

NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Issue 5

09 OCTOBER 2026

Key term dates

20 October 2026 - End of Term 1
02 November 2026 - Start of Term 2

Stay Up to Date

For a full breakdown of daily activities and club timings, please visit our website.

TWS School Calendar

For our new school meals menu, please visit our website: [School Meals](#)

Term dates 2026-2027

Extracurricular Clubs Term 1



CONTACT US

Email: tw_s_admin@swale.at

Telephone: 01227 931300

Option 1 - Attendance

Option 2 - Pupil Admissions

Option 4 - Main Reception

To report an absence or other attendance enquiries:

Email: tw_s_attendance@swale.at

Stay informed, follow us for weekly updates, school news and student highlights.



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[@tw_s thewhitstableschool](#)

NEXT WEEK - A TIMETABLE

Post-16 Open Evening

We warmly welcome prospective students to explore our courses, meet our team, and discover life at our Sixth Form. Join us and take the next step in your education!

Sixth Form Updates



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SIXTH FORM POST-16 OPEN EVENING 25 NOVEMBER 2026 5PM - 7PM PRESENTATION AT 6PM

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING YOU TO MEET OUR STAFF,
EXPLORE OUR SIXTH FORM COURSES AND HEAR FIRSTHAND FROM
CURRENT STUDENTS ABOUT LIFE AT OUR SCHOOL.**

Address:
The Whitstable School
Bellevue Road, Whitstable, Kent CT5 1PX

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Book of Commendation This Week's Celebrated Students

Year 10

Jesse - Outstanding effort in Maths.

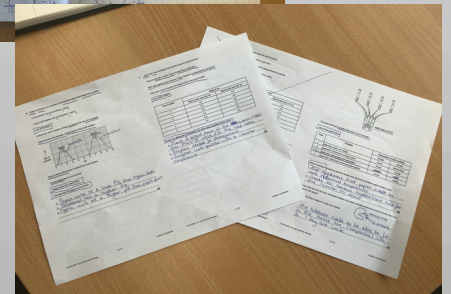
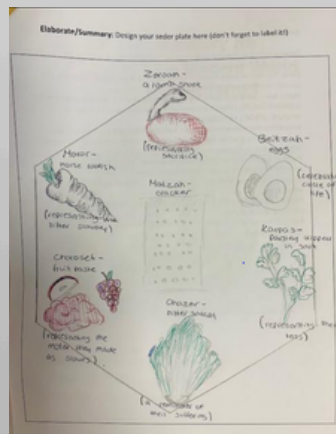
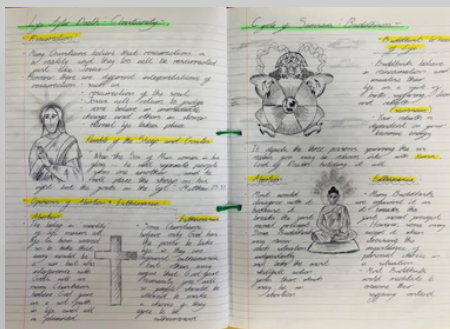
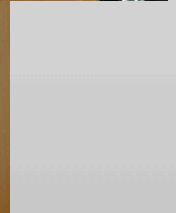
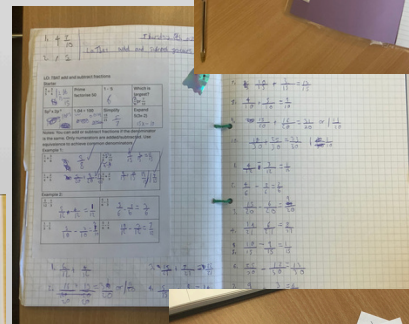
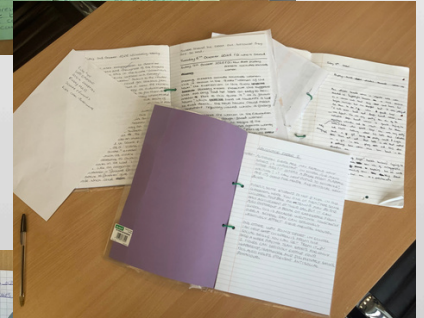
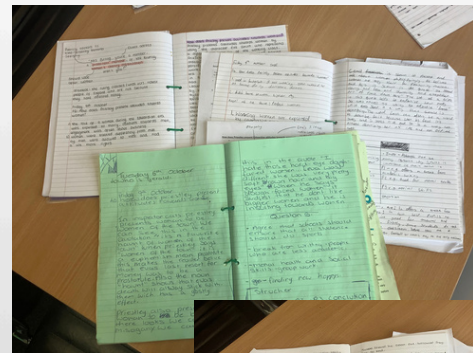
Year 11

Gabbie - Creating a revision resource for Christian and Buddhist perspectives on the afterlife.

