



# GOAL!



Term 1 | The Rowans

## Turner Gallery Trip

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## New DT Room

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## “What a difference your students have made already.”

That was the view of the Headteacher at Hempstead Infant School, who was full of praise for our Life Skills pupils. Well done to Sean D, Sean S, Josh, Alfie and Laurence for their hard work!



## THE ROWANS TAKE OVER SWATTENDEN

**To help our pupils build relationships and develop team work, we took them to the Swattenden Centre in Cranbrook.**

Each form spent a day at the centre, with pupils starting their day on an adventure course competing in two teams where team work was essential. This was also the part where they got the muddiest! Class clown Mr Ashmore slid through the mud 'superman style', then made the pupils cringe as he did his impression of a slug moving. Next up, the pupils would have to use their initiative to build a raft with only limited help from the instructors, again making team work essential. After the rafts were built, it was race time! The instructors at Swattenden Centre said the record for the most amount of people on one raft was five, The Rowans accepted this challenge! Six squeezed onto one





### What our pupils thought of the trip:

"It was really good, I really enjoyed the rafting!" - **Tom Beard**

"Mr Ashmore doing the slug was really funny!" - **Hugo Miller**

"I really enjoyed it, the Zip Wire was a lot of fun!" **Charlie Dunford**

"Fun, but muddy!" **Jordan Fazzani**

"The assault course was really funny, with everyone getting their head stuck in the cargo net!" - **Edward Hawkins**

"Jumping into the river was really funny. It was freezing! Like jumping in a bath of ice!" **Maria Keen**



raft, temporarily, until it quickly sunk! Five then lasted a bit longer, before they all abandoned ship into the freezing water! After lunch, staff and pupils took on the zip wire. With encouragement from their peers, many overcame a fear of heights to jump off a high platform and glide down the zip wire. Mr Nolan even managed to do a selfie whilst going down!

Special mention goes to our pupils, whose behaviour at the Swattenden Centre was impeccable every day.



*To view more pictures from our time at Swattenden, visit our website [www.TheRowansPRU.org](http://www.TheRowansPRU.org)*





## O WOW!

Owen Anderson really has embraced Photography this term, taking a keen interest in the subject. We have focussed on Macro photography, capturing images very close to the subject. Below, are examples of his final edited images. Well done O! - **Mr Nolan**



## GCSE ART TRIP TO THE TURNER GALLERY

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The pupils were engaged, worked well and were an asset to our school (apart from when we all nearly lost it playing the 2p machine!) I would like to take this opportunity to say well done! I'm looking forward to the next trip!

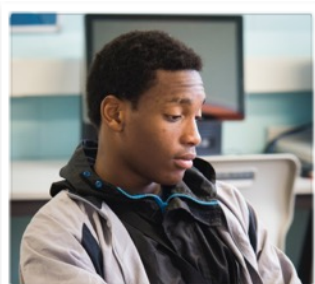


## TA ENGLISH

Year 11 have been working incredibly hard in English. They have been developing vital basic skills for reading, writing, speaking and listening. They have put into practice the linguistic devices they have learnt such as; using adjectives to describe, similes and metaphors to make their writing more interesting and correct use of punctuation. Well done Jacob, Jimmy, Freddie and Jamie – a fantastic start to iGCSE English! - **Mrs May**

### 'A' Great Answer!

D'Quan Samuel progressed his answer to an A grade when writing up his results to an investigation into the ripening of fruit, using ethylene gas given off as a banana ripens. D'Quan used the level thermometer literacy support in the science classroom to assess the language he needed to use to unlock the levels to an A grade answer. Fantastic progress, D'Quan. Keep it up! - **Mrs Martin**



**BREAKFAST CLUB  
THE BEST START TO YOUR DAY!**



**EVERY MORNING ENDING AT 8.30**

## SCHOOL CHOIR SUCCESS

*"...and the band played on!"*

Did you know that The Rowans' musical talent now extends not only to it's wonderful singing talent, but that we also now have the beginnings of a school band! Every Tuesday prior to break time, the pupils have had the option to take part in the School Choir on a Tuesday. Miss Gutsell Thompson leads on the piano, backed up by D'Quan on drums and Josh on guitar. Towards the end of term, the choir was recorded by the BTEC Music group; to have a listen to what they recorded, visit our website! A huge thank you to everyone who took part, and for putting up with Miss Johnson's 'singing'. - **Miss Gutsell-Thompson**



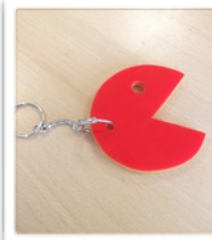


## “I REALLY ENJOY DT AND IT’S GREAT TO HAVE OUR OWN DT ROOM HERE NOW”

It has been a very exciting start for Design Technology here at The Rowans. After a busy summer of building work we have been able to transform the old garage into a fantastic new DT workshop! The workshop is fully equipped with brand new tools, machinery and equipment - enabling pupils at KS3 to undertake a wide range of practical Design Technology lessons on site and allowing pupils at KS4 the option of a GCSE in Resistant Materials. All pupils here at The Rowans have made an enthusiastic start to their work in DT and we are all looking forward to the continuous enjoyment, growth and success of the subject over the coming year.

