



Leaders of the Future

Our mission is for Ian Ramsey pupils to leave our academy with not only academic qualifications, but with the life skills to go on to be successful in their chosen field. To help develop these skills we encourage our pupils to lead from the front, to take responsibility and demonstrate “wise and generous living”.

See examples of pupil leadership below and throughout our paper



PE Leaders



Environmental Leaders



Duke of Edinburgh Award
Expedition Leaders



Equality Leaders



Worship Leaders



Anti-Bullying Leaders



Community Leaders



Senior Leaders

Welcome

It's wonderful to welcome everyone back to Ian Ramsey, with a special welcome to our new Year 7 pupils. You can read all about their transition so far on page (6); they have certainly had a fantastic start and have been warmly welcomed into the academy by our older pupils, especially the Y11 prefects.

Congratulations also to our Class of 2019 on their GCSE results! Their hard work certainly paid off and there were many smiles and tears of happiness on Results' Day. We wish them every success in the next stage of their education, whether at sixth form, college or in employment. They certainly enjoyed their Leavers' Ball at Wynyard Hall and a fantastic night was had by all.

The theme of this edition is leadership. Part of our Trust's mission statement is to encourage "wise and generous living" and we are confident that you will find inspiration in the leadership skills of our young people, from creative writing to enterprise, hammer-throwing to ballet. We continue to be amazed by their talent and skills.



Mrs Booth Executive Headteacher
(#currently reading "The Testament" by Margaret Atwood.)



Mr Janes Headteacher
(#currently reading "I am Pilgrim" by Terry Hayes).

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

Making a Difference

One of our Head Prefects, Lucy, had this to say- "The Prefect Team want to be much more visible around the Academy this year. We hope this will help the Year 7 feel more comfortable in their transition to Ian Ramsey. We want to be seen as someone they can approach when they need help, not someone they are intimidated by.

In fact, mental wellbeing is an area we prefects really want to concentrate on this year. It was one of the areas that many pupils stated they wanted highlighting. We want to emphasise the importance of e-safety and being safe on line. This being important when so much of our lives involve being attached to the internet and social media. We hope to help the younger pupils understand the dangers that can lurk on line.

In order to ensure pupil voices continue to be heard at Ian Ramsey, we are expanding the Pupil Council; this will be made up of pupils from all year groups and be a place that the pupils of Ian Ramsey can bring their ideas, and suggestions.

Our chosen charity this year is "The Teenage Cancer Trust." We're planning lots of events throughout the school year aiming to raise as much money for the charity as we can.

It will be a busy year, as we are also studying hard for our GCSEs, but we are determined to help make a difference."



Lucy (#currently reading "Sherlock Holmes" by Sir Arthur Conan Doyle).

Discovering a Love of Writing

Last year, the English Department ran their first Creative Writing competition across Ian Ramsey CE Academy.

The competition proved a huge success, with pupils from all year groups writing their own, unique short stories to be entered and judged by Executive Head Teacher, Mrs Booth, Director of English, Mrs Chapman-Jones and English Teacher, Miss Heslehurst.

Miss Heslehurst, who led the creative writing competition, commented on the work the pupils produced: "I am so proud of the stories our young people created during the writing competition. There were so many original and eccentric ideas which were turned into beautifully-written pieces and the pupils were enthusiastic about taking part.

I also loved that even pupils who don't necessarily 'enjoy' writing were giving it a go and some of them discovered they were actually pretty good at it. All in all, it has been a great success and one that we will be running each year."

Winners were selected from each year group, and were presented with a certificate, a leather-bound notebook and various other little surprises in a creative writing goody-bag.

Tom (Year 11) had this to say about entering the completion: "I feel that the short story competition was an excellent way to help pupils express themselves through literature and it encouraged pupils to take part in writing stories they wouldn't get chance to usually do in class. I feel honoured to be a runner- up and was completely overwhelmed. I did not expect to get this far. I would encourage anyone who has an interest in writing to take part in any future writing competitions. It helped me rediscover my love for writing."





Class 2019 -Results Day

Another year at Ian Ramsey Academy ends with tears of joy and happiness for the Class of 2019! Mr Janes said, 'We are delighted for our young people and their families. They have received the wonderful news they were hoping for all summer. They and their teachers have worked incredibly hard over the last 5 years and we are very proud of them all. We wish them well in the next stage of their lives and look forward to hearing about the great things they will most certainly achieve in the future. Well done!'



