



Dear families,

A huge thank you to all who attended our Open Evening and Open Morning tours! They were a great success, and we hope you found them insightful. We're grateful to our dedicated staff for their hard work in making these events possible. We look forward to welcoming your children to our school community!

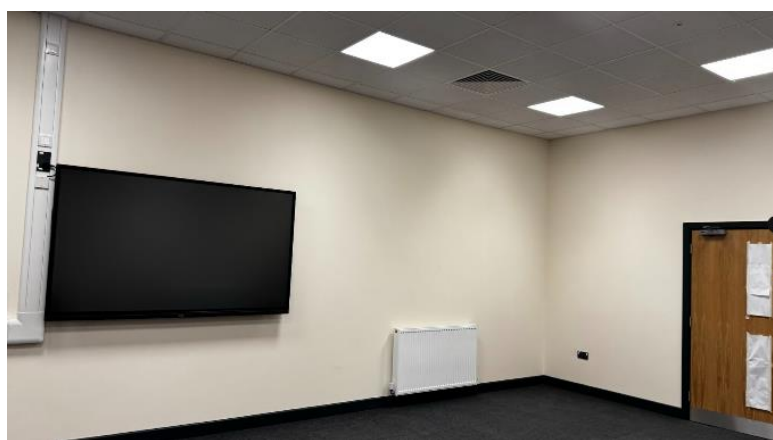


## **New Classrooms**

We are thrilled to share some exciting news about our school! Over summer and this term, we have been hard at work preparing four brand-new classrooms for our students. These classrooms are equipped with state-of-the-art technology, including high-resolution touchscreen boards. We believe these modern learning environments will provide our students with the best possible tools for their education.



We can't wait for the students to use these classrooms when we return next term.



## **Behaviour Update 2024**

Our updated Behaviour Procedure can be found here: [Behaviour Update 2024 - TRACK cards](#)



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## Sixth Form Open Evening

Date to Remember: 28th of November 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, visit [Kent Choices](#).

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**SIXTH FORM  
OPEN EVENING**  
**28 NOVEMBER 2024**  
**5.30PM - 7PM**

Bellevue Road,  
Whitstable, Kent CT5 1PX

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## Sixth Form- Football Academy



Last week our football academy in partnership with Football Futures achieved their first major win! 6-0 at an away game against Crystal Palace Academy, Volenti!

Congratulations to Spike, Alex, Tiago, Jamie and Cian who played powerfully and professionally!

## English Department Update



The TWS English department are currently running two competitions. One is the Young Writer's Fright Night competitions. Entries are open for KS4 (Year 10 and Year 11) students. The other is the Young Romantics Poetry / Essay competition; this is open to all students aged 16-18 and is aimed at Sixth Form students. Please see Mr Williamson or Miss O'Flaherty for more information, or you can look at the competitions board in Upper Global.

The deadline for the Fright Night competition is: **22nd November 2024.**

The deadline for the Young Romantics competition is: **31st January 2025.**



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## Year 10 Update

Students in Year 10 recently completed their first practical assessment of the year. Students were expected to produce a batch of chicken or fish goujons with potato wedges and present the dish well. All students did well, working at pace to produce their dish and still have time to tidy away and plate up. Here is a small selection of some of the work!



## Year 11 Update

Most students have now completed their NEA1 project- a 2000-word essay on Food Science! It's a tricky project but many students have worked really hard to produce complex investigations with detailed scientific findings. We are keen now to move away from investigating scones & soup! Well done for some fabulous projects and looking forward now to NEA2- our second project which will start later in November.



## Restaurant Update

Our restaurant, Cuccina, is all set for Halloween with spooky decorations! We can't wait to welcome students back after half term. Get ready for an exciting special menu on Tuesday October 5th—it's going to be a treat!



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## Wear it Pink

A big thank you to all our amazing staff who took part in the Wear It Pink event to raise money for breast cancer research! Your support and participation made it a fun and meaningful day. Together, we're helping to make a difference!



## MFL Update

On Wednesday, the MFL Department held their second annual Day of the Dead party. This year we invited pupils who have made an exceptional effort in our Spanish lessons, and also rewarded our fantastic student ambassadors who represented us on the Year 6 Open Evening.

Our guests enjoyed Mexican mariachi music and typical festive food such as nachos, guacamole, popcorn and our own version of agua menta! We also decorated marshmallow sugar skulls and created our own candle holders to decorate our altar for our ancestors.

¡Lo pasamos bomba! If you wish to receive an invitation to our Christmas party- keep working hard in your MFL lessons!



