



Goodwin Times

Term 4



Dear Parents and Carers,

As Term 4 draws to a close, we can honestly say this term has been the coldest for a very long time. Term 4 saw the Academy have its first snow day in a number of years; however, we were lucky, there were many schools up and down the country who were unable to open their doors to students and staff for 5 days or more in some cases.

Throughout the following pages, you will see once again how busy Term 4 has been and there are many occasions when the Academy has been able to celebrate and enjoy events the students have been involved in.

Mid week we opened our doors to our new Year 7 students who will be joining us in September 2018. It was a very busy evening where we welcomed over 600 parents and students for an Information Evening. Students were excited to hear about the Easter School and Summer School they will be taking part in and having the opportunity to meet new friends from the other Primary Schools in the area.

The Royal Marines Heritage Trails

I would like to make you aware, the official launch of the Royal Marines Heritage Trails (Deal and Walmer) will take place on Monday 23rd April at 3.00pm at Deal Castle. It is important to note that two periods of 20 minute Road Closures in this area of Deal & Walmer will be put in place to facilitate these Parades including:

1. Dover Road, Walmer from the Cornwall Road junction along the The Strand to Gilford Road at Deal Castle and all minor roads along this route from 2.50pm to 3.20pm approx.
2. Borough of Deal on the area to the East of Deal Castle and a second period of Road Closures will be enforced from Deal Castle to The Royal Hotel including King Street, the High Street and St Georges Road between 3.55pm and 4.20pm approx.

It is important to note that the main Dover Road leading into and out of Deal and a number of other roads in the town will be **officially closed during the period of these two Parade's from about 2.55pm until 3.25pm and again between 3.55pm and 4.25pm**. We are aware that this will coincide with the normal end of the school day and could impact on the normal "school run" for many parents.

I am delighted to say that some of our cadets and students will be taking part in this very important event, and therefore to enable all students and staff to have the opportunity to attend, the school will be closing at 2.30pm on this day.

I should like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and wish you all a safe and Happy Easter.

Mr Smith, Principal.



Term 5, Monday 16th April – Friday 25th May 2018

Rising Stars

Izzy Namey competed in Holland at the Dutch Open Sambo Championships and won Gold! She now has the Dutch title to add to her British and Belgian ones! We at Goodwin Academy are very proud of Izzy and her winning efforts.



A dog who helped his owner overcome her anxiety issues celebrated his Scruffts win with his favourite treat - Sainsbury's own brand cocktail sausages. Josie Baldwin, and her five-year-old Maltese Shih Tzu cross Jack, were named the overall winners of this year's Scruffts - a strand of Crufts which shines the spotlight on dogs who are more pet than pedigree. They were one of just six finalists - whittled down from 2,500 - who had made it through to the final at the NEC Birmingham on Saturday.

The Goodwin Academy sixth former and her pet have a special relationship because the hound has helped her overcome anxiety issues and build confidence. It is their touching story which she believes impressed celebrity judge, Judge Rinder.

She said: "It was an amazing experience. Rather than at Crufts where they look at the stature of the dog, at Scruffts they focus more on the personality and bond between dog and owner." Judge Rinder said he fell in love with Jack as soon as he saw him, he loved Jack's character and the fact that he looks a bit grumpy."

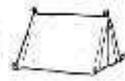
She thinks judges may also have been impressed with their heelwork which wasn't a requirement but they did it anyway. She said: "As we walked in we did heelwork. Jack was looking up at me and prancing away. He did really well. Nobody else did it."

We at Goodwin Academy are incredibly proud, Well Done Josie & Jack! Article and photos credit to KentOnline.





Duke of Edinburgh



The participants were;

Group 1: Ottie Brice, Abbie Claringbould, Madeleine Gosse, Nicole Higgins, Sam Lewins and Sian Miles.

Group 2: Emily Bacon, Savannah Bowles, Hannah Brice, Kaci Golding, Lydia Lockwood, Ellie Meindl and Millie Pike.

Friday afternoon saw all the participants clamber onto mini-buses and journey to “The Swattenden Centre” near Cranbrook. There they met up with their assessor for the weekend, one Mr Norry Barber, head of the KCC’s DofE provision, who thanked them for participating in a very important trial and that, although their participation was very much appreciated, it did not guarantee a pass, they still had to meet the 20 expedition conditions set out by the DofE. They were then billeted and got themselves prepared for the weekend ahead.