Amelia - Producing an illustrated guide to the Seder plate for Passover.

Finlay, Sunnee, Ruby, Josie, Kika and Ludo - Consistently well-written work in English

Robert - Exceptional GCSE Science work.



Modern Foreign Languages (MFL) Treasure Hunt Success!

A massive Thank you, Merci and Gracias to everyone who joined the European Day of Languages treasure hunt on Monday 28th September. It was wonderful to hear so many foreign voices from both students and staff. The lucky winners were announced last Friday and have been awarded their prizes.



The nursing team are visiting the school on Thursday 3rd December, please can parents confirm whether they consent or do not consent to their child receiving the vaccination by visiting the following website

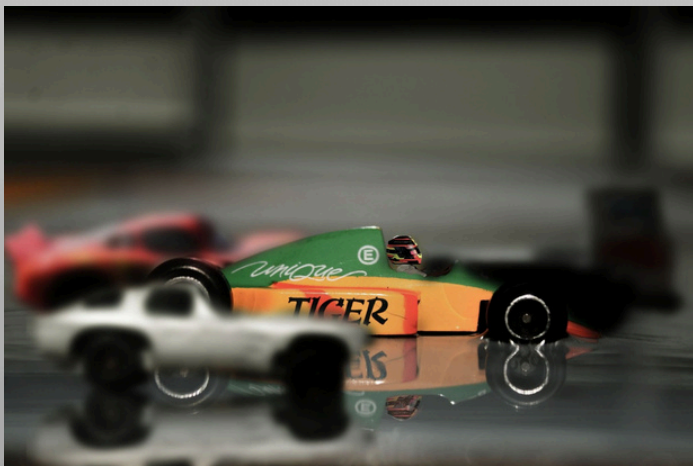
<https://www.kentimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu?schoolcode=KT144354>
If needed our school code is KT144354

THIS WEEK

Year 9 Photography goes miniature!

Inspired by photographer Ekkachai Saelow, our Year 9s have mastered Photoshop selection masks, lighting adjustment and scale manipulation to shrink themselves into their own photo compositions.

Check out their incredible surreal artwork!



Careers Fair 2027 at The Whitstable School!

We are excited to announce our upcoming Careers Fair!

Join us as we help our students explore their futures and discover exciting potential career



The poster features a yellow and black color scheme. At the top, the school's logo (a sailboat) and name are displayed. Below this, the title 'Careers Fair' is prominently shown. A black banner contains the date and time: 'Thursday 4th March 2027 09:00 - 15:10'. The 'Our Aims' section lists four goals with corresponding icons: connecting learning to real-world careers, exploring future pathways, breaking down misconceptions, and building confidence. A circular inset shows a building, and a QR code is provided for registration. Contact information, including a phone number and email, is at the bottom, along with the school's address.

The Whitstable School

Careers Fair

Thursday 4th March 2027
09:00 - 15:10

Our Aims

- Connect learning to real-world careers
- Explore future pathways & how to get there
- Break down misconceptions
- Build confidence, improve communication and encourage proactive research

To support our event please scan the QR code

We look forward to seeing you!

01227 931300
tws_careers@swale.at

The Whitstable School
Bellevue Rd, Whitstable
CT5 1PX

Get Involved!

Are you an employer, practitioner or organisation looking to support our event and inspire the next generation?

We would love to hear from you!

Scan the QR code on the poster to register your support



Have your say: Your Child's Future

Please take 10 minutes to complete the Your Child's Future questionnaire and help us shape our school's careers education.

Why take part?

Support your child's future success, share your valuable perspective as a parent or carer

and help improve careers support across our school.