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Leavers' Ball 2019—Wynyard Hall

Thank you to our Prom Committee and Mrs Proudman (#currently reading "A Stranger in the House by Shari Lapona") for the fabulous organisation of the event.

This year, pupils and staff at Ian Ramsey CE Academy have taken part in various sustainability-related activities in our ongoing commitment to help fight to save the planet. Our journey to becoming a more environmentally-friendly school began back in September 2018, where we replaced the use of plastic bottles in the academy with reusable bottles for all pupils. This was soon followed by the removal of plastic cutlery at lunchtimes, which pupils and staff agreed were unnecessarily contributing to harming the planet...but we didn't stop there.

In July 2019, we decided to take our fight in helping save the planet even further by holding a 'Sustainability Week' for all staff and pupils. Pupils enjoyed a variety of sustainability-related activities during the week, where they learned about the importance of the responsible use of natural resources, how to be more environmentally-friendly and the significance of maintaining our beautiful world for future generations to come.

The week kicked off to a flying start at TFM radio in Newcastle where pupils had fun creating their own mini adverts on the importance of being eco-friendly and preserving the world for the future. Year 9 pupil, Anna, said: "The TFM radio trip was a great, enjoyable experience because we got to learn about the importance of sustainability whilst spending time with our friends out of uniform and in a different learning environment away from school. We created an advert on the impact of sustainability for radio, which I especially enjoyed. We were also able to have McDonalds for lunch which was a bonus! I would definitely go on the trip again."

Our creativity didn't end there as many pupils were involved creating sustainable fashion garments at The Northern School of Art, as well as going to the V & A in London where they experimented with drawing with recyclable materials, such as wire. Back in the North East, some year 7 pupils took a trip to MIMA Art Gallery in Middlesbrough, where they braved the spices at the vegan 'Community Curry Lunch' after time spent creating art. Year 7 pupil, Miruna, commented on her time at MIMA: "I thoroughly enjoyed the MIMA experience, because I learned different, and interesting facts about eye opening places."

Pupils also had the opportunity to take a journey on Stockton's 'Rivershack', which led them on a boat trip down the River Tees where they learned all about how the environment has changed over the years and what we can do to help maintain it for the future. Trip leader Teacher of English, Mrs Ince (#currently reading "Pride and Prejudice" by Jane Austen), said: "This trip has reminded pupils about the natural beauty that exists in our area and the importance of taking action to preserve it."

Mr Firth (#currently reading "Crossroads" by Mark Radcliffe) and a team of Year 9 boys enjoyed two action-packed days of mountain-biking, proving you don't need to travel by bus, car or train to have a thrilling time. Mr Firth said: "Two groups of year 9 mountain bikers set out to Errington Woods to hit the trails. As well as the expected ups and downs, all of the participants enjoyed the single-track trails of the woods and the mountain bike park, and nothing was broken!"

Some pupils remained in school during Sustainability Week, where they were involved in many activities. In English, Year 8 boys, Charlie and Luke, wrote a beautiful poem called 'Our Home' on the importance of looking after our planet, which can be found in full on our social media.



*Wind turbines are the solution
To get rid of pollution
We need to plant more trees
Then we'll save more bees.
If plastic is gone
Sea life can swim on
Under the sea, swimming free.
Global warming is a crisis - it's time that we fight this.*

Our home.



Brian Janes, Head Teacher (#currently reading "I am Pilgrim" by Terry Hayes) said: "We are delighted with the overwhelming positive response we have had from our young people. They are showing that they can bring about a change within their own communities. They have shown a real thirst for learning about, the very real issue of, climate change. We look forward to them driving this agenda forward in the coming year!"

Overall, it's been a fantastic year for our pupils and their effort in helping fight to save the planet and we are proud to be an eco-friendly academy.

Miss Heslehurst(#currently reading "Cold Sunflowers" by Mark Sippings.)



