

Dear families,

New TWS Prospectus

We are delighted to unveil our new [TWS School Prospectus](#) for prospective parents and students. Within this prospectus, you will find information highlighting the unique aspects of our school, such as our transition process and the newly established **STAGE** and **STEM pathways**. To download your copy please visit our website.

Open evening early finish

This is a reminder that students will finish at **12:45 on Thursday 17th October 2024** to allow staff to prepare for our open evening. The restaurant will offer extra food at break time and students eligible for free school meals can redeem their entitlement for the day during the break.

Canterbury Festival: Schools' Poetry Competition

Huge congratulations to our Year 10 pupils that represented TWS in the schools' poetry competition run by Canterbury Festival. Invited to perform their shortlisted poems at the competition showcase in Kent College this week were Poppy, reciting 'Our House', and Daisy, reciting 'Hidden'. Poppy won third place in her age category of 12-15 year olds.



Further congratulations to Tilly and Daisy who were awarded special mentions for their own submissions. This was a huge feat for all of our pupils as their submissions were amongst hundreds across the county.

Poppy and Daisy's poems can be read on our 'competitions' display board in the English Department, Upper Global!



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Crochet club

New this term is our Crochet Club every Tuesday at lunch time from 12:45PM-1:20PM. No experience needed, just enthusiasm to learn.



Sixth form update

Last week a group of Year 12 and 13 students went to Whitstable Medical Practice to meet staff and find out more about careers in the NHS.

The staff were all very welcoming and the students spoke to lots of different departments including radiography, dermatology, administration, IT and had an opportunity to broaden knowledge by talking to nurses and GP's from the practice. The students were very inspired by the urgent treatment centre staff and clinical staff they met.



Year 11 update

Calling all Year 11/ Resit GCSE Students*

Mrs Bradley-Stace and Ms Harper are offering small group, GCSE Maths revision sessions every Thursday starting 7th November 2024, at Herne Bay Football Club. Spaces are limited, so if you are interested in a space, please contact ACE Maths Mentors Kent Ltd on acemathsmentorskent@gmail.com

GCSE Maths Revision

Small group (max 1:4)
4 weeks
Thursday 7th - 28th
November 2024

FOCUS: ALGEBRA

5.30-6.15pm Grades 3-4
6.30-7.15pm Grades 4-6

Herne Bay Football Club, The Crest Stadium, Winch's Field, Swanley Gardens, Herne Bay CT16 5SG

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Visit to Horsebridge Gallery

A huge well done to our textile students for taking part in the ST/art community art textile exhibition at The Horsebridge Gallery. The students were invited to submit textile work for an exhibition which intends to support the end of period poverty and promote affordable ecological period products. The students were delighted to be part of the gallery and share their work with the wider community.



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.

Special recognition this week to Yula Year 12 for exceptionally well written essay.

Here are some of the amazing accomplishments of our students this week.



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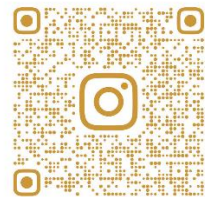
Greenwich Trip

Year 9 students had a wet but very valuable trip to the Thames Barrier and the Royal Observatory in Greenwich. Students learnt a lot about flood protection and how the Thames Barrier helps keep London safe, including how ground-breaking the engineering was at the time. They also had a chance to be in the 'control room' of the Barrier as well as have lunch by the river.



Visual Arts Department: Instagram

We are very proud of the work students are creating in the TWS Visual Arts Department, from KS3 plasticine models to A-Level Fine Art paintings. To celebrate and share the amazing creations the students are working on, you can follow us on our Instagram account. Simply scan the QR or find us on Instagram @tws_visualarts



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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](#)

National Online Safety Guide



Halloween party



Key Dates

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

The Whitstable School Team



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