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PRIMARY PROVISION

The Rowans became The Rowans AP Academy from 1st June 2017, under the newly formed Inspiring Change Multi-Academy Trust, set up by the Headteacher, Deputy Head and Business Manager.

We have now obtained permission to open a free alternative provision Primary school (The Beeches), which we hope will be built on the woodland next to The Rowans. The school will cater for primary pupils who are at risk of exclusion or who have been excluded. Pupils will attend for two to four terms before being reintegrated back to mainstream school.

We are really excited about the potential for this school and hope that by giving children the help that they need at primary age, we can prevent them from being excluded further down the line.

We will keep you informed regarding the progress of The Beeches.



'SNAP MAP' DANGERS



The Rowans would like to warn pupils and their parents/carers about the dangers of Snapchat's latest update, that includes 'Snap Map'.

This potentially dangerous feature enables users to track the locations of other users.

When you update Snapchat, it will offer you the chance to opt-in to this option. In this circumstance, select 'Ghost Mode' which will make your 'avatar' disappear from other users' maps.



If any pupil has any problems or concerns with this, please do ask a member of staff for guidance.

SCHOOL GAMES GOLD

We are very proud to be named a Gold Kitemark School for the second year running.

Well done to Mr Cheal and the rest of the PE department for another outstanding sporting achievement!



KENT TEACHER OF THE YEAR

Mrs Martin has been named 'Kent Science Teacher of the Year' at this year's Kent Teacher of the Year Awards.

After collecting her award, Mrs Martin said: "We've heard fantastic stories about people that are changing lives and helping pupils to achieve next steps in life. There are champions of champions here and children need those in their everyday lives." The Rowans' Headteacher, Miss Johnson, said: "Inspirational teaching every day is rightly rewarded."

This is the third consecutive year The Rowans have had a winner at the event, having previously won Team of the Year last year and Miss Johnson winning Headteacher of the Year in 2015.



NATIONAL TEAM OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to our members of staff, for winning the Pearson's Secondary National Team of Year Silver Award, this is an amazing achievement. The Rowans were visited by a judging panel who commended the staff for *'their hard work and inspirational teaching which really makes a difference to the children they support.'*

The team will find out during the televised event in October whether they have also won the gold award in the same category.



MATHS AT LEEDS CASTLE

In term six, key stage three pupils had the exciting opportunity to explore Leeds Castle in Maidstone, completing a maths challenge as they made their way around the grounds.

The pupils were lucky enough to observe a falconry display which was enjoyed by all, and a Battle of Britain experience. The various maths challenges were all linked to the maths curriculum.

Kelsey of Form CH, said "My favourite part was when we got lost in the maze and had to phone the school for help!" Maths teacher, Miss Harris, said "It was a fun day that combined maths and enrichment."



GCSE ART, RESISTANT MATERIALS AND PHOTOGRAPHY EXHIBITION

On Thursday 1st-Wednesday 7th June, The Rowans AP held their annual GCSE Art, Photography and Resistant Materials exhibition at The Nucleus Art Gallery in Chatham. Pupils showcased their work across all three subjects.

The wide variety of pieces on display were enjoyed by pupils, staff, family, friends and members of the public. Head of Art, Miss Ravate, said: "The quality and standard of the work this year was outstanding and demonstrated the commendable work ethic and talent of our pupils."

Mr Nolan said of his GCSE Photography pupils' work: "It was amazing to see the pupils showcase their work to their families and the public. They should be very proud."

Speaking of her GCSE Resistant Materials work, Miss Gale said: "It was an honour to see the boys' work exhibited in such a professional way - the quality was amazing!"



MUD KITCHEN DONATION

For the last couple of weeks, pupils from the GCSE Resistant Materials group and the BTEC Construction group have been busy working on a very exciting community based project. Jack, Tyrese, Lewis and Jacob have designed and built two fantastic mud-kitchens for a local school, Balfour Infants. The four boys have worked tirelessly and showed such skill, perseverance and team work. Mrs Gale is incredibly proud of their level of effort, maturity and expertise throughout the project and said "It was a pleasure to see the boys present the kitchens to the children; answering questions and interacting with the little ones who were all so impressed and excited by the donation."

Ms Atkinson, Head teacher at Balfour School, was extremely grateful for the mud-kitchens, saying "I am so pleased with this project in lots of ways. The kitchens are wonderful and so well made. The children are delighted with them and can't wait to start trying them out. Please thank the boys personally from me for their work... it's beautiful. Such talent!"

We would like to thank Travis Perkins, Gillingham, for their on-going support and generous donation of materials towards the project – without them this would not have been possible.





