



Ridgeway Academy
Skills and Experiences for Life

Newsletter

10th April 2019

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From The Headteacher

Dear all,

We hope and trust you had a good Easter break. It is a short half term during May followed by a longer half term in June and July. Please see our website for links on KS2 and KS4 learning and revision. SATs are next week and the summer months are traditionally exam periods for upper school. Please feel free to access the materials on this site to support your child: ridgeway.academy/sats-revision

Over the coming months, the school will be recruiting staff. There are a number of reasons for this. It is perfectly normal and expected for some staff to move school after a number of years. This always happens. Our school is also getting bigger and therefore with an increase in pupils we will need an increase in staffing.

We are excited by this opportunity to appoint further experienced and secondary trained staff to complement our existing team.

As always, should you have any questions, please contact us at the school.

Regards

Mr Bennett
Headteacher

Year 6 Camping

On the evening of Friday 17th of May a number of year 6 pupils will be camping on the school field after the hard work they have put in during SATS. We have offered this for the last five years and our Year 6 pupils have thoroughly enjoyed an evening of fun and challenge at the end of a stressful period for them.

You will be informed if your child has been successful in securing a place as it is based on a first come, first serve basis. There will be a brief meeting on Thursday 16 May at 3.30pm in the school hall.

Those pupils attending will need:

- Tent (to be pitched with parental help between the hours of 6 and 8pm)
- Pupils can share tents but no more than four per tent please.
- Sleeping bag, warm clothes, change of clothes, wash kit.
- A picnic style tea and breakfast will be provided.
- Children will need to be collected by 9.30am on Saturday 18th May.



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Knife Crime Prevention

On Thursday a group of Year 10 pupils took part in a Knife Crime Prevention talk with Pete Martin from Redditch Self Defense.

The pupils took part in role plays and gave interviews which were shown on BBC Midlands Today Evening News ([On BBC iPlayer](#)). Pupils found the talk informative, helpful and it gave them the practical tips to safeguard themselves.

Pete has the support from West Mercia Police in his campaign to educate pupils of Worcestershire on Knife Crime Prevention.





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DofE Update

Pupils in both years 9 and 10 have begun their Bronze and Silver programs with both groups becoming increasingly prepared for their expeditions in June and July!

Please ensure you use the area on the school website, Twitter and keep eyes peeled for letters in the bottom of school bags!

Mr Worton

Oliver Kyte (yr6) completed the Birmingham 5K run on 14th April. A great effort. Very well done.

We wondered, are there any other medallists out there?



The sheep have settled into their new home and can be visited at the Farm Animal Sanctuary:

www.thefarmanimalsanctuary.co.uk

If anybody has any rolls of turf they don't need, the guinea pigs would appreciate them for their new enclosure!

It would also be appreciated if you could please donate your empty egg boxes for the eggs the hens are laying!