



The
Whitstable
School

NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Issue 6

16 OCTOBER 2026

Key Term dates

20 October 2026 - Term 1 Ends
02 November 2026 - Start of Term 2
18 December 2026 - End 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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TERM 2 STARTS - A TIMETABLE

Sixth Form Updates

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!



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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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WWW.THEWHITSTABLESCHOOL.ORG.UK



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



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
✉ twc_careers@swale.at

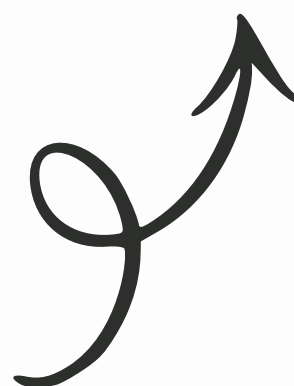
📍 The Whitstable School
Bellevue Rd, Whitstable
CT5 1PX

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 twc_careers@swale.at

Thank you for your support!



Book of Commendation This Week's Celebrated Students

Year 7

Charlie, Ethan, Ellie, Tasnim and Mason - for producing outstanding work in English on The Ruby in the Smoke poetry.

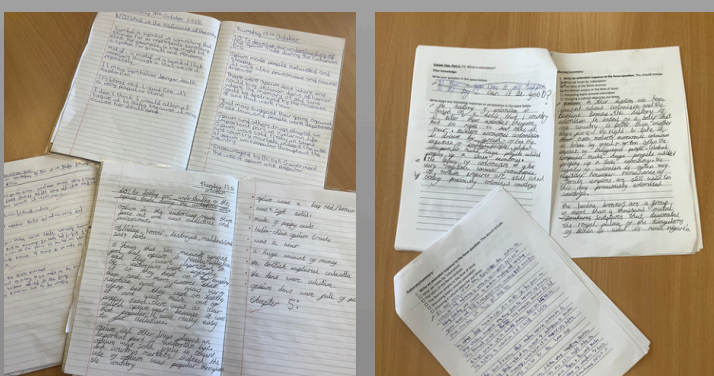
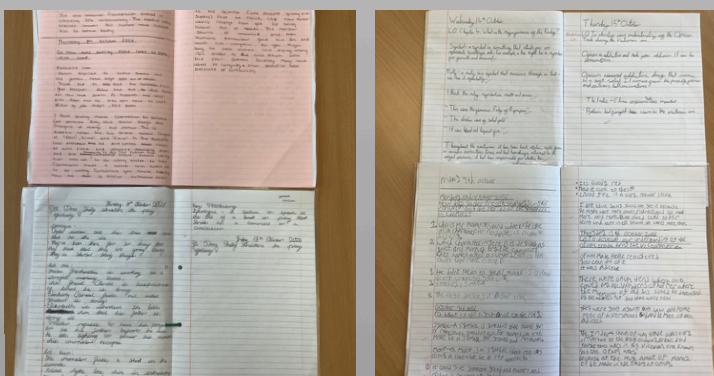
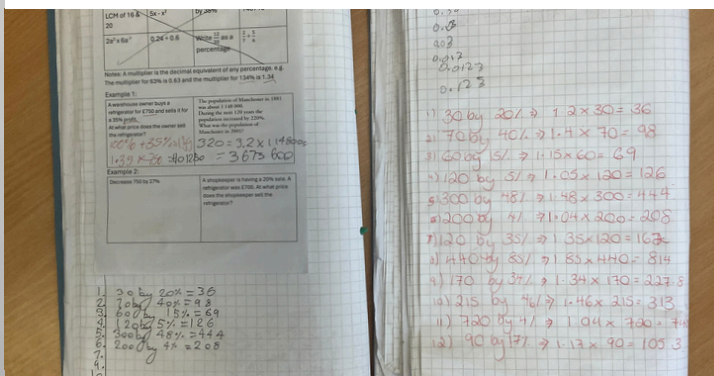
Charlie and Ellie - for fantastic work in RE.

Year 8

Ivy and Hazel - for excellent dedication, creative analysis and impressive coursework on Frankenstein in Year 8 English

Year 10

Archie and Dexter - for displaying brilliant effort and understanding in Maths during their unit on percentages.



