RAMZ VISITS EASTBURY

Ramz, who is currently No 2 in the charts with his catchy song about Barking visited ECS on Tuesday 30 January.

He was very impressed with our superb music department and pupils.

I was interested to hear that Ramz studied both BTECs and A levels before going to Portsmouth University to study sports development. He wrote his single while at university and has his studies as a Plan B if his career in music is not successful or he wishes to change career direction.

BACK IN THE DAY – My option choices and career

Year 9 pupils are about to make their option choices. I am looking forward to meeting with parents, carers and pupils at our Year 9 Pathways Evening on Thursday 8 February at 4pm.

The best advice I was given was choose a broad range of subjects because this will keep more pathways open. The decisions were very difficult because there were so many subjects to choose from. At Eastbury it is even more difficult as there are so many exciting subjects with superb teachers. We have therefore organised a full programme with lots of people available to advise our pupils.

I chose to study the following subjects in Key Stage 4 – Biology, Chemistry, English, English Literature, German, Geography, Latin.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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Mathematics and Physics. I wish I had studied Art or History instead of Latin! Studying languages showed employers I could pick up languages relatively quickly and work in any country in the world. It also helps me with my travels as I can also quickly learn a few phrases to help me in many different languages.

I then went on to study Biology, Chemistry, Physics, General Studies (a bit like EPQ) and conversational German in the sixth form.

Studying a wide range of subjects allowed me to have lots of different part time jobs (on Saturdays and in the holidays) while studying and before my current job. I now have one of the best jobs in the world, Executive Headteacher at Eastbury Community School in Barking.

Not many people know that I had many different part time and full time jobs before going into the rewarding career of teaching – Shop assistant, Barman, Seismographic Surveyor (for the National Coal Board), Hospital Operating Theatre Service Technician, Chef (in a French restaurant!), Tomato Salsa seller (in San Francisco) and a few more!

HALF TERM

I wish everyone a happy and restful half term holiday. School finishes at 15.05 on Friday 9 February and we start again at 08.30 on Monday 19 February.

DAVID DICKSON—Executive Headteacher
CAREER NEWS

ELEVATE WORK EXPERIENCE

Congratulations to Muhammed Shoail and Remi Ajala who have had their work experience programme extended for a further 3 months.

The Royal Navy Year 9 and 10 workshops

On Tuesday 23rd January, 30 students in year 9 and 10 got the opportunity to take part in some team building and leadership workshops run by The Royal Navy. The students were put through their paces on a range of activities including problem solving (Tangram Squares), mini-assault course, ropes and knots nautical task and a tower building challenge. The students gave 100% to the challenge and had fun tackling the Navy’s challenges. Lt Cdr Hannah MacKenzie said “Knowing how to work effectively in a small team and the ability to problem solve in a range of different environments are fundamental skills for all Navy personnel. It was great to see the students get stuck in to the challenges we set them and give 100% throughout.”

Thank you to Rhianna Ward (KCL student) and Abdul Milad (LSE student) for helping inspire our students at the careers fair. We love hearing about our alumni’s journey from school to where they are now.

On Thursday 25th January, 10 of our career champions took part in an interactive session run by Emma Fay at Teach First to help us as a school to use volunteers in the classroom. Many staff use volunteers in school, now we are looking to share this whole school and action plan at least one volunteer coming into the school by the end of the academic year.
On Wednesday 25th January Eastbury held its annual careers fair for years 9-13. In terms of numbers of volunteers, this was the biggest careers fair to date, with 38 providers offering their services to speak to our students about their career options. The day run very smoothly and many students commented how invaluable events like this are on helping them develop their career knowledge and to get a greater insight into the apprenticeship and university route into employment.

**STUDENT FEEDBACK**

‘The day was really useful, and it was great to see a wide range of colleges that are local to the area’ – Calum Gary, Year 10

‘I enjoyed speaking with The Royal Navy and Queen Mary’s University London, The Royal

**VOLUNTEERS WHO ATTENDED:**

- National Citizens Service
- Education and Employers
- Wates
- Bouygues
- InfraRed Capital Partners
- ELAM
- UCL
- University of Essex
- 15 million ebp
- QMUL
- TfL
- KCL
- LDUTEC
- Coventry University London
- DWP
- National Careers Service
- Barking & Dagenham College
- Waltham Forest College
- Redbridge College
- South Essex College
- Big Creative Education
- UK Skills Growth
- UEL
- City Gateway
- Goldsmiths University
- City of London
- LBBD
- Havering College
- Rhianna Ward - KCL student Alumni
- Tommy Williams CEO - All shades covered Alumni
- Law University
- Royal Navy
- Everyone Active Becontree Leisure Centre
- Creative Access College
- Unsworth Global Logistics
- LSE
- KPMG
Navy told us they can sponsor your Medical degree and they gave us a great insight into life after university’ – Jonida Kolgjini & Maha Rana, Year 11

