



Weekly Newsletter

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Dover Athletic Football Academy – the success story continues!

THE BOYS HAVE DONE IT!!!

A fantastic performance on Tuesday evening ending in the perfect result, beating Lowestoft 3-0.

DAFA will now play Premier League side **Brighton & Hove Albion FC** away in the Third Round of the FA Youth Cup.

They will also become the only non-league club in the third round if Bromley get beat against Ipswich.

The Academy players were unbelievable on Tuesday evening and have made history!



Next season it could be YOU making history with Dover Athletic Academy!



The Academy will head to Sussex to play Premier League Brighton & Hove Albion in the FA Youth Cup on **December 14th**. The Third Round tie will be played at the state-of-the-art American Express Elite Football Performance Centre, which is Brighton’s training and teaching facility, in Lancing.

Thanks to Richard Harvey and the Dover Athletic FC website, for the following report:

Our Academy continued its outstanding FA Youth Cup campaign in stunning style in Suffolk on Tuesday evening.

Goals from Leo Dodds, Mohammed Ali, and Archie Hatcher earned their side a place in the Third Round and a trip to Premier League Brighton & Hove Albion.

Manager Mike Sandmann knew who deserved the credit for the fantastic win – his players.

He said: " I couldn't be prouder of the players – to a man they performed and limited Lowestoft to few chances.

"We certainly saved our best performance in the competition for this game.

"It's a massive occasion for the players and a lot of pressure for both teams, but I felt we dealt with that particular well.

"Lowestoft are a good side – you don't get to this stage of the competition unless you're a good side, but I felt our performance really limited them on the night.

"We now have the opportunity to travel to Brighton and enjoy the occasion and game against a Premier League side.

"It will be great for our players to compete against them and have the exposure that will come from it.

"The players deserve all the credit they will receive – myself and staff couldn't be prouder of them.

"We could also potentially become the only non-league club left in the competition which will speak volumes in itself."

ACADEMY FA YOUTH CUP JOURNEY SO FAR

- ◆ 6 MATCHES PLAYED
- ◆ 6 MATCHES WON
- ◆ 31 GOALS SCORED
*THE MOST SCORED IN THE COMPETITION
- ◆ 12 GOALS SCORED BY ARCHIE HATCHER
*LEADING SCORER IN THE COMPETITION
- ◆ 8 DIFFERENT GOAL SCORERS
- ◆ 6 GOALS CONCEDED

STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Stars of the Week for w/c 21st November 2022



Jay
Sidders
Y7
22 House Points



Lily
Coe
Y10
75 House Points



Celeste
Legrand
Y8
34 House Points



Tia
Bassett
Y10
76 House Points

STAGGERED DISMISSAL TIMES for w/c 28th November 2022

Day	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Year 11	Year 12	Year 13
Mon, Tues, Wed, Fri	3.30pm	3.25pm	3.20pm	3.15pm	3.10pm	3.30pm	3.30pm
Thursday only	2.30pm	2.25pm	2.20pm	2.15pm	2.10pm	2.30pm	2.30pm

Spotlight on...Reverse Advent Calendar

It's hard to hear it, but we know that there is great need in our community and that there are many people out there who are having to make the hard decision between having food in their fridge and paying their energy bill. With this at the forefront of many of our minds, we were pleased that one of our teaching staff, Miss Humphries, came forward with a food collection idea that she has seen work successfully in the local area – 'The Reverse Advent Calendar'.

If you're wondering what a reverse advent calendar is, simply put, it consists of collecting an item of food every day throughout November/December and donating it to charity before Christmas as a generous act of festive goodwill to those in need. We have chosen to donate the food collected to The Faversham Food Bank and we are thrilled that we are already building quite a collection, especially amongst our staff.

Parents/carers this is where you come in...!

In reception, we have four coloured donation bins for each of our school houses (red, yellow, blue, green). This is where your son/daughter can donate as an act of festive goodwill to The Faversham Foodbank one of the items listed below, or something that is not perishable.

At the moment, the student donation bins are looking a little empty. We have encouraged your son or daughter to support us, but in case the message hasn't made it home, please help by sending them in with a donation for their house donation bin – these can be put in during form time. If you would rather bring in a donation on their behalf, drop it into reception and let staff know what house your son/daughter is in so that your donation goes into the correct colour bin.

By the way, you don't have to donate every item suggested on the list below or any of the items on the list. Just make sure that the item isn't perishable.

We are hoping to see the house collection bins bursting with food over the coming weeks and we will all feel a sense of pride at what The Abbey School has donated to its community at such a difficult time of year.

Keep your eye on our social media for updates!

November

21st	Tinned peas
22nd	Chocolate
23rd	Tinned fruit
24th	Instant mash
25th	Tinned spaghetti
28th	Instant noodles or instant pasta
29th	Canned cold meat
30th	Tinned carrots

December

1st	Crisps
2nd	Dried pasta
5th	Tinned potatoes
6th	Baked beans
7th	Canned hot meat
8th	Cereal bars or snacks
9th	Hot chocolate
12th	Biscuits
13th	Sponge puddings
14th	Fruit squash



After only 3 days of the Faversham Foodbank/Abbey School Advent Calendar initiative, we have received a phenomenal amount of donations from our staff and the community. Please keep it coming, this is such a worthwhile cause that will provide support to so many. Thank you to all our students, parents, families and staff who have donated so far for your wonderful generosity.