Donate Your Pre-Loved Christmas Tree and decorations!

Show season is almost here! TWS STAGE Academy needs artificial Christmas trees and decorations to bring our holiday stage set to life. If you have an old tree or decorations to spare, please help us make our performance magical by dropping it off at Reception or reaching out to tw_admin@swale.at Thank you!



School Vaccination Visit Action Required



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.

Complete the Vaccination Consent Form (If prompted, our school code is KT144354)

<https://www.kentimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu?schoolcode=KT144354>

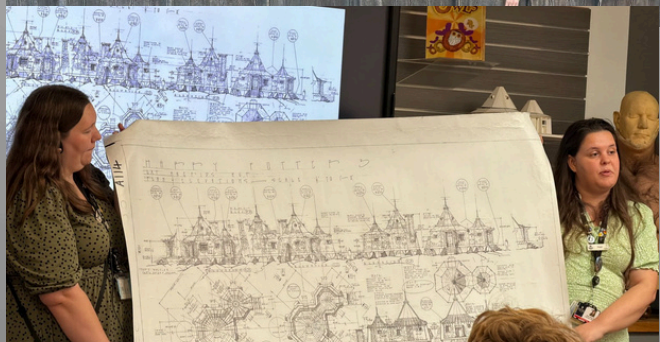
THIS WEEK

TWS Wizards Take Flight at Warner Bros. Studio Tour!

Magic was in the air as TWS students stepped behind the scenes of the Harry Potter universe! The day kicked off with an inspiring Script to Film Workshop, uncovering the cinematic secrets behind J.K. Rowling's world. The excitement reached new heights as students mounted broomsticks, soared through a high-stakes Quidditch match, and chased down the Golden Snitch!

Back on ground, students explored iconic sets and saw the actual costumes worn by Harry, Hermione, and Ron. Even a surprise encounter with Lord Voldemort's dark Death Eaters was no match for the quick wits and courage of our young witches and wizards.

It was an unforgettable day of creativity, magic, and memories that no Obliviate charm could ever erase!



Food Preparation & Nutrition

Students in year 11 have been working exceptionally hard and are now almost finished with their NEA1 Food Investigation project- we can't share their work due to JCQ rules but are really pleased with their progress - well done!

Year 10 meanwhile have been developing their practical skills alongside theory and recently completed their first practical assessment. Students needed to work with precision & accuracy and present their dishes well. They rose to the challenge!

Here is a small selection of their good work!



Year 12 Photography: Exploring Alternative Cyanotypes

Year 12 Photography students created negatives from the images they took in their 'Destroy' project. They built a fort in the studio to create a dark environment, learning alternative ways of painting cyanotype chemicals onto paper, which they then exposed with UV light—exploring through experiment what worked and what didn't.



Fantastic opportunity for you child to attend the CREATIVE CLUB

Tuesday afterschool from 3:10-4:10pm
(in CZ22/Upper creative).

This is a chance for them to take part in a rotation of subjects including art, textiles and photography. We have planned tasks and competitions but will also give you a space to work on your own projects. Please encourage your child to attend.



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 **WHITSTABLE TOWN** **The Whitstable School** **SPORTS CONNECT**

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- NCFE LEVEL 3 EXTENDED DIPLOMA IN SPORT THROUGH OUR EDUCATION PARTNERS SPORTS CONNECT
- COMPETE IN THE NATIONAL YOUTH ALLIANCE LEAGUE (HIGHEST LEVEL OF U19 FOOTBALL OUTSIDE OF PROFESSIONAL STATUS)



