



Goodwin Times

Term 2



Dear Parents and Carers

As the long Autumn Term draws to a close, I know that we are looking forward to the Christmas period when hopefully the students and staff can take a well-deserved break. It has been an amazing first term in our 'new home' where students and staff have settled in quickly and are enjoying the benefits of our brand new state of the art school.

As always, it has been a very busy term with our Open Evening seeing a record number of over 360 families come through the doors and the Academy was officially opened by Admiral of the Fleet the Lord Boyce. The ceremony was a huge success attended by local dignitaries and VIP guests including ex-headteachers, governors and staff of Castle Community College. Open Mornings; Parents' Evenings and our Sixth Form Open Evening, followed these events.

In November, we had a visit from the Department for Education. Barbara O'Brien, Education Advisor for the DfE, she met with the Senior Leadership Team, students and members of staff during her visit. Some of the positive comments reported include:

"The Academy is on a positive improvement path' '.....there are robust systems and structures in place for tracking students' academic and personal progress....' '....the pastoral care provided for students is a strength of the academy. Behaviour and students well-being show clear improvement, in particular since all students moved into the new school building."

On Friday 1st December, Goodwin Academy hosted the recording of an online safety film organised by Ofsted. The film was produced in conjunction with The Breck Foundation, www.breckfoundation.org and is due to be shown on the Ofsted website from February 2018. Online safety is of paramount importance to us and we are very proud that Ofsted approached Goodwin Academy to help promote this.

December would not be the same without our Year 7 Christmas Service, hosted this year at St George's Church. The children treated us to Christmas Carols, dance and drama routines all accompanied by the Academy Brass Band and Goodwin Community Singers, and it was an amazing evening.

We are coming to the end of our Panto season, which has seen students present their production of Aladdin to packed and appreciative audiences, from the local community, primary schools, parents and friends. This season we have hosted over 1300 people and I would like to offer my sincere thanks to Mrs Hayes-Watkins and the Performing Arts Department.

Finally, we say farewell to our Music Teacher Mrs Cunnington, Science Teacher Mrs Speller and Learning Support Assistant Mr Varley. I would like to wish them all the very best for their future careers and thank them for their hard work and commitment to Goodwin Academy.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your ongoing support and I wish you well over the Christmas season.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

Mr S Smith
Principal



Term 3. Thursday 4th January – Friday 9th February 2018



I'M A HEAD OF YEAR GET ME OUT OF HERE!



I'm a Head of Year was a great success. Not only did students have fun spectating the event, the Head of Years also had a fantastic time. Even though tickets sold for only 50p we were able to make over fifty pounds for Children in Need, which is a great help to the overall funds, raised for a great cause.

Congratulations to Mrs Wright for being voted the winner of the event and well done to all staff who took part and supported the event and of course thank you to all students who came to support their Head of Year.



Rising Stars



Izzy Namey competed at the London Open during October half term and won all her fights resulting in a well-deserved gold medal. She also competed at the Welsh Open, which is one of the top 4 competitions in the country but unfortunately had to withdraw after a painful arm lock and a 4 hour trip to Gwent A&E! Fortunately, no broken bones but ligament damage which she is working hard to overcome before the hardest competition of the year, The British Championships in Sheffield this weekend. Izzy is on The Kent Squad for judo and trains 4 times a week across Kent. The other days she runs and cross trains and does Ju Jitsu and Sambo.

Izzy is the 2017 Sambo British Champion and holds the Belgian title. She is on team GB and coached by the England coach and the Vice President of British Sombo. 2018 will see her defending these titles and she hopes to add the French and English titles too. In judo, she will be representing Goodwin Academy at the Regional Schools Championships in January and hopes to qualify for the finals in Sheffield in March. She has won 5 medals representing the school over the last 3 years.



Art Department



Workshop at UCA Canterbury

8th November 2017

In November, our Year 10 & 11 Art students visited the University for Creative Arts (UCA) Canterbury. They were treated to a tour around the campus and were able to find out all the latest information on the new programmes and courses UCA are offering from September 2018.

Lily Dudley, who has been a student at UCA for 7 years and now a teacher, led the workshop for the students & sent us this brief description of the day's activities!

'Print can cover many areas from graphic design, fine art, textiles, fashion, etc. In this workshop, students will explore print in a very experimental way. The use of print and texture can be explored and developed in many different techniques. In this workshop, the students were divided into two groups dependant on their selected style of artist inspiration. Group 1, has been inspired by Russian Constructivism. The students in this group used coloured vinyl and paper to collage and created graphic shapes to develop architectural lines and shapes. Group 2, had been inspired by impressionism and modern twists on this Art style. This group of students used the dye sublimation print process to create textures and layered collages of abstract landscapes. Both groups had all day to complete these tasks, they did have the opportunity to swap groups and try the other techniques.'





CHRISTMAS CRAFTS



In the lead up to Christmas break, students in the Art Wellbeing Department have been busy producing many Christmas decorations. The students had thoroughly enjoyed producing these items as gifts for themselves.