HOPPERS RESIDENTIAL



This year's year 10 team building residential was split into two overnight stays. One side of the year group along with Mr Taylor, Mr Prescott, Mr Clark and Mrs Martin stayed in Hoppers on the Monday night after enjoying a trip to Gravity Trampoline Park and rounders at the local park. One team of pupils then started to prepare dinner of meatballs and pasta and what a treat this dinner was. The team then served it to us all and we ate together as a family. After dinner we played games together laughing a lot and really coming together as a group.



Tuesday started in two places; at school the other half of the year group with Miss Ravate, Mrs Cooper and Mr Wallis were getting ready to leave school to start their residential at Bewl Water and at Hoppers we were getting ready to pack up and clean the house, have breakfast and leave for Bewl Water. Both groups met at the Education Centre at Bewl Water ready to complete the challenging course activities and then kayaking on the reservoir. We had so much fun working in our teams and helping each other complete tasks and climb, swing and balance, up, over and under obstacles.



The first group went back to school after a very busy residential and many fell asleep in the minibus! The second group were eager to get to Hoppers with Mrs Martin Mr Taylor and Miss Ravate to see where they were going to stay on Tuesday night. We arrived at Hoppers and pupils were very excited to explore the house and where they were going to sleep. Miss Ravate gathered her team cooking lasagne for us and the result was very delicious. Just what we needed after an energetic day at Bewl Water. The evening ended in relaxing watching a film and hot chocolates all round.



Wednesday started at Hoppers with a bacon butty, cleaning of the house and packing up before heading to Gravity Trampoline Park for our last fun filled activity together.



We all had a great time with lots of pupils wanting to stay another night. Pupils really enjoyed their time away from school building relationships and working as a team.

Highlights from just some of the amazing activities on offer during The Rowans' activities week!
To see more, follow @TheRowansAP on twitter

ACTIVITIES

Madame Tussaud's



"I really enjoyed Madame Tussaud's... I managed to convince my brother that I had met James Bond!" - Luke

Paintballing



"I shot Ryan on the ear and I could hear him scream from the other end of the battlefield!" - Connor W

Chessington



"Leyton on the pirate ship ride was really funny" - James

Skate Park



"I fell off...again...it hurt!" - Phil

Thorpe Park



"The funniest moment of activities week for me was seeing Miss Johnson terrified on Swarm!" - Demi

WEEK

Jump Giants



"Some of the obstacles were really challenging but really enjoyable!"
- Stanley

Port Lympne



"Going to the zoo was amazing. Seeing the monkeys was my favourite part!" - Riley

Air Kix



"It was fun flying, I had a great time!" - Billy

Quad Biking



"The quads went so fast!" - Alfie E

Rock Climbing



"Taylor tricked me into going through the cave, then kicked me about in the orb ball!" - Macy

Water Wipe Out



"Water wipe out was amazing! Miss Keeble trying to get into the life jacket was really funny" - Ryan G

YEAR ELEVEN



In term six, staff and the departing Year 11 pupils went to the Holiday Inn in Rochester to celebrate their time at The Rowans.

As you can see from the photos, staff and pupils all dressed to impress - with a special mention to Head Boy, Ryan, showing his inner James Bond.

We enjoyed a delicious three course meal, whilst staff left messages for the pupils in their autograph books. Miss Johnson produced a Leavers Book for the pupils, looking back on their time at The Rowans. After, Miss Johnson played the staff's tribute video, Naff Headteacher and a video montage reminiscing on the pupils' experiences at The Rowans.

A lovely evening was had by all, the perfect way to say goodbye. We wish the pupils the best of luck for the future.



LEAVERS MEAL



"It was good to reunite with the gang!" - Ethan B

"Everyone made a real effort and looked lovely. We all had a great time and it will always be a special memory for me. I loved the presentations, leavers book and films." - George C



"It was a lovely night, one that I'll never forget! The staff made such an effort to make the night special for us all, like The Rowans always does!" - Connie P



NAFF HEADTEACHER!

This year's leavers' video was a collection of The Rowans' staff parodying Stormzy's 'Shut Up' and Rupert Holmes' 'Escape' - better known as the 'Pina Colada song'.

To view the video, visit our YouTube channel by searching for 'The Rowans' in YouTube.



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BHF SPORTS DAY

KS3 raised money for the British Heart Foundation by competing in an 'old school' sports day. Pupils enjoyed activities such as the sack race, egg and spoon and tug of war.

Form DP won the event overall and it was an excellent afternoon all round.



