



IAN RAMSEY SAYS **NO** TO SINGLE-USE PLASTIC AND URGES YOU TO DO THE SAME!



Bethany Jones, Holly Willis, and Jessica Johnson (*right*) in Year 11, are determined to drive Ian Ramsey's environmental campaign further and to embrace the Christian value of Stewardship. Read their story so far...(who says that teenagers cannot save the world?)

Stewardship has been a key focus for Ian Ramsey pupils this past year, and we would like to share some updates about the journey we are on to improve our environmental footprint.

Just as many teachers and students were, we are sure that you were touched by the programme 'Blue Planet II', which detailed the danger that plastics pose to our planet, particularly in our seas.

Many single-use plastics find their way into our oceans which, when broken down, release toxic chemicals that will eventually enter our food and water supplies.

As an academy, we are proud to be taking action to prevent this and after banning the sale of single-use plastic bottles in September 2018, a total of 200,000 bottles have avoided being sent to landfill sites and finding their way into the ocean.

And that is not all we have done; there are several ways the academy has been trying to make a difference.

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AFRICAN ADVENTURE

Ian Ramsey has been linked with Boqate School, on the outskirts of the capital city of Lesotho, for almost 10 years now.

In October last year, our third group of young people paid our African friends a visit, to support the charitable work of the Durham-Lesotho Diocese Link, set up 30 years ago by Rev. Rob Bianchi and his wife, Margaret.

The purpose of the visit was purely charitable, to see how we can make a difference to the lives of pupils from our partner school and many other deserving causes. (More to follow in this edition!)

The journey to Lesotho was long and exhausting, travelling via Dubai and Johannesburg, but we eventually made it. The pupils stayed in the Link Centre for the week and made visits to local primary schools with charitable donations of clothing and toiletries, as well as some donations of money to fund specific projects our friends are working on.

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Well done to Year 7 pupils, Lily Trainer and Roma Hendry, who were both our maths puzzle prize winners for November, (pictured left with Mr Snowden and Mr Rogers).

And also well done to Year 8 pupils, Isaac Boal and Will Linton (pictured below right with Mr Rogers), who were both our maths puzzle prize winners for December. Our January prizes were awarded to Year 9 pupils, Spencer Best and Loui Amos –Jones (pictured top right). Well done to everyone!



HEGARTY MATHS

HegartyMaths is the innovative and exciting way for pupils at Ian Ramsey to complete their maths homework. HegartyMaths is an online programme which allows pupils to access a variety of different tasks and videos which will assist them with all aspects of the maths curriculum.

Further details, including parent guides, are available on our website.

CATERING TEAM SCOOPS FIRST PRIZE FOR SECOND YEAR IN A ROW

Congratulations to our fantastic catering team.

For the second year in a row, they have won Lead Association for Catering in Education, North East and Scotland regions Catering Team of the Year.

Pictured below are the team, with Mrs Booth and Mr Janes.

Congratulations everyone.



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Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to the summer edition of our academy's newspaper. Inside, you will find many stories that show just how proactive and involved our young people are in the life of the school and their community. Our front page highlights the academy's focus on being proactive, helping others and improving our environment.

This term, we ask you to keep all of our GCSE pupils who are preparing for their summer examinations in your thoughts and prayers over what can be a stressful time for both them and their families. We wish our pupils every success.

In addition, we will soon be welcoming the Year 6 pupils and parents / carers who are joining us in September for their 2 transition days. There is a fun-packed agenda waiting for them in Ian Ramsey and we look forward to sharing these stories with you in our next edition.

Best wishes

Mr Janes
Headteacher



Mrs Booth
Executive Headteacher



AFRICAN ADVENTURE (CONTINUED)

The first weekend saw our pupils welcoming the younger siblings from 'child-headed households' where orphaned children, usually as a result of HIV, are cared for by their elder brother or sister. The weekend gave them a welcome respite whilst we entertained the younger children. Balloons, nail varnish, campfire songs and good, wholesome food (burgers!) were on the menu. The children, ours included, had a ball!