Our KS3 pupils have learnt how to safely use all of the new tools and equipment. This term the KS3 groups have been learning to work safely and skilfully with acrylic plastic and have produced a variety of very colourful and impressive looking key rings and mobile phone stands (pictured). Our pupils said: “I like using all the new machines, they help you to make your work look really good!” **Tommy-Lee Simmons** “I really enjoy DT and it’s good to have our own DT room here now. It’s amazing!” **Charlie Dunford**

So far this term, in addition to their GCSE coursework, the pupils have also been working with a wide variety of materials, tools and equipment in practical lessons. They have made an acrylic keyring, a jointed plywood box, an aluminium figure, a pine jewellery box and a candle holder. They have been incredibly busy and are really starting to produce some quality work – well done boys! **Hugo Miller** said: “The new DT room is really good. We get to use lots of different tools and machines every lesson and have made lots of things already. I liked making the aluminium man the most as it was different to use metal for a change.” Well done to all pupils on such a great start to DT! - **Mrs Gale**



## EXTRACTS FROM KEEBLE KREW ENGLISH, DEPICTING A WORLD WAR ONE FIRING SQUAD MURDERING A DESERTER

### PAVOL KANTOR

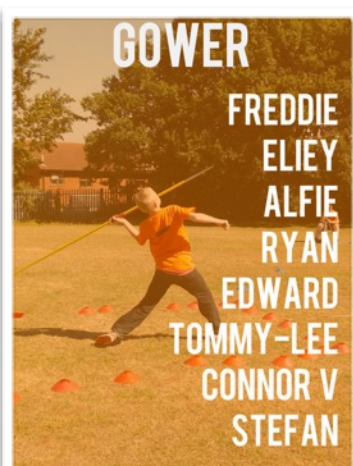
Dear Diary.

Today I became a murderer. It was a rainy day it was as blurry as if I was dead but I still had to fight for my country. I Pick up the rifle and I shot a German soldier. It was a sad experience. Watching the soldier dropping to the floor and it made a big bang! I ducked down and I was petrified. I looked around me and saw my friend drop on the floor by a German bullet, but my friend Mark was strong as a wild lion and stood back up and took another two bullets. One through his head and through his shoulder.

### CALLUM CROLLA

Dear Diary.

Today I became a murderer. I didn't want to! I was as sad like the clouds crying. He was screaming out: "PLEASE DON'T!" But I picked up my rifle on a pouring down day as blurry as that man that fell down. I only had one hour sleep. I wish I wasn't here! I wish I was dead. At night all I can hear is the cold hearted gun shots. I dread to say I was there when my rifle went bang on that day the wind was really fast..whoosh. He was as pale as a ghost.Why did I have to be there? Next it might be me...



## THE ROWANS 2014/2015 SPORTS HOUSES ANNOUNCED

The new Sports Houses for the new school year have been announced. The Inter-House Sports Tournament last year was won by **Townsend House** who won the rowing, football and fitness. **Smalling House** and **Hessenthaler House** were the only other teams to win a tournament last year, winning Sports Day and Basketball respectively. Mr Ashmore said: "Last year's sports tournaments were a huge success, with everyone competing in great spirit. However, I will not lose to Mr Ketcher's Townsend House again this year."



## HEMPSTEAD SCHOOL WORK LIFE SKILLS

As part of their work in the community, our Life Skills pupils went to Hempstead Infants School. Our pupils were working towards making the best of the environment for their young people.

In this first phase, they cleared the area, and will now plan what to do with the quad for the school's Year One children.

The headteacher at Hempstead Infants, Kate Dadd, said: "What a difference your students have made already. I can't believe you have managed to do so much so quickly!. This is an amazing space that we can now think about using"

Well done to Sean D, Sean S, Josh, Alfie and Laurence for their hard work!

Check out these before and after images and to find out more about what our Life Skills pupils get up to, select the Life Skills subject page on our website!





## QUOTES OF THE TERM!

*In an English lesson comparing informal language with formal language:*

Miss May: "So what's wrong with this sentence?"

Jamie: "There aint nuffink wrong wiv it! Yous are just posh!"

*Jacob's reaction to the nicotine mints for Suptober:* "They taste like dead people"

Brit "Miss have you ever eaten in the Horrible Pilot?"

Miss Cooper: "I have never heard of it Brit where is it?"

