



Weekly Newsletter

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

Christmas Jumper Day!

As we enter the festive season, we'd like to remind you all about Christmas Jumper Day happening on the 8th December. This has, naturally, thrown up a number of questions. It is important that our standards and expectations remain high even though there is a slight relax on the uniform for the day. Some common questions raised:

- ★ Does it have to be a jumper, or could I wear a Christmas Cardigan or Hoodie? **It can be a jumper or cardigan as long as it is a genuine festive theme (hoodies are really not encouraged)**
- ★ I do not own a Christmas Jumper: could I create/upcycle/design my own? **Absolutely but, it needs to be a genuine effort, not a way to get round expected rules. Students can't just attach a bauble to their top for example and anything created must be a sensible attempt, nothing that would offend someone else.**
- ★ Does it have to be a Christmas Jumper: could it instead be celebrating other Winter Festivals? Yuel, Rohatsu, Hanukkah or Winter Solstice etc. It was unclear if anyone was asking if they do celebrate these festivals or if they were thinking of others and did not want them excluded from this event.

If there is a genuine effort to celebrate a festival that occurs at this time of year, there is no issue. In relation to all listed- including Christmas - students must be careful to avoid inappropriate slogans or attempts at humour which would be misplace and / or may cause offence.

A student mentioned they don't have a Christmas jumper but do have a Christmas t-shirt. Could they wear this with their blazer over the top? **Yes, of course.**

It is important for the students to remember that this is a charity event and that we are raising money for a good cause. Any breaches of the expectations will be dealt with in the normal manner.

We are collecting £1 donations from staff and students who participate with all proceeds going towards the **Save the Children Fund**.



Youth Travel Ambassadors

Last year our year 7 students took part in a Youth Travel Ambassadors (YTA) programme where they considered ways in which road safety could be promoted. After a lot of discussion and designing, a core team of students consolidated ideas into a final banner and keyring design.

The key messages they wished to get across were:

- a) How important it is to use the footbridge to cross the road, and
- b) You need to be bright to be seen, especially now the evenings are dark.

The banner is now currently on display by the bridge and the keyrings have been distributed to all of year 7 during house assembly this week. The current year 7 will be working on their own YTA project later this school year.



STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Stars of the Week for w/c 28th November 2022



Ewan Vanhay
Y7
30 House Points



Michael Wilson
Y7
102 House Points



Jessica Chandler
Y7
Josh Johnson
Y7
39 House Points



Aleks Chernook
Y8
37 House Points

STAGGERED DISMISSAL TIMES for w/c 2nd December 2022

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

Spotlight on...6th Form Mentors

The following students are now trained as peer mentors. They have spent two mornings this week with an external trainer who has worked with them to build upon skills and ideas that will help them to support students across our school as needed.



EAT, SLEEP, READ, REPEAT.

"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body"- so said Joseph Addison in 1710.

Of course, he is right: just as we get fitter, the more we exercise, so we get better at reading the more we read.

With this in mind, Miss L Evans (Learning Resource Coordinator) and Mrs N Crouch (Head of 6th Form) have created a guided reading programme where 6th formers "buddy up" with year 7 students who are struggling to read.

Once a week, for 40 minutes, 6th Formers listen to their year 7 "buddy" read; they help with de-coding, pronunciation, punctuation, and vocabulary. Not only do the year 7s improve their reading, but they also have a new friendly face around the school who they can talk to. Equally, the 6th Formers benefit from the scheme as they can add the experience to their CVs. It's a win-win arrangement for everyone!

Reading is the gateway to every subject taught in school. If students are serious about passing exams, then they need to be serious about reading. Please encourage your children to read every day.

Miss L Evans – Librarian and former English Teacher

Forthcoming Train Strikes



National Industrial Action has been called to take place across four 48-hour periods on:

Tuesday 13th – Wednesday 14th December

Friday 16th – Saturday 17th December

If you are worried about the train strikes affecting your child, especially if there is no alternative form of transport, such as a local bus service, please contact us as soon as possible using the info@abbeyschoolfaversham.co.uk email address so we can use your responses to collate how many students will be affected and how we can help.

Upcoming Key Dates

Year 7, 8, 9 Flu Vaccinations

Swale Youth Forum Day

Y11 Big Interviews

Y11 Big Interviews

Christmas Jumper Day

Y11 Big Interviews

KS4 Dance Showcase at CCCU

Rewards Assemblies

Christmas Dinner Day

GCSE Practical Dance Exam

End of Term 2 – early closure

Return to school for Term 3

Apprenticeship Information Workshop

Year 12/13 Consultation Evening

Year 9 Consultation Evening

Year 10 Consultation Evening

Year 8 Consultation Evening

Year 7 Consultation Evening

Monday 5th December

Wednesday 7th December

Wednesday 7th December

Thursday 8th December

Thursday 8th December

Friday 9th December

Saturday 10th December

Tuesday 13th December

Wednesday 14th December

Wednesday 14th December

Friday 16th December

Tuesday 3rd January 2023

Tuesday 10th January 2023

Wednesday 11th January 2023

Wednesday 25th January 2023

Wednesday 1st March 2023

Wednesday 26th April 2023

Wednesday 17th May 2023

School Therapy Dog Visit

Earlier this week we were delighted to welcome 'Tommy', a gorgeous chocolate brown Labrador, into school to meet some of our children and to support with their mental health and wellbeing. Tommy and his handler, Susan, are paying us another visit on Tuesday 6th December. It was lovely to see the children walking Tommy outside and then having a cuddle with him!