The group ventured out into the mountains for an overnight stay at Malealea, a tourist lodge, which supports local charities and showcases local choirs and bands who kept us entertained for hours. The views from the resort were incredible.

Returning to Maseru, we spent the afternoon at a local orphanage, playing games with the children, whose backstories are so tragic. It was wonderful to bring joy to these poor children and leave very worthwhile donations of clothes and invaluable funds to help keep the orphanage running. All in all, the experience in Lesotho was wonderful, but very humbling at the same time.

We look forward to fundraising for our next visit, hopefully in 2020.



Ian Ramsey CE Academy are delighted to receive a cheque from Axiom Engineering Associates, who, after recently winning the North East Process Industry’s “Engineering Firm of the Year” award, chose Ian Ramsey CE Academy to receive the prize, a cheque for £2000, donated by the TTE Training Group to fund a science related project in a local school.

The cheque was gratefully received by Year 10 Engineering pupils, Netanya, Evan, Matthew, Abdullah, and Lydia, along with Mr Janes, Headteacher, and Mrs Henshaw, Head of Technology.

Presenting the cheque was Axiom’s Mrs Nicola Humble, who put Ian Ramsey forward as a candidate for the money, together with Mr Steve Grant from TTE, who donated the money, and Mr Felix O’Hare from NEPIC, the company who hosted the competition.



NORTHERN SCHOOL OF ART

Thank you to The Northern School of Art for a fabulous day of workshops in January.

Ian Ramsey pupils (right) had a great time working hard at their creativity.



This Easter, there were seventeen pupils (*below*) who had achieved over six hundred positive points and not a single negative one! Mr Janes decided this deserved a reward, so they all received an Easter egg. Well done!

WELL DONE, MEHAK!

Pictured right is Year 8 pupil **Mehak Ishaq** with her under-13's runner-up medal from the Hearing Impaired Tennis Tournament that took place at David Lloyds Leisure Centre recently.



IT'S BEEN A BUSY YEAR SO FAR FOR DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Our Duke of Edinburgh pupils have made the most of the recent warm weather with their Bronze expedition, when they set off on Friday 26th April.

To see more photos from their last training walk in early April, see page 9.

To learn more about the Duke of Edinburgh Award, take a look at the official website:

<https://www.dofe.org/>

Why not get involved?



A NEW COMMUNICATON TOOL

SchoolPing

As you are aware, in September 2018, we announced our new school-to-parent communication system, SchoolPing, was ready to use.

SchoolPing is a free to download app which allows you to receive instant messages straight to your smartphone, wherever you are. Whether you're at work, at home or on the go, all you need is an internet connection to stay up to date with all of the academy's news.

SchoolPing allows us to communicate quickly and securely with the option of attaching documents, images and videos which can all be viewed within the app. Please search for SchoolPing in the Apple App Store or Google Play Store to download the app on your phone. If you have not used SchoolPing before, and we have your email on record, we emailed login details to you on Friday 15th February.

Please check your inbox. If we do not have your email on record, you will have received your login details in the post.

If you have forgotten your login, or have not received it via the above methods, please contact the school on 01642 585205.

Please note, **SchoolPing is our only form of communication**, so we urge you to sign up as soon as possible. Messages regarding trips, payments, school closures, pupil absence and detentions will only be sent via SchoolPing.

You will no longer be able to text the school to inform us that your child is absent.

Instead, you can phone the school on 01642 585205 and press 1 for attendance, or email attendance@ianramsey.org.uk. Please include your name, your child's name and tutor group, and the reason for the absence.