If you have multiple children at our school, please answer with your oldest child in mind (you are welcome to submit an additional response for another child).

All responses are completely confidential, processed under UK data law by the Careers & Enterprise Company and used solely to improve careers guidance.

Complete the survey [here](#)

Have questions? Contact our Careers Team at tws_careers@swale.at

Thank you for your support!



Football Academy Updates & Upcoming Trials

Whitstable Town FC Academy Trials
(Year 11 / Ages 16–18)

Interested in joining our Football Academy? We are hosting trials for current Year 11 students:

Date: Friday 30th October (Half Term)

| Time: 17:30 – 19:00

Venue: Whitstable Town FC Stadium,
Grimshill Road (3G Pitch)

FOOTBALL FUTURES

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SCHOLARSHIP RECRUITMENT TRIALS

PLAY • TRAIN • STUDY

AGES 15-18 • 30/10/26

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- COMPETE IN THE NATIONAL YOUTH ALLIANCE LEAGUE (HIGHEST LEVEL OF U19 FOOTBALL OUTSIDE OF PROFESSIONAL STATUS)

TWS FANTASY FOOTBALL SUPER LEAGUE

"FANTASY PREMIER LEAGUE"

OUR LEAGUE CODE FOR SIGNING UP IS: ct8jqqa

Free School Meals & Allergy Safety Notice

Free School Meals & Extra Support

Families receiving Universal Credit may qualify for Targeted (income of £7,400 or less) or Expanded Free School Meals (income above £7,400, starting September 2026). Registering also unlocks discounted bus passes and holiday activity programmes.

Apply online for immediate processing at apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/kent.

Benedict's Law & Allergy Safety

Under statutory Benedict's Law guidelines, we must maintain up-to-date allergy records for all students. If your child has

a medical allergy, please notify us at:

tw5_admin@swale.at.

As we aim to be a nut-free school, please ensure all packed lunches are free of nut products.



School Menus & Catering Information

Please find our current school menu on our website at thewhitstableschool.org.uk/information/school-meals.



Kent School Health Service Support

The Kent School Health Service offers confidential health and wellbeing resources for pupils aged 11 to 19. Students can connect directly with a qualified healthcare professional via ChatHealth, a confidential texting service available Monday to Friday, 9am–5pm (Text: 07520 618850). Additionally, young people can explore age-appropriate advice on physical and emotional health, stress, and relationships at healthforteens.co.uk. For parents seeking expert resources to support their child's ongoing development, please visit family.kentcht.nhs.uk.

Supporting Young Lives Across Kent The Warnborough Foundation is a Canterbury-based charity dedicated to empowering young people facing hardship across Kent through accessible education, learning opportunities, and community support initiatives. You can discover more about their vital work by visiting warnborough.foundation.



At The National College, our WakeUpWednesday guides empower and equip parents, carers and educators with the confidence and practical skills to be able to have informed and age-appropriate conversations with children about online safety, mental health and wellbeing, and climate change. For further guides, hints and tips, please visit nationalcollege.com.

Top Tips for Educators

PUPIL WELLBEING CONVERSATIONS

It can feel difficult to know how to start a conversation with a pupil about their wellbeing, either because you do not feel equipped with the information you think you need, or because you do not feel confident opening it up. You do not need to be a specialist. This guide covers how to start, what to say about confidentiality, and what to do with what you hear.

