



# Head's Up (... date)



Welcome to the second edition of Head's Up ...date!

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021

## Year 11– Summer Grades

The DfE is opening a consultation period, to listen to all stakeholders, about how to award qualifications this summer. We will send out a link to this when we receive it, so you can share your views. We will, of course, be doing the same. The key is that all pupils must continue to work for the time left at Ian Ramsey CE Academy, in order to maximise their outcomes this year. Once there is clarity around what this means to the pupils and their families, we will let you know and keep you up-to-date.



## Year 11 Parents' Evening

We are stilling planning to hold vitrual meetings for parents/carers, but we have decided to move these back to February 2021. This is to wait for the guidance from the DfE about how qualifications will be awarded this year. We intend to hold these meetings during the school day through a secure online programme. To allow teachers to meet with parents/carers, the online learning for all year groups will be available on Google Classroom, but no live lessons will be available that day. Date to be confirmed soon.

## Year 9 Options 'Virtual' Event

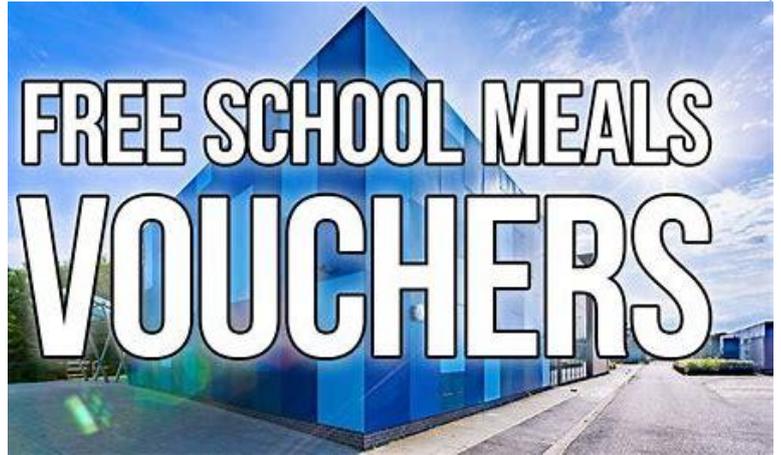
On Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2021, all Year 9 pupils, parents and carers will receive information about the options process for this year. This will be done as a virtual event but is a very important process for our pupils. You will be sent the links to all the videos and support documentation. Please take time to watch all the videos and advice from the senior and curriculum leaders.



## Year 7 Form Tutor Calls

Form tutors are in the process of calling all parents and carers of their tutees. This call would normally be a face-to-face parents event. Its purpose is to see how the children are settling in at Ian Ramsey. This will take place across the next few weeks as staff are teaching live lessons throughout the day. We look forward to hearing how they are coping with not just life at school, but also the remote learning.

Ian Ramsey CE Academy continues to work with parents and carers who are eligible for support with school meals. The voucher scheme will be re-introduced by the government, but while we wait for this to get up and running, the academy has paid money directly into parent and carers' bank accounts. We know how important this is for our families and their children.



If you have not claimed for free school meals in the past but now feel, due to a change in circumstances, that you may well be eligible, please email: [enquiries@ianramsey.org.uk](mailto:enquiries@ianramsey.org.uk)

## Over 200 Chromebooks available now!

While we wait for the DfE to provide devices for our families the academy has acted swiftly and purchased a further Chromebooks themselves, on top of the 200 which have been loaned out already.



If you are having problems accessing your Remote Learning because you don't have access to a device on which to do it, then please **ask your parent/carer to contact Mr Snowden, Deputy Head**, and we'll be able to help you. This includes loaning multiple devices to the same families. Pupils need access to their own laptop or Chromebook. (Email address: [snowdenp@ianramsey.org.uk](mailto:snowdenp@ianramsey.org.uk))

Some of the mobile phone companies are also offering free data whilst we are in lockdown, but you have to meet certain criteria for this – you can find out more at <https://get-help-withtech.education.gov.uk>





## Google Classroom

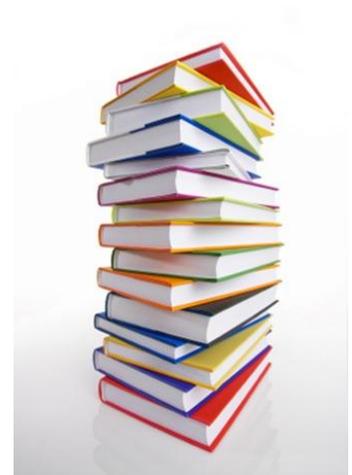


Live lessons continue each day. Remember to follow your own timetable. You will be sent a message each day, if your teacher is not delivering live lessons. On this rare occasion that this happens, your work will be uploaded to Google Classroom. The reason for this is because your teacher will be in school supervising the key worker and vulnerable children. Remember you can use your Xbox, PlayStation or smart TV to access Google Classroom.

Remember to follow the 'top tips' on remote learning. These can be found at the back of [blended learning and intervention policy](#).

## Spring Reading Challenge

We are pleased to announce that our Spring Reading Challenge is now available on our website. There are hundreds of great reading recommendations for pupils, parents and staff, so we can all find something interesting to read during lockdown! Have a go at our new challenge grid and email it to Mrs Poppleton to be entered into this term's prize draw! You can also send us your reading recommendations and explore our staff's suggestions in their Desert Island Books lists. Happy Reading!



[Spring 2021 Reading Challenge - Ian Ramsey CE Academy](#)



Just to let you know Little Sprouts along with Food Power Network won a bid to provide fresh fruit and veg to families. They make up £10 worth bag of fruit and veg for families each week. If you are struggling and would benefit from this support, please contact the academy and we can complete a referral form. Families can have up to 4 bags over the period to end of Feb 21. Bags will be distributed on Mondays.



# Message of the week

## Year 11 Transition / Open Events



### Virtual Open Event

Saturday, 30 January 2021 10:00 - 12:30

We understand with everything going on at the minute it is a difficult time to ...

[Read more](#)

**Virtual OPEN EVENT**  
Thursday 28th January  
5:00pm - 8:00pm

You can pre-register here  
[www.bede.ac.uk/events](http://www.bede.ac.uk/events)

**Join our ZOOM WEBINARS**  
**Live Q&A Sessions**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January - Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January

Find out more about the wide range of subjects we offer,  
meet our teachers and set your milestones!

**APPLY NOW**  
for entry Sept 2021

My command is this:

***Love each other  
as I have loved you.***

—John 15:12



### Friday Prayer –

Lord Jesus

You are a shield around us.

Strong in love and gilded with truth.

We will fear no evil, for You watch over us.

You defend and deliver us.

In this day, this hour, this moment, we put our trust in You.

Amen