Krakow



In July, Ms Dodd, Mr Burt and Mrs Monro-Jones took 25 Year 9 pupils to Krakow in Poland. During the visit pupils stayed in the historic Jewish quarter of Kazimierz, discovering the history of Krakow and its Jewish community in walking tours of the city led by expert guides and our RE and History staff.

Pupils were deeply humbled by a visit to the sites of former concentration camp Auschwitz and Auschwitz-Birkenau on Day 3 where pupils were challenged to explore the dark chapter of history whilst reflecting on the challenges it presents to our modern society.

Mr Burt (#currently reading— “Ma’am Darling” by Graig Brown.)



Getting Creative in London

When pupils travelled down to London, the first stop was the Tate Modern, followed by an evening meal at Pizza Express and off to see the show 'School of Rock'.

Day two pupils had the option to do a drama workshop and tour of 'Shakespeare Globe' or art workshop at the V&A museum. That evening, pupils had an evening meal at the Rainforest Cafe and went to see 'Aladdin'. Pupils agreed this was an amazing day and particularly enjoyed their workshops.

The final day was spent at the Warner Brothers Harry Potter Studios. Pupils (and staff!) were very excited to visit and had a fantastic day here exploring the studios. The studios did not disappoint, and pupils were in awe of the amazing work put into the movies we all know and love.

All in all, a fantastic few days in the capital soaking up the culture, snapping pictures of famous landmarks and partaking in various workshops.

Miss Maddison (#currently reading “Now You See Her” by Heidi Perks.)



Action Time

Pupils from Year 7 to Year 9 enjoyed an action-packed week doing various activities including Laser Tag, Paintballing, 60ft inflatable assault course, football and target practice. All pupils had a great time even when the weather was against us! The company who ran the event sent Mr Janes the following letter:

“I am just writing to tell you what an amazing week we had with your school, The Ian Ramsey Academy.

Each day, a new group of children attended and each day they were very polite, well-mannered and so well behaved it was such a pleasure to have you all take part in our paintball activity. The children and the teachers did the Academy proud.

We were so grateful for the privilege of you booking with us that we would be over the moon to have you all back again soon.”

Well done to our pupils!



Paris



The long coach journey there and back was definitely worth it for the staff and pupils who visited Paris this July. It was a fun-packed four days with visits to the Arc de Triomphe, Eiffel Tower, Sacre Coeur Basilica, the Louvre Museum and La Cite des Sciences. They did manage to sit down when they took a boat trip down the Seine. Along with all the cultural attractions, they spent day four in Euro Disney, the highlight of many pupils' trip.

Ms Hogg summed the visit up: “The weather was glorious and the pupils were impeccably behaved! A great trip was had by all.”

Miss Hogg (#currently (re)reading “The Great Gatsby” by F Scott Fitzgerald.)



#Currently Reading

At Ian Ramsey we're all life long learners, and one of the best ways of expanding your mind is to read. So Mrs Poppleton (#currently reading "Dear Farenheit 451" by Annie Spence), asked staff to send in images of them reading over the holidays. Here are a few.



Three Steps to Joining the Ramsey Family

Step 1

The transition from primary to secondary school really starts in July. This is when we invite our future pupils in for two days. They get the opportunity to meet their tutors, participate in sample lessons, and have a real good look at the academy. This year's Year 6 were looking forward to all of this, and it seemed the subject of PE kept coming up as the one they really wanted to try.



Step 2

The next time the pupils come into the Academy is during Summer School. Not only is this a fun time of activities, sports, and outings but it's another chance for the new year 7s to look round the buildings and meet key members of staff.



Step 3

We know pupils are full member of the Ian Ramsey family on the first day when they come into the academy in uniform. Tabitha and Heidi had this to say about their first week:

"Starting secondary school is weird at first. The school is a lot bigger than Primary School, and there are a lot of stairs. It is also scary because as Year 7s we are really small, compared to the rest of the school, all the Year 11s are so tall and we aren't. We have gone from being one of the oldest to one of the youngest." said Heidi.

Tabitha commented: "My first three days at Ian Ramsey were a lot different to primary school. I got lost trying to find my lessons, but there was always someone to help. It feels strange going from being the oldest to the youngest, and the school is a lot bigger with more pupils.

All the teachers are really nice and always willing to help when we got lost or don't understand the work we had to do. The Summer School helped me a lot, and so did the first day when we didn't have all the pupils in. It made it a lot less scary.

