



# Ringwood News

Ringwood School

Spring Edition 2024



# Welcome to Ringwood News



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our Spring Term newsletter. This term we have focussed on quality assurance. Our regular student voice panels have continued through the term on a range of topics including assessment, staying safe and the house values. In addition to this we have undertaken curriculum reviews in several areas across the school. It has been a privilege to see how your sons and daughters have been progressing in their lessons. During my lesson visits I enjoyed a Yr10 Drama lesson where students reenacted a Blood Brothers scene before then answering a practice exam question about it; I learnt about goal scoring techniques in a Yr 8 netball lesson (when I was at school we just threw the ball and hoped for the best!) and I learnt several fascinating things about the Sahara Desert in a Yr 9 Geography lesson to name just three. Did you know that the Sahara only gets 76 mm of rainfall per year? I have been reflecting on how fantastic that must be whilst doing several wet lunch break duties this term.

Our students in Yr 8 and 10 have taken part in the Hampshire #BeeWell survey which gave us good feedback about the views of our students compared to Yr8 and 10 students across Hampshire. We learnt that our students spend less time on social media than other students and that they feel less anxious than other students who completed the survey. Bullying was also highlighted by Ringwood students less often than it was by students in other schools across Hampshire. We were pleased to read this as we continually work to develop our anti bullying stance. We will be looking at this issue closely through the surveys detailed below.

We have asked you for your views of the school via the Kirkland Rowell survey sent out this month. Thank you for completing this. Staff are also completing a Kirkland Rowell survey too. It is so helpful to receive feedback to highlight the areas of success and, more importantly, the areas for improvement for us to turn our attention to as we begin to plan for next year. I look forward to sharing survey information with you in the summer term. To supplement the information from parents and from staff, we will undertake the Kirkland Rowell survey for students in the summer term.

I wish students preparing for their public exams this summer all the best during the Easter holidays as they step up their revision. Remember it is important to rest as well. To everyone else, I wish you all a restful Easter break and hopefully the weather will be kind and we can enjoy being outdoors.

I look forward to welcoming your children back to school on Monday 15th April.

Leanne Symonds

Headteacher

## Curiosity: by Anna Hambly

### Curiosity

A young boy sits in the willow tree Amongst the waves of the warm breeze, Softly humming what to him is a lullaby As the wind dives and whispers in response. It grants him with a petal And a scent so sweet that it encompasses him - The taste of sunlight upon his tongue, His lips, his molecular anatomy, Tracing the delicate veins of The petal's softly weathered surface, Pocketing it and owning it Wanting more, more, more,	And he is running In search of the cordial that paints his throat. He lies restfully in the meadow Enjoying simple divinity: The trickle of a stream, The freshness of warm summer air, The bed of petals that soften his repose - Not one but a thousand. The gentle moon hangs suspended in a canvas of stars As the slither of sunlight nestles in his pocket.
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### Internet Safety Day 2024

Safer Internet Day 2024 took place on the 6th February 2024, with celebrations and learning based around the theme 'Inspiring change? Making a difference, managing influence and navigating change online.' Students received input through assembly as well as through discussions during tutor time.

One of the key actions for students was to consider changing their settings in WhatsApp so that other people were unable to add them to group chats without their permission. This can ensure children aren't added without their consent, sharing both their mobile number and image with others. It's easy to do this by going to SETTINGS - PRIVACY - GROUPS.

Our recent BeeWell survey has highlighted that

students are finding it hard to sleep, with only 33% of our Year 10 girls saying that they slept well. Having good sleep routines so important for our young people to be happy, healthy and confident learners. You'll find some useful tips here: <https://www.annafreud.org/resources/children-and-young-peoples-wellbeing/self-care/sleep/>

If you'd like to understand more about the pressures of social media and mobile technology on young people, please click here: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

**Safer  
Internet  
Day 2024** | **Tuesday  
6 February**

Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

# House News

As we approach the Easter break, we are pleased to provide an update on the House activities and achievements this term.

The Heads of House are delighted to share with you news of some of the House activities that have taken place over this Spring Term.

## Christmas Lip Synch

But first, in the festive edition of the school newsletter, the tutor group Christmas lip synch challenge was mentioned but without a winner at that point! On the last day of the Autumn term it was great to be able to announce, and for students to watch, a joint winning entry from students in 11I and 11N – some great lip synching, dancing and editing. A special thanks goes to the Media department for all their work on this.