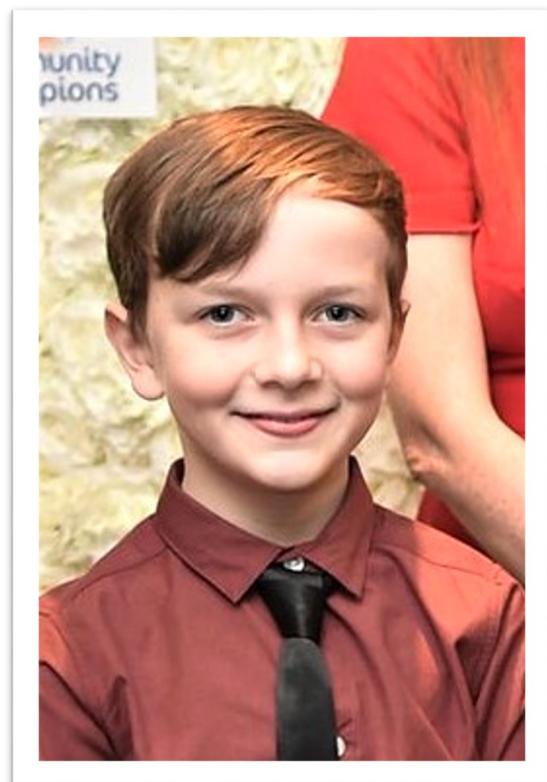


CHILD OF COURAGE

Jamie Miller in Year 7 attended a glamorous awards ceremony hosted by the Evening Gazette.

Jamie, (pictured below) was awarded the Community Champions Child of Courage Award 2018.

Excellent news Jamie, we are very proud of you!



BLOOD BROTHERS

Year 10 and 11 had a fantastic time at the theatre recently, watching the spectacular 'Blood Brothers'.

The play, written by Willy Russell, tells the story of twins separated at birth, growing up on opposite sides of the tracks, whose lives cross. "I really enjoyed the production," commented one pupil.



CONSIDERING A CAREER IN TEACHING? THINK IAN RAMSEY!

THINK DAYSPRING TRUST!

Whether you are brand new to the profession, developing recently learnt skills as an NQT/RQT, or looking for a new challenge, we have a bespoke package for all new staff at Ian Ramsey. We are very proud to be judged as a 'Gold Standard' provider for our new colleagues by the local authority. We are proud to have already appointed ex-students to teaching posts. It could be you!

ITT and NQT Provision

As a trainee teacher, you will be given the highest level of professional guidance and challenge from the outset. We work with a wide range of providers across the North East including the Prince Bishops Teaching Alliance, Stockton SCITT, Northumbria SCITT, Shotton Hall and Durham University. Every trainee is assigned a mentor, who is a highly skilled practitioner and subject specialist, and has been trained in mentoring to deliver expert support. We will also provide you with your very own ITT and NQT handbooks and digital platform with detailed advice for you to refer to throughout the year. A personalised training plan is just another part of our promise to you.

Your personalised training plan is regularly adapted to support your emerging needs. Trainee teachers and NQTs each have a weekly training and development session as a group, led by the academy's coaching and mentoring leader, as well as training provided by their mentor and subject team.

New experienced staff joining Ian Ramsey

All new members of staff are assigned a coach with whom they will have regular scheduled meetings. This partnership is both relationship and task orientated to support every member of staff in their new role and support them in their continued professional development. Alongside this runs our 'Training and Development' CPD Programme. This programme runs weekly to provides differentiated CPD with specialist staff delivering the sessions. The themes for the sessions are identified through pupil/staff voice, observation data and academy emerging needs. We also offer individualised coaching (a programme for staff who would like more one to one coaching support from an experienced and trained coach around an area of teaching and learning) As well as our popular coaching triads scheme where experienced staff work together as part of our 'Beyond Outstanding' programme.

All new staff will also be invited to join our 'Teach Meet' programme where we have an agreed focus around teaching and learning to share good practice and drive real change in the classroom and support staff. This helps pupils to make rapid and sustained progress. Regular newsletters are shared with all staff on the work we do, so everyone has a chance to share their successes with the whole academy.



Ian Ramsey - part of the Dayspring Trust (Ian Ramsey CE Academy and Venerable Bede CE Academy in Sunderland).