The advice I would give to those coming up to Year 7 next year is: there is nothing to be afraid of. Follow the one way system, and ask for help if you need it; everyone is willing to help you; and if the room number begins in a 1, it's downstairs, and if it begins with a 2, it's upstairs."



Applications to join our family, in 2020 being taken NOW!

What Year 6 had to say after their transition days at Ian Ramsey.

This school is amazing, and I can't wait to start

I'm excited to start at Ian Ramsey, because I loved every second of it!

I love this school: It's amazing.

Nothing could be better than the last two days!

Parents had good things to say as well.

I would just like to say a huge thank you to all staff for making my daughter's transition days, in her words, "amazing". She has loved every minute of her first experiences at Ian Ramsey and cannot wait to start in September.

Ian Ramsey Church of England Academy

Our Biggest Ever Hot Chocolate Friday



Took place on the last Friday of term and included all the pupils who had taken part in the Summer Concert. Over forty cups of hot chocolate were drunk! It was also a chance to say thank you to Mrs Addison, our Housekeeper who sets up Hot Chocolate Friday each week, and a goodbye to Mrs Brewer.

Mrs Brewer taught Music at Ian Ramsey for over twenty years as well as being the Director of Creative Arts, and was responsible for many a wonderful concert, the last one being in July, where the many talents of our pupils were showcased.



After a sad and fond farewell to Mrs Brewer, we are delighted to welcome Mr Bowman-Jones (#currently reading "The President is Missing" by Bill Clinton and James Patterson) as Head of Creative Arts and Music Teacher. Speak to Mr Bowman-Jones if you are interested in taking up or continuing with a musical instrument.

The Northern School of Art Visit

During Sustainability Week Ian Ramsey pupils had the opportunity to visit The Northern School of Art to sample some of the courses they have on offer.

In the Fashion Department they designed and created outfits using paper.



Other Pupils worked in the Fine Art Department enhancing their drawing abilities.



Art Transition

The Art and Design Department wanted to give our new pupils a taste of what they could expect when they joined us in September, so they invited Year 6 pupils from Hartburn and Holy Trinity Primary into the Academy over two afternoons in July.

Pupils from Hartburn worked on designing and making a 'Scream Machine' using recycled materials and plenty of tape. They had to use their knowledge of maths, physics along with art and design skills to make the incredible rides. Holy Trinity pupils took a line for a walk, imitating the technique developed by Swiss artist Paul Klee, to draw a collection of seed heads, flowers, and grasses. They added colour with watercolour paints.

Some of the results you can see below.

Mrs Devenney (#currently reading "Milkman" By Anna Burns.)



