

Principal's Bulletin, Term 4 2018/19

Dear Parent/Carer

The clocks have changed; a few buds have started to appear, the sun is beginning to shine... could spring finally be on its way? Our Spring Term newsletter reflects the tremendous work that has continued across the entire school.

This term we have seen the more energetic staff and student, wow us with their sporting prowess, staff have been training for marathons and Iron Man events, whereas students have been taking part in Jiu Jitsu events, netball and basketball tournaments, just to name a few... Congratulations to you all. Their amazing efforts and determination should act as a reminder to all, to work hard and to **Be Your Best.**

Best Agenda

Our Staff continue to embed the BEST Agenda (Brilliance, Enrichment, S.T.E.A.M. & Thinking) across the Academy. This term has seen the launch of our new and exciting house system, which has created such an uplifting buzz amongst our students. The students have displayed such camaraderie towards fellow housemates in assemblies, and I firmly believe this system will continue to drive ambition and respect amongst our pupils.

We envisage such exciting times ahead for our school and we aim to make a positive difference, not just to the learning journey of our students, but also to the wider community and charitable causes who work so tirelessly to support the needs of others. On this note, I am pleased to announce Macmillan Cancer Support as our chosen whole charity and as a school, we welcome your thoughts and ideas on any future fund raising ideas.

School Sports Tournaments

Miss Charlotte Wheeler has been running netball club and for the first time in a number of years, we played in the Dover schools year 7 and 8 tournament. Although results were not in our favour, the effort, commitment and progress of the team was immense. **Well done girls and Miss Wheeler!**



Year 7 and 8 Netball Team

Mr Sharman has been running a popular basketball club on a Thursday after school; he took an Under 13 and Under 15 team to the Dover District Tournament's at Sir Roger Manwoods.

We hosted the year 7 tournament. The club was so successful, pupils even turned up to play basketball on the astro, as the sports hall was used for exams. **Well done to Mr Sharman and the players!**

Staffing Changes

Congratulations to Mr Matt Evans who has been appointed Vice Principal at the school. Mrs Thompson has become Head of SEN/AEN. After Easter we welcome new members of staff Miss April Cribben as Head of PE and Miss Lucy Butcher as Head of Geography. Regrettably, we say farewell to Mrs Elaine Standen who has done a wonderful job as a Learning Support Assistant.

We wish Miss Danni Bowden and Mrs Alex James good luck on their maternity leave and we welcome Mrs Sarah Cole who will be Mr Smith's PA.

Jack Andrews-BJJ European Championship 2019

On Sunday 24th March Jack Andrews from Year 9 took part in the All Stars BJJ (Jiu Jitsu) European Championship at the UEL Sports in London. After a long and tense day, where Jack wowed the judges with some highly skilled Jiu Jitsu moves, he made it to the final where he won a well-deserved silver medal, narrowly missing out on the gold. **Well done Jack!**

Who knows we could be a looking a future Olympic Champion...



Jack Andrews Year 9

Junior Leadership

This term saw the launch of the JLT (Junior Leadership Team) which will be led by Head Student, Callum Blanch who is currently in year 12 at Goodwin Academy. Each tutor group has elected representatives to form year teams, where the ideas and concerns of their peers will be voiced. The structure of the JLT is such that ideas from the student body will be fed through to the Student Drive Teams, these being Environment, Wellbeing, Thinking/Learning and Events, where they will be developed further. Callum and selected student representatives will then meet once a term with the SLT (Senior Leadership Team) led of course by Mr Smith, where matters will be shared and authorised. The aim of the JLT is to ensure that students are playing an active role in the daily life of the school.

Year 8 Trip

The whole of year 8 attended the second Dover District Youth Conference, which was held at Discovery Park in Sandwich on the 20th March where they explored a range of issues around keeping safe. The conference had been organised by Dover District Council, with the Dover District Community Safety Partnership. It covered a range of key issues, including online safety, gangs and knife crime, and substance misuse. This was part of ongoing work to listen to and engage with young people, to provide important information and to give them an active voice in our communities.

Staff Efforts

This Easter two members of staff will be challenging themselves by running in the Brighton and London Marathons. Mrs Daisy Bradford is running Brighton Marathon for the second time and will be raising funds for Demelza House, a charity that has and is supporting students at Goodwin Academy. Mrs Bradford has always been a keen runner, having competed for Wales in her younger years and hopes that her ageing legs will carry her round in 4 hours or less. Mr Richard Knott will be pounding the cobbles of London, a relatively new runner he has been training hard and looks to be set for a good sub 4 hour time (much to Mrs Bradford's dismay). Mr Knott is running for a The National Deaf Children's Society, who support children with hearing difficulties. Best of luck to the both of them!





Term Dates- Academic Year 2018-2019

Term 5: Tuesday 23rd April – Friday 24th May 2019

Term 6: Monday 3rd June – Tuesday 23rd July 2019

Term Dates- Academic Year 2019-2020

Term 1: Tuesday 3rd September- Thursday 17th October 2019

Term 2: Monday 28th October- Thursday 19th December 2019

Term 3: Tuesday 7th January - Friday 14th February 2020

Term 4: Monday 24th February- Friday 3rd April 2020

Term 5: Monday 20th April- Friday 22nd May 2020

Term 6: Monday 1st June- Friday 17th July 2020

Year 11 Exam Countdown

Science	16 Days
English	17 Days
Maths	20 Days

To all our exam students, really make the most the Easter revising sessions, **YOU** are nearly there, **YOU** can do this!

I hope you have a restful Easter and thank you for your continued support.

Yours faithfully

Mr S Smith
Principal