



Weekly Newsletter

HEADTEACHER UPDATE

End of Term Message from Headteacher

Dover Academy News

On Wednesday evening, our FA Youth Cup journey ended after losing 2-1 away to Premier League side, Brighton and Hove Albion.

Every single member of this wonderful team fought so hard and we couldn't be prouder of this group of players who put on an excellent spirited display. We asked them to leave everything out on the pitch this evening and they certainly did that.

Well done to Mike and his amazing team, you are a credit and inspiration to us all. We are all so proud of what you have achieved.

The Academy players and staff would like to thank everyone for the kind messages of support throughout our FA Youth Cup journey

To the ones that have travelled to support us and the ones that watched the game or updates from home, we appreciate it and it doesn't go unnoticed



Camps International

Mrs Crouch and I met with Camps International last week with a view to offering a 'once in a lifetime' trip to students in KS5 to go to Cambodia.

If this is approved and goes ahead, details will be shared imminently in the new year along with support to help with fundraising so that all students have access to this opportunity. More details at the back of this newsletter.

Rewards Assemblies

This week we have held a number of rewards assemblies for all year groups across the school. Students have been awarded certificates for Effort in each of the subjects available and those with good attendance were also praised.

Children with 100% attendance were presented with a bronze badge to wear on their lapel which can later get upgraded to silver or gold as the year progresses. Students were delighted to receive these and proud to wear them.

I was also pleased to award a Headteacher's Commendation to William Rose, Year 9, for an exceptional English essay.

Christmas lunch

Christmas lunch was served on Wednesday to all year groups and was proved to be so popular that we had to extend each lunch sitting to fit everyone in and ensure all had sufficient time to eat such a delicious Christmas lunch, with all the trimmings!

Thanks to our staff and governors for helping out with the service, donning their festive hats and providing the perfect festive music playlist to get everyone in the mood!



Following the recent Anti-Bullying Week, senior staff have carried out a number of follow-up meetings with children to ensure all have a strong understanding of our school culture and how to report issues, should they have any. We have also taken action against Tik Tok by requesting they remove upsetting content that has been reported to us by our students. Please can I ask parents to take a strong interest in their children's use of mobile technologies, particularly over the holidays, when children deserve to feel safe and cared for at home.

Mrs Le Brun-Healey has also met with the LGBTQ+ group to listen to their experiences of school life and to ensure that they feel included. Over the last 3-4 years, there has been an increase in our BAME community in the school, including a number of children new to the local area, and even the country, and Mr Afful is looking to be a school lead on ensuring that everyone in this community feels fully included and their cultures celebrated

Finally, I would really encourage parents to attend the forthcoming parents' evenings coming up in January 2023.

Wishing you all a wonderful Christmas and a Happy New Year

STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Stars of the Week for w/c 12th December 2022



Lilah Leggett
Y10
47 House Points



Chelsey Carpenter
Y10
51 House Points



William Rose
Y9
51 House Points



Phoebe Russell
Y7
149 House Points

STAGGERED DISMISSAL TIMES for w/c 3rd January 2023

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

Spotlight on...Accelerated Reader

We are delighted to share with you, and celebrate, the achievements of our wonderful young readers. These students, below, have accumulated points based on the length and complexity of the text. Postcards are going out today to these students in celebration of their success with Accelerated Reader, although try not to share with them – we'd love this to be a surprise for them when the postcard drops through their letterbox!

Year 7 sets 1&2	Points	Words Read
Kristine Ekechukwu	101.9	657,246
Ellesse Roscoe-Gilson	56.8	380,603
David Szoverfi	52.2	364,131
Year 7 sets 3&4	Points	Words Read
Ewan Vanhay	9.2	67,518
Maisie Carnell-Holdaway	8.8	62,440
Emilya Jodcika	5.4	56,147
Year 8 sets 1&2	Points	Words Read
Katherine Penny	95.6	618,524
Lily Waters	46.8	345,919
Freya Spillet	33.2	217,490
Year 8 sets 3&4	Points	Words Read
Isabelle Halsey	55.1	396,658
Maksim Draganov	18.7	107,867
Collette Warner	17.4	173,155

House News

Congratulations to all the students in these forms below. Due to having the best house point totals for term 2 of any tutor group in their year, the students were rewarded with a bonus non-uniform day on Thursday 15th December. All students in the winning form groups were invited to wear their own clothes for the day as a thank you and reward for their house point totals.