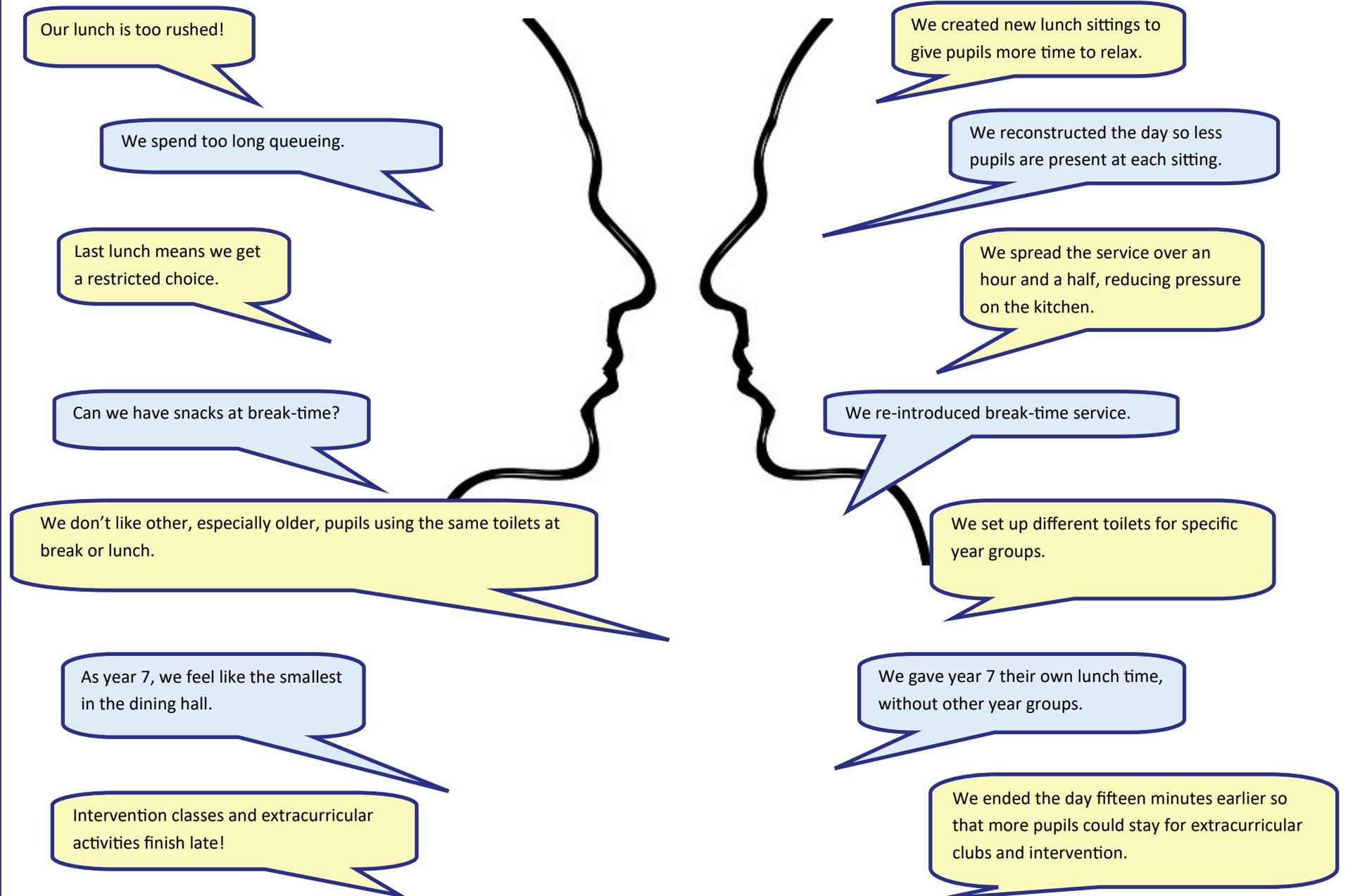
SEPTEMBER 2019 PUPIL VOICE: CHANGES TO THE SCHOOL DAY

After careful planning and extensive consultation, Ian Ramsey CE Academy have made some significant changes to the way our school day is organised. Although it is early days, most of the feedback from pupils and members of staff has been positive and we are continuing to listen to pupil voice about improving their break and lunch experience.

The changes have allowed us to make the most of the dining space available to us. The diagram at the bottom of the page shows how different year groups have breaks and lunches at different times. One of the key features is the creation of three lunch sittings. This has allowed for all pupils to be swiftly seated for lunch. Furthermore, pupils no longer feel rushed to vacate their seats having completed their meals. The whole atmosphere is of a pleasant and relaxed dining experience.

You said.....

We responded



Mr Walters (#currently reading "The Battle for Spain" by Antony Beevor.)

Our New Timetable

Year Group	Worship	9:00am	10:00am	10:15am	11:00am	11:15am	12:15pm	12:45pm	1:15pm	1:45pm
7	Monday & Thursday	Lesson 1	Break	Lesson 2		Lesson 3	Lesson 4	Lunch	Lesson 4	Lesson 5
8	Tuesday & Friday	Lesson 1	Break	Lesson 2		Lesson 3	Lunch	Lesson 4		Lesson 5
9	Wednesday & Friday	Lesson 1	Lesson 2		Break	Lesson 3	Lesson 4		Lunch	Lesson 5
10	Monday & Wednesday	Lesson 1	Break	Lesson 2		Lesson 3	Lunch	Lesson 4		Lesson 5
11	Tuesday & Thursday	Lesson 1	Lesson 2		Break	Lesson 3	Lesson 4		Lunch	Lesson 5



Concert of Dreams

Three ex-pupils from Ian Ramsey played at the world famous Carnegie Hall, New York on 11th July with the Tees Valley Youth Orchestra on their 50th anniversary tour. Viven Alwis (left, double bassist) and Jamie Watson (middle, oboist) were part of the class of 2018 and are now studying A levels in Stockton Sixth Form and Egglecliffe Sixth Form. Nick Booth (right, cellist) was part of the class of 2019. He is also going on to study music at Egglecliffe Sixth Form.

