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# The Sittingbourne Community College

## Newsletter

### @ Paperless communications and parent email addresses

As a school, we are fast turning towards electronic communication with parents and carers. This will mean we can instantly send you communications at the touch of a button in the form of an email. We have already started emailing home school reports and letters. To enable us to fully utilise this system, we need every parent's email address. If you have not yet given us your email address, please send an email to the address below stating **your full name and your child's full name as well as their date of birth**. Thank you for your continued support.

[reports@sittingbourne.kent.sch.uk](mailto:reports@sittingbourne.kent.sch.uk)

### Exam information

Year 11 Art and Photography exams will take place week beginning 23 April and week beginning 1 May. There are notices up near the art department which will tell your child the exact exam dates for their class. Please make sure your son/daughter is aware of this information.

Summer exam timetables for Years 11, 12, 13 and 14 have now been posted home. Any changes and updates to your child's exam timetable will be sent to you in the near future. Please carefully check the information you receive. If you have any queries please contact the school immediately.

### Is your child entitled to free school meals?

Your child may be able to claim free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Universal Credit.
- Income Support.
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance.
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance.
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999.
- The guaranteed element of Pension Credit.
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190).
- Working Tax Credit run-on paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit.

If your child is eligible for and has been getting free school meals at any time before 1 April 2018, they will remain eligible until 31 March 2022. If you require further information on how to apply for free school meals, you can call Kent County Council on 03000 415123 or [www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals](http://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals).

Or alternatively contact Mrs C Hill on 01795 472449 or email [chi@sittingbourne.kent.sch.uk](mailto:chi@sittingbourne.kent.sch.uk).



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### **Sports events**

Our Year 7 rugby team have really are forming into a solid side. With high levels of commitment from players such as Dylan Shilling, Oskar Homewood and Ellis Harland, there is a lot of potential for the team to grow in the coming years. Following on from their debut at the Canterbury District Tournament last term, the Year 7s played a fixture against Barton Court at home this term. Barton Court turned out to be victorious, however following the game there was nothing but positive energy from the Year 7 group who are already looking forward to rugby next year. Our Year 8s are developing into a really strong outfit. Also after a solid display in the Canterbury District Tournament in Term 3, this side have only progressed. Alfie Read has turned into a constant threat with ball in hand, pretty much unstoppable from five metres out! Combined with the threat of Jake Harling, Harrison Thorogood and Ronnie Mobbs, the Year 8s have turned into a winning side. Playing in a tournament with Oasis Academy, Westlands, Fulton Manor and Barton Court, they came up one try short against Barton Court meaning they finished second out of five. A special mention to Alfie Irvine who was a constant threat against every side he played.

### **Year 11 Enterprise Day**

On Thursday 22 March the Business department held an Enterprise Day with Year 11 students. As part of their course, the students had to work in small teams to produce and market products to sell. The products ranged from slushies to homemade cakes, sweets displayed in cones and milkshakes. The students worked hard to advertise their wares and the majority managed to sell all of their stock very quickly. Overall the three classes involved made over £130 profit that they have donated towards the Year 11 Prom in June. A Year 11 student said of the event "It was good to see how much money we made so quickly, but then you have to take the costs away, so we had to use financial skills to make sure we made a profit." Another said "I really enjoyed working as a team, we all had a role to play and it was helpful when there were many crowds trying to buy our cakes." Mrs Brown and Mr Collins of the Business department were really proud of the students for being so enthusiastic about the task and for managing to make a decent profit on the day.

### **Student ambassadors**

The student ambassador organisation went on a trip to Grosvenor Hall, Kingswood (an indoor and outdoor education facility) from 23 to 25 March. Students took part in a range of challenging activities improving their communication, leadership and teamwork skills. Some students participated in activities they thought they wouldn't be able to achieve but they all worked hard to overcome any fears. The programme was a combination of adventure, life skills, reward, team building and realising their potential and conquering fears. The trip was highly successful with all our students thoroughly enjoying the weekend.

### **A Post 16 trip to London**

Post 16 students took a cultural trip to London for the day and took in the sights. They rode on the Emirates cable car at North Greenwich followed by a sail on the Thames Clipper down River Thames to Westminster. The group took in some of the famous landmarks and streets of London such as Big Ben, St James' Park, Whitehall, Buckingham Palace, Trafalgar Square, Leicester Square, China Town, Piccadilly Circus, Soho, Covent Garden, Embankment and Downing Street. All students were an absolute credit to the school and to Swale Sixth Form.