VOLUNTEER FEEDBACK

‘Everyone was really friendly and helpful. It made the day go by smoothly and I really enjoyed myself’

‘Very good event, I wish I had a careers fair like this when I was at secondary school’

‘The young people were extremely friendly. I was asked some interesting questions’

‘Thank you for the hospitality. Students really responsive and well mannered. Staff thanking us personally and even the Head come in, that doesn’t happen often at other schools I have been at’

‘Really lovely and well organised day. Very engaged and enthusiastic students who seemed to get a lot out of the day’
“I had many different part time and full time jobs before going into the rewarding career of teaching – Shop assistant, Barman, Seismographic Surveyor (for the National Coal Board), Hospital Operating Theatre Service Technician, Chef (in a French restaurant!), Tomato Salsa seller (in San Francisco) and a few more!”

Mr Dickson

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**TOP 10 UNIVERSITIES FOR ARCHITECTURE**

1. Cambridge
2. Bath
3. University College London
4. Southampton
5. Newcastle
6. Sheffield
7. Edinburgh
8. Strathclyde
9. Nottingham
10. Cardiff

*The Complete University Guide 2018*

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

77% of all jobs are posted on LinkedIn.

Employers with a wage bill of more than £3 million will pay the apprenticeship levy.

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**INSPIRATIONAL QUOTE**

“Anything is possible if you have enough nerve.”

JK Rowling

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**ALUMNI**

**WHERE ARE THEY NOW?**

**ABDUL MILAD**
Business Student - LSE

**MATT DELLS**
Teaching Assistant - RedBox

**YAU SIMMONE**
Plant Director - Alpro
Building your future

Transport for London

Begin your career with a TfL apprenticeship scheme and you’ll be one step closer to acquiring the kind of skills that can set you up for life.

Through a combination of taught classes and practical experience, you’ll choose from a wide range of disciplines, including electrical, rail engineering, project management, IT, finance, HR, procurement and more, all while earning while you learn.

Learn while you earn

12% of TfL apprentices are fashionistas
21% of TfL apprentices enjoyed sunshine and travel with their first ‘big’ purchase
12% of TfL apprentices beat their friends and bought a car or a flat with the help of their parents!
15% of TfL apprentices spend their money on general living
24% of TfL apprentices are techy savvy and bought a hi-tech gadget or two...

Key facts

Starting from £17,802
Apprenticeship starting salary

Top 17
Apprenticeship employer rate my placement (2016)

Top 50
Graduate employer 2016 (The Times)

NAW2018 & NCW2018

National Apprenticeship Week 2018 - #NAW2018 - takes place from 5 to 9 March 2018. It is an exciting opportunity to celebrate apprenticeships and how they benefit people, businesses, communities and our economy.

Now in its 11th year, this national week brings together everyone passionate about apprenticeships to encourage more people to choose apprenticeships as a fast-track to a great career and to business growth.

The theme of National Apprenticeship Week 2018 is Apprenticeships Work to showcase how apprenticeships work for individuals, employers, local communities and the wider economy.

This is your week, whether you are a training organisation, school, college, university, SME, large employer, membership body or interest group - we are excited to work with you to tell the story of apprenticeships.

With your support, we hope to reach more people than ever before to inspire people of all ages, and employers of all sizes, to seize the opportunities apprenticeships offer.

The easiest way to support the Week is to do so on social media and encourage everyone you know to do the same with #NAW2018.

For more information, visit the National Apprenticeship Week website.
National Careers Week (NCW) is a celebration of careers guidance and free resources in education across the UK. The aim is to provide a focus for careers guidance activity at an important stage in the academic calendar to help support young people leaving education.

Careers Week encourages education providers to bring together students, local employers and advisers through careers events and activities. During National Careers Week it is up to every school, academy and college to offer careers advice and guidance to their students. We are here to help and can provide free resources, information on current career opportunities and advice on activities and exercises to run.

Last year services provided to students during National Careers Week included daily drop-in workshops; careers fairs; employer visits; focus on subject relevant careers in lessons and showing careers films.

At a time of high youth unemployment there has never been a bigger need for careers guidance to be promoted and celebrated in education. National Careers Week is your platform to advise and inspire our next generation as they enter the world of work.

For more info: nationalcareersweek.com

Driving a bus in London is becoming more professional. Just this week London Mayor, Sadiq Khan, launched a new “Licence for London” to ensure bus drivers can switch companies at a pay grade equivalent to their level of service and experience.

There are currently 25,000 bus drivers across London, using not just driving skills but fantastic customer service which means that these jobs are less at risk of automation than might be thought.

The new license means that drivers moving from one firm to another should take their qualifications and driving record with them in the form of an enhanced reference for their new employers, with all London bus operators signing up to Licence for London which will result in them being paid more and being considered as more of a profession than in the past.