Tees Valley Youth Orchestra is a group of young musicians (120 to be exact) from the Tees Valley and across the north east. They rehearse regularly every Friday, and, as well as concerts around the North East and the UK, they have been on tour in places such as Budapest and Spain, New York marked their biggest tour yet.

The pupils were asked to tell us about their experience of playing at Carnegie Hall.

Jamie commented, "We've known about this tour for a while and the excitement has just grown and grown. Being invited to play at such an incredible concert hall is a huge honour, and the fact that we played on that world famous stage was just amazing. The experience hasn't quite sunk in yet and I think that will take a while, but it's shown us that anything is possible. It doesn't matter where you're from; it's what you do. I would like to thank Ian Ramsey for making me love music and be able to have this fantastic experience."

Jamie added, "It was such a memorable experience and such an amazing once in a lifetime opportunity I can't believe we got this chance. Everyone who played that night was amazing. What an amazing tour!"

Dance Dreams

Ms Maddison (#currently reading "Now You See Her" by Heidi Perks.) ran a 'Dance City' workshop in the Academy last year and one of our Year 10 pupils, Anna was spotted.

After many rounds of auditions and interviews, competing with hundreds of other dancers from the North East, Anna has been accepted to train with them on



This is a great chance for Anna and a step on the ladder to becoming a professional dancer.

Dancing Success

In July, Annabel took the lead role of Clara, in "The Nutcracker" with the English Youth Ballet at Newcastle's Tyne Theatre and Opera House. She was on stage almost 80% of the time with three solos, two duets and numerous lead parts in the full cast dances. Annabel was given a special award from the director of the company, recognising her fantastic performances and her potential to be a prima ballerina of the future.

Executive Head Teacher, Mrs Booth, was lucky enough to see Annabel perform and said, "Annabel was fantastic. It's an incredible role to have achieved at such a young age and she is certainly heading for the bright lights!"



Rhodri Inspires

Rhodri was diagnosed with hearing loss at 9 years old. There was no history of the condition in his family and so what lay ahead of him was a mystery. And it was this journey that inspired Rhodri's speech, which he delivered to other young people with hearing loss at the Riverside Stadium.

Vicki, from the Hearing Impaired Service, sent the follow response after the speech, "I am just writing to congratulate Rhodri on his amazing talk yesterday. You have definitely made a hugely positive impression on all there."

So what was it that Rhodri said that struck such a chord with others?

The main thing was he was honest. He spoke about how nervous he was about facing the unknown. "After I came out of the diagnosis, I was still thinking over how I could have been deaf and I was going over every possible scenario and it just came as a complete and utter surprise."

He spoke about using new equipment and how, despite reservations, it enhanced his life, "By the time a couple of months had passed, I realised the hearing aids helped me a lot and I could hear everything much clearer. I could hear things I had never heard before, for example birds tweeting and individual details of sounds too."

He told them how, with encouragement from Vicki and Miss Judge at Ian Ramsey, he applied for and (after an intense interview process) won a seat on the National Deaf Children's Youth Advisory Board.

"When Vicki first suggested the YAB to me, I was very negative and I thought I couldn't do it and I really doubted my ability. I thought I wouldn't be able to contribute to anything, let alone get past the application process ... After this I got into the YAB, I was really surprised and it felt like, for the first time in my life, I was about to make a difference.

My time with the YAB has been extremely fun and I have felt like I have definitely made a difference. My experience has taught me to have confidence in myself, and how to express my ideas. If someone had told me two years ago I would be stood here today talking to you all, I would never have thought that was possible, I would have said I'm not good enough and probably would have had a really negative attitude"

Near the beginning of his speech, Rhodri made a statement which sums up why we think he is inspirational; "I was a little bit nervous about it and I was hoping I wasn't going to be deaf, but now, looking back on this, if I hadn't been told that I was deaf, then I wouldn't be who I am today." He took what could have been a negative and turned it around to grow and enrich his life. Well done, Rhodri!