6th Form Work Experience

5 students from The Abbey School 6th form are attending weekly work experience, on a voluntary basis to strengthen their ability to become more employable in the future and work with a great company - ideaworks.co.uk have praised the students on their interaction and are looking forward to a more hands-on week next week. This is just one of the many ways our students are supported for their future destinations to be the best they can be. We are proud of our students for taking on this opportunity in addition to their studies. Many thanks to the staff at ideaworks.co.uk for supporting us.



Upcoming Key Dates

KS5 Business Studies Day, London
Big Explore 10 x Year 9 students
Mock Practical Art Exam Y11
Tree Planting – Oare Gunpowder Works
Year 7, 8, 9 Flu Vaccinations
Y11 Big Interviews
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Swale Youth Forum Day
Christmas Jumper Day
KS4 Dance Showcase at CCCU
Rewards Assemblies
GCSE Practical Dance Exam
End of Term 2 – early closure
Year 12/13 Consultation Evening
Year 9 Consultation Evening
Year 10 Consultation Evening
Year 8 Consultation Evening
Year 7 Consultation Evening

Tuesday 29th November
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Wednesday 30th November
Thursday 1st December
Monday 5th December
Wednesday 7th December
Thursday 8th December
Friday 9th December
Wednesday 7th December
Thursday 8th December
Saturday 10th December
Tuesday 13th December
Wednesday 14th December
Friday 16th December
Wednesday 11th January 2023
Wednesday 25th January 2023
Wednesday 1st March 2023
Wednesday 26th April 2023
Wednesday 17th May 2023



PARENT COMMUNICATION

In a recent poll with Year 11 parents, roughly 25% said that they had not received regular communication from us, and this includes an update from their son/daughter's form tutor. We were surprised by this statistic as - alongside this newsletter - we know that we are regularly sending out information.

Based on our findings, we would like to remind parents that the majority of our communication is sent via Bromcom, either by email or push notification. We also use MCaS (My Child at School), and this does mean that you will have to regularly log into the platform to ensure that you haven't missed anything important - we recommend twice weekly.



Please get in touch if you would like support with accessing your MCaS account as this is an important tool used by us to ensure that you are kept fully up to date.

SCIENCE REVISION SESSIONS – TIMETABLE

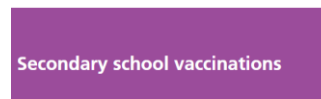
As a reminder for Year 11 students (and parents), and as an aid to revision in preparation for the next set of mocks and the formal GCSE exam season, please find below the timetable for revision sessions:

Term	Date (Monday 3.30 – 4.30) in B1/B9	Subject	Topic	Teachers
2	31/10/22	No session (mock week)		
	07/11/22	Biology	B1 – Cell biology	Miss Pettipher , Mr Rigden
	14/11/22	Chemistry	C1 – Atomic structure and the periodic table	Mr Bond , Dr Sutton
	21/11/22	Physics	P1 - Energy	Mr Oyewole , Mr Arcadian
	28/11/22	Biology	B2 - Organisation	Mr Rigden , Mr Wilmot
	05/12/22	Chemistry	C2 - Bonding	Dr Sutton , Mr Bond
	12/12/22	Physics	P2 - Electricity	Mr MacFarlane , Mr Arcadian
3	09/01/23	Biology	B3 – Infection and response	Mr Wilmot , Miss Pettipher
	16/01/23	Chemistry	C3 – Chemical calculations	Dr Sutton , Mr Oyewole
	23/01/23	Physics	P3 and 4 – Particle model of matter and atomic structure	Mr Arcadian , Mr MacFarlane
	30/01/23	General	Paper 2 preparation for mocks	TBC
	06/02/23	General	Paper 2 preparation for mocks	TBC
4	20/02/23	Biology	B4 - Bioenergetics	Mr Oyewole , Miss Pettipher
	27/02/23	Chemistry	C4 – acids and bases	Dr Sutton , Mr Bond
	06/03/23	Physics	P5 - Forces	Mr MacFarlane , Mr Arcadian
	13/03/23	Biology	B5 – Homeostasis and response	Miss Pettipher , Mr Wilmot
	20/03/23	Chemistry	C5 and 6 – energy changes and rates of reaction	Mr Rigden , Mr Oyewole
	27/03/23	Physics	P6 - Waves	Mr Arcadian , Mr MacFarlane
5	17/04/23	Biology	B6 – inheritance, variation, and evolution	Mr Wilmot , Mr Rigden
	24/04/23	Chemistry	C7 and 8 – Organic chemistry and chemical analysis	Mr Bond , Dr Sutton
	01/05/23	Physics	P7 – Magnetism and electromagnetism	Mr MacFarlane , Mr Oyewole
	08/05/23	General	Paper 1 preparation	TBC
	15/05/23	General	Paper 1 preparation	TBC

Note – teacher in bold will lead the session; other teacher available if a large number of students attend.

FLU VACCINATION PROGRAMME

A reminder to year 7, 8 and 9 parents that the School Aged Immunisation Service is coming to school soon (5th December), to carry out the Flu Immunisation Programme for pupils in Years 7, 8 & 9 – please can we remind you to consent or decline via their website: **Immunisation Team – Kent Community Health NHS Foundation Trust – kentcht.nhs.uk**



COMMONWEALTH GAMES BATON

You may recall from last academic year, that having been heavily involved in the celebrations for the London Olympics in 2012, The Abbey were again invited to participate in the local celebrations for the Commonwealth Games. We were fortunate to be able to welcome the Commonwealth Games torch bearer to the school and in recognition of our support, we were kindly gifted this wonderful commemorative replica of the Queen's Baton! This will eventually take pride of place in a prominent position in school for everyone to admire.