## House Charities

In the last edition, the chosen House Charity partners were introduced. If you follow the school social media you will have seen that towards the end of this term the House assemblies were dedicated to welcoming in representatives from each of the Charity partners. Having been introduced by the Charity Captains, students were engrossed when hearing about how the money they (and possibly parents/carers) donated for non-uniform and the 20p games is being used by the charities to benefit so many people in our locality.

The Nightingale Charity, Acts 4 Sharing, informed students of the work they do providing household goods to individuals and families in need in the local area – anything from a fork to a bed! They do house clearance or

## Quiz Week

Into this term then and over a week in February a classroom was packed for the annual lunchtime Quiz Week. Rounds, devised and delivered by the House Captains, included Sports, Disney and Pixelated characters. Lots of 'I know this!' 'Of course it is!' and 'I told you so!' could be heard as students tackled the questions. By the end of the week, Nightingale House narrowly claimed overall victory.



take in goods that are no longer wanted to pass them on to those referred to them. If you have any items on their list that would benefit local people, please contact Acts4Sharing directly.



# House News



# Governor News

Hello all!

My name is Helen Frampton and I am one of the school's governors. I have been part of the team for about 18 months and have really enjoyed supporting the hard working staff team.

This year, I have taken on the role of Safeguarding Governor. This role works alongside the school's Designated Safeguarding Lead to evaluate the effectiveness of the school's safeguarding arrangements. In practice, this means working with Miss Adams at least once a term to ensure all policies and procedures are in place, being followed and that there is a safeguarding culture in the school. I ask lots of questions when I come in and ensure that appropriate action is taken to safeguard children and promote their wellbeing. I also ensure that safer recruitment process are being followed when the school employs new staff.

Safeguarding young people has to be at the heart of all decisions we make as a school and I am pleased to see that there is such a strong culture at Ringwood School.

On the school's new website there is a safeguarding button at the top of the home page. If you click on this, it will take you a page full of useful information and places you can access support, including who the safeguarding team are at Ringwood and how you can report a concern. You will also see a link to the school's online Worry Box. This is where your child can report any worries they might be experiencing to a member of the Mental Health team can get back to you.

I am looking forward to continuing my work with the Governing Body and the Safeguarding Team and wish you all a happy and healthy break.

## Helen Frampton

Governor for Safeguarding



Ringwood School

## CHILD PROTECTION & SAFEGUARDING TEAM



Miss C. ADAMS  
Designated Safeguarding Lead



Miss H. JOLLY  
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mr A. WALBRIN  
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mr T. COOPER  
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs V. LEWIS  
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mr T. BROADHOUSE  
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



Mrs C. MITCHELL  
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead

If you have any concerns about the safety or welfare of a student please email [safeguarding@ringwood.hants.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@ringwood.hants.sch.uk) or speak to a member of the team

## Celebrating World Book Day 2024

This year the English Department celebrated World Book Day with Years 7 and 8 through a creative home learning project. We asked our pupils to use their imagination to transform a favourite book in any way they wanted. The entries were astounding! Pupils used cardboard, Minecraft, plasticine, Lego, paint and even some baked goods. All of the English teachers loved seeing how creative our pupils can be.



## Food Technology News

In the Food Technology department, we are very proud of our year 11 Food and Nutrition students who recently produced three dishes from scratch for assessment. Each student made their own bread, pastries, sauces and pasta. The students had to be well organised and demonstrate good health, safety and hygiene whilst showcasing their high skills. All dishes were presented beautifully and appropriately for their theme.



## Technology News

On Friday 8th March I took a group of 11 Ringwood students to BCS for a STEM challenge, where the pupils worked against the clock all day in small teams to solve a problem set in the morning. Each team was asked to come

up with a design solution by creating a portfolio of design ideas and annotations and a 3d model. The task was to create a structure that would cross a ravine by wire to drop much needed aid, working on behalf of the charity ShelterBox. There were 12 schools involved on the day with hundreds of 13-18 year olds making up the teams on a complex challenge involving model making and electronics using motors and switches for reversing.

The Ringwood KS3 (Year 9) team were: Rohan Smith, Ollie Hebdon and Matt Butcher who were the epitome of teamwork and resilience on the day.