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### University of Kent trip for our English literature A-Level students

On Tuesday 20 March, English Literature A-level students from Years 12 and 13 spent a day at the University of Kent in Canterbury, courtesy of the School of English. They were met by two second-year English students who were ambassadors for the day. They took us on a guided tour of the campus and were ready to answer any questions the group put to them. Dr Martin-Carey had put together a bespoke programme of workshops and seminars based around the AQA A-level syllabus our students were studying. Dr Barbara Franchi began by discussing guilt and memory in Ian McEwan's *Atonement*. "I found it really interesting to get a taste of what studying English Literature at university might be like," said Gracie Hayler, Year 13. Next on the programme was a workshop using performance techniques to explore *Othello* by William Shakespeare. "I felt like I was on stage. It was a bit awkward being taken out of my comfort zone," said Ruby-Jane March, Year 13. After lunch, Dr Sarah Dustagheer gave a short talk on some of the benefits of studying English Literature at university and the diverse range of careers an English degree can lead to. Postgraduate student, Domonique Davies, gave the final talk of the day: a seminar on criminality and madness in the poetry of Robert Browning. All the students found the visit an enjoyable and educational experience. We are looking forward to collaborating again with the University of Kent in the near future.

### Eight challengers

On the weekend of 24 and 25 March the World Challengers had their training expedition. Eight challengers embarked on a weekend away to Ashdown Forest to learn vital skills which they will need for their 10 day expedition in Montenegro and Croatia. On arrival they met the expedition leader, who ensured everyone was safe on the weekend and also on the expedition itself. The challengers were taught to navigate and to lead the expedition, so needless to say everyone got lost...a couple of times! This was the perfect opportunity to evaluate strengths and weaknesses of the group. With a little patience and some guidance, the challengers were able to work around any problems and arrived back to camp to face their next challenge-cooking dinner! Boiled pasta, fried vegetables and ham with a tasty tomato sauce. Having cooked well into the night the students enjoyed a much deserved break and taught one another a few card games before retiring to their tents. The forest temperature and dampness did not make for the most comfortable night's sleep but in the morning the challengers pulled together to cook breakfast and take down the camp. The team then set off for another hike. Navigation ran smoothly with the students better prepared for stopping for lunch. They were taken through a few scenarios of what to do if a challenger injured themselves. As a whole, the eight challengers were impressive. Their teamwork developed rapidly and their fitness was excellent. Hopefully, all the challengers are looking forward to the expedition at the end of July. Our eight challengers are Joe Crossley, Amber Waitimas, Owain Sigworth, Olivia Perriman, Phoebe Schofield, Courtney Grove, Joe Tweed-Shoveller and Joe Gibson. All eight are still raising funds for the expedition and would appreciate any donation towards their challenge.





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### British Science Week

Monday 19 February saw British Science Week take over science lessons at SCC for Year 7, 8 and 9 students. Students were set the task of solving the mystery of 'Who Stole Mr Murphy's Laptop?' Students were given the opportunity to carry out various forensic techniques including blood stain, fingerprint, hair, soil and chemical analysis, to help them to determine who committed the crime. The event was introduced the week before, where students were shown a short video clip showing the incident taking place, alongside the suspects (Ms Peden, Mrs Parker, Ms Quan, Mr Clarke and Mr Lewis) pleading their innocence. Students immediately set to work in questioning the suspects to try and get the smallest clues to help them crack the case. During the week, students were asked to complete a crime report, allowing them to collate the evidence found at the crime scene, as well as proposing an explanation of the events that had taken place. At lunchtimes, students were given the opportunity to visit the crime scene, where nearly 200 students were able to recover additional evidence from further forensic analysis, to help them find the culprit. The end of the week saw students bring together their evidence to make a final decision of who they believed had committed the crime. The evidence pointed to Mr Clarke, who was asked to return the laptop safely to Mr Murphy's possession. Students that have produced the most comprehensive report will receive a reward in the new term, including the top prize of Amazon vouchers. Overall the week was a huge success, with a real sense of interest and excitement felt around the school site. Our students showed really strong determination in solving the crime. Comments from students were extremely positive, with one Year 9 student saying "This is the best lesson ever. I can't believe the lesson is over already!"



### Upcoming events in Term 5

There are plenty of exciting events organised for Term 5. These include:

- 'Common Ground' dance show on 16 May.

The dance department are delighted to announce a new event that will be running on 16 May called 'Common Ground'. It will be a local urban dance event that wants to combine collaboration, competition and culture to create a fun evening of entertainment for our young people. Students will compete against other students from other schools in an urban style. The battles will consist of Breakin', Dancehall, Experimental and an All Styles Crew battle. Friends, family and the public are welcome to come and shout, scream and support our dancers and enjoy an evening of fun and movement. The event will be held in the community theatre from 5.30pm and there will be light refreshments on sale.

- Post 16 day trip to Barcelona on 27 June for Swale Sixth Form Ambassadors from SCC and Westlands. This is an amazing cultural visit that will be a thank you to those students who have contributed to the sixth form school community.
- Upcoming athletics competitions at SCC at 4.00pm: 24 April for Year 10 & 11, 1 May for Year 8 & 9, 8 May for Year 7 only, 15 May for Year 9 & 10, 22 May for Year 7 & 8. Good luck!
- SCC will host a Trust-wide Archery Festival 25 April to 27 April. Each day 2 schools from within the Trust will take part with a morning of training followed by a head to head competition.

With exam season upon us, Term 5 will be very busy for everyone. I look forward to seeing all our students focused and working hard during Term 5.

Mr S Murphy, Executive Headteacher

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