

# **Ramsey Grammar School**

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# **Invest, Believe, Achieve Together**

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Dear Parents/Carers

As we come to the end of our second term, we have much to celebrate. The past months have been filled with remarkable achievements, inspiring growth, and a strong sense of community that continues to make Ramsey Grammar a wonderful place to learn and grow.

#### **School Validation**

Our school had a great experience when the validators visited on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025. An extract from the letter below shows that validators believe we have created a culture of high expectations for all young people:

'The school's aspirational leadership team have successfully put in place approaches that support respectful behaviours and promote positive relationships between young people across the school. Their tireless emphasis on high expectations in ensuring your children are ready to learn, and the refocussing of the school's vision and values around a sense of community and belonging, where relationships are at the heart of everything, now provides the strong foundation for an effective learning environment where every young person can grow and succeed.'

We are passionate about continuing to pursue this drive, which brings me to maintaining high expectations for punctuality, having the correct equipment for learning and looking the part for school by wearing the correct uniform throughout the next term.

## **Punctuality, Uniform and Equipment**

## **Punctuality**

To ensure students are at their tutor rooms on time, ready for learning, your child needs to be on school premises by 8:40am as tutor time starts promptly at 8:45am. I appreciate many parents and carers work and rely on children taking responsibility for their own time keeping. Please do remind your child to be at school for 8:40am so that they get the most from their school day.

#### **Equipment**

At the beginning of the school year, we shared an equipment list to enable all students to be prepared for learning. As we progress throughout the year, some students are lacking equipment which will affect their readiness to learn. There is an equipment list in your child's planner, so can you take a moment to ensure your child still has a full set of equipment for the return to school after Easter.

### Uniform

We all know that when we get dressed for work, we feel different and more prepared for the day ahead. Wearing the correct uniform also helps students develop a sense of belonging, reduces distractions, and promotes equality among peers. To ensure consistency and uphold our school's values, we kindly ask for your support in making sure that your child arrives at school in the appropriate attire every day.



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### Lycra trousers

We are noticing that some female students are wearing trousers made from Lycra or other bodyhugging materials, which is not part of the uniform policy. To maintain a smart and professional appearance, we ask that students only wear appropriate trousers that are formal trousers with a button and zip that fastens at the front of the waist.

When we return after the Easter break, we will continue to check uniform as part of our Ready to Learn daily routine. If students are not wearing the correct trousers, they will be asked to wear ones provided by the school. Below are some links to help with choosing the correct style of trousers:

<u>Acceptable Trousers - George Asda</u> Acceptable Trousers - Next

#### **Netflix Drama Adolescence**

Safeguarding our students is a main priority while they are at school, and technology continues to play a role in our children's daily lives. It is essential to ensure social media is used safely and responsibly. The recent programme on Netflix, Adolescence, has highlighted some of the concerns faced by many schools and parents across the UK. We encourage you to have open and ongoing conversations with your child about their online experiences. Please feel free to reach out to us if you have any questions or need additional resources for online safety from our designated Safeguarding lead at school.

After Easter we are going to hold an evening for parents and carers to talk about online safety, share experiences and look at how we can support each other and our children. The Police have offered to join us to give their insights too, therefore, look out for the date that I will share next term.

Thank you for your continued support. I wish you and your loved ones a wonderful Easter and look forward to seeing our students return on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2025.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Taylor Headteacher