The Ringwood Key Stage 4 (Year 10) team were: Izzy Hodge, Hugo Melling, Lewis Miller and Katie Gyles. These guys came first winning the school a £300 cheque and a goody bag each from the main sponsors of the event BAE systems, which included a £30 book voucher each. This is the THIRD year running that Ringwood have won this age group!

The Year 12 team also placed and came third, they were: Tom Robold, Leia Metcalfe-Williams, Aidan Pomeroy, Frank Chappels.



The pupils were an absolute credit to the school and a pleasure to spend the day with. I have included some photos that we were sent with the winning trophy and medals below.



# Curriculum Roundup

## Going back to school after a break

As the holidays come to a close, for some students, the thought of going back to school can make them feel anxious and nervous. Here are some things you can do to make going back to school easier and less stressful for you and your child.

- Chat about school in your ordinary everyday conversations as the holidays come to an end.
- Keep it light and keep it positive.
- Ask how they're feeling about it and whatever they tell you, accept, validate and normalise their feelings - e.g. "You're right, it is a bit nerve-racking on your first day back – same for me and work. I bet there are 30 other kids in your class feeling exactly the same."
- Plan a few interesting things to do in the evenings and at weekends in the next term to give them something to look forward to and

remind them that school is only a part of their week.

- Establish a routine 'family feedback' time where everyone can air and share worries from their day, as well as the fun things that went on. This could happen over dinner time and involve questions like, "What was the silliest moment of your day? What was the most interesting fact you learnt today? Did anyone say anything kind or mean?" Have a look at more conversation starters [here](#) for ways you can encourage your child to talk about how they're feeling.

Teach them some simple breathing/grounding techniques and exercises to use at school if they feel anxious during the day.



## English Department 'Student of the Half-Term'

The English Department's 'Student of the Half-Term' award is in full flow and so many wonderful students have been recognised for their hard work and commitment to their English studies this term. Those who have won the award since Christmas are listed below – we are so proud of every student! Well done, one and all. Mr Fermor

- Oliver Head
- Ada Brown
- Bobby Carpenter
- Lilly Brown
- Finn White
- Gracie Chapman
- Zara Miles

- Katie Gyles
- Charlotte Jones
- Tom Scriven
- Millie Everett
- Hannah Geary
- Elliot Dresser
- Talia Babiker-Moore
- Lilly Rathbone
- Anna Hersey
- Lily Brookes
- Imogen Hanford
- Oliver Hind
- Sophia Long
- Anna Hambly
- Rosie Balmer
- Connie White

## Textiles News Update

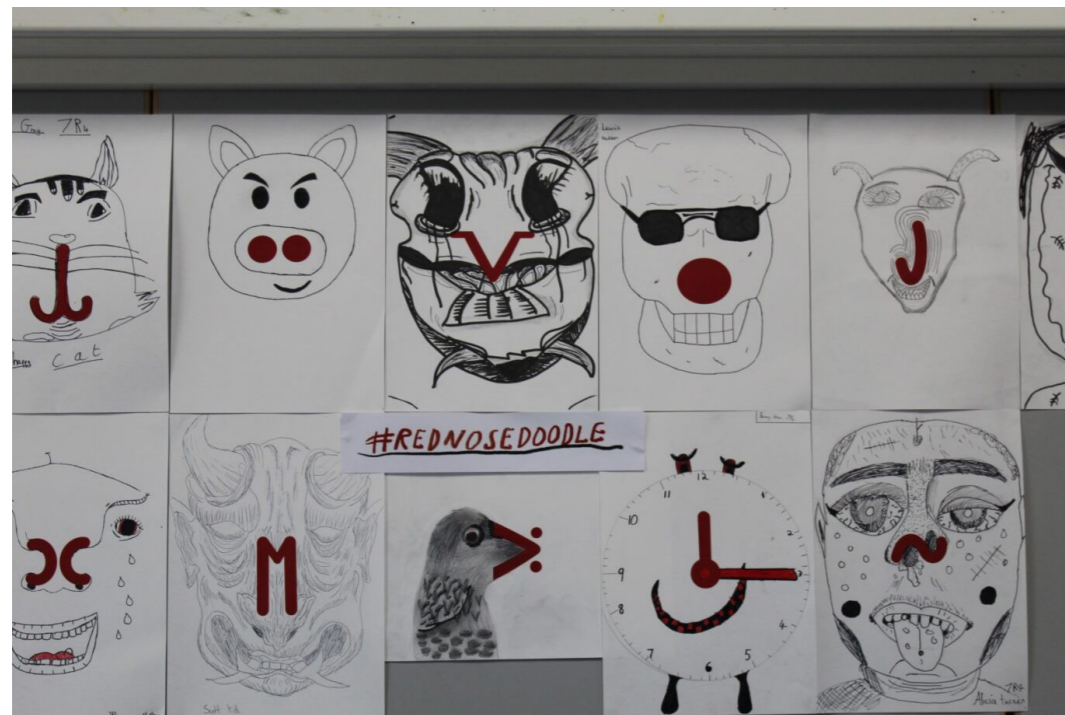
Year 10 and 12 Textiles students travelled to AUB (Arts University Bournemouth) for a super visit and workshop with lecturers. Ringwood has been awarded Gold school status by AUB and we look forward to working with them again on a range of activities. Students were accompanied by Mrs Leather (Textiles Lead), Mrs Butler and Mrs Wright who described the trip as hugely inspirational. Students embraced the opportunity and were keen to show off their work when they returned to school.

