

Dear families,

## For current Year 6 pupils for Admissions in September 2025

This year's open evening will take place on Thursday 17th of October 2024 between 6:00-08:30PM. The evening will give families and prospective pupils the opportunity to hear from the Headteacher, meet staff and current pupils, tour the school facilities and visit subject classes. The Headteacher's speeches will run throughout the evening.

If you would like to see the school in action during the day you can book an open morning tour.

Our tours will take place between **Monday 21st of October and Thursday 24th of October.**

To book a place on one of the tours please, email: [tws\\_admin@swale.at](mailto:tws_admin@swale.at) with your full name and the date you would like to attend.



**The Whitstable School**

**OCTOBER EVENTS**  
SEPTEMBER 2025 INTAKE

**OPEN EVENING**  
Thursday 17th of October 2024  
6:30 PM - 8:00 PM

**OPEN MORNINGS TOURS**  
Monday 21 October - Thursday 24 October 2024  
09:30 AM - 10:20 AM

To book your place on one of our morning tours please email: [tws\\_admin@swale.at](mailto:tws_admin@swale.at) with your full name and the morning date you would like to attend.

We look forward to seeing you!

**CONTACT US NOW!** [www.thewhitstableschool.org.uk](http://www.thewhitstableschool.org.uk)  
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Our STAGE and STEM Academy curriculum pathways offer an extraordinary opportunity for students to dive deeper into their passions, whether they are budding performers or future innovators.

These pathways provide additional lessons and students stay after school once a week to work on exciting, hands-on projects that go beyond the standard curriculum.

### STEM ACADEMY

- Engage in hands-on, project-based learning in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.
- Develop critical problem-solving skills and explore future career opportunities.
- Participate in extra-curricular projects and competitions.



### STAGE ACADEMY

- Immerse in performing arts with specialised lessons in drama, music and dance.
- Perform in school productions and showcases.
- Collaborate with experienced professionals and peers to hone your craft.



### CONTACT US NOW!

For more information about admissions and how to apply for these exceptional new programmes, please contact the school:

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## Year 11 Skills for Success Evening

Our Skills for Success Evening is next week, **Tuesday 17th September, 5:00-7:00PM.**



### Year 11 Skills for Success Evening

Tuesday 17th September, 5-7pm.

*An opportunity to order revision guides, develop effective revision strategies and meet the teachers over some tea and biscuits!*

## The Childhood Flu Vaccination Programme 2024/25

The Childhood Flu Vaccination Programme 2024/25 is due to take place in November. The Immunisation Service asks that Parents/Carers go to: [www.kentcht.nhs.uk/imms](http://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/imms) and click on the blue "Child vaccination form" button to complete the consent form.

The consent deadline is **12/11/2024.**

Please click on the links below for more information regarding this from the Immunisation Service.

- [Protecting your child against flu. Information for parents and carers.](#)
- [OV Flu Vaccination Guidance](#)

## Term 1 extra-curricular activities

Subjects offer extra-curricular clubs on a termly basis, these can be during lunch or after school. Information will be added to our website, My Child At School app and the newsletter, at the beginning of each term.

A full list of our extra-curricular activities for this term can be found here: [TWS-Term 1-Extra Curricular Clubs](#)



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## School Trips

We offer a variety of trips throughout the year. There will be a mix of trips pupils can attend; curriculum related, cultural building or just for fun. There may be a cost involved and you will be notified of this prior to the trip. Please do contact the lead teacher for the trip if money is a barrier to your child attending. For regular updates and photos from our school trips, follow us on [social media](#) and stay connected.

- This week, Year 9 Duke of Edinburgh Bronze students had an opportunity to challenge themselves by trying out different water sports. Students braved the questionable weather and put all their energy into participating in paddling and playing games on the River Stour. They used canoes, kayaks and paddleboards and most of them managed to go for a little swim! The feedback both from students and CanoWild staff was overwhelmingly positive. It was a great day of team building and fun.



## Guest Speakers

On Wednesday 18th of September we have an exciting opportunity to welcome solo artist and American Idol contestant "Casey Mcquillan," to perform to our students and lead a strong educational talk on Bullying / Mental Health & a live Q&A for our Year 7 and Year 8 pupils. Casey is a strong advocate for young people and aims to build their confidence through music and speaking about her personal experiences.

## School photograph

If your child is in year 7,9 or 11, they have had their school photograph taken today. They will bring home a school photograph registration card which contains the QR code ordering information should you wish to purchase the photograph.



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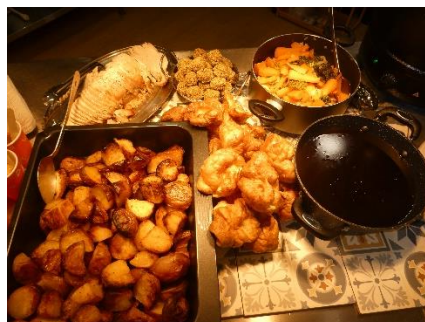
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## School meals

The school restaurant is open to all students and provides hot meals as well as snacks and drinks at break and at lunchtime. The restaurant also provides breakfast before school. The school restaurant is run by a team from Cucina - Impact Food Group.

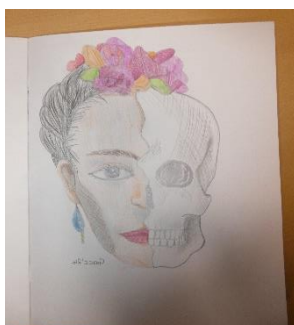
Pupils in receipt of free school meals receive a daily allowance of £1.80 for breakfast and £3 for a main meal. If the breakfast allowance is not used before 8.40am, its automatically removed from the account. The £3 allowance can be used at break time or lunch time. If the £3 allowance is all used at break time, please note that your child will have no free school meal funds left to spend at lunch time. This is a free school meal process.

- September 2024 menu and price list can be found [here](#).
- Information about Free School Meals can be found [here](#).



## Book of Commendation

Our Book of Commendation highlights academic success and creative work throughout the academic year. Students work is rewarded with 30 positive points Headteacher commendation card; which students can choose to spend in our reward shop. See below some of the amazing accomplishments of our students this week.



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## Key Dates

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> of September**- Year 11 Skills for Success evening

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> of September** – Year 10 Curriculum Evening

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> of September** – Year 9 Curriculum Evening

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October** - Year 7 Skills Curriculum Evening

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> of October** – Year 8 Curriculum Evening

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> of October**- Open Evening for Year 6 Students

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup> of October** – Staff Development Day

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> –Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> of October**- Open morning tours. (Please book)

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> of October–Friday 1<sup>st</sup> of November**- School Holiday

For more updates and events, please visit our website and follow us on X and Facebook.

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Best wishes

The Whitstable School Team



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