

Principal's Bulletin, Term 6 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

I think that we can all agree that the past few months have been challenging, not only because of the restraints that have been placed upon us, but also the apprehension caused by the uncertainty of what the future holds.

I would like to thank you, parents and carers, for your continued support. I also want to congratulate our students not only for their resilience in adapting to new ways of learning but also for their enthusiasm and willingness to engage. Bearing in mind the publication of the Government advice regarding opening in September, I foresee yet another steep learning curve ahead, but as a community I know that we can work together to ensure our students continue with their education.

I hope this edition of the Principal's Bulletin will give you some light reading and an insight into some of the outstanding opportunities and successes Goodwin has had so far in 2020.

Virtual Work Experience Week

Year 10 participated in a weeklong programme built around the Esteem Pavilion Challenge. Students worked virtually to deliver a fully detailed engineering design proposal. This provided all participating students with a completion certificate. The students engaged brilliantly in our virtual work experience, producing fantastic and well thought out designs.

A special mention goes to Oliver Cooper Y10 for his fantastic efforts with the design and modelling of his pavilion creation seen in this image.



GCSE Geography Fieldwork



The GCSE Geographers have been undertaking fieldwork in their locality. Fieldwork is an essential part of geography requiring students to be active learners. With the difficulties of not being able to complete fieldwork as we normally would in class groups due to the national lockdown conditions, the Geography students have adapted exceptionally and continued to be active learners, conducting fieldwork within their local areas during their daily exercise.

They have been investigating 'To what extent is my "home town" a sustainable town?' They have completed surveys and recorded data using phone apps and an online programmer to enable them to collect information to answer the questions.

Youth Sport Trust - National Sports Week at Home



Students from Goodwin Academy took part in the challenge to complete a physical challenge each day with their family for a week. Miss Cribben has been completing Joe Wicks' daily workouts, as have some of our students. Miss Cribben has purchased two of Joe Wicks' Official 'P.E. With Joe' T-shirt's, which she will raffle to students when we are back in school, in aid of the NHS.

Performing Arts – from home!

You may think that drama lessons would be a challenge during Lockdown, but not for our students, in fact it has brought out their creativity even more. Lessons have continued with studies on: Shakespeare, Creating from Stimuli and Verbatim Theatre. Tasks have been set and even though we are not in class working together as a group, students have still managed to produce amazing work. Still images have been recreated using Lego and drawings and amazing stories have been written. Creative performance work has now become film making, where students have encouraged their families, dogs, cuddly toys and even their chickens to take part!



I am so impressed by our students adapting to this new way of learning and working, and we as staff have certainly learnt lots. Well done to all of you who have continued to create throughout this time!

When Design Technology Ruled the Earth



At Goodwin Academy, the Design Technology department created a storm in the world of recycling. Year 7 have been learning all about sustainability and putting their findings into action with some amazing outcomes. From weaving to robots, literacy games to pop up cards their determination to rule the earth has not been deterred by Covid-19. The students have engaged in live learning to help feed their desire for the subject and learn new skills ready for September. The final lesson was a celebration in which cake was made and enjoyed by all.



Staff Nominations and Awards

We are so proud to announce that four of our teachers have been awarded the following:

Pearson National Teaching Awards - Certificate of Excellence

Mrs C Hayes-Watkins – Teacher of the Year in a Secondary School

Ms R Smith – Lifetime Achievement Award



Pearson National Teaching Awards - Outstanding New Teacher of the Year (Shortlisted)

Miss K Gaythwaite – shortlisted National Teachers Award. We are excitedly awaiting the results, more to follow in September.

Canterbury Christchurch University Mentor Award

Mr R Knott - Subject Mentor (Secondary)



Year 11 Prom

One of the highlights of the school calendar is the Year 11 Prom and the planning and preparations for giving our Year 11s a fantastic send off. We have been regularly reviewing the Government guidance regarding the rules for mass gatherings in the hope that the Prom may still be able to go ahead. However, unfortunately the guidance still remains that mass gatherings should not take place. It is therefore, with deep regret that we must inform you that our Year 11 Prom can not take place this year.

Exam Results Days 2020

It has been decided that the results days for Year 13 and 11 will run as normal this year on 13th and 20th August.

In order to offer the maximum support possible to our students at this time, especially with the unprecedented process carried out to establish grades this year, there will be the opportunity for students to collect results in person. Staff will be on hand during the collection times to offer support and guidance should students have any concerns. Should students not wish to attend in person, it is possible to have their results sent via email on the day in question. Should you require results to be sent via email, please contact Mrs Miles, Exams Officer, to confirm arrangements on j.miles@tsatrust.org.uk.

To minimise the congestion during the collection of results, it has been decided that a staggered approach is to be taken. The schedule for each day is as follows:

Year 13 Results Day - Thursday 13th August 2020	
9.30am – 10.30am	Students with surname A - J
10.45am – 11.45am	Students with surname L - Z
Year 11 Results Day - Thursday 20th August 2020	
9.00am – 9.30am	Students with surname A - D
9.45am – 10.15am	Students with surname E - K
10.30am – 11.00am	Students with surname L - R
11.15am – 11.45am	Students with surname S - Z

Students are requested to socially distance in line with current guidelines and should not arrive outside of their allocated time as this will impact on the measures in place to protect staff and students.