HOT **CHOCOLATE** FRIDAY - WHAT IS IT ALL ABOUT?

The idea of Hot Chocolate Friday is for the Headteacher to invite a learner who has gone ‘over and above’ during the week to share a hot drink and a chat together.

It is an opportunity to spend time with members of the academy who have gone that extra mile, either with their academic work or in the daily life of Ian Ramsey. What better way to end the working week than with your hands around a mug of warm, comforting chocolate, especially on a cold day?



KEY DATES

Date	Time	Event
13 May 2019		GCSE Examinations Start
27 - 31 May 2019		Half Term Holiday
21 June 2019	12pm	Year 11 Leavers Assembly
28 June 2019	7pm	Year 11 Prom
3 July 2019	7pm	Summer Concert
8 - 12 July 2019		Sustainability Week
22 July - 3 Sept 2019		Summer Holiday
19 - 23 August		Summer School for New Year 7
22 August 2019		GCSE Results Day
Wed 4 Sept 2019		School Re-opens after the Summer Holidays



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Armistice Day. The gun fire stopped on the 11th day of November 1918. To remember the bravery and sacrifice of the men who fought in the war, the teachers and pupils at Ian Ramsey organised some events to remember them.

Pupils from the Art Department made poppies to remember the soldiers who made the ultimate sacrifice for us. These were revealed and blessed during a remembrance service, that visitors from the British Legion attended. Our pupils also made wreaths to commemorate the fallen, which were laid during the service. Another event the academy organised was the remembrance concert, which I and other pupils in the school were honoured to have the opportunity to play at. There were some amazing displays in our main hall, that our visitors had the opportunity to view before and after the concert. We host events each year to ensure we never forget the brave men and women who helped in all conflicts to protect Britain and other countries.

Report by Daniel Hamer, Year 10

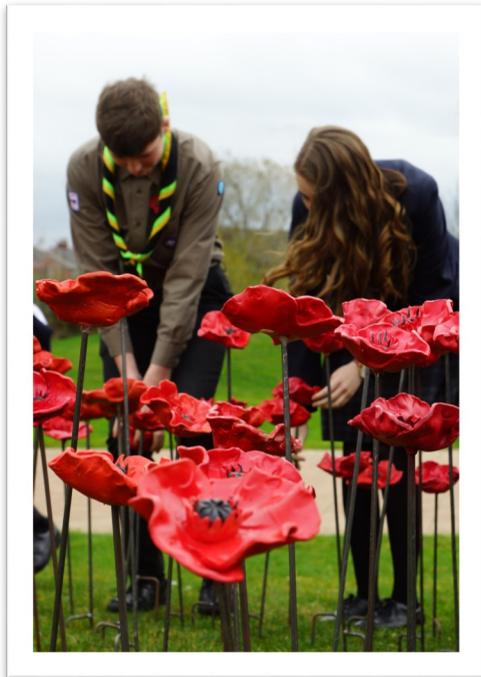


Miss Turner, Head of Art, commented:

The pupils volunteered to make the poppies over several weeks after school. They worked incredibly hard as a team to produce the 300 gorgeous poppies on display. Everyone was extremely proud of their effort and the final effect.

Mrs Chapman-Jones, Director of English, commented:

My dad was a major in the DLI and Rifle (TA) and he suggested a few years ago that I invite the DLI into school. I decided last year to invite them for a remembrance ceremony. The first year was a success so we decided to repeat it and make it bigger and better. The following year, we included wreath making, designing post cards to soldiers, a ceremony with the DLI, poppy planting, keep calm and sing along.



GARDEN OF REMEMBRANCE

In honour of remembrance, Mrs Chapman-Jones took twelve pupils to the Stockton Garden of Remembrance, after an invitation from Colonel John Heron of the DLI Rifle Association. Here they had the privilege of planting a cross within the garden to represent Ian Ramsey's respect for those who fought in the war.