Saturday morning was extremely cold; the ground conditions were muddy and slippery to say the least. The participants soon found, to their horror that footpaths that were clear in summer conditions disappeared during autumn and winter, due to ploughing and vegetation growth. The footpaths that were clear were just mudslides you slipped on or your feet sank into. Despite all this, they still soldiered on and Mr Barber was very impressed with the way they dealt with the extreme conditions. We had one participant who sadly has a recurring injury, who found the going exacerbated the problem and therefore, sadly, had to drop out of the hike. The hike ended with a more than satisfactory conclusion. Then came pitching the tents, although they were not using them for sleeping in overnight, they still had to be able to erect them in case of an emergency during the hike. This was followed by cooking their evening meal on “Trangia’s” outside in the wind and the cold. This all satisfactorily completed they were then allowed back in the accommodation for a good night’s sleep.

6:00am Sunday morning and they were all getting up to cook their breakfast, outside on the Trangia’s, and prepare for their next hike. It was freezing, so much so that the mudslides the day before were now like concrete and there was no give or spring in the ground they trod. Joints were going to be put to the test yet again. 8:30am saw them depart. During this period, one of the participants who is a competition standard gymnast started to suffer with sore knees. She had not asked for ice packs in the morning and their first aid kits did not contain them, so she improvised, she strapped two ice blocks from puddles to her knees with hairbands. (See picture below). This impressed Mr Barber, who leads Gold expeditions in Finland, to take the photograph to show on his training courses.



The hike completed, a debrief ended the day where Mr Barber passed them all and highly recommended they furthered their experience by attempting the Silver Award. He praised them highly for their perseverance and ingenuity in adverse conditions and said they should be very proud of their achievements.

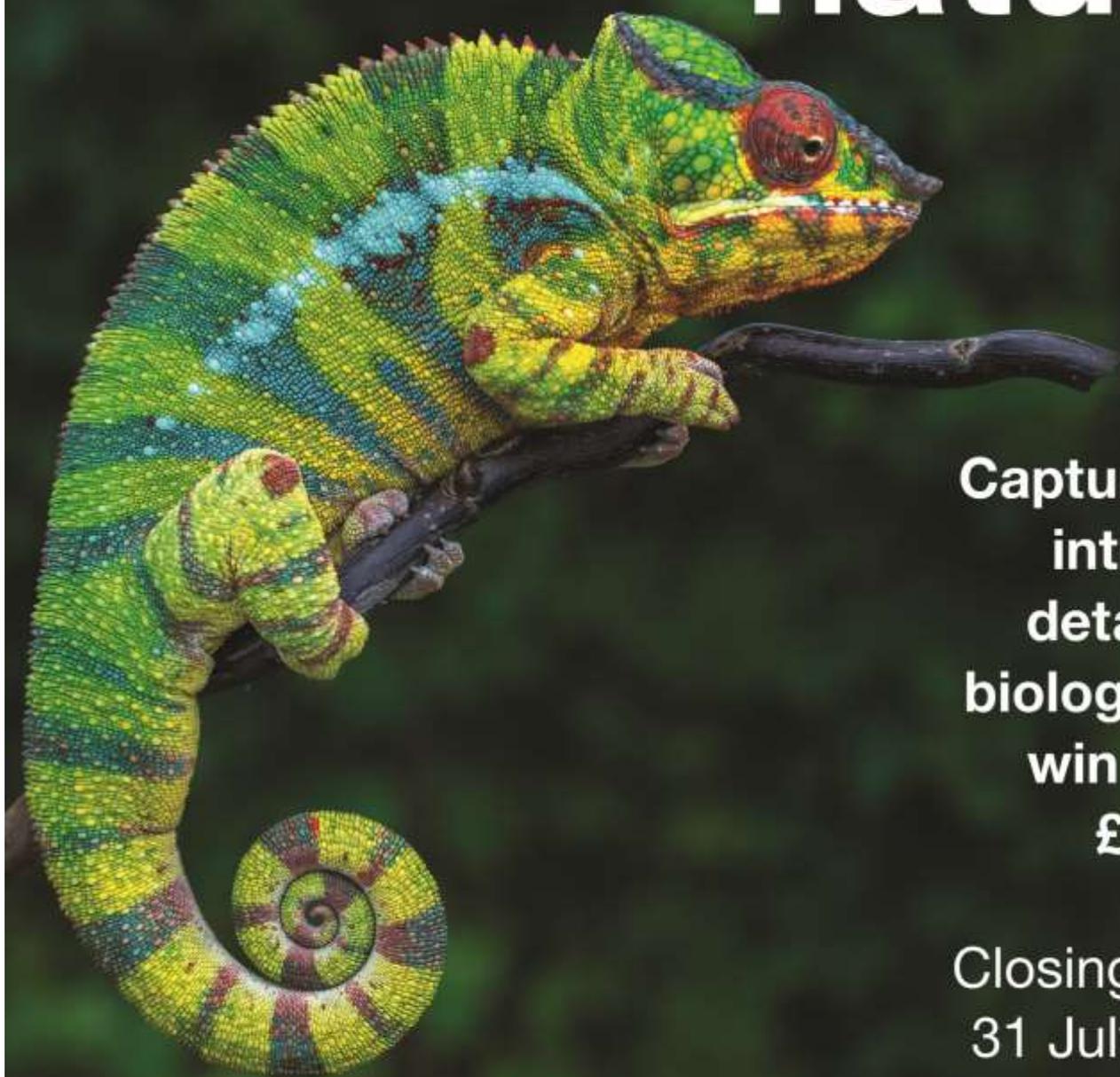
I would like to add my thanks to the other two members of staff who assisted with the weekend, namely Mrs Hamilton-Hopkins and Mr Brady. Mr Barber commented on their dedication to the achievements and welfare of the young people and were a credit to the school.