'I have seen the benefits of learning new skills and have seen that it can be felt immediately. Seeing this process develop into them displaying the feel-good factor, sense of excitement and achievement on mastering a new task is fantastic and is a tremendous boost to their self-esteem and confidence.' Miss Murphy.

"Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life" Pablo Picasso



WELL DONE!!!



On Thursday 30th November, Millie Pike in Year 10 represented The Goodwin Academy at the final of the Kent Cooks competition at East Kent College in Broadstairs. To reach the final Millie had to plan, cook and serve a two-course meal and submit her recipes, photos of the work and her reasons for choice online. The competition is sponsored by The Kent Messenger who have a panel of judges who select eight finalists in the secondary school category from the hundreds of on line applications. On the day, Millie had to replicate her meal in front of another panel of judges. Millie was not successful in winning the final on this occasion, but came away with a framed certificate and a whole goodie bag of prizes. She is already planning her entry for next year. A video of the whole day is on the Kent Messenger website. Follow the link www.kmcharityteam.co.uk and you will see Millie cooking under the section 'Healthy Lifestyle News – Videos – Young Cooks 2017'.



Jazz Journey



Deal Festival's Jazz Journey Orchestra Weekend!

On 25th and 26th November 2017, Goodwin Academy hosted the Deal Festival Jazz Journey Event; a huge turnout of over 60 musicians from local schools and the community filling the new theatre with gloriously thick harmonies and experimental jazz improvisations. Amazing photos and credit to Toni Nandi.

The leader of the orchestra, Joe Browne, leading with his tenor saxophone, developed the confidence of so many participants to create short solos, which were played to an audience on the Sunday night, as well as extensive improvisatory ensemble work by everyone together.

During the weekend, participants were divided into groups and worked with highly skilled 'National Youth Jazz Orchestra' and 'Deal Festival Education' Tutors and it was such a pleasure to see some of our Goodwin Students take part and enjoy such a diverse and musical experience.

Deal Festival are doing so much to promote music making in the local area and have become, not just a one-time festival, but an all year round arts organisation and it is fantastic to have their involvement and support here at Goodwin Academy. Long may it continue!



performing arts

When a camel and several ghosts started walking the corridors at Goodwin Academy it only meant one thing...it's was panto time again! This year students at the academy performed "Aladdin" taking us on a mystical journey through China and into Africa! The story tells of a poor laundry boy "Aladdin" and his friend Wishee Washee, who both work in a launderette run by Aladdin's mother – Widow Twankey. Aladdin is in love with the Princess but when he is caught alone with her, he is arrested! Saved by the Evil Abanazar pretending to be his uncle, Aladdin agrees to help Abanazar retrieve a lamp from a cave. From this point on things twist and turn along Aladdin's journey and we meet a Chinese Lion, a Monkey, several ghost and some scary skeletons.

The panto ran from Thursday 7th to Thursday 14th December with performances for Primary Schools, Nursery Schools, Cubs & Brownies, Friends & Family, VIPs and a Relaxed Performance for our Special Needs friends. The panto is performed by students from Year 7 – 12 and includes work for BTEC courses. This is a fantastic opportunity for students to learn what it is like to be in a performance company and work to a standard over and over again! We even had 3 performances on one day! Now that's a challenge!



Fantastic News

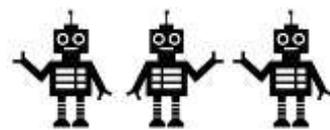
Goodwin Academy are proud to support two Year 13 Students, Megan Fathers and Megan Lovesey, in becoming Holocaust Educational Trust Ambassadors. They are now involved in a project that covers the whole of the UK in educating young people from every background about the Holocaust and the important lessons to be learned in our changing world today.

Our pupils have completed their training that involved meeting and hearing first hand experiences from Holocaust survivor Zigi Shipper BEM. They spent a day in Poland visiting the town of Oświęcim, then moving onto the Auschwitz Camp 1 and 2. Their day finished with a service and reflection. In January 2018, Goodwin Academy Ambassadors are looking forward to working with Deal Town Council to help provide a memorial for the Holocaust Remembrance Day.

This memorial will involve contributions from the whole school looking at people who were affected by the Holocaust or atrocities in countries at war today. The exhibition will be open for public viewing on the Holocaust Memorial Day on the 27th January 2018 at Deal Town Hall.



Robotics Club!



The STEAM Vex Robotics club entered their first competition of the season with an amazing outcome. They were up against 10 other schools where they built and programmed their own robots. At times, it was very close! However, the teams successfully secured 2nd and 3rd place overall. We are hoping to enter two more competitions so we can secure our place at the national finals in Telford. The students have worked incredibly hard along with raising funds of £150 from a cake and sweet sale, but we still need more funds to support any future competitions. Therefore, if you are able to contribute to this fantastic club we would really appreciate it.