The crosses were amongst many others, each one dedicated to a soldier who died during many conflicts and who are all remembered today. Poppies were also laid out to symbolise both the soldiers, with their horses, who had the bravery to fight for their country, and whose sacrifice continues to inspire us today.

They then watched a moving ceremony, which was led by a member of Durham Light Infantry. This consisted of both readings and a song that touched the hearts of everyone present. Pupil Jessica Cook took the opportunity to share a meaningful poem within the service and she said that she felt honoured to have been given the chance to honour the fallen.

In 2018, remembrance was a key aspect within the academy and we hope to continue this in the coming years.

Bethany Jones, Year 11



At the beginning of April, the Year 11 Duke of Edinburgh participants set out on their navigation training walk around Roseberry Topping.



This was in preparation for their overnight expedition, which took place on Friday 26th to Saturday 27th April.

All the students showed excellent leadership qualities, great teamwork and perseverance when building their shelters and, most importantly, no-one got lost!



AIR BASE INSTALLATION

Recently we were kindly forwarded some photographs from RAF Leeming where, last term, we erected a second poppy installation.



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Everyone at the base has commented on how impressive the installation is and were extremely impressed with our pupils.



SAY NO TO PLASTIC, CONTINUED FROM PAGE 5

Along with the banishment of plastic single use bottles, plastic forks have been replaced with wooden forks; plastic salad and sandwich boxes have been discontinued and staff have been advised to bring their own mugs into school to prevent the unnecessary use of plastic cups. Our next step is to abolish polystyrene and plastic cups, which are used at many events during and outside of academy hours. Whilst this will cause some inconvenience (and finding alternatives may be difficult), we must remember our actions are shaping the future, so the inconvenience will be more than worth it. We deeply encourage everyone at home to do the same, starting by simply choosing the alternative options to plastic products. After all, as Sir David Attenborough said, "How could I look my grandchildren in the eye and say, "I knew about this, and I did nothing?"



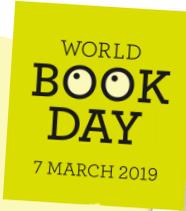
A typical and sad scene on many of our beaches

Article written by Holly Willis, Head Prefect

GUESS WHO

Some unusual characters were roaming the corridors World Book Day (right).

Can you guess who they are?



STOCKTON CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

In the autumn, we took 48 pupils to the Stockton Cross Country at Preston Park. The weather was awful with continuous rain and a harsh wind, but the team were in good spirits. All our runners gave 100% and we had some of our best ever results. We returned muddy and tired, but with 6 runners through to represent Stockton in the next round.

Individual Qualifiers:

Year 7 Girls (Prelim)

Libby Hammond (1st)
Isabelle Killip (9th)

Year 8 & 9 Girls (Junior)

Isobel Harrison (7th)

Year 8 & 9 Boys (Junior)

Max Howells (4th)

Year 10 & 11 Boys (Inter)

Nathan Nicholson (3rd)
Will Simpson (6th)

Team Results:

Prelim Girls	3 rd	
Prelim Boys	6 th	
Junior Girls	4 th	
Junior Boys	7 th	
Inter Boys	2 nd	Well done, everyone!



TEES VALLEY CROSS COUNTRY

Results - January 2019

Ian Ramsey had 6 pupils who qualified through to the next round of the cross country, representing Stockton at the Tees Valley Finals, held at Stewarts Park. We went in true cross-country weather - rain and wind - and there was no shortage of mud on the course. Again, all our runners gave it 100%, with four out of the six qualifying to go through to the next round to represent Cleveland at the Inter County competition. This is an exceptional achievement and we are proud of each and every one of you!