Community Use

Did you know that you can hire parts of the Academy to run events or clubs?

So if you want to run a class, hold an event or performance, host a meeting or conference, have a function or children's party, we could have the perfect space for you to do it in.

We hire out our Sports Hall, outdoor football and rugby pitches, a multi-use games area, the Activity and Main Hall, Dining Area and Ground Floor Atrium, classrooms, IT rooms and our Meeting Room. You can even rent out our Cooking Classroom.

We have lots of activities happening already: Zumba, football, music classes, karate and Stockton Stage Society uses our facilities.

If you would like more information, you can go to our website or contact lettings on lettings@ianramsey.org.uk.



**FIRST WORLD WAR CENTENARY
BATTLEFIELD TOURS PROGRAMME**
A national education programme led by UCL Institute of Education



Two pupils, Holly and Joseph, have been selected to take part in the First World War Centenary Battlefield Tours Programme. This is a Government-funded initiative by the Department for Education, which has been created to deepen understanding about the First World War, uncover personal connections and create an enduring legacy. The programme is delivered by UCL Institute of Education who, since 2014, have led this award-winning programme.

Teaching the Teachers

SCITT stands for School Centred Initial Teacher Training and is one of the many ways teachers are trained. Ian Ramsey has been part of the scheme for many years now and Kristen Webber, Partnership Manager with Stockton SCITT had this to say about us:

Ian Ramsey has been a key partner school with Stockton-On-Tees Teacher Training Partnership (SCITT) for a number of years. The school is influencing the provision of teacher training in Stockton through its representation on the SCITT's Strategic Management Board and participation in the recruitment and selection process, ensuring the best candidates are chosen for the programme as well as providing high quality central and placement training. We always aim to place a number of trainees with Ian Ramsey because the school is one of our 'go to' schools for our secondary trainees. The quality of teaching and learning, the ethos of the school, its strong understanding of trainee teachers' needs alongside the expertise of teacher mentors, ensure trainees experience high quality placements. Across the last 3 years, Ian Ramsey has trained 13 Stockton SCITT trainees and all but one secured NQT jobs. We are delighted that this successful partnership continues with 2 more trainees joining the school in September and one of our 2019 trainees joining Ian Ramsey's English department as an NQT this year. We look forward to welcoming Ms Tucker back as a mentor for the next generation of trainees in 3 years' time!

Ms Tucker had this to say about being part of Stockton SCITT. (#currently reading "Frankenstein" by Mary Shelley.)

"Training with Stockton SCITT at Ian Ramsey CE Academy was a wonderful experience. Everyone in the English Department was supportive and reassuring. My mentor was an excellent role model and helped me to secure a job for my NQT year at the school. Training at the school has allowed me to become the teacher I have always dreamed of being."



Interested in teaching at Ian Ramsey? Contact us on 01642 565585 or enquiries@ianramsey.org.uk

As a Church of England Academy, worship is an important part of our day. It may take place as a year group in one of our halls, in a classroom as a tutor group, and once a term pupils and staff come together for a year group Holy Communion. Each week, worship is based around a theme and we like to let you know what the theme is via social media. Why? So that you know what your child is focusing on and how Christian values run throughout our curriculum and Academy day.



You can follow
Ian Ramsey CE Academy
At:



Can you Cook?

Ms Coull (#currently reading "Beneath a Scarlet Sky" by Mark Sullivan) is looking for budding chefs to take part in a country wide competition run by Springboard, called "Future Chef". It is open to anyone with a passion for cooking between the ages of 12 and 16.

There are four stages to the competition, with the first taking place in school. The two winners will then move on to the local finals, regional, and, lastly national final. The contestants will be judged in the areas of: workmanship, presentation, composition, taste and flavour, and menu balance. For more details you can go to: <https://futurechef.uk.net/about/competition>

If you are interested in taking part, see Ms Coull in room 135.

If you want to see more of what pupils do in Technology you can follow them on Instagram @ianramseydt.



Christmas Fayre

Friday 29th November, 5-8pm.

Stalls, Games, Refreshments.