Year 7 Technology Taster Night

The evening of the 12th saw the Design Technology and Art Faculty host our second Tech night for Year 7 students and their families. The idea is for parents and wider family members to discover what we teach and to make two different products in two 45min sessions. Families were offered the following activities, Decorative Christmas Cards, Handbags, Christmas Baking and Wooden Decorations. The work is all hands on to ensure everyone takes home finished products that they have made on the night.

So, why not come to our next one? You know you want to!





Tuesday 31st of October

Year 7 Football vs Dover Christ Church.

The Year 7 boys gathered with excitement for their last league game of the season against Dover Christ Church. Before the game, the boys were most excited about Halloween and the impending sugar that they would no doubt consume, but a good warm up on the AstroTurf beforehand focused them to the task ahead. The game began in the gloom of an autumn evening and the boys came up against an organised and able Dover team. Despite early pressure Goodwin scored early on and looked to settle into the game, however Dover had a substantial threat on the right wing and began to push forward scoring two goals in quick succession. At half time, the message was to trust each other and keep the game simple. A change up front brought Leighton Murray forward and he began to threaten the opposition goal and were rewarded with two well-taken goals. As the dark began to come, Dover pressed forward and was rewarded in the final minute with an equaliser. Despite not winning, the boys were happy with their performance and improvement into the second half. A good first season overall will hopefully continue with some friendly games in the future, but the attention will now move across to Rugby.

MAN OF THE MATCH

Freddie Costin, an exceptional return from injury, calm and committed throughout.

Wednesday 22nd November

Year 9 Rugby Club at Betteshanger Rugby Club

On Wednesday, we took 6 eager Year 9 rugby players to the Deal and Betteshanger Rugby Club for the RFU Schools Festival. Expecting to find a number of schools playing we were a little disappointed to find only 3 other schools; Sandwich Technology, Marsh Academy and Canterbury Academy, but with all players raring to go we knew it would still be a great opportunity. As marsh and Canterbury had a full squad, we merged with Sandwich to create a 12 a-side team for the game.

With the Sandwich, players being more experienced than most they helped with some positioning and drills as we waited for Marsh and Canterbury to play, our boys clearly learning a lot from their new mentors. Our first game was against Marsh Academy and although they were clearly more experienced, we ran out winners in the end after some tough tackling, hard running and great support play from our boys.

The second game against Canterbury was a little tougher with the momentum swinging a few times throughout the game but again we came out on top.

Special mentions must go to Charlie Smith for being the focal point of the Goodwin portion of the merged team, scoring tries with strong and insightful runs, making big tackles and inspiring teammates to be involved. Also to Patrick Donnelly who was very commanding in his encouragement was all over the pitch supporting tackles, runs, passes and breakdowns where ever he could. Great efforts all round from Kian Mumford, Nathan Payne, Bailey Hammond and Charlie Evans who learnt a lot from the game and gave their all for the wins.

MEN OF THE MATCH

Charlie Smith, Kian Mumford, Patrick Donnelly, Nathan Payne, Bailey Hammond, Charlie Evans.



Thursday 23rd November

Year 7 Girls Football

Goodwin Academy (GA) hosted teams from Sandwich Technology (ST), Sir Roger Manwoods (SRM) and Dover Christchurch Academy (DCCA) for a Year 7 girl's football tournament. In round robin format our girls would get to play 4 games under the floodlights against some very competitive teams in 6/7 a side games. With the players, organising themselves a formation and ensuring everyone knew their roles; Mr Towe was left to referee 1 pitch as they managed themselves with distinction.

Our first game against SRM 'A' team and by all accounts, they dominated the game from start to finish, 3-0 to GA with Storm Adams grabbing 2 goals and Leyanna Kurm 1 goal. Second up was ST who were undefeated at this point in the tournament and put up a sturdy test for our girls before the game finished 2-0 to GA with Storm Adams and Leyanna Kurm scoring a goal each again.

Three games in a row and our girls had started to become very confident and a little tired with Evie Last and Paris Kerrigan working their socks off as defenders and Katelyn Holah keeping all who try out of the goal so far. DCCA were very organised and ran tirelessly with the aid of subs to finish the game GA 1-2 DCCA, Storm Adams adding to her total again. Last up were SRM 'B' team and our girls rallied to dominate again but not without some reliable defending from Evie, Paris and Katelyn. Storm, 1 and Ella Kurm, 2 this time with the goals.

Great performances from start to finish and all our girls showed great maturity beyond their years. A real joy to manage, watch and referee. A close second behind a triumphant DCCA team but we are sure this will only spurn the girls on for the next tournament.

Players were:

Leyanna Kurm, Katelyn Holah, Storm Adams, Ella Kurm, Evie Last and Paris Kerrigan.



WELL DONE!!!

A big well done to our Paula Murphy who went the whole month of November without any chocolate to help support and raise awareness for 'Breast Cancer Now!' That incredible will power help her raise a whopping £350 for charity! Congratulations Paula!



From all of us here at Goodwin Academy, have a very Merry Christmas and a very happy New Year! Be safe over the Christmas Holidays and remember students return on Thursday 4th January 2018!