Brit: "Gillingham"

Miss Cooper: "Brit I think you mean the Honourable Pilot"

*Mrs Martin explaining balancing a chemical equation to Owen Anderson:*

Owen: "Are you for real, do you really know all this stuff or are you just making this up?"

Mrs Martin: "Yes I do Owen, I have a degree in science"

Owen: "...Ok"

*KS3 Science learning about specialised cells such as sperm cells.*

Mrs Martin: "Why do sperm need tails?"

Riley: "I don't know"

Mrs Martin "So they can swim"

Riley: "Where to?"

**Freddie's reaction to Mr Nolan encouraging Jamie to work harder:** "You take your job too seriously Sir"

## TERM ONE REWARD TRIP AT BUCKMORE PARK

Pupils who earned enough smileys were rewarded this term by going to Buckmore Park for Karting. Hugo finished at the top of the grid, with Tommy Lee and Jack joining him on the podium.

A great day was had by all, and well done to Brit, Tommy Lee, Connor, Callum C, Callum V, Stefan, Jimmy, Jack, Hugo and Leon for all earning their place in the driving seat!



## STAR PUPILS THIS TERM

Every week, the staff nominate a pupil for 'Pupil of the week'. The pupils who won the accolade this term were

Jimmy Cunningham: He is always on time, shows a mature attitude and is always pleasant and polite to staff. He appears to be dedicated to fulfilling his potential and has a fantastic attitude towards learning! - **Miss Antoncini**

Leon Limani: In Leon's first week at The Rowans he made a mature start. He made friends, gave 100% in lessons and we were all very proud of him. He was the model pupils and was what we hope all our pupils will aspire to - **Miss Keeble**

Lucy Morton: This year, Lucy's attendance has been fantastic! On a consistent basis she is turning up on time, trying her best in all lessons. Well done Lucy! - **Miss Winchester**

Harrison Hollyhock: Harry has made a really positive start to The Rowans. He has settled in really quickly, and become a popular member of Form BK. Well done Harry! - **Mr Nolan**

Aflie Crittenden: Alfie has made a brilliant start to The Rowans. He is always polite and has shown a mature attitude towards learning. - **Miss Antoncini**

Tommy Lee Simmons: Tommy Lee has been consistently brilliant this term! He frequently makes his points on his daysheet and is a real pleasure to be around. Tommy Lee really has shown to be a model pupil this term. Well done Tommy, we are very proud of you! - **Mr Nolan**

## NEXT TERM'S AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

At The Rowans, we aim to offer a range of exciting after school clubs to cater for a variety of interests. The clubs we will be hosting in term two are:

PHOTOGRAPHY

SCHOOL BAND



## FINAL WORD...

*"A warm welcome to our new pupils and their families" - Miss Johnson*

Our first term of the new academic year of 2014 has come to an end. I would like to welcome everyone back to school and extend a warm welcome to our new pupils and their families. I am also really pleased to welcome a handful of new staff members to our team, Mrs Martin Science teacher, Mr Wallis, Head of Maths and Science, Mrs Gale, DT Teacher and Mr Taylor, teacher of Maths, English and PE.



This term has started off well. Our yearly team building days were great fun and enabled our staff and pupils to start to form relationships. Learning has been impressive this term and I have been personally very pleased by the progress and learning of the pupils and of the quality of the work that they are producing. For our year 11 pupils, our challenge is to embark upon the journey of rapid progress and achievement and to set our minds firmly on the future. I urge all year 11 pupils to take this opportunity to achieve and forge a pathway for themselves.

Wednesday mornings have become a highlight with the newly reformed choir. Not only do we have Mrs Gutsell Thompspon on the keyboard, but she is now accompanied by other musicians such as Jordan and Brendan on the keyboard, D'Quan on the drums and Josh on the guitar. Our singing voices are improving weekly and even Mr Ashmore has joined in. One thing I can say about The Rowans is we do really like a good sing along.

Well done to Mr Ketcher, Miss Hartley, Jordan, Callum, Edward and Laurence for a really positive and successful Duke of Edinburgh practice expedition. D of E is always very successful at The Rowans but Mr Ketcher has reported that these four boys were the best group he has ever worked with and we are immensely proud.

The term leading up to Christmas is always really exciting with our pantomime trips, Christmas dinner and our Christmas celebration day, which is always one of my favourites. You will all be sent more information nearer the time and I hope you will all be able to join our celebrations.

If the first term has not been as successful for you as it could have been then have a good rest and start afresh in term two. I look forward to seeing great things from you all. Remember to strive to get your points and smiley faces to get your place on that reward trip, I would love to see you all on the trip! Attendance is one of the most important focuses for The Rowans and I would love to see you all in school every day.

Have a great holiday and the staff will be ready to welcome you back on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.