- 1 NURTURE WARM, TRUSTING, & KIND RELATIONSHIPS**
When pupils have a consistent, emotionally available adult who shows they care and who holds them in mind, they thrive. They are also far more willing to open up and seek support. Positive, trusting relationships are an important part of supporting pupil wellbeing and can prevent more formal wellbeing programmes or sessions.
- 2 KEEP CALM, EVEN IF YOU'RE WORRIED**
When a pupil discusses, they often come across their own and teach them that being an adult means things worry, and your steadiness can help them to keep calm and give them enough space to say the rest. Calm does not mean agreement, and it is fine to tell them that what they have said is important and will be heard.
- 3 HAVE SIDE-BY-SIDE CONVERSATIONS**
Many pupils find it easier to talk when a conversation does not require them to sit face to face with an adult. For example, conversations might take place while walking, sitting in the classroom, or taking part in a homework club. Sitting alongside someone reduces the demand of eye contact, allows longer thinking time and lowers the intensity of the exchange. This can be particularly true for neurodivergent pupils, and for anyone who needs a moment before answering.
- 4 THINK ABOUT WHERE YOU ARE**
Consider whether the pupil can speak without being overheard or interrupted. If a pupil has already started talking, avoid unnecessarily disrupting the conversation by moving elsewhere. Where a more appropriate location is needed, explain why you need to move and give the pupil the opportunity to continue what they were saying.
- 5 BE HONEST ABOUT CONFIDENTIALITY**
Never promise to keep information to yourself, because you have a legal duty to share information relevant to a pupil's safety or welfare. Tell them at the start that you may need to pass something on, or who you will. Then listen to them in what happens next, so far as their age and understanding allow, and what they want to happen, what they want to say, and who they want to be told. Be honest that some things will need to happen whether they agree or not. A pupil who helped shape next steps is far more likely to tell someone again.
- 6 CREATE A SAFE ENVIRONMENT**
Provide a classroom free from bullying and shame-based behavioural management. Pupils who expect to be humiliated will not discuss. Where they feel listened to and see that difficulties are acted upon, they share worries earlier and without those worries are still small. If pupils hear adults bullying or talking about other pupils bullying, it damages trust and they are likely to assume their worries will also be handled this way.
- 7 DO NOT CARRY IT ON YOUR OWN**
Hearing something difficult can stay with you. When informing your designated safeguarding lead, share with them how it left you feeling and whether you feel you need further support. Your role as a trusted adult is what makes all of the above possible, and just as you have a responsibility to protect pupils' welfare, your school has a responsibility to protect yours.

HELPFUL OPENERS

- I've noticed you've been quieter. How's your week been?
- You don't seem your usual self. When might we see a good time to catch up today?
- Sometimes it's hard to know what to say, but I'd like to understand.
- You don't have to talk now. I'll check in with you later?

Meet Our Expert
Anna Bateman is a mental health and wellbeing specialist with nearly thirty years in education. She is a multi-academy trust director, special adviser, and a former adviser to the Department for Education on its mental health green paper.

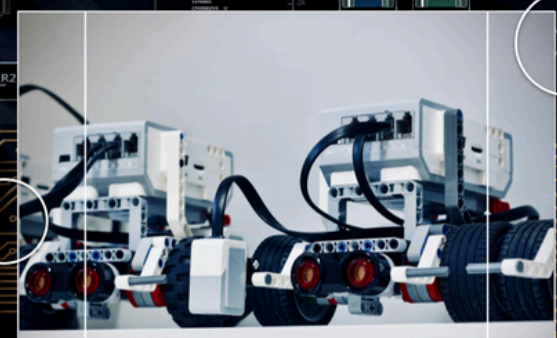
WakeUpWednesday The National College

See full references at grow.wednesday

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TRUST EVENT FOR SECONDARY: SWALEBOT



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Admission to

Secondary school in Kent 2027

KCC residents apply online at kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

Opened Tuesday 1 September 2026 and closes at midnight on Monday 2 November 2026

For children born between 1 September 2015 and 31 August 2016, Transferring to Secondary school in September 2027

What to do

Choose a school	Apply for a school place	Receiving your offer
It's important to find out more about the schools you are interested in before you decide to name them on the application form. Read the Guide to Secondary admissions at www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions. You can name up to four Secondary schools, inside or outside of Kent, but you must name them all on the same application.	A simple, fast, convenient process which opens Tuesday 1 September 2026 and closes at midnight on Monday 2 November 2026. Other LA deadlines may differ. If you already have an account set up from the Kent Test process, please use these login details. You will receive an email confirmation that your application has been submitted correctly and that the LA has received it. You can log back in at any time to view the information submitted.	On offer day (Monday 1 March 2027) an email will be sent to you informing you of your offer. You must accept or decline the school place you have been offered by Monday 15 March 2027. A link to a guide with information you will need to provide the school with will be in your offer email. If we have not offered your child a place in your preferred school, you have the right to appeal. You can also add their name to the school's waiting list if your child is eligible for admission.

