

July 2021

Principal's Bulletin, Term 6 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope everyone is well and looking forward to the summer break, hopefully we will enjoy some sunshine and a welcomed opportunity to enjoy time with our family and friends. This will be my final bulletin for the year and what a year it has been! I would like to thank parents/carers and our wonderful school community who have worked tirelessly to find ways to constantly adapt to the changes and uncertainty. Although we have all faced many challenges this year, with events cancelled, or postponed, students have demonstrated great resilience, enthusiasm, care and responsibility - skills which will greatly assist them in the next academic year and in their future lives.

I hope this edition of the Principal's Bulletin will give you an insight into some of the outstanding achievements students have enjoyed in the final two terms of 2021. With this in mind, I would like to share with you some of the successes of our students.

Arts Awards

We are very proud to be able to share the work of two Year 11 students, who are the winners of the Art Society Dover, Deal and Sandwich YA Winners. Here is the information about the award and links to the site:



YA Winner: Rosie Dodds

'My Identity' - Rosie has looked at how our identity is formed through our imperfections, particularly in our skin. Rosie celebrates the diversity in all humans throughout her work with the use of different colour ink techniques.

YA Winner: Georgie Withington

'Escapism' - Georgie has explored how we use escapism in nature to cope with the pressures of day-to-day life. Through her intricate use of fine liner, she examines each part of a woodland and how complex this environment is: [The Arts Society Dover, Deal and Sandwich \(theartsocietydds.org.uk\)](http://theartsocietydds.org.uk)

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Technology Department

Keeping traditions alive

Susan Ward-Jones, our talented DT specialist, has been busy working with our students making face-masks, in a wide range of colours and designs. The Goodwin technology department – textiles, have adapted its' schemes of work to include the current climate. All year groups have been experiencing different printing methods, Batik, sublimation, and screen printing and then turned their work into re-useable face masks. The clever design allows the user to easily change the elastic if it breaks, becomes too loose or no longer stretchy.

Keeping alive the traditional skills of hand stitching. See below some examples of our unique eye-catching creations:



Performing Arts - Culture Vultures

Our Culture Vulture Project launched this year and has gone from strength to strength! Every Monday we release a Culture Vulture challenge on TEAMS where students get to respond to a creative task. Wednesdays we upload a film, play, performance, creative talk or activity to the students Enrichment Library in Performing Arts. Our library is growing and includes; model making kits, live stage performances, a stage lighting simulator, Lego plans for Shakespeare Characters and much, much more. All of the resources in the Enrichment Library are available throughout the year on your student TEAMS. Go to Performing Arts Class, Resources and then Performing Arts Enrichment Library. And every Friday we share our recommendation for Film Club Friday! All these activities are also shared on our website, so you can still get involved in the Summer Holidays!

Culture Club Cards

Students who attend a Culture Vulture Activity also have a Club Card that they get stamped each time they take part or share a cultural experience. Once full these cards are entered into a raffle and prizes sent out to our winners. Don't forget to get your card next term!



Bold as Brass

Year 7 had the opportunity to take part in our Bold as Brass Project in Term 5 & 6 with Peter Cook from Deal Festival. Students met at lunchtime and played brass instruments, discussed music ideas and formed a committee of Arts Ambassadors ready for next year. Brass instruments were loaned by the school to support students in their music practice. It's not too late to join us, come along next year to be part of this amazing group!

Year7 Art Awards

We began our Arts Awards journey with some of our students this year and this will expand next year as restrictions are lifted. Some year 7 students took part in their Discover Arts Award, looking at what performance, art and culture is and sharing their research. Certificates will be awarded from Trinity Arts College soon. Thanks to Peter Cook for delivering such enthusiastic sessions and thanks to Deal Festival for funding this project!

Year 9 Dance Club

It's never too late to start rehearsing for panto! Year 9 dance club couldn't wait to try out some new panto dances ready for next year. They have been attending dance club every Wednesday and rehearsing work they will perform as Year 10 in our panto "Cinderella" next year.

Pantomime – Cinderella

And if you want to be in the panto next year...rehearsals will begin in September!



Art Café

We have also been running "bubbled" Art cafes at lunchtime for Year 7, 8 and 9. Organised for specific year days students come along and eat their lunch in a relaxed atmosphere whilst students who wish to, sing and share performances with friends. It's a great way to spend a lunchtime.

Dame Evelyn Glennie Workshop - Music

On Wednesday 14th July Music Students at the academy spent an afternoon in the company of Dame Evelyn Glennie via Zoom. Dame Evelyn talked about her development as a solo percussionist, growing up playing music and how she has become the musician and composer she is today.

She spoke of her deafness and how she approaches music through other senses and she offered advice to our students on working successfully in the music industry. She also talked about music as an important part of wellbeing and how sound plays such an important part in our day to day lives.

The students had opportunities to pose questions to Dame Evelyn and she in turn gave answers and shared some of the instruments that she plays telling the students about their heritage, history and value. Hosted and supported by Deal Festival, the afternoon was a true and inspired insight into an amazing performer!