Year 11 Geography Revision – Mondays after school in S10 3.30pm – 4.30pm

	Date 0	Topic
Term 2	28/11/2022	Intermediate Technology
	05/12/2022	Rivers Processes and Landforms
	12/12/2022	Rivers Flooding and Hydrographs
Term 3	09/01/2023	Urban Growth Challenges Lagos
	16/01/2023	Development Gap
	23/01/2023	Urban Sustainability London
	30/01/2023	Coastal Management Reculver
	06/02/2023	Deforestation Amazon
Term 4	20/02/2023	Demographic Transition Model
	27/02/2023	Urban Transport Infrastructure
	06/03/2023	Managing Flooding Banbury
	13/03/2023	TNCs and Aid Nigeria
	20/03/2023	Food Management- IBIS and Makueni
	27/03/2023	Amazon Case Study
Term 5	17/04/2023	Svalbard Case Study
	24/04/2023	Nigeria Case Study
	01/05/2023	Lagos Case Study
	08/05/2023	London Case Study
	15/05/2023	Fieldwork Skills

Support from KOOTH over the Festive Season

As the build up to Christmas gets under way, as well as the countdown to the holiday break, we would like to make you aware that **Kooth.com** is available right throughout the Christmas & New Year holidays for all 10 - 25 yr olds across Kent.

When is Kooth available over the Christmas hols?

Online support tools and features (such as the daily journal, mini-activities, magazine, discussion boards, etc.) are available at any time, 365 days a year (including Christmas Day)

- live chat (Kooth's text based online counselling) 12pm -10pm during the week and at the weekend from 6pm to 10pm (**slight variation over Christmas/New Year is in bold - see below**)

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Chat opening hours (Christmas and New Year period)

Saturday 24th December Christmas Eve 4pm-8pm	Sunday 25th December Christmas Day 4pm-8pm	Monday 26th December Boxing Day 4pm-8pm	Tuesday 27th December Bank Holiday 4pm-8pm
Saturday 31st December New Years Eve 4pm-8pm	Sunday 1st January New Years Day 4pm-8pm	Monday 2nd January Bank Holiday 4pm-8pm	


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This Week's House Report:


This week has been House Week and in assemblies we have welcomed those students who have made it to the final stages to be **Heads of House** giving speeches and encouraging students to vote. Mrs Green has circulated details about the voting process, along with voting forms to all students. This is a fantastic opportunity to talk about democracy as part of our British values. There will be two students going head to head for each house. The one with the most votes at the end of the process will become the Head of their House and the other student will be their deputy. The candidates have already gone through a rigorous application process and are very keen to raise the profile of their houses so please help promote the voting process.

Head of House news:


The following students have made it to the final 2 of the Head of House application process. In house assemblies this week they will present their manifesto and you will have the chance for who you would like to be your head of house.




Voyager



Endeavour



Discovery



Pioneer

Endeavour:
Isabella Halsey and Logan Wood


Pioneer:
Oliver Smith and Oscar Cheeseman

Voyager:
Olivia Irving and Maddie Sharpe

Discovery:
Izzy Johnson and Daisy Thorne

In other House news...


Endeavour house



Top Endeavour year 7 student:	Darcie Cook (212 points)
Top Endeavour year 8 student:	Keira Jayes (213 points)
Top Endeavour year 9 student:	Ellie Richards (209 points)
Top Endeavour year 10 student:	Isabelle Barnes (171 points)
Top Endeavour year 11 student:	Harriet Wheeler (183 points)
Top Endeavour 6th form student:	Niamh Layzell (55 points)
Total house points T1 only:	13840 points
Total house points T2 only:	6290 points
Total year so far:	20130 points

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Discovery house



Top Discovery year 7 student:	Denys Mazur (247 points)
Top Discovery year 8 student:	Andreas Kyriacou (208 points)
Top Discovery year 9 student:	Rita-Mae Horgan-Burke (178 points)
Top Discovery year 10 student:	Lilah Leggett (168 points)
Top Discovery year 11 student:	Nina Connell (173 points)
Top Discovery 6th form student:	Anthony Stait (57 points)
Total house points T1 only:	13520 points
Total house points T2 only:	6648 points
Total year so far:	20168 points

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Pioneer house



Top Pioneer year 7 student:	Oscar Cheeseman (244 points)
Top Pioneer year 8 student:	Katherine Penny (166 points)
Top Pioneer year 9 student:	Yvonne Bryce (184 points)
Top Pioneer year 10 student:	Oliver Smith (217 points)
Top Pioneer year 11 student:	Jessica Freelove (221 points)
Top Pioneer 6th form student:	Ella Cutting (145 points)
Total house points T1 only:	12599 points
Total house points T2 only:	6088 points
Total year so far:	18687 points

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Voyager house



Top Voyager year 7 student:	Jorja Jul-Christensen (190 points)
Top Voyager year 8 student:	Olivia Irving (183 points)
Top Voyager year 9 student:	Poppy Baseden (151 points)
Top Voyager year 10 student:	Daisy Joiner (180 points)
Top Voyager year 11 student:	Molly Malone (185 points)
Top Voyager 6th form student:	Lilly Denton (135 points)
Total house points T1 only:	11314 points
Total house points T2 only:	5166 points
Total year so far:	16480 points

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