Form	Total points
7V-ZLP	2771
8D-PAJ	1853
9E-LCH	975
10V-DM	1066
11-LUP	720

We hope all students in the above forms appreciated being able to have a non-uniform day just for themselves and hope this encourages other students to work hard on their own house points for next term – it could be you next!

Faversham Foodbank

Your generous donations, which had completely taken over our staffroom, were collected on Wednesday by the Faversham Foodbank. They were completely overwhelmed by the generosity of The Abbey community and estimated there was at least ¾ of a ton! Thank you to Miss Humphreys for coordinating this wonderful initiative.

Foodbanks work by providing emergency supplies to people in a crisis. Every day people in the UK go hungry for reasons ranging from redundancy to receiving an unexpected bill on a low income. A simple box of food makes a big difference, with foodbanks helping prevent crime, housing loss, family breakdown and mental health problems.

Check out their website to see the amazing work they do:
<https://faversham.foodbank.org.uk/>



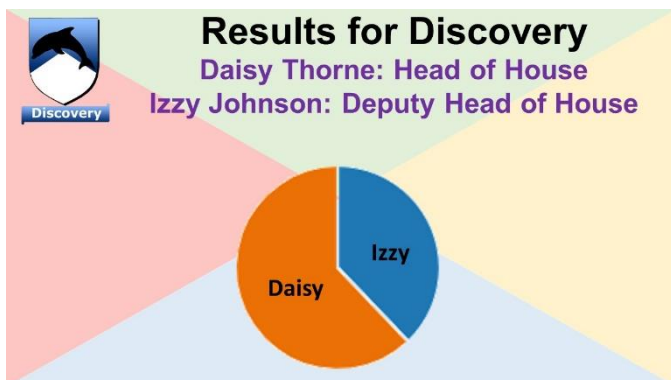
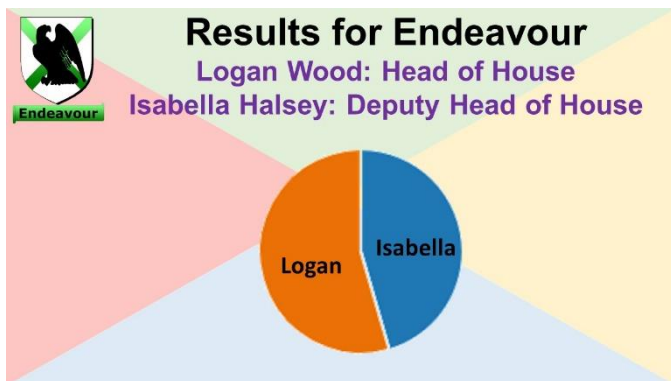
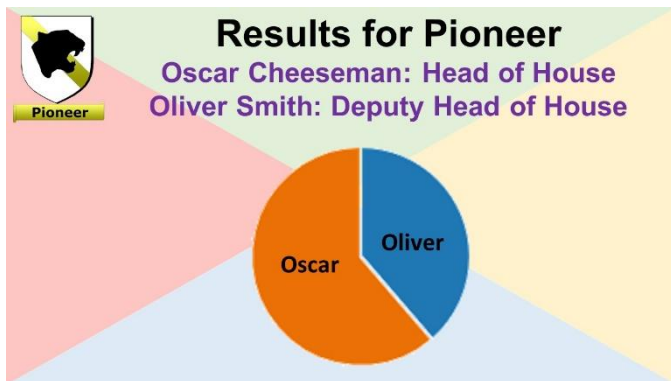