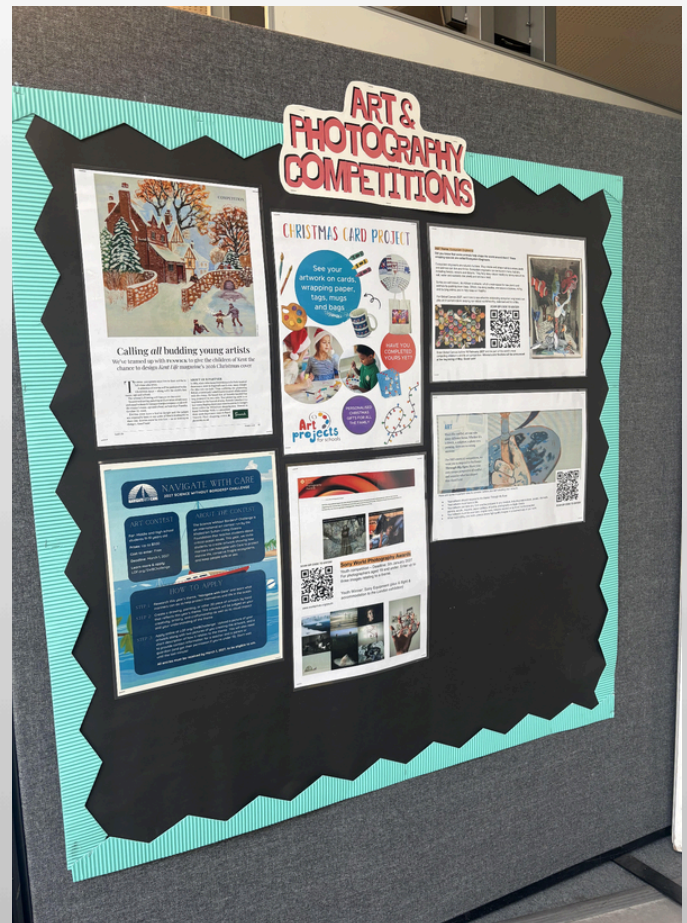
FOOTBALL FUTURES **WHITSTABLE TOWN**

SCHOLARSHIP RECRUITMENT TRIALS

AGES 15-18 • 30/10/26

BOYS | 17:30 - 19:00PM • WHITSTABLE TOWN FC • CT5 4LN

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Visual Arts: External Competitions Board

We are excited to introduce our new external competitions board in the Visual Arts department – a dedicated space where students can discover various competitions to enter.

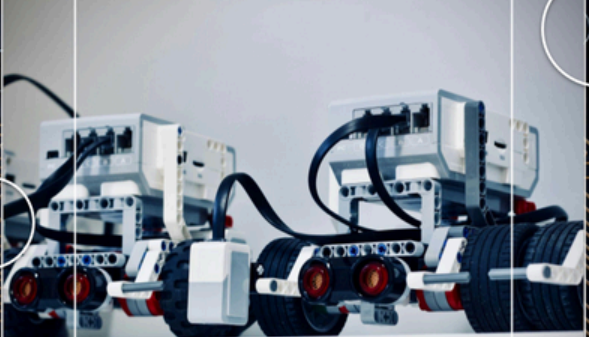
Students can complete these entries at home, or join us on Tuesday during Creative Club for extra support from staff. With so many fantastic opportunities and prizes to be won, please encourage your child to come and see what is available!



TWS FANTASY FOOTBALL SUPER LEAGUE

"FANTASY PREMIER LEAGUE"
OUR LEAGUE CODE FOR
SIGNING UP IS: **ct8jqqa**

TRUST EVENT FOR SECONDARY: SWALEBOT



NOVEMBER 2026

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Ages 12 - 16

Saturdays 10am - 1pm

St Stephen's Community Centre
Tenterden Drive, CT2 7BN

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Limited spaces available. Contact to book.
canterburycinematicacademy@gmail.com

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*Additional fee for exam

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OCTOBER HALF TERM ACTIVITIES AND CHILDCARE!

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Visit Kent Police Museum in Faversham and become a detective!

FREE entry



MOTORCYCLE **DRESS-UP OPPORTUNITIES** **INTERACTIVE EXHIBITS** **HISTORIC EQUIPMENT** **REAL STORIES FROM KENT'S PAST**

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

Facebook: [kentpolcemuseum](https://www.facebook.com/kentpolcemuseum)
Twitter: [@kpolcemuseum](https://twitter.com/kpolcemuseum)

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

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 1st September 2026	Online application process opens. Go to www.kent.gov.uk/secondaryadmissions to register and apply.
Monday 2nd November 2026	Online application process closes for the main round. Any amendments after this date must be emailed to kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk
Monday 1st March 2027	Offers of school places sent to parents via email after 4pm.
Monday 15th 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 13th 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/schoolsappeals . 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.



