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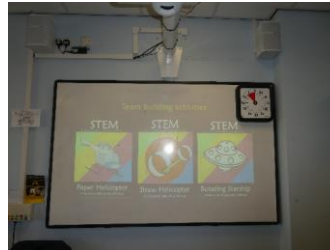
## Open Evening

This is a reminder that students will finish at **12:45 on Thursday 17 October 2024** to allow staff to prepare for our open evening. Students must come to school in **full uniform**. 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.



## STEM Academy

Tuesday marked the start of **STEM Academy's** first cohort, which was greeted with an engaging new curriculum. Students collaborated to design and assess flying objects, allowing them to test their hypotheses and refine their problem-solving skills. Keep an eye out for further developments! For more details about STEM Academy, please refer to the [website](#).



## STAGE Academy

The **STAGE Academy** officially opened its doors this week, showcasing the outstanding abilities of its students. They wasted no time in starting their work on the anticipated performance of 'Coco'. Watch this space for more of their performing arts magic!



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**An Inspiring Day with Max Whitlock!**

This Thursday, we had the honour of hosting Olympic gymnast **Max Whitlock** at our school!

Max shared his incredible journey in an inspiring talk, where he discussed the hard work, perseverance, and mindset needed to succeed at the highest level of gymnastics—and in life.

Max delivered inspirational talks and answered thoughtful questions from our students.

He also graciously took time to pose for photos, sign autographs, and even participate in a few student-led interviews.

The excitement was palpable as students walked away feeling inspired, motivated, and ready to tackle their own dreams—whether in sports, academics, or beyond.

It was truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience that our students will cherish for years to come!

A big thank you to Max for sharing his wisdom and time with us and to all staff involved in organizing this unforgettable event. A special shoutout to **Mr. Yates** for being such an incredible host and keeping the energy high throughout the event!

Stay tuned for more updates on this unforgettable event!



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## Sixth Form Open Evening

Date to Remember - **28 November 2024 from 5.30pm to 7pm Sixth Form Opening Evening.**

We would like to invite you to attend our Sixth Form Open Evening. This event will give you the opportunity to speak to subject leaders and find out more about life in the Sixth Form and our many exciting academic, sporting and vocational pathways!

For more information, click on the link below:

<https://www.kentprospectus.co.uk/events/detail/the-whitstable-school-sixth-form-open-evening-2708>

## Sixth Form Guest Speaker

On Tuesday, Alex from QMUL spoke to our Sixth Form about the advantages associated with living and studying in London. It was a fantastic opportunity for our students to learn about the vibrant culture and numerous educational benefits that the city has to offer. Alex's insights truly inspired our students and helped them envision their future possibilities. We have lots more exciting talks ahead...

Please do get in touch with Ms Simons, Head of 6th Form if you would like to get involved: **TWS\_Sixth\_Form@swale.at**



## Sixth Form Marlowe Theatre Trip

Y12 students studying English Literature, Film and Drama had an exciting opportunity to watch a live adaptation of Agatha Christie's "Murder on the Orient Express". They had a chance to enjoy seeing various actors, stage production, and understand how elements of mystery and suspense are developed through story-telling. Students were excited and pleased with watching the production and have in effect, earned new found confidence and love for their subjects! Do enjoy their "best murder impression" in the second picture...



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## Hosts to WhitLit

It was wonderful to host a talk by David Nicolls as part of the WhitLit Literary festival. Our Stage was packed out by an audience keen to know about his books including 'One Day', 'Starter for Ten' and his new book 'You Are Here'. Local author Julie Wassmer is WhitLit's patron and we were delighted she signed our library's collection of her books. They are popular with young readers who recognise many of the settings of The Whitstable Pearl Mysteries.



## Restaurant update



- On Tuesday, 15 October 2024, our restaurant will feature an exciting Mexican-themed menu.
- Wednesday 16 October 2024 will be Fish and Chips, due to Staff development day being scheduled for Friday 18 October 2024.

## Our Reward Shop is Now Open

This week, our **Reward Shop** opened its doors, giving students the chance to spend their **positive points** on some fantastic treats and vouchers!



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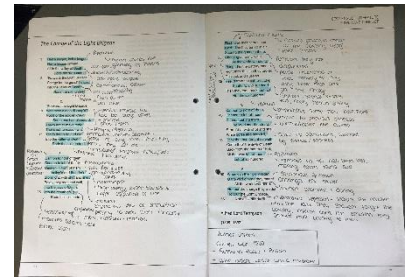
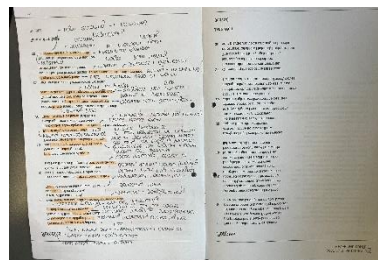
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## Book of Commendation

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.

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



Podcast

Scan the QR code below to register or visit the Events page on KentChoices



### KentChoices Parent/Carer Podcast - Ep 1

Post-16 options and KentChoices applications

6pm to 7pm

22 October 2024

Online

The Education People | KENT CHOICES



## Kent Choices Podcast

### For Year 11 Parents:

Kent Choices Parent/Carer Podcast. You'll find useful information on: all the options available, how to navigate the KentChoices website, important dates and deadlines, opportunity to ask your questions.

Please book your place please visit [Kent Choices](https://www.kentchoices.org.uk) or scan the QR code



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## Young Carers at The Whitstable School

Did you know that The Whitstable School now has a Young Carers Support Group running every Wednesday lunchtime in GZ27? This group will be run by Mrs James and is open to all Young Carers (registered or non-registered) caring for a family member with; a long term illness, disability, poor mental health or substance misuse. Whether it is to just sit and listen, talk and share or just be in the company of other young people with caring responsibilities, we are here!

What is a Young Carer?

Young Carers provide unpaid care for a family member or friend with an illness, disability, mental health issue, or addiction. They support the cared-for and other family members with practical tasks, physical care, and emotional support, whilst at the same time trying to live their own life.

Do you think that your child is a Young Carer? Please contact Mrs James for more info or give Kent Young Carers a call on 0300 111 1110, email [youngcarers@imago.community](mailto:youngcarers@imago.community) or take a look at the Kent Young Carers website [www.imago.community](http://www.imago.community)



## 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](#)



## National Online Safety Guide



## Code Club



## Key Dates

**Thursday 17 October 2024** - Open Evening for Year 6 Students

**Friday 18 October 2024** - Staff Development Day

**Monday 21 –Thursday 24 October 2024** - Open morning tours for current Year 6 (Please book)

**Friday 25 October 2024** - Staff Development Day

**Monday 28 October–Friday 1 November 2024** - School Holiday

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

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

<https://www.facebook.com/TheWhitstableSchool>

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Best wishes

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