A new beginning for music at Goodwin Academy.

Following one of the most challenging times in recent memory, we can say with joyful enthusiasm that music is back on the menu at Goodwin Academy.

We are delighted to be welcoming back our independent instrument teachers, offering our students a varied diet of opportunities to grow and develop their sound creating skills. Piano, woodwind, brass, guitar, and drum specialists will be coming to Goodwin Academy to offer 1:1 lessons once per week. Expect letters to be sent home soon for your chance to express interest and sign up to this brilliant offer.

Alongside this amazing opportunity, Goodwin continues to develop its longstanding relationship with the Deal Music and Arts festival. The Music and Arts festival is offering a range of extracurricular activities to our students and the local community suitable for people of all abilities and experience. Please enquire at reception for more information.

Finally, a special mention and huge shout-out to our 2021 year 11 BTEC Music cohort who, with outstanding hard work and determination to succeed, completed their qualification in the face of a barrage of pandemic setbacks and changes to navigate. Well done and I wish you success in your next steps after year 11.

Geography is in our daily lives and around us all the time, so here are two geography summer challenges:

Why is plastic pollution a problem? Follow this link to find out
[The problem with plastic pollution | National Geographic Kids \(natgeokids.com\)](https://www.natgeokids.com/uk/questions/why-is-plastic-pollution-a-problem/)



Challenges

1) In the summer school break, visit your local beach to see how plastic pollution is affecting your local environment. Spend 5 minutes on the beach and record how many pieces of plastic waste you find - make sure to wear gloves if you're picking up anything you're not sure about. You could collect the plastic in a bin liner and then weigh your plastic waste collection - the most plastic collected in 5 minutes wins a small prize to be awarded by Miss Butcher in September! You can then be a good citizen and take your plastic to a recycling bin!

- Keep a plastic diary over a week to record how much single-use plastic you use. Record how much you use daily of:
- Plastic bags and bottles, plastic drinking straws and food wrappers, yoghurt pots and other food containers.
- What other plastic items have you used?
- Can you come up with any creative solutions to reduce plastic waste? The most creative and user-friendly solution emailed to Miss Butcher wins 10 achievement points to be awarded on return to school in September.

There will be opportunities in the new term to help with an organised beach cleaning week sponsored by the Marine Conservation Society (17 – 26th September) – look out for further details from our JLT in September – a wonderful opportunity to get involved!

Science Department

World Bee Day 🐝🌟 20th May

For Goodwin's Culture Week, the science department celebrated World Bee Day 2021, to raise awareness of the importance of bees and beekeeping.

During the lessons students had the opportunity to learn about the anatomy of the bee. Students created bee merchandise to have in the classroom and Miss Dash brought in her Beekeepers suit and books to discuss the history of bees. As part of their learning Miss Dash extracted stages of the bee life cycle of real brood from the hive.

Every student received a small wooden bee to take away as a reminder of this very special day.



Celebrating some of the stages of the beautiful life cycle of the bee with year 7. Students

Science Department - Space Odyssey

Our Year 9 students and parents have booked their tickets for 26th September to see Professor Brian Cox at the Marlowe Theatre in Canterbury present his Horizons pre-tour O2 Space Odyssey. Using state of the art LED technology the audience will be engrossed in images of faraway galaxies, alien worlds and massive black holes. The life-size, cardboard Brian Cox is a popular fixture in Miss Dash's classroom where our aspiring physicists enjoy many inspirational space talks.

Mia Robinson, Year 9, is currently studying a small part of the universe with her parents on Zooniverse, Galaxy Zoo. This inspiration started after students virtually attended the Lancaster University presentation with Miss Dash earlier in the year, as part of 'The Bright Quarks Club', Mia, is currently identifying stars, nebula's, ellipticals and a whole host of dust and gas with plenty of fuel for future star formations. Miss Dash will be monitoring Mia's galaxy progress and will report again soon, watch this space!

Sports Department

Clubs restarted and have proved to be really popular. Pupils have enjoyed competing in football, basketball, athletics, fitness and dodgeball. Over 40 pupils have regularly attended the year 7 afterschool club and the numbers for the year 8 after school club have risen with over 30 pupils attending. Year 9 have enjoyed being able to play basketball again after school with Mr Sharman.

National sports week proved to be very popular. Pupils were asked to bring in some charity money and run as far as they could for 30 minutes. The effort, perseverance and resilience from pupils was amazing with some pupils running for the whole duration. For the second part of the lesson time they were asked to complete a range of physical and skill challenges. Pupils demonstrated they were able to apply previous knowledge to these situations to be successful, again demonstrating perseverance and resilience as well as working in the teams to challenge each other to be their BEST.

Disappointingly, due to a number of students self-isolating, only the year 8 and part of the year 7 sports day was able to go ahead. It was great to see so many Year 7's and 8s challenging themselves

in bench ball and rounders and year 8's in athletics. With this there were some great team and individual performances - all pupils were a credit to their houses.