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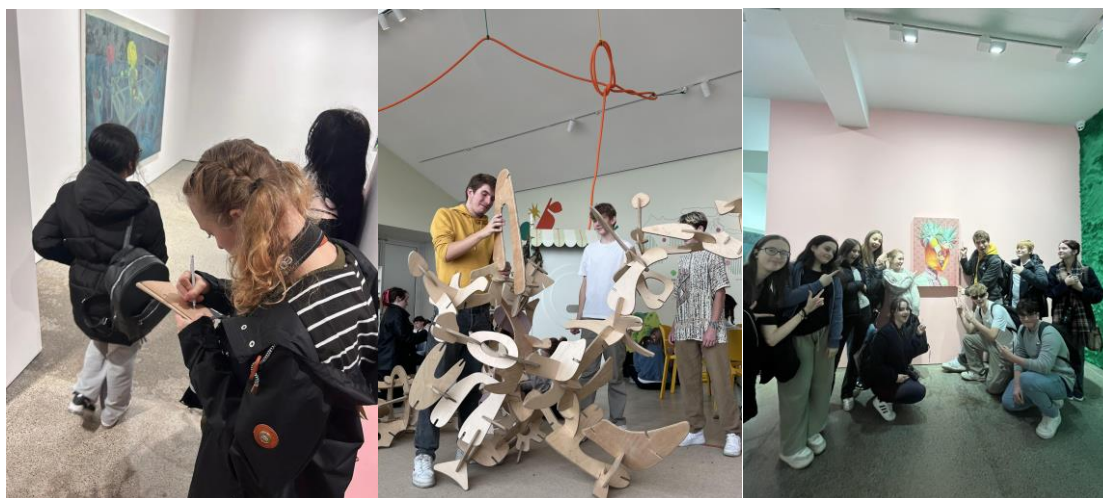
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## Year 10 Fine Art and Photography Margate Trip

Last week a group of Year 10 Fine Art and Photography students went on a trip to Margate, where they explored the Turner Contemporary and the Carl Freedman Gallery. The day began with the students exploring the local area, capturing photographs and creating sketches that aligned with their ongoing projects and themes. Inside the galleries, they engaged in sketching, making organic slot sculptures and collecting firsthand research from a diverse range of artists, fueling their creative inspiration.



Meet our school scarecrow, **Ickabod Gove!** He made an appearance this morning for being late to school, but you can catch him again on Tankerton High Street during the Scarecrow Trails this half term. Don't miss your chance to meet him between 26 October and 3 November!



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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](http://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/imms) and click on the blue "Child vaccination form" button to complete the consent form.

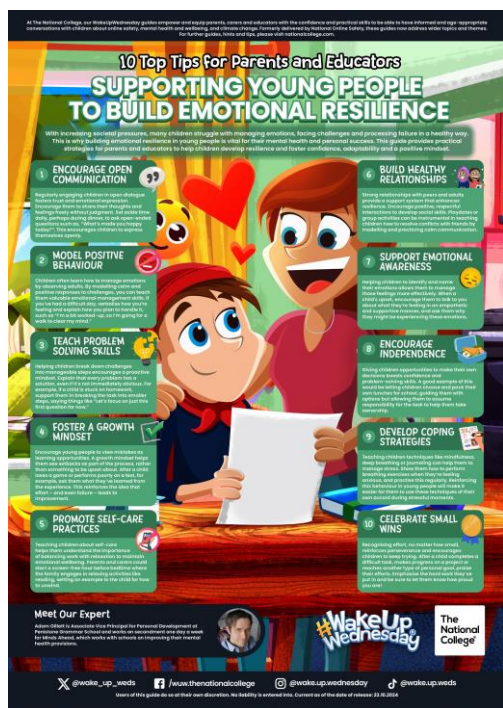
The consent deadline is **12/11/2024**.



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



**10 Top Tips for Parents and Educators Supporting Young People to Build Emotional Resilience**

With increasing external pressures, many children struggle with managing emotions, facing challenges and processing failure in a healthy way. This infographic provides practical strategies for parents and educators to help children develop resilience and foster confidence, independence and a positive mindset.

- 1. ENCOURAGE OPEN COMMUNICATION**
- 2. MODEL POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR**
- 3. TEACH PROBLEM SOLVING SKILLS**
- 4. FOSTER A GROWTH MINDSET**
- 5. PROMOTE SELF-CARE PRACTICES**
- 6. BUILD HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS**
- 7. SUPPORT EMOTIONAL AWARENESS**
- 8. ENCOURAGE INDEPENDENCE**
- 9. DEVELOP COPING STRATEGIES**
- 10. CELEBRATE SMALL WINS**

Meet Our Expert: **Wake Up Wednesday**, The National College.

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## Term Dates

More information about our Term dates for 2025-2026 can be found on our website [Term Dates](#).

## Key Dates



**Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2024**- Staff Development Day

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October–Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2024** - School Holiday

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2024**- Term 2 begins

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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