## Red Nose Day 2024

This Red Nose Day the Art Department have led a wonderfully creative Red Nose Challenge #REDNOSEDOODLE

The simplicity is beautiful, the creative learning exceptional... Pick a style of nose and doodle around it. The students demonstrated the following skills:

- Problem solving
- Making informed decisions
- Responding to a brief
- Imagination and creativity



# Curriculum Roundup

## Year 12 Space Masterclass

We were lucky enough to host a Space Masterclass all day for Year 12 Physics students run by the UK Space Agency.

Topics were covered such as;

- Getting into space – rocket propulsion, escape velocity and gravitational fields
- Human survival in space – effects of low pressure on the human body, investigating astronaut suits, measuring your mass in space
- Spectroscopy – how we can use line spectra and the John Webb telescope to search for life on other planets

It was a really practical masterclass - students were hands on all day: making rockets, using diffraction gratings to look at light sources, and trying on a Russian cosmonaut suit. Students were really inspired to follow careers in the growing UK space industry.

## Update from the Drama Department

There has lots going on in the drama department this term! After the success of theatre trips to see Metamorphosis and The Woman in Black last term, we have again taken all Year 10 to 13 drama students to see enriching productions in the last few weeks. GCSE Drama visited the Mayflower Theatre to see their set text 'Blood Brothers' come to life, with Amber being excited to recognise the actor playing Mrs Lyons (Sarah-Jane Buckley); when Amber was 10, she acted in panto at Bournemouth Pavilion and Sarah-Jane was the Fairy Godmother!



We also took Year 10, 12 & 13 to see The Government Inspector by Splendid Productions at MAST, which was a really inspiring production, and Gracie was pleased to be able to meet Kerry Frampton- their Artistic Director. The Splendid team will visit the Drama department in June to run a workshop with Y10 & 12 to help them develop their devising pieces.

Year 9 Drama Club gave a fantastic performance of their own adaptation of The Government Inspector to parents and friends back in February. The students effectively brought out the comedy, but also a modern twist on the message of Gogol's original from 1836.

Year 8 Drama Club are hard at work rehearsing for their production of Scary Play- to be presented in May, and Year 7 have just auditioned for 'Twisted Tales'. Over 70 students will be involved in this summer production to be performed in The Barn in July; tickets will go on sale soon.



# March 2023 ENDPAPERS



# HAMPSHIRE BOOK AWARD LAUNCH

The Hampshire Book Award is an annual award for the best paperback fiction title published in the previous year for the 11-14 age group.

Ghostlight  
Kenneth Oppel



Bad Influence  
Tamsin Winter

Away with Words  
Sophie Cameron



War of the winds  
Victoria Williamson

Bones of Me  
Kel Duckhouse



Electric Life  
Rachel Delahaye



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hantssls We're so excited to share the shortlist of our Hampshire Book Award for Year 8 Pupils. Throughout the week, librarians across the county and beyond have been launching the award to their students. Can't wait to see who the winner is!

Each year, 12 of our avid readers in year 8 get the opportunity to become judges and join with over 40 other schools to discuss the books and vote for who they think should be the winner.

This year's award was launched last week and our 12 judges are already busily reading. Which book will be crowned winner?



