

Principal's Bulletin, Term 2 2021-2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

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. We are just coming to the end of our Panto season this year which has seen students present their production of Cinderella to audiences from the local community, primary schools, parents and friends. I would like to offer my sincere thanks to Mrs Hayes-Watkins and the Performing Arts Department for bringing the Pantomime back to life after being unable to host this spectacular event for 18 months due to Covid-19.

I hope this edition of the Principal's Bulletin will give you some light reading and provide you with an insight into some of the outstanding opportunities and successes Goodwin has had since September as we return to normal business.

Kent Teacher of the Year Awards

A huge congratulations to Miss Wright and Miss Wiles for receiving the following awards at The Kent Teacher of the Year Awards Ceremony in October.

- Kent Newly Qualified Teacher of the Year – Miss Wiles
- Secondary School Teacher of the Year – Miss Wright



Year 7 Dover Castle Trip



Goodwin Academy's entire year 7 cohort were treated to the annual Dover Castle trip at the Beginning of October. Students engaged in a wealth of medieval history which has fed into their learning in school this term. The weather was great, and all our students were brilliant representatives for Goodwin Academy.

Be Your Best (BYB) Booklets

BYB Booklets are now imbedded in to tutor time and Heads of Years have identified the skills that their year groups need to focus on through the Skills Builder activities that are in the booklets. Student voice is positive and staff feel that they offer structure whilst allowing for insightful discussion and reflection.

Royal Marines Memorial

Goodwin Academy are proud to have been given the opportunity to contribute to the memorial of the Royal Marines who were killed by the IRA bombing in Deal. Principal, Mr Simon Smith and History Teacher, and Head of Year 8, Miss Jessica Wiles were joined by five Goodwin Academy students to lay some memorial flowers. The students who attended were: Ella Cooper, Zack Thomson, Alex Chilton, Ed Hammond and Iris Mosley. These students were chosen for being role model students and for promoting Goodwin values.



Goodwin Academy representatives met the Chairman of the Bandstand, who was working at the barracks at the time of the attack. He provided an overview of the memorial and a speech recalling the terrible events of that day in 1989. The Chairman stated his belief that it is very important to remember the men who died and that the curriculum covers this significant local history because of the impact it had and still has on the town of Deal.



This will become an annual event and Goodwin Academy staff and students will continue to support the local community. The History curriculum at Goodwin Academy includes lessons on the event that is so significant to our local community.

Remembrance Day

Remembrance is a key event at Goodwin Academy, with the service being led by the History department, encouraging us to remember that, even though time may pass, we must not forget all who fall in service to others. As with every year our students created poppies for the Remembrance Wall, writing messages to those who died so we may be free.



All students took part in the Service of Remembrance whilst students who are members of the CCF attended the memorial service in Deal to lay a wreath.



St Giles Trust Assembly

St Giles

Turning a past into a future

We were really lucky to be able to invite in St Giles, a Christian Charity that works in schools to raise awareness and educate around county lines. Jacob, the guest speaker was an inspiring man who himself had been involved in gangs in London and had been in prison for a vast proportion of his life. However, Jacob is now working with St Giles to ensure that young people are equipped with the knowledge to stand up against the temptations that may be on offer as well as be aware of the dangers gangs can bring. He was truly awe inspiring.

Children in Need

Goodwin's Got Talent – As part of our Children in Need events the Junior Leadership Team organised our annual talent show, and this year was truly spectacular. Both students and staff competed for the prestigious title of Goodwin's Most Talented, and the winning performance was a heart felt rendition of Queen's 'Don't Stop Me Now' by Year 8 student, Harry Burgess. The funds raised from ticket sales were £315.00.



The Year 8 JLT organised a Ginger Bread Bake Off judged by the Honourable Mayor of Deal, his taste buds were tantalised by the sweet treats but he did comment that there were a few soggy bottoms to the bakes! The Year 8 winners were: Angel-Rose Davren and Maison Cory.



Anti-Bullying Ambassadors

We have trained over 50 students to be Goodwin Academy Anti-Bullying ambassadors during a school training event. It was so positive to listen to our students discuss the changes they want to be a part of at Goodwin and the reasons they want to be Anti-Bullying ambassadors.

A few of the reasons they gave are below:

'I refuse to let people go unseen or unheard. I want people to know that someone cares.'

'I want to help people who are bullied so they can feel happy and safe.'

'I want to put an end to bullying.'

'I want to help the people being bullied and also the bullies.'

We are so proud of our students and they truly demonstrated being their BEST.

LGBTQ+

The Art and IT departments are leading on our 'Proud to Be' digital art competition, promoting the idea that we should all be proud of who we are. We have also launched our Umbrella Group, a club where students of any identification can meet to share and feel part of a community. As part of ensuring that our school is an accepting school for all, the JLT put together a training video to ensure that staff were aware of the importance of pronouns and the ways in which students may identify.

Martha Trust Assembly and Year 9 JLT Project

It is fantastic that Martha Trust is working alongside us as our school charity. Year 9 JLT are planning events for the new year to raise funds and awareness of the work of the Martha Trust. Martha Trust came in to introduce themselves in an assembly and launch the projects.



Mo-vember 2021

Goodwin Growers 2021 raised a fantastic **£835.00** for Movember Mens Health Charity. A massive well done to all staff involved and thank you for all the donations received.



Hawking House Charity Event – Sponsored Cycle

Head of House, Mr Curling organised a sponsored cycling charity event to raise money for Pegasus Playscheme. The Hawking House raised a total of £629.93! Thank you to all students who took part and for those who helped to raise money for this amazing charity.

Christmas Festivities

This year, Goodwin Academy once again opened its doors to pantomime with our performance of Cinderella. It has been such a pleasure to be able to celebrate our students' work in a live performance this year. It has been 18 months since our last performance and I know we have missed the interaction with our community enormously.

Although our audience numbers have been lower due to Covid-19, we have enjoyed performing to Primary Schools, Special Needs Groups and Friends and Family. We really have missed you being here!



This year our panto has had 4 casts, a Community Cast of Key stage 3 students and three BTEC Performing Arts Classes as well as our BTEC Dance Class. Our BTEC classes perform as part of their coursework, and use the rehearsal and performance experience to reflect on the life of an actor, dancer or theatre technician. All our technical work was created by our Student Tech Crew including lighting, sound and set. Every student involved has worked extremely hard.

During our daytime performances students who are not part of the pantomime have hosted our guests, helping and guiding them in and out of the school. We truly have the most amazing students.

Looking forward to all we are going to do in 2022!



Free School Meals

Details have been sent to all families who are eligible, a voucher for £30.00 will be issued on Friday 17th December.

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!

Term Dates

Please find below a reminder of the term dates until the end of the Academic Year.

	Staff Training Day – Tuesday 4th January 2022
Term 3:	Wednesday 5th January – Friday 11th February 2022
Term 4:	Monday 21st February – Friday 1st April 2022
Term 5:	Tuesday 19th April – Friday 27th May 2022
	May Bank Holiday – Monday 2nd May 2022
Term 6:	Monday 6th June – Thursday 21st July 2022
	Queens Platinum Jubilee – Friday 22 nd July 2022

Stationary

To ensure your child can fully participate in lessons we recommend they have the 'essential' items on the poster below. To reduce shared resources between students, we also encourage students to own their own 'desirable' items.

Essential Items	Desirable Items
Black or blue ball point pen 	Pencil Sharpener 
Pencil 	Protractor 
Rubber 	Colouring Pens 
Ruler 	Purple Pen 
Scientific Calculator 	
Your Student Planner is to be with you at all times and must be on the desk in all lessons. 	

Upcoming events

Year 8 Parents' Evening	Thursday 13th January 2022	3.30-6.30pm
Year 8 & 9 HPV Vaccinations	Wednesday 26th & Thursday 27th January	9:00-1:30pm
Year 12 & 13 Parents' Evening	Thursday 27th January 2022	3.30-6.30pm
Year 9 Options Evening	Thursday 3rd March 2022	4:30-6:30pm
Year 10 Parents' Evening	Thursday 10th March 2022	3.30-6.30pm
Red Nose Day	Friday 18th March 2022	All Day
Year 9 Parents' Evening	Thursday 24th March 2022	3.30-6.30pm
Year 11 – 13 Exam Info Evening	Thursday 21st April 2022	5.00-7.00pm
Year 7 Parents' Evening	Thursday 28th April 2022	3.30-6.30pm
Early May Bank Holiday	Monday 2nd May 2022	All Day
End of Year Exams	Monday 13th June – Friday 1st July 2022	
Queens Platinum Jubilee	Friday 22nd July 2022	All Day



Staff Farewells

We say goodbye 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:

Mr I Searle (Teacher of Mathematics), Miss B Williams (Head of Year 9 and Teacher of PE/ Geography), Mrs G Young (LSA) and Mrs J Robinson (Receptionist).

New Staff Welcomes

We are pleased to announce the following appointments:

- Dr D Liard Teacher of Mathematics and Science
- Mrs D Craig Cover Supervisor

On behalf of the governors, Thinking School Academy Trust and the staff at Goodwin Academy, I would like to take this opportunity to once again thank you, as parents and carers, for your continued support. The success of any school is a team effort, with students, parents and staff all working together to ensure the best outcomes for our young people.

Have a lovely Christmas break and we look forward to welcoming you back in January.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Smith
Principal