Leonie!



### Lottie receives Player of the Season Award

Huge congratulations to Lottie Melroy (*right*) in Year 7 for achieving the 'Player's Player Award' for the whole of the Stockton district League. After each match the opposition vote for the player of the match, and Lottie received more votes than any other player in the league.. An awesome achievement Lottie, and what a fabulous way to end your first year playing for Ian Ramsey!



Well done Lucy Haytack in Year 8. Lucy plays for Stockton Town Football Club, and has been selected to play in the Nationals!

### School Office Opening Hours

Mon to Thurs - 8am to 4.00pm  
Fri - 8am to 3.30pm