Term Dates

Induction Days – Please see Principal’s End of Term Letter for more information.

Term 1:	Thursday 10 th September	-	Thursday 22 nd October 2020
Term 2:	Monday 2 nd November	-	Friday 18 th December 2020
Term 3:	Tuesday 5 th January	-	Friday 12 th February 2021
Term 4:	Monday 22 nd February	-	Thursday 1 st April 2021
Term 5:	Monday 19 th April	-	Friday 28 th May 2021
Term 6:	Monday 7 th June	-	Thursday 22 nd July 2021

Bank Holiday Monday 3rd May 2021

Staff Training Day	Friday 23 rd October 2020
Staff Training Day	Monday 4 th January 2021
Staff Training Day	Friday 23 rd July 2021 (Twilight)

Uniform

In September, we will be returning to our standard uniform expectation for all students. There are many good reasons for wearing a uniform; it creates an identity for students, it encourages a feeling of belonging and of having pride in the Academy and in appearance, it is also by far the most sensible and smartest way to dress during school time. Therefore, I have no doubt that the very high standards that we expect from students will be supported.

Any departure from the Academy's uniform code will be challenged and may result in the student being isolated within the Academy or sent home to change (with the parents/carers permission). Repeat/persistent breaches will be viewed as defiance and dealt with at the discretion of the Senior Leadership Team. I also wanted to take this opportunity to clarify that any students with piercings that are not a plain single stud for pierced ears will be required to remove them; to confirm body studs or facial piercings are not allowed and this includes nose and tongue studs. If a student wears a ring, piercing or other jewellery, it will be confiscated and parents informed.

The Academy uniform can be purchased from Fosters Schoolwear at www.fostersschoolwear.co.uk. There are six compulsory items (listed below) that must be purchased for all students in Years 7-11.

Academy Main Uniform

- Academy Blazer
- Trouser/Skirt
- Tie

Academy PE Uniform

- Polo Shirt
- Tracksuit Bottoms/Leggings
- Shorts/Skort

This has been a challenging time for all members of our community and we appreciate that school uniform is an added expense at this difficult time. We will endeavour to support wherever we can and we will address this on an individual basis.

Mobile Phone Free Zone

From September 2020, Goodwin Academy will operate as a mobile-free zone between the hours of 8am and 3.30pm. This means that students will not be allowed to use their mobile phones, or any other personal electronic devices, including earphones on school premises, including at break and lunch times. Smart watches will be permitted, but only for students to tell the time. More details will be sent out to you all shortly.

Free School Meals

Families who receive Free School Meals will be issued with a voucher for the sum of £105.00 on Friday 17th July to cover the Summer Holiday period.

Network Updates

The Trust Single Network is being installed over the summer. Students will still be able to access emails, Microsoft Teams and SMHW as normal. Unfortunately, the students in Year 12 will no longer have access to Nexus after 17th July 2020 however, they will still have access to their Microsoft Teams.

Summer Office Opening Times and Communication

The main Academy Office will be open from 9.00am – 12.00pm each weekday, please call on 01304 403 103 or email office@goodwinacademy.org.uk in the first instance and only visit the site if urgent.

Nut Allergy

Please remember that we are a nut free school, the following items are prohibited:

- Packet nuts of any variety
- Peanut butter sandwiches
- Fruit and cereal bars that contain nuts
- Chocolate bars or sweets that contain nuts
- Sesame seeds (rolls, etc.)
- Cakes made with, or containing, nuts



Thank you for keeping our school safe!

Staff Farewells

We said farewell to the following staff this term and 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. Mrs L Bevan-Powell (Teacher of Humanities), Mr I Khan (Teacher of Mathematics) and Ms R Lake (Long Term Supply).

Qualified Teaching Status

The following staff have achieved their Qualified Teaching Status after training at Goodwin Academy:

Mr R Browne	Art
Miss J Wiles	History
Mrs K Holland	English
Mr S Bradbeer	Design Technology

New Staff Welcomes

We are pleased to announce the following appointments:

Mr M Smith	Teacher of History
Miss J Wiles	Teacher of History
Mr M Sims	Teacher of English
Miss E Powling	Teacher of English
Mrs G Nevard	Teacher of Geography
Miss N Pham	Teacher of Mathematics
Miss C Lawrence	Behaviour Support Teaching Assistant Apprentice

Internal Leadership Appointments

Miss K Gaythwaite	Assistant Head of Faculty – Mathematics
Miss C Dash	Head of Faculty – Science (Maternity Cover)
Mr G Dixon	Head of Year 12

Trainee Teacher Placements

Mr M Rowarth	PE
Miss A Shehi	Art
Miss T Walford	History
Mr D Morris	Design Technology
Miss B Foley	Dance
Miss S Porter	Art
Miss S Turner	Science Biology
Mr F Batty	MFL French
Mr J King	Business Studies

I hope you and your families continue to stay healthy and safe. Have a lovely summer break and we look forward to welcoming you back in September.



Mr S Smith
Principal