According to the vacancy website ‘Job is Job’ 51.7% of London bus drivers earn up to £20,000. The average is about £22,000 but a third (33.9%) earn between £20,000 and £40,000.
Meet like-minded professionals and develop yourself at the convention for everyone with a passion for careers and guidance. Taking place at Olympia Central, London, the National Career Guidance Show offers free CPD, in an informal setting, to careers advisers, learning and development managers, teachers and practitioners working across all sectors. Across three shows, over 200 exhibition stands and over 30 seminars provide professionals with unbeatable access to up-to-date information to support their clients, as well as important networking opportunities. The National Career Guidance Show London takes place on Wednesday 28 February 2018 from 9.30am to 4pm. For more information, visit the National Career Guidance Show website.

UK SCREEN ALLIANCE

You really can make a career out of creating aliens and spaceships! Many of the Visual Effects (VFX) for Hollywood movies are made right here in the UK. Central London is home to one of the world’s biggest clusters of award-winning VFX companies. Whether it is visualising epic super-hero struggles in Guardians of the Galaxy; designing friendly monsters under-the-bed for The John Lewis Christmas Advert or re-creating authentic period drama environments for The Crown, Suffragette or War and Peace, visual effects have become a key part of captivating film and TV audiences. This fast-growing high-tech sector is constantly on the lookout for fresh talent with a special blend of digital and creative skills, but there are also opportunities for those who are less creative. The UK Screen Alliance are hosting an event aimed at careers advisers covering the 14-21 age range. Attendees will find out about the job roles, the apprenticeships and the pathways to rewarding careers in film, TV and advertising, as well as having a behind-the-scenes look at a VFX company in action. For more information, check out the preview video or visit the Eventbrite page to book to attend.

RESOURCES

LONDON INSURANCE LIFE

The London insurance market is the world’s largest market for commercial and specialty insurance, comprising of 350 organisations and employing around 52,000 people. It is keen to attract a diverse new talent base by promoting the range of careers, and graduate and internship programmes, it offers.

To help do this, the London Market Group launched London Insurance Life - a campaign which uses social media pages to showcase recent school leavers and graduates now working in the market. London Insurance Life is proving very popular, so please take a look - @LondonInsuranceLife (Instagram and Facebook) or @LondonInsLife (Twitter) - to get a taste of what working in the London insurance market is like and see current entry level job vacancies.
ENGINEERS
Billionaire inventor James Dyson has warned that the UK is heading for ‘economic suicide’ as the take up rate for jobs in engineering plummets.

TEACHERS
According to the National Audit Office, ‘teacher shortages are growing’, with the Government missing its recruitment forecasts for the last four years.

CHEFS
Data published by Visa Europe earlier this month revealed that Britons are spending more money on bolstering the nation’s ‘experience economy’, with people spending more on dining out, holidays and days out than on clothes or shoes.
On Tuesday 23.01.2018 I took 9 students over to Robert clack to compete in this year’s Borough rowing Competition. To say they didn’t do well would be an understatement finishing 4th overall. I am very proud of there achievement. The students involved are as follows:

**Year 7**
Miya Kaur - 7E

**Year 8**
Arshak Sargsyan 8U - Finished 1st place.
Sharmila Sousa Pimentel 8D

**Year 9**
Brandon Tshela 9R - Finished 3rd place.
Hannah-Jayne Dos Santos Anes — 9N

**Year 10**
Randy Laballa 10T - Finished 2nd place.
Aleeya Sibbons 10T - Finished 2nd place.

**Year 11**
Year 10 students stepped up and competed in the year 11 race.
Elizabeth Thomas 10T - Finished 2nd place.
Gabriel Grozev 10U - Finished 3rd place.
YEAR 10 NETBALL
EASTBURY v ALL SAINT
18 – 5

A physical and demanding game was had at All Saints Catholic School, Wednesday 24th January. Possession of the ball was equal in the first two quarters but we managed to keep our focus; improving our positioning, our set plays and shooting...to really leap ahead with the score. Fantastic effort by all Year 10 players.

1st quarter = 4 goals
2nd quarter = 3 goals
3rd quarter = 5 goals
Final quarter = 6 goals

**Special thanks to Jonida, Aaliyah & Mariana (Year 11’s) for umpiring the match.**

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POTM = Ivana
Year 13 Politics students at Eastbury bought their essays to life in a Global War lesson. They created their own agenda which was to address the rising tensions in the global world and to motion the need for a changing world order. The United Nations was there to mediate between countries, and also issued warnings and red card sanctions which muted particular delegates. It got heated at times and there were many items to discuss, such as the nuclear arms race between North Korea and the USA, state intervention from the US, whether or not China really is a superpower, the UK’s uncertain positions on leadership and its stance on Brexit, the impact of globalisation and many more. They did finally come up with some resolutions, which included further sanctions to DPRK and less interventions from the USA. A great achievement for all involved!

Miss Mizan.