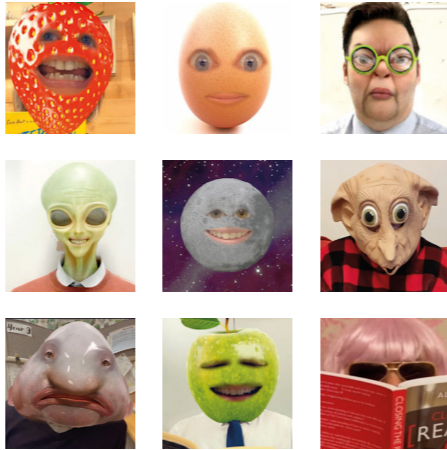
# WORLD BOOK DAY 2024

Staff and students recently enjoyed a week of activities in and around the library to celebrate World Book Day

with several students coming in to the library later to borrow the books as they were keen to find out what happened next.

The week started with a range of activities in the library - book quizzes, book tasting and a trail of book covers to hunt down around the school. Prizes were awarded to those who completed their challenges.

The Masked Reader tutor time competition created a really lovely book buzz around the school with tutor groups working together to try and identify the 9 members of staff who had very kindly signed themselves up to be our 'masked Readers'. The response to this was fantastic! Of the 44 entries, there were nine winning tutor groups that managed to correctly identify all members of staff. Each member of the winning tutor groups won a voucher for the canteen.



Our Rogues' gallery of readers

On the day itself, students got to Drop Everything And Read with every lesson starting with a relaxing 10 minutes of being read to from selected extracts,

## OUT WITH THE OLD AND IN WITH THE NEW!

The library has been undertaking something of a 'glow-up' in recent weeks!

We have been removing many of the older books that have grown tatty or haven't been read in a long time to free up some space on the shelves to make browsing easier for the students. We are very fortunate to have so many books in our library, but this can sometimes feel overwhelming when it comes to deciding which book to select.

Some of the lovely team from our School Library Service (SLS) came and spent the INSET day shifting all of our books around having previously seen how the space was used during one of our library lessons. This has created more room for browsing our fiction titles and has really opened up the whole area.

As part of our SLS subscription, we get several chances throughout the year to swap over up to 200 titles. This exchange also took place recently. We took requests from staff and students as well as SLS selecting some titles for us, resulting in a more accessible, airy and welcoming space for everyone to enjoy.



# Library News

## BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK



Following on from the success of the Secret Book Santa, students have been able to choose books to have a 'blind date' with. Books are chosen based on a few keywords and genre rather than cover or author.

## OLYMPIAD HOMEWORK



Bella D Year 8



**BLIND DATE WITH A BOOK!**

CHOOSE A BLIND DATE BAG

CHECK OUT YOUR BOOK AT THE LIBRARY DESK

UNWRAP IT ONCE YOU GET HOME!

READ YOUR BOOK (TRY AND READ AT LEAST 30 PAGES BEFORE GIVING UP ON IT)

FILL OUT THE RATE YOUR DATE CARD IN THE BAG AND RETURN TO LIBRARIAN

MAYBE WIN A PRIZE!



Elyse L Year 8

**BOOKTOK RECOMMENDS**



# Spotlight on Safeguarding

## Get children talking about mental health and wellbeing

There are a range of resources available to help parents and carers to support young people who are struggling with their emotional health and wellbeing. Please see some useful links below:

- Visit CAMHS ([hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk](http://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk)) which has a range of support and resources for children and young people, written to help them with life issues and common problems they may be facing
- Help! I'm in crisis – CAMHS ([hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk](http://hampshirecamhs.nhs.uk)) has a flow chart which offers clear guidance if a young person is in crisis
- Text SHOUT to 85258 - Shout is a free, 24/7 text service available to support people of all ages with their mental health and wellbeing
- The Hampshire Child and Adolescent Mental Health Services (CAMHS) AIM card has a variety of support for parents and carers to help their young person
- Mental Wellbeing Hampshire has a directory of support for families in Hampshire

## Safeguarding over the Easter break

If you, your child or someone else's child needs any support over the festive period then please do have a look on our website for contact details. <https://www.ringwood.hants.sch.uk/safeguarding>

Although our [safeguarding@ringwood.hants.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding@ringwood.hants.sch.uk) won't be checked on a daily basis we will still be picking up any correspondence through that route. Alternatively, you can contact any of the following services:

Hampshire Children's Services Out of Hours: 0300 555 1373 or 101  
Or if you feel it is less urgent please could you call your concerns into this number:  
Hampshire Children's Services: 0300 555 1384

**BOOKFLIX**

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## GET INTO TEACHING

### Open Events for Teacher Training Candidates

We are pleased to confirm that we will be hosting a series of open events for potential teacher training candidates to find out more about the Bournemouth Bay Teacher Training Partnership. The events include a presentation of the teacher training programme and an opportunity to ask questions and meet staff. They will take place on the following dates: -

- Thursday 18th April 2024 @ 10:00-12:00
  - Tuesday 30th April 2024 @ 10:00-12:00
  - Monday 13th May 2024 @ 13:00-15:00
- The events will be held at:  
Avon Campus, The Grange School, Redvers Road, Christchurch, Dorset, BH23 3AU
- Tuesday 14th May 2024 @ 16:00-18:00
- Held at Poole High School, Wimborne Rd, BH15 2BW

Register for a SCITT open event



To register your place on one of the above dates, please use the QR code link. Alternatively email: [enquiries@bournemouthbay-partnership.com](mailto:enquiries@bournemouthbay-partnership.com)

FREE MEALS

Asda: Kids eat for £1 all day at Asda Cafés, with no adult spend required.

Ikea: Kids eat from 95p in Ikea restaurants. Available every day from 11am.

Morrisons: Kids eat free when an adult spends £4.50 or more on a meal.

Sainsbury's: Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of an adult hot meal from the café, from 11.30am every day.



Ringwood School

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*Summer internships starting 24th June 2024*

To complete our application form please scan here:

[www.ringwood.hants.sch.uk/get-into-teaching](http://www.ringwood.hants.sch.uk/get-into-teaching)

**Deadline Friday 24th May 2024**



### Year 9 Band Skills Performance

This academic year, Year 9 music students have had the opportunity to learn "Band Skills" with Mr Needham, funded by The Ringwood School Arts Foundation.

**On Friday 15th March, they performed to friends and family and raised £123.98 for Comic Relief!**

It was so wonderful to see so many young performers embracing new skills and having the confidence to perform.

Thank you to the Ringwood School Arts Foundation for making these opportunities possible and to the staff and BTEC Production students who helped set up this performance on Friday after school!



# RINGWOOD TOWN FC TOURNAMENT FUN IN THE SUN!

**WE ARE EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THAT WE SHALL BE DOING OUR WELL REGARDED TOURNAMENT AGAIN THIS YEAR! IT WILL BE SATURDAY 13<sup>TH</sup> AND SUNDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> JULY THERE WILL BE BBQ/RAFFLE/REFRESHMENTS & OTHER FUN!**

The cost will be just £45 per team in a 5v5 tournament with 8x players max per squad and will be held mainly on the brand new 3G surface! **Age groups will be as per 2024/25 season** with just 8x teams per age group. The u7 & u8 age groups will be a fun 'festival of football' with all players getting a prize – u9-u16 will be based on league and knockout – this is a mixed tournament for boys and girls as an option where noted!

Here's the approximate timings:  
Sat AM 9-11.30 U7 (mixed teams) & 10-11.15 U9 and U10 leagues (mixed teams)  
Sat AM/PM 11.45-14.45 U9 Girls and U12 Girls leagues  
Sat PM 13.30-17.30 U15 Girls and U16 Girls leagues  
Sun AM 9-11.30 U8 (mixed teams) & 10-13.15 U11 and U14 leagues (mixed teams)  
Sun AM/PM 12-15.15 U12 and U13 leagues (mixed teams)  
Sun PM 13.45-17.15 U16 (mixed ONLY)

**CONTACT FOR ENTRY BY EMAIL ON [TOURNAMENT.RINGWOODTOWNFC@GMAIL.COM](mailto:TOURNAMENT.RINGWOODTOWNFC@GMAIL.COM)**  
**WE EXPECT PLACES TO FILL FAST AND SO URGE YOU TO ENTER AND PAY BY END OF APRIL!**  
**SADLY, NO ACADEMY TEAMS THIS SEASON**

[WWW.PITCHERO.COM/CLUBS/RINGWOODTOWN](http://WWW.PITCHERO.COM/CLUBS/RINGWOODTOWN)

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