The BRIT SCHOOL Canterbury College wk Westminster Kingsway College

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SATURDAY COURSES IN CREATIVE, MEDIA & PERFORMING ARTS FOR 7-18 YEAR OLDS AT CANTERBURY, KINGS CROSS AND CROYDON

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OCTOBER 2026 AT THE RESERVE



HOW TO BOOK
www.monkton-reserve.org/events/
Visit our museum, café, gift, and book shops.

MORE INFO:
education@monkton-reserve.org

PRICE PER CHILD
Members: £3
Non-Members: £5 (incl. entrance to the reserve)

WHERE
Monkton Nature Reserve
Canterbury Road
Ramsgate CT12 4LH

WWW.MONKTON-RESERVE.ORG
THANET COUNTRYSIDE TRUST (CHARITY NO: 1211099)

BATS
The reserve's Scots pine cones have gone batty! After pollination by wind, the female flowers on a Scots pine turn green and develop into cones. Foraged from the woodland floor, we will transform these giant cones into bats with fuzzy ears and fangy smiles, ready for this season's celebrations. Find out about the Scots pine, and bats. Play the 'Bat and Moth' game.

SPOONS AND SHROOMS
Make these friendly spoon mushrooms that will cheer up any room. Last year the Kent Field Club ran a fungi survey on the reserve and found a range of fungi, including Meadow coral and the delightfully named, Mousepee pinkgill. Using a sheet to guide you, see how many species of fungi you can see.

STORY TIME
Free, drop-in, nature story time, read by a reserve volunteer.
Times and dates TBC.

WANDS, WEBS, AND WINDFALL
Forage for fallen leaves to create spider webs and magical wands. Use apples from the reserve to make colourful prints. Take on the 'Autumn Nature Challenge'. How many seasonal treasures can you spot?

	11AM	1PM
Tues 27th:	Bats	Shrooms
Thurs 29th:	Shrooms	Wands
Fri 30th:	Wands	Bats



QR code: Click here for more info and to book tickets

tunbridge wells PUPPETRY festival

26 th - 31st OCTOBER 2026



Logos: ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS TOGETHER BUSINESS IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT, ROYAL VICTORIA PLACE TUNBRIDGE WELLS, SOUTHBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL, THE PANTILES EVENTS & MARKETS, THE FORUM

For more information visit: www.twpuppetryfestival.org

26 th - 31st OCTOBER 2026



Monday 26th October

The Forum

Performance 4pm - 5.30pm (please pre-book) 8yrs+

Project Wolf is a brand-new medieval immersive play, crafted by Sonny Puppets and performed and produced by Creative Tunbridge Wells Youth Panel.



Tuesday 27th October

Royal Victoria Place

Performances 11am, 1pm, 3pm (FREE no need to book, just turn up!)

Workshop 1 @11.30am, Workshop 2 @1.30pm (please pre-book workshops)

Southern Thai Shadow Puppet Theatre - Ammerry Salisbury



Wednesday 28th October

The Pantiles @1pm, 16 Mount Pleasant Rd @1.30pm,

Millenium Clock Tower @2pm. FREE no need to book, just turn up

Weldon's **Face-Changing** performance combines the traditional art of Sichuan Opera face-changing with contemporary Western pop music.



Thursday 29th October

Royal Victoria Place

Performances 11am, 12.15pm, 1.30pm and 2.45pm (FREE no need to book, just turn up)

Workshop 1 @11.15am, Workshop 2 @1.45pm (Please pre-book workshops)

Saraswati the Dancing Marionette from Rajasthan by Indigo Moon Theatre



Friday 30th October

Southborough Civic Centre

Performance 3pm (Please pre-book)

Gaby Gulliver's Travels, A family shadow theatre show for adults & children, by Indigo Moon Theatre in the Tricentenary month of Jonathan Swift's classic "Gulliver's Travels".



Saturday 31st October

Southborough Civic Centre

Performance 2pm (please pre-book)

Three Little Pirate Pigs - Shadrack the lighthouse keeper narrates the thrilling story of Three Little Pirate Pigs by Sea Legs Puppet Theatre



ROYAL VICTORIA PLACE TUNBRIDGE WELLS



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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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COMMUNITY TENNIS OPEN DAY

Saturday 31 October 2026



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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](#)



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