Moving house during the application window will likely complicate your application and we therefore advise you to pay special attention to key dates in the admissions process. KCC has no discretionary authority to vary the process for parents who cannot complete address moves in time to make use of them for admissions purposes. If you are moving, please email the team on one of the email addresses below for advice.

Key dates

Tuesday 1 st September 2026	Online application process opens. Go to www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions to register and apply.
Monday 2 nd November 2026	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk
Monday 1 st March 2027	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm.
Monday 15 th March 2027	Parents should contact the school to accept/refuse the place that has been offered and can use the link in the offer email to ask for their child to be added to the waiting list of eligible schools named on the original application.
Tuesday 13 th April 2027	Appeals need to be lodged by this date to be heard before September - appeals information can be found at www.kent.gov.uk/schoolappeals . You can only appeal for schools that were named on the application form.

Need help?

Email kent.admissions@kent.gov.uk

Full information booklet can also be viewed online at kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions

Only one application per pupil will be accepted. If you apply online, do not complete any other form of application. Keep your login details safe and use your registered email address for all communication with the team.

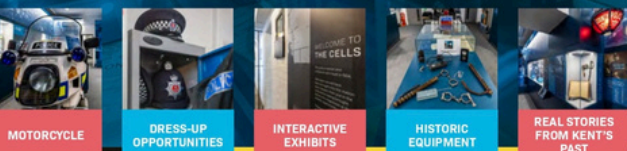
The confirmation email may go to your junk/spam folder of your email - please check here before contacting our team for confirmation.

Please note applications can only be made via Kent County Council (KCC) if the child resides at a KCC address. If your child does not reside at a KCC address, you must make an application via your Local Authority.



Visit Kent Police Museum in Faversham and become a detective!

FREE entry



Follow clues, explore real crime stories, discover fascinating police equipment, and enjoy interactive displays.

Learn how crimes were solved in the past and see unusual objects from more than 200 years of Kent Police history.

Looking for something to do this October half term?

The museum will be open from Tuesday 27 October to Saturday 31 October, 10am to 4pm. For the latest opening times and visitor information, please check the museum website before you visit.



Bringing Our History to Life

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www.kent.police.uk/kent-museum
Email: museum@kent.police.uk
Telephone 01795 433028

IKK Whitstable Karate Club

Tuesdays and Thursdays

Juniors: 6pm - 7pm
Seniors: 7pm - 8:30pm

No Direct Debt or hidden fees.

Swalecliffe Community Primary School,
Bridgefield Road, Whitstable, CT5 2PH



We take pride in our family friendly atmosphere and welcome everyone to our club. Our students enjoy a close relationship with our instructors, and have formed strong bonds with each other. Our instructors are specialists in different areas within Kyokushin Karate, however they all have a shared interest in nurturing and helping students develop their skills.

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 Important School Updates & Reminders

- **Parking & Student Safety**

To ensure the safety of our students and staff, please adhere to our site parking and driving guidelines. We ask that parents avoid using the staff car park and ensure all entrances remain clear of vehicles at all times. Please reserve disabled bays strictly for Blue Badge holders and maintain a slow, vigilant speed while driving on school grounds. Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our community safe.

- **Community Respect & Litter**

We have received reports of littering and disrespectful behavior toward local residents. The School takes these reports very seriously; any students identified behaving disrespectfully or dropping litter, inside or outside of school grounds, will face appropriate sanctions and negative behavior points. We expect all students to represent our school with pride and respect for our neighbours.

- **Allergen Awareness**

The safety of our students is our top priority. While it is impossible to guarantee a 100% allergen-free environment in a busy school, we strive to be as allergen-aware as possible. We kindly ask for your support by ensuring packed lunches and snacks do not contain:

- Packaged nuts (peanuts, tree nuts, etc.)
- Nut-based bars (cereal, granola or chocolate bars)
- Spreads (Peanut butter or chocolate-hazelnut spreads like Nutella)
- Sauces (Peanut-based sauces like satay)
- Sesame (Seeds, hummus or sesame crackers)

- **Investing in Excellence: Support TWS**

We are launching a community initiative to modernise our facilities in Technology, Sports and Literacy. Every donation directly impacts our pupils' daily experience.

If you would like to support our students, please complete and submit our donation form. We sincerely appreciate your generosity!

[TWS Donations Form](#)



*Thank
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