

Dear families,

TWS Open Evening and Open morning events



Textiles update

Students in textiles have been exploring the theme of period poverty and promoting affordable, ecological period products, making wet felt and mixed-media responses. The workshop generated much discussion about the impact on the environment and inspired students to create a wide range of personal outcomes. The students are delighted to be taking part in a public exhibition and share their work with the wider community. Their work will be on display at the Horsebridge Gallery from 26th September to 6th October.



Mobile Policy

Reminder to parents about our school mobile policy which can be found on our website or the link below:
[Mobile Phone Protocol.](#)



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Sixth Form Updates

- Well done to all our new Year 12s who have made a fantastic start to their Sixth Form journey! Our new Football Academy in partnership with Football Futures and Whitstable Town FC has had a great start. As part of the academy students are combining a range of subjects such as Spanish, Business, Politics, Sport and Maths alongside professional level coaching. We wish them luck in their next league game!



- Congratulations to David in Year 13 who received a certificate of congratulations from the exam board for "outstanding" results in his Year 12 Finance exams. A fantastic academic achievement.
- We would also like to celebrate our Year 12 students who have found work experience placements. Molly Year 12 took this picture of two horses she is working with at Deepdene Stables.
- David, Year 13 received exam board acknowledgement for "outstanding" results in The London Institute of Banking & Finance Level 3 qualification. This involves a scholarship of £500 if he continues his degree level qualifications with them.
- We also hosted the University of Kent who gave an exciting talk on life after Sixth Form and the employment opportunities that stem from HE. We look forward to hosting more inspiring talks with higher level apprenticeships being our next key focus.



Restaurant update

Kindly note that, due to the Staff Development Day scheduled for October 18, 2024, our restaurant Cucina will be offering Fish and Chips on Thursday, October 17, in place of the standard menu.



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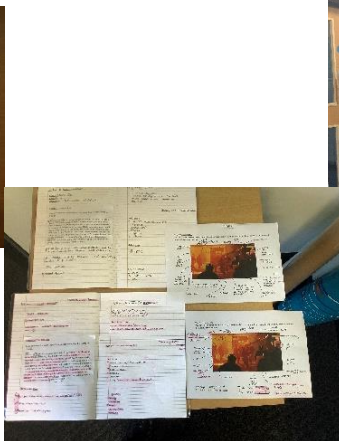
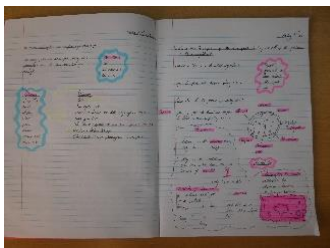
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Book of Commendation

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.



Ski trip

A limited number of places are still available for the upcoming ski trip to Italy planned for the February half-term. Last year, our students enjoyed a fantastic experience, filled with lasting memories.

For further details, please send an email to tw_s_admin@swale.at and Mr. Lightfoot will respond promptly.



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TWS Football Success

On Monday the Year 7 football team headed to Hartsdown Academy in Margate for their first Kent Cup fixture. After taking a 3-1 lead at half-time the team showed great resilience to battle back from going behind to equalise and end the game 4-4. The tie was then decided by a penalty shootout where TWS eventually went on to win 4-2 with some great penalties and an excellent save. A big congratulation to the team best of luck for the next round!

The first of two games this week for year 8 saw them visit St Anselms on Tuesday which was a game full of goals. TWS started strongly with a 2-0 lead in the first half before quickly finding themselves 3-2 down with 20 minutes to play. After a change of formation TWS went on to win 7-4. TWS then continued their strong start to the season hosting Harvey Grammar in their second game of the week. Despite going 0-1 down early they put on a strong performance to win 4-1 and advance in the cup.



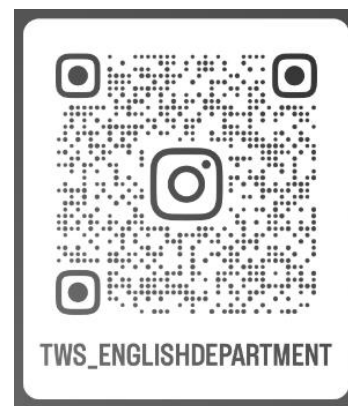
Meanwhile the Year 9 team remain unbeaten in their football fixtures so far this term. It was an exciting performance from the team with goals coming from all across the pitch as they went on to beat St Anselms away from home. The 9's advance to the next round of the Kent Cup. A big shout to the whole squad and good luck with the remaining fixtures.

English Department: Instagram

The TWS English Department is inundated with excellent work every single day of the week! So, they have decided to launch an Instagram Account to showcase the best quality work of the week. The English Teachers will be using it to keep the community updated with the latest competitions and schemes that we run every term.

This term so far, we had two Year 10 students shortlisted for a poetry competition with the awards evening taking place on the 3rd October and we also had two Year 10 students who were specially recognised!

To see your child's fantastic work, you can scan the QR code or type: TWS_EnglishDepartment in Instagram.



Upcoming Public Consultation

Kent County Council (KCC) is running a public consultation on proposed changes to support for children and young people with mild to medium emotional wellbeing and mental health needs.

The consultation is from Wednesday 25 September to Tuesday 12 November 2024.

The proposals are subject to feedback and online questionnaire can be completed on the consultation weblink: www.kent.gov.uk/cypwellbeingsupport or Word version (available on the webpage or hard copy on request)

If you have any questions, please email phstprogramme@kent.gov.uk.



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 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](#)

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Key Dates

Tuesday 1st October - Year 7 Skills Curriculum Evening

Thursday 3rd October – Year 8 Curriculum Evening

Thursday 17th October- Open Evening for Year 6 Students

Friday 18th October – Staff Development Day

Monday 21st –Thursday 24th October- Open morning tours (Please book)

Friday 25th October – Staff Development Day

Monday 28th October–Friday 1st November- School Holiday

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

<https://www.thewhitstableschool.org.uk/>

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Best wishes

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