DISTRICT SPORTS

This year we entered our largest ever team to the district athletics competition. Jordan and Megan were the first girls to ever represent the Rowans in an SSG event and performed exceptionally well. Ethan won bronze in the Year 11 boys discus, while Billy and Ryan narrowly missed out on medals in the discus and javelin.

An excellent all round performance from all pupils on both track and field events.



DUKE OF EDINBURGH WALK



On the 14th and 15th June Jack, Connor, Stefan and Ryan completed the Duke of Edinburgh bronze expedition. They walked 20 km over two days and camped overnight at Bexon Lane. The boys overcame a range of obstacles to complete their expedition and showed resilience throughout.

Mr Ketcher said after the expedition: "This is a huge achievement. Well done, boys!"





SPORTS DAY



This year's Sports Day was held at Dean Gate, the first time The Rowans has had the event offsite.



It was a fantastic day with some outstanding performances. Gladiators were the overall winners on the day followed by Warriors, Spartans and then Titans.



Mr Ketcher and Mr Taylor were delighted with the behaviour of the pupils, and the determination to succeed as a team.



TEACHING AND LEARNING AT THE ROWANS



It has been a successful year with outstanding progress and attainment for so many of our pupils. There has been some exciting and creative learning with many opportunities to bring learning to life outside of the classroom.

Teaching and learning continues to be high priority at The Rowans, ensuring each pupil is offered the opportunity to make progress, achieve targets and develop a love of learning. I am incredibly proud of Years 10 and 11 who have had to adapt to a new English and maths GCSE curriculum this year. They have all worked hard, many staying for after school revision sessions as well as attending revision days during the Easter holidays.



The range of qualifications offered each year increases and this year has been no exception with the introduction of; sociology GCSE, statistics GCSE, construction BTEC and childcare BTEC. Duke of Edinburgh has continued to be successful, ably led by Mr Ketcher. This year's group were amazing doing their expedition on the hottest days of the year!

There have been a few individual successes that should be shared: Jason L, Alfie R, Lewis R and Jack A have all exceeded their target grades in English. Riley C, Ryan G, Connor W and Demi C have all exceeded their target grades in maths.



One of the most impressive successes has been our intensive phonics programme supporting the pupils for whom English is a second language. Mrs Clarke, along with Mrs Bournier and Mrs Keynes have worked hard delivering this and Denis, Fabian and Matrix have all made excellent progress.

We have worked closely with Canterbury Christchurch University this year and next year as part of this partnership, we will be welcoming trainee teachers to work alongside our amazing team of teachers and teaching assistants. We eagerly await the GCSE results, in August and look forward to celebrating with the pupils their achievements and qualifications.

★THE ROWANS' STARS★

STUDENT OF THE WEEK WINNERS...

INTERVENTIONS STAR WINNERS...



Congratulations to all of the pupils who won either the Student of the Week or Interventions Star of the Week accolades.



THE FINAL WORD...

"Mrs Martin being chosen as Kent Science Teacher of Year was a proud moment and to top that the whole school staff have won a silver Pearson's teaching award for Team of the Year"

Yet another academic year has passed and it's been a busy and successful year for us all at The Rowans. There have been so many achievements of all different shapes and sizes. For me, the biggest achievement has been watching our year 11 pupils grow, mature and take their exams. They have worked so hard, taking their learning really seriously and showing the rest of the school how important it is to try your very best and take your future seriously. Already the Year 11s have secured post 16 destinations and I am extremely proud of their success. I am looking forward to results day where I am sure their hard work has paid off and they will be pleased with the outcomes.

I have seen many pupils turn their attitude to school, behaviour and effort in class around completely this year. There have been so many great moments this year, the Art, DT and Photography exhibition was a real treat, the standard of work was outstanding. I love to look back through twitter (@TheRowansAP), and see what we have experienced, taken part in and achieved throughout the year.



The end of year film that I make and show at Celebration Day has made me realise how much we cram into a year at The Rowans. The staff are incredibly busy not only planning and delivering outstanding lessons but also organising activities in addition to the curriculum. Cultural and educational visits, celebrations, trips for fun and team building, sleepover, camping, charity days, activities week and that's just to name a few.

Mrs Martin being chosen as Kent Science Teacher of Year was a proud moment and to top that the whole school staff have won a silver Pearson's teaching award for Team of the Year, in October we will be going to the televised final where we will find out whether we have done enough to win the gold. In my opinion and I am sure that you will all agree, the Rowan's staff are the most talented and dedicated staff I have ever come across.

Now this academic year is over I want to thank everyone for their unwavering support of The Rowans. I would like to wish you all a really great summer break and I look forward to seeing you back in school on the 6th September. - **Miss Johnson**