Every single one of them are a credit to themselves, their families and the school. Well done everybody I had high expectations and you exceeded them! – Mr Argent.



Photography Competition 2018

Patterns in nature



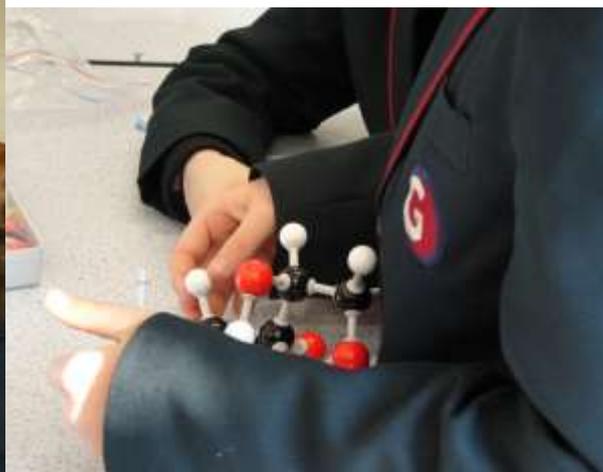
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On the 21st February 2018, a group of year 9 students were visited by a team from Pfizers. Students had the opportunity to take part in a series of team activities on medicine development and the role of the pharmaceutical industry. The session was delivered by scientists from the Sandwich Pfizer site. Their scientific, clinical and medical expertise allowed students to explore ideas about science careers and drug development. It was an amazing day, and the Goodwin students were the most well behaved group they have ever had.



Biology Challenge:

Students in Years 8-10 have had the opportunity to take part in the Royal Society of Biology's 'Biology Challenge'. Biology Challenge is open to students aged 12-15 years old. The competition consists of two, twenty-five-minute multiple choice papers to be taken online under staff supervised exam conditions. Questions will be set on the school curriculum, but the competition will also reward those students whose knowledge of the subject has been increased by reading books and magazines, watching natural history programmes, taking notice of the news media for items of biological interest, and are generally aware of our natural flora and fauna. Top scoring students are rewarded with publicly recognised certificates, and will be offered the opportunity to attend an awards ceremony at IET: London, Savoy Place.. Good luck to all students who entered!

British Science Week!

We have also celebrated British Science Week last week. Year 7 students undertook an investigation into plastics. They created and tested different types of bioplastics, considered the problems with plastics and developed some creative ideas for recycling plastics. There were also dissection demonstrations where students observed a rat dissection and some students had the chance to dissect some eyeballs!

Ellice's Wish To Walk

On Wednesday 14th March, staff at Goodwin Academy set upon raising money for charity. Sixth Formers and Staff wore an item of green in return for a donation, but five members of staff went beyond for this amazing charity! Mr Myers, Mr Cummings, Miss Medhurst, Mr Brady, Mr Evans and Mr Barnes all shaved their hair to get the pennies coming in! With a shaver at the ready, staff and students raised an amazing £330 for Ellice's charity!



Creative Corner



Lydia Bright in Year 8 got creative whilst at home and came up with this incredible piece of writing explaining how she thought of a picture and what it could show or mean. Fantastic work Lydia!

Rays of blissful sunlight beam down from the open wounds in the clouds above, gifting golden light to the land below. Profitless logs drown in the forever-glowing river that lay peacefully at the base of a collective of green leaved trees. Trees that gave the already fairy-tale like scene a boost of colour and life. You could confuse the gorgeous real flowers that guarded the lake with fire. Petals as fine as maidens hair.