If you would like to run a stall please contact

enquiries@ianramsey.org.uk

Great North City Games



(Above and right) Libby



(Above Beth (Y8) Great North City Games Ambassador

Twelve pupils represented Ian Ramsey at the Great North City Games Tees Valley School Sprints Event on Stockton High Street. All the pupils performed brilliantly. Six pupils qualified through to the Semi Finals on the Friday with three pupils then going on to qualify for the Finals held on the Saturday. These were Beth, Libby and Harvey.

Beth, Libby, and Harvey then raced in front of thousands of people in Finals Day on the Saturday. Beth won the A final, closely followed by Libby who came in fourth. Harvey won the Boys B final. A fantastic achievement and lots of memories made at what was a fabulous event!

In addition to coming 4th in the Stockton School Sprints, Libby ran the 'Run like a Legend' mile in Durham as part of the running festival and also the Durham City 5k in which she was 51st to finish overall and the 10th female. This included all age groups. She also got to meet GB athletes Lewis and Gemma Moses, Paula Radcliffe (she beat her in the 5k) and Steve Cram.



Gold for Grace

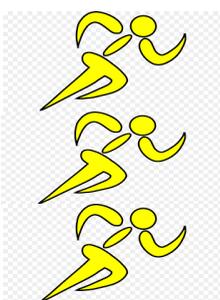
Grace has had a fantastic August. The young up and coming hammer thrower has been collecting medals, at both a regional and national level.



She won gold at the Tartan Games, which were held at Gateshead, with a throw of 48.2m. She then smashed her own record by over a meter (49.43m) at the England under-15 National Championships in Bradford. This not only meant she won the gold, but also moved her to third place in the whole of the UK.

Grace had taken a double gold at the Northern Under-15 in Liverpool earlier in the year, winning gold not only in the hammer but also the discus, again with a personal best.

If her latest performances are anything to go by, Grace is definitely someone we should be looking out for at a national level and even international level.



Amy Nets Success

Amy has just been selected to join the Newcastle Eagles Basketball Academy Team. They play in the National U14 girls league with other top level teams from around the country.



Ramsey Pupils Run the Run

On a super-hot day, just before we broke up for the summer, the then Year 9 OCR Sports Studies pupils and Year 9 Sports Leadership Academy girls were invited to volunteer at the Stockton Go Run for Fun event, held at Preston Park. With over one thousand primary school children from all over Stockton taking part, our pupils were kept busy with various roles including course marshalling, front running, organising the starts and finishes, and two lucky boys even got to be the run mascot, Dart, for the day!

The pupils were amazing and took their duties seriously, making sure the event was safe and successful for all. Great ambassadors for Ian Ramsey! And best of all they got to meet Commonwealth Games silver medallist race walker, Tom Bosworth, making the sunburn and hard work worthwhile.

SPORTS DAY

2019



We have four Houses who compete against each other: Cattermole, Curbishley, Franks, and Parling

This year it was Curbishley who were overall winners, followed by Franks, Cattermole and Parling.

The results were not as important as the amount of fun that both pupils and staff had taking part. However, Curbishley were certainly delighted to come out top!

Another great event arranged by our PE department.



A big thank you to Ian Ramsey photography pupils who took the photos.



Bowling Star

After a very successful 2019, Amica is hoping for more in 2020. She will be representing Yorkshire Bowling Association in Ladies County Games.

She has also been nominated to attend Bowls England Youth Academy Selection, which could lead to trials for the England Youth Team.

Not bad for a girl who started playing Bowls at the age of ten with her Grandad.

Good luck, Amica.

Smoothies for Charity

Two Year 8 boys, Caleb and Morgan, used Sports Day as the opportunity to raise money for CHUF, the Children's Heart Unit Fund.

They told me they chose the charity because Caleb's sister suffers from Pulmonary Hypertension, which at times has made her very unwell. They wanted to "give back" to the charity that had helped Caleb's sister.

So they decided the way to do it was to sell healthy smoothies and cakes during Sports Day. Ms Turner (#currently reading "How to Speak Chicken" by Melissa Caughey), helped them create their healthy organic treats. Banana and strawberry smoothie was a popular choice and helped them raise £85, which was donated to CHUF.

Just two of the wonderful pupils we have at Ian Ramsey who want to help others. Well done!

