



School Bulletin for Friday 13th July 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Transition Week

As mentioned in the Bulletin last week, the school played host to some 200 Year 6 students from local primary schools who were getting a sense of what school will be like when they join in August. The students recognised that The North is a very friendly school even though amongst other things, the school is much bigger, they are no longer the oldest students, they have a choice of different lunch menus and they have to move classrooms between lessons.

Feedback from our Science Department was that they had a very successful time with the students who were hugely excited about using new and different equipment and techniques they did not even know about.

The feedback from the students and their parents/carers was that it was a very positive week with every student indicating that they were less nervous about starting with us in August at the end of the week than they were at the start. Our Student Ambassadors that supported the Year 6's played a big part in this as they were excellent all week. Upon leaving on Friday afternoon, one Year 6 student said "*it was the best week of her life*".

We are all excited about these young students joining us and wish them all an enjoyable end to their primary school experience and a great and relaxing summer holiday before we see them again on Wednesday 29th August.

Year 11 Prom

Last Friday saw the Year 11 Prom take place at The Hythe Imperial on a lovely summer's evening. The students arrived in a variety of different vehicles and they all dressed for the evening and looked so different from when they had last been seen in school.

Most boys were dressed in very fashionable suits that made Mr Eede wish he had one of them, although to be fair he was on trend by not wearing socks unlike me who opted for black tie without the tie but with black socks.

As for the girls, they truly went all out with their attire and matching accessories. From shimmering gold ensembles to stylish, timeless midnight blue gowns. They all looked so grown up and simply stunning.

We hope they all have a good summer and that when we see them on exam results day it is to celebrate their successes.

The Kent County Show

Our Young Farmers achieved some brilliant results including Champion pig turnout, Reserve Champion calf handling and knowledge and Reserve Champion beef animal.

We won 45 rosettes including 11 First prizes and 13 Second prizes.

Our Young Farmers Club were presented with the trophy for Best Presented Club. This award is judged over the whole weekend and is a fantastic achievement by all involved.

Our students and staff worked hard over the weekend despite the very hot weather.

On the Friday, we took some forty students to visit the Kent Show, which was the first time many had been to the Show and seen what the County of Kent had to offer. It also gave us an opportunity to see and support our Young Farmers in action. The students were a credit to the school and received glowing feedback from our coach driver who said they were the best behaved he had driven.

Swale Academies Trust Inaugural Debating Competition

We are pleased to say that our team of Year 8 and 9 students won the inaugural Trust Debating Competition that was held here at The North School last Friday even though they were competing against teams made up of older students. They were all incredibly confident and a credit to the school and their parents/carers. The event was sponsored by Hobbs Parker and we were pleased to welcome Greg Wood from Hobbs Parker who presented the winners shield.

Our winning team was Lewis Robinson, Oliver Heath, Amelia Crowhurst, Layton Cripps, Giselle, Freddy Reay and Harry Bicknell.



STEM Project – Year 8

Last week all our Year 8 students started their STEM project looking at alternatives to plastics. All Year 8 students have completed three practical tasks linked to plastics in the environment.

This week the students have started working on designing a new alternative to plastics, so watch this space. All students have made a fantastic start to their projects.

Next week all projects will be submitted to teachers and the winning projects will be presented to the rest of the year group.



Shakefest

Our students took part in the cross Trust event *Shakefest* this week and we are delighted to say that our group won the award for Best Visual Impact.

Each Trust school was allocated a Shakespeare play, which they could present through drama, song and dance. The North's version of Macbeth combined all these elements and the

students' attitude, approach, professionalism and dedication could not be faulted. Congratulations to all students involved.

Evolution Showcase

The decision to postpone the Showcase to next Wednesday 18th July was not an easy decision for the Senior Leadership to take. In the end the decision came down to two factors – firstly the likely smaller audience that our students would be performing to which would be a disappointment to them bearing in mind all of the hard work that has gone into perfecting their presentation and secondly the chance that a number of performers would decide to opt out.

We want to thank you for your support with the change to the date and we look forward to seeing you at the Evolution Showcase.