The fish was brought into the science department by Mrs. M Brown as she found it on Deal Beach the morning after we had very high tide and strong winds. The fish was unidentified and left in a plastic bag until I found out about it and did not want it to go to waste. I decided to preserve the fish, as I want to improve my knowledge on animal specification and taxonomy. This project, like most of mine are unplanned opportunities that I develop out of interest. The science department also aids me, is supportive, and provided the materials I needed to plan and execute the project helped me get an understanding of preservation.

It is a piece of ongoing work. I know I can donate the specimen however, I think it would make for a good relic within the school. Now the fish is preserved and displayed, I am working on identifying it and will seek the help of local professionals to do so. I've been given multiple jars as well as feedback, which I believe is very constructive and useful. I am very glad I caught this opportunity and value my relationship with the science department a lot. It is very motivational to see people so interested and surprised by my work, although it is far from finished. With the constant influence of others from around the school, teachers, students and dinner ladies alike, I am always tinkering and perfecting my work. BTEC Science is my main study within Goodwin and think the community within the school is very precious to developing investigative minds like my own.

-William Thompson

BTEC Applied Science Diploma

BTEC Media Studies



MOVE IT

THE U.K.'S BIGGEST DANCE EVENT

On Friday 16th March, the Performing Arts Department took 44 students to MOVE IT at the ExCEL Centre. It is the biggest event in the dance calendar, hosting a variety of dance schools and universities as well as companies and agents. We arrived at 10am and went in, greeted by smoke, lighting, spotlights and loud music! The main stage was filled with dancers from professional schools, college and companies from all over the UK. We even saw Aston Merrygold (JLS) perform and some of our students met him!

We also met up with two ex-students who are now at professional college and watched them perform on stage in front of thousands! Currently at Mandy Ellen Performing Arts, they are now preparing to embark on a professional career.

Students took the opportunity to talk to schools and universities about dance, buy merchandise, watch amazing performances on the main and freestyle stage and take part in workshops in a whole range of dance styles. Some even went roller-skating! Lots of free gifts were collected and stories exchanged. We went home tired but inspired and most definitely motivated! We cannot wait for next year!

Kate Hayes-Watkins

Head of Dance & Drama



SIXTH FORM

This Easter holiday sees eight of our year 12 students embarking on an exciting opportunity as part of the Teach First Futures programme. The Students will be attending a residential Easter school at Cambridge and Oxford Universities.

Billy Davies, Julia Duda, Charlotte Millet, Orla O'Hare, Molly Skinner, Natalia Squire, Eva Thompson and Bethany Tregunno were all successful with their applications to the Teach First Futures programme at the start of year 12. Since then they have been to Canterbury Christchurch University and Southampton University in preparation for this residential stay where they will sample university lectures and take part in activities designed to introduce them to university life at some of the top universities in the world.

This is a really exciting opportunity and everyone at Goodwin Academy wishes them the best of luck.

Wellbeing Art

Some creative art from some of our students this term!



Wednesday 14th March 2018

Goodwin Academy (5th) vs Sandwich Tech (1st)

The Line-up was as followed:

It was a 5-4-1 formation with sitting left back and right back instead of wingbacks. Two Central Midfielders with two wide men and a solo striker up top.

Goalkeeper: **Jimbo**

Defence: **Conrad, Henry, Lewis, Grooms, Big C**

Midfield: **Guesty, Ben, Smithy, Ethan**

Forward: **Laingy**



The game started very even with a lot of possession for both teams and equal chances until Goodwin Academy conceded a corner goal after a man lost his marker to win an easy header. Morale was knocked at that point as Goodwin played well for those 20 minutes after that Sandwich started gaining more and more chances and scored a second goal from the left flank as Sandwich's Left Wing cut in on his right foot and had a wonder strike ball going top right, no stopping it. Goodwin then got a goal back from a goal kick which was knocked on by Jake Laing for Ethan Vance to run onto and finish it with his left foot (his weak foot). Just before the end of the first half Laingy had a blocked attempt on goal which landed in the path of Sam Guest who performed an acrobatic bicycle that was met with a world class save tipping it onto the bar for the sandwich left back to pick up and get it out of their half.

The Second half was a frustrating one for Goodwin as Sandwich dominated possession but they couldn't break the Goodwin defence down chance after chance was stopped in its tracks by the Goodwin now back 4 (Big C, Lewis, Henry, Grooms) but as mentioned before Sandwich dominated possession most play happening in the Goodwin half, finally sandwich had a breakthrough shot, a low driven strike managed to crawl into the bottom right of the Goodwin goal, after a quality second half from James Costin in goal to concede that goal in the final 10 minutes of play was a lucky break for Sandwich.

Ref Blows the Final Whistle, 3-1 Sandwich, Noble effort from Goodwin Academy; league positions remain the same, Sandwich 1st, Goodwin 5th.