

Dear families

TWS General Election

After a series of events including assemblies, mentor discussions and some soap-box style speeches, we held our school General Election on Tuesday. Our students voted privately in ballots and the winner of our school election was The Green Party with 67% of the vote. Students learned about the process of voting plus the main features of each party's manifestos. *Thank you to all staff and students involved!*



Support available for young people

Mind is a website and service that provides free help and advice to anyone experiencing a mental health difficulty. They have an online information hub for children and young people as well as a 'get help now' button. For more information see www.mind.org.uk

Holding On Letting Go is a kent-based charity that helps children cope with the death of someone close to them. For more information see <https://holdingonlettinggo.org.uk>

Kooth offers free online counselling and emotional wellbeing support to young people ages 10 to 16. Young people can have a 'drop in' chat with a counsellor or booking a 1:1 session. For more information see <https://kooth.com/>

Sixth Form Updates

A reminder that we have our IB Results morning on Monday 8th July at 10.30am. Please can students come to Ms Simons in the Study Centre to collect results and have a celebratory croissant. If you are unable to attend please let Ms Simons know to make alternative arrangements. Good luck!

We hosted our Year 12 Transition morning this week. It was fantastic to see so many Year 11s ready and eager to begin KS5. We also welcomed our new faces as part of our brand new Whitstable Town Football Academy in partnership with Football Futures. Please remember we still have places available to join in September. Put applications in through Kent Choices or contact Ms Simons at tw_s_admin@swale.at

Book of Commendation Update

Well done to all students for their commendable work, earning a place in the Book of Commendation this week. From art, creative writing to impressive plasticine sculptures, they all deserve recognition for their hard work this week.

Special thanks to four Year 9 students for working in pairs to produce a courtesy poster.

Each student had the opportunity to show their work to Mr Holmes and they were all presented with a reward card to spend points in our Rewards Shop.



Uniform Update

From September 2024, we are introducing a new school skirt to support uniform standards. Please note the new skirt is compulsory for Year 7 students, but it is optional to purchase for all other year groups. This skirt will be available to purchase from Barnums Schoolwear within the next couple of weeks.



Year 6 Transition

This week saw our new Year 7s join us for their transition days. They spent each day with a sixth form buddy, who helped them to navigate the building and answered all their questions. Our new Year 7 students enjoyed a range of activities including: criminal investigations in science, making quiches or plant pots in technology and learning about our TRACK values. It was lovely to see their eager faces and to start to show them life at The Whitstable School. Our sixth form buddies were a real credit to themselves and the school and helped to make it a really positive experience - many thanks to them and the whole team for their efforts.

Term Dates 2024-2025

Please note the term dates for 2024-2025 have been updated on the school website to include the last Staff Development day. <https://www.thewhitstableschool.org.uk/information/term-dates>

Polite Notice

Please can you ensure to switch off your car engines while you are waiting to pick up your child from school, whether you are on school site or in the surrounding roads. Rule 123 of the Highway Code states you must not leave a vehicle engine running unnecessarily while that vehicle is stationary on a public road.

Key dates:

Thursday 18th July – Headteacher Review of the Year and Future Vision

Thursday 15th August - A Level Results

Thursday 22nd August - GCSE Exam Results

Best wishes

The Whitstable School Team



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