If you have not yet purchased tickets, they are still available from Reception and without football what else are you going to watch next Wednesday evening?

Performers are reminded that they must be at school by 5pm on Wednesday 18th July to begin preparations for the evening.

Great Success at 'Collaborate'

The Swale Academies Trust Visual Arts Exhibition 'Collaborate' was held in Community College Whitstable yesterday afternoon. The overall North School winner was Year 11 student, Gemma with her impressive mixture of paintings, pencil drawings and ink pieces.

There was then a selection of awards for various specialist areas and these were judged across all of the schools. We had two winners in these categories with Rachel in Year 11 being awarded the prize for best use of mixed media for her Photography GCSE work and Thomas Anderson in Year 13 being awarded the prize for best technical skill for his Photography A Level work. Congratulations to these students and a huge well done to all of The North School students whose work was selected for exhibition in the show.

Summer Visual Arts Show

A reminder that next Thursday 19th July there is an Exhibition showcasing the achievements of our creative young minds in an exhibition of GCSE and A Level Art and Design work. The Show is being held in the Canteen between 4-6pm, free entrance and refreshments will be provided.

Student Success

Back in February Leah Harper was selected as one of ten students from all Ashford Schools to attend a work placement with Brake Brothers. Her performance during these two weeks was monitored and fed back to us as outstanding. Following the work placements all ten students applied for the apprenticeships with only three selected for interview. Leah was one of the three selected and as part of the interview process she had to give a ten-minute presentation on her experiences that will be shown to the new Year 12s. Leah also had to go through a long interview process. We are delighted to say that Leah has been offered the apprenticeship and she has been guaranteed a full time job after the two-year training period.

We are so proud of Leah and we are looking forward to seeing her come back into school to present to our next cohorts. We would also like to thank Ms Lamberton for finding this opportunity and supporting the students through the process.



The Learning Leader Team at The North School

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Staff	Responsibility
Miss K. McNelis (CMC)	Senior Learning Leader – Year 11
Ms. J Cutts (JCU)	Senior Learning Leader – Year 9 and 10
Mr M. Silvester (MSI)	Learning Leader – Year 7 and 8 Mabledon
Miss K. Kosej (KKO)	Learning Leader – Year 7 and 8 Essella

Miss K. McNelis - Senior Learning Leader
Year 11

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Oversight of the progress of all year 11 students.
- Particular focus on HAS.
- Oversight of Period 7.
- Year 11 assemblies.
- Year 11 tutor time resources.
- Year 11 briefing sheets.
- Year 11 tutor briefing.
- Organisation of the "war room".

Ms J. Cutts - Senior Learning Leader
Year 10 and 9

RESPONSIBILITIES

- Oversight of the progress of all year 9 and 10 students.
- Co-ordination and monitoring of Year 9 and 10 OSL.
- Year 9 and 10 assemblies.
- Year 9 and 10 tutor time resources.
- Year 9 and 10 tutor time notes.
- Organisation of Progress boards

Mabledon

Mr M. Silvester - Learning Leader
Year 7 and 8 Mabledon

RESPONSIBILITIES

Year 7 and 8

- Progress of year 7 and 8 students.
- Year 7 and 8 assemblies.
- Tutor time resources.
- Tutor time notes.
- SMSC boards.
- Option changes for Mabledon.

Year 11 focus

- Small group year 11 intervention.
- Management of yr13 mentors (liaising with CMC).

Essella

Miss K. Kosej - Learning Leader
Year 7 and 8 Essella

RESPONSIBILITIES

Year 7 and 8

- Progress of year 7 and 8 students.
- Year 7 and 8 assemblies.
- Tutor time resources.
- Tutor time notes.
- SMSC boards.
- Option changes for Essella.

Year 11 focus

- SEND and EAL students.
- Liaising with SSC and Laurel Centre Provision.

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Term Dates Reminder

This term ends on Tuesday 24th July with school closing at 12.25pm for students. The new academic year starts on Wednesday 29th August and we look forward to welcoming students back at 08:40hrs that day.

Sports Results

No results to report this week.

Regards,

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