Results were as follows:

Preliminary Girls:		
	Libby Hammond	1 st Place! (Qualified)
	Isabelle Killip	24 th Place
Junior Boys:	Max Howells	16 th Place (Qualified)
Junior Girls:	Isobel Harrison	20 th Place
Inter Boys:	Will Simpson	6 th Place (Qualified)
	Nathan Nicholson	9 th Place (Qualified)

ANTI-BULLYING UPDATE - A Look at the Year So Far



Last year, our Anti-Bullying Ambassadors were asked to take part in a pilot accreditation scheme run by The Diana Award: a great way to highlight the excellent anti-bullying work they do in the Academy. Ian Ramsey is now one of only eight schools in the country who have achieved the Bronze Anti-Bullying Accreditation. A huge congratulations goes out the Anti-Bullying Ambassadors for their hard work. In September 2018, a new way of reporting bullying was launched: Tootoot. This platform gives pupils a safe voice to report any incidents directly to the academy if they are unable to do so face-to-face. Reports have shown that pupils feel more comfortable reporting in this way.

Anti-Bullying Week in November was a great success. To promote the theme of 'Respect', staff took part in a 'Lip Sync Battle' and pupils put on a concert showcasing their amazing talents. One of our aims this year was to train more pupils to become anti-bullying ambassadors and we were lucky enough to host an anti-bullying training day run by The Diana Award.

Digital Leader Training - Promoting Safety Online

The other half of the anti-bullying team are training to become Digital Leaders. By doing this, they hope to develop online safety in our academy. As young people, they are very much aware of the growing use of social media; whilst it has some fantastic advantages, when used responsibly, it is now, sadly, the biggest platform for bullying across the country. The aim is to educate young people on how to keep themselves safe online and promote the responsible use of it.

Future Plans

As a group, the anti-bullying ambassadors cannot wait to build on the fantastic work that has already been done. They are busy working on their next badge: 'Community Leaders'.



CANCER RESEARCH UK

THANK YOU, ALANA

Year 7 pupil, Alana Faulkner, took it upon herself recently to raise money for Cancer Research UK, by running a series of cake sales.

Pictured right is Alana with 72 cakes she baked and iced herself in one night and sold in school the very next day.

The cakes were delicious. Thank you so much, Alana.



CROSS COUNTRY CONTINUED
Inter Counties

Will Simpson and Nathan Nicholson both qualified to represent Cleveland at the Inter County schools Cross Country.

This event was held at Temple Park, South Shields and, as you can see from the photos, the conditions were extremely difficult with snow all round the course.

Both boys finished well with Will missing out on an English Schools place by just 4 seconds.

Well done, boys – we are very proud of you!





WELL DONE, DAISY!

Daisy Freer, in Year 8, is a first year under 14 rider and races for Stockton Wheelers Cycling Club.

It was her first year racing at her current level and she achieved 12th place in a round of the National Trophy, and 22nd place at the National Championships in Kent. She has another year in this age category so hopes to improve on her placings next season.

At the time of writing, she was focussing on MTB, Track and Road racing.

ICE DANCER

Year 7 pupil Scarlett Smitheringale competed in an ice skating competition recently.

Scarlett came 1st in her category. Fabulous! An amazing achievement, Scarlett.



YEAR 7 RUGBY LATEST NEWS

Massive well done to the Year 7 Rugby team (left) who came runners up in the Tees Valley Finals recently.

Great effort from our youngest players.



CUP WINNERS

Our Year 9 Rugby team (left) are winners! The boys are so proud to have won the Durham Cup. Fabulous, boys!



JUNIOR GREAT NORTH RUN

Well done to Libby Hammond (right) in Year 7. Libby ran the Junior Great North Run in the autumn of 2018.

Definitely an athletics star in the making!



YEAR 7 SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS

Congratulations to the Year 7 girls (right) who recently competed at the Tees Valley sports hall athletics at Eston Leisure Centre. A great team performance and respectable 7th place in the whole of the Tees Valley.



Well done to the Year 8 Netball team who were at the Stockton School Netball League Finals in March at Thornaby Pavillion.

Although they were defeated 14-9, it was a fantastic experience and we're sure they will be itching to get there and win next year.

Well done, girls!

