

Dear families

Headteacher Parent Forum

Come along to meet our Headteacher, Mr Alex Holmes. Ask a question, share information, raise an issue or offer your support on the selected dates below:

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- Friday 26th January at 11.30am - 12.20pm - parents of Years 7 & 8
- Friday 8th March at 11.30am - 12.20pm - parents of Year 11
- Friday 15th March 11.30am -12.20pm - parents of Year 12 & 13
- Friday 3rd May at 11.30am - 12.20pm - parents of Years 9 & 10

If you would like to attend any of the Headteacher Forum Dates, please confirm your attendance by emailing TWS_admin@swale.at with your name and the date you will be attending.

Year 11 Week 4 OSL Sessions

Week 4		
Day	Date	Subject
Mon	22nd Jan	English
Tues	23rd Jan	Spanish
Wed	24th Jan	iMedia & RE & Food
Thur	25th Jan	Computing
OSL ends until Term 4		

Uniform

We have seen a clear improvement in standards of uniform this week. Thank you for sending students to school looking smart and wearing their blazers, ties and school shoes. We will be having a push on jewellery next week - please don't allow pupils to bring rings, earrings and bracelets to school. These will be confiscated and placed in reception on the first occasion. Thank you for your support.



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Term 3 - Extra Curricular Timetable

[Extra-Curricular Activities at The Whitstable School](#)

Mentor and Careers

This week pupils continued their journey exploring the world of work by reflecting on the services provided by www.barnardos.org.uk

Pupils watched and discussed the [Impact Report 2022/2023](#) and then considered the [employment opportunities](#) at an organisation such as Barnardos.

Year 10 Information Evening: Assessments and Exams in Year 10.

On Monday 22nd January 5-5:30pm there is a presentation for Year 10 students and parents. With students completing assessments and exams this year that will form part of their final BTEC and GCSE grades, we want to give you all the information we can so that we can all support students in achieving their best. We look forward to seeing you there.

Reading books

We would like to encourage pupils to use our library. We have so many lovely books and a budget to purchase any books pupils think we should buy. Already, we have some lovely recommendations from our Year 7s. Research clearly links regular reading with improved school grades and we would like to encourage a love of reading. ([Children who read books daily score higher in school tests, vast new study states | IOE - Faculty of Education and Society - UCL – University College London](#)) Please do encourage your child to read regularly and to have a reading book with them as part of their key equipment.

Ms Gee.

Design Technology

Year 10 has been busy learning about plastic moulding techniques in DT. Well done everyone for their great snow globe outcomes!



We're looking at ways to be more sustainable and would like to start the process of making our own plastics. We'd really appreciate it if you could start collecting bottle tops, these can be any colour or size, the more the merrier as we need a lot! Students can either drop it off in LZ2 or give them to Mrs Newton, Mr Molloy or Mr McLeish.

Year 11 students GCSE Fine Art, Textiles and Photography coursework

This is worth 60% of their final GCSE grade. The work showcases Year 10 and Year 11 personal approaches on a variety of themes and artists.



Congratulations and Well done to...

Amy U winning Bronze for singles, Silver for Doubles with Katie A and Gold for the mixed doubles in a badminton tournament over the weekend at the Kent Future Tournament, Medway Park Gillingham.



Key Future Dates

Thursday 1st February – Year 12 Parents' Evening

Friday 9th February – Term 3 ends

Best wishes

The Whitstable School Team