Food Technology

The Year 10 Food Preparation and Nutrition class carried out a mock GCSE NEA in July in preparation for next year. Having been unable to cook for many months, they resumed practical sessions after Easter. Their task was to cook three skilled dishes in three hours. Everyone accepted the challenge despite the pressure of never having done anything like this before. The class are looking forward to their next challenge.



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!

Exam Results Day 2021

Exam results day for Year 13 will be Tuesday 10th August from 9.00 a.m. – 11.30 a.m.

To minimise the congestion during the collection of Year 11 results, it has been decided that a staggered approach is to be taken. The schedule is as follows:

Year 11 Results Day - Thursday 12th August 2021

- 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 who are unable to attend, can request the results to be emailed by emailing Mrs. Miles on j.miles@tsatrust.org.uk

School opening hours during the holidays

The school office (telephone 033 360 2210) will be manned on a regular basis throughout the holidays, however, please contact the school by email when possible in the first instance @ admin@goodwinacademy.org.uk

Free School Meals

Details have been sent to all families who are eligible, a voucher for £15.00 will be emailed to parents/carers from KCC on a weekly basis throughout the Summer holidays.

Staff Farewells

We say farewell to Mr Partridge (Assistant Principal – Attitudes, Behaviour and Safeguarding) this term after 16 years, we thank him for his hard work and commitment and wish him all the best in the future.

After 32 years , we also say farewell to Mrs Smith (Head of Health and Social Care/Public Services) this term. Mrs Smith's commitment to raising aspirations at Castle Community College and Goodwin Academy has spanned 2 generations. She will be sorely missed by all staff and students and we wish her a happy and relaxing retirement with her family.

We also 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:
Mrs Nevard (Teacher of Geography), Mrs Hutton (Teacher of Science), Miss James (LSA) and Mrs Harris (Science Technician).

Qualified Teacher Status

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

Mr. M. Rowarth – PE
Miss A. Shehi – Art
Miss T. Walford – History
Miss B. Foley – Dance/performing arts
Miss S. Porter – Art
Miss S. Turner – Science Biology
Mr. J. King – Business Studies

New Staff Welcomed

We are pleased to announce the following appointments:

Mr M Griffiths	Teacher of Science
Miss S Maguire	Teacher of English
Mr A Lancaster	Teacher of Mathematics
Miss S Porter	Teacher of Health and Social Care

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Miss A Butler	Teacher of Health and Social Care
Mrs T Foy	Teacher of Health and Social Care
Mrs K Lott	Teacher of Geography
Miss B Foley	Teacher of Performing Arts
Miss L Hirst	Teacher of English
Miss L Stockley	Teacher of Science

Long Service Awards

The TSAT Service Award Scheme recognises and celebrates the immense value of long-term contributions, efforts and ongoing commitment to our students. Below are the milestones achieved by our staff at Goodwin Academy:

25 Years

Mrs Smith

15 Years

Mr Smith, Miss Measday, Mr Smith, Mr Partridge, Mrs Brookfield, Miss Denvir, Mrs Hayes-Watkins, Mrs Shepherd, Miss Sanderson, Mrs Adams, Mr Paissereau, Mrs Ralph, Mrs Brown, Mrs Best, Mrs Davies and Miss Lowther.

Covid Testing

As you may be aware, the government have announced that all secondary school pupils should receive two on-site lateral flow device tests, three to five days apart, prior to their return in the Autumn term. We are currently planning our testing schedule commencing from 31st August, times to be confirmed once we are aware of the numbers involved:

Date	Year Groups
Tues 31 st Aug	Year 7, 8, 11
Weds 1 st Sep	Year 9, 10, Sixth Form
Fri 3 rd Sep	Year 7, 8, 11
Mon 6 th Sep	Year 9, 10, Sixth Form

Term Dates

Term 1:	Monday 6 th September – Friday 22 nd October 2021
Term 2:	Tuesday 2 nd November – Friday 17 th December 2021
Term 3:	Wednesday 5 th January – Friday 11 th February 2022
Term 4:	Monday 21 st February – Friday 1 st April 2022
Term 5:	Tuesday 19 th April – Friday 27 th May 2022
Term 6:	Monday 6 th June – Friday 22 nd July 2022

First Day Arrangements – 6th September 2021

Year Group	Arrival Time	Instructions
7	8:30am	Welcome on Grass Area. Straight to Assembly at 8:40am
8	9:50am	Welcome on Grass Area. Straight to Assembly at 10:00am
9	8:30am	Go straight to Tutor Base. Assembly at 10:30am
10	8:50am	Go Straight to Tutor Base. Assembly at 9:05am
11	9:50am	Go straight to Tutor Base. Assembly at 11:15am
12	8:50am	Go straight to Tutor Base. 6 th Form Assembly at 9:25am
13	9:50am	Go Straight to Tutor Base. 6 th Form Assembly at 10:05am

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 summer break and we look forward to welcoming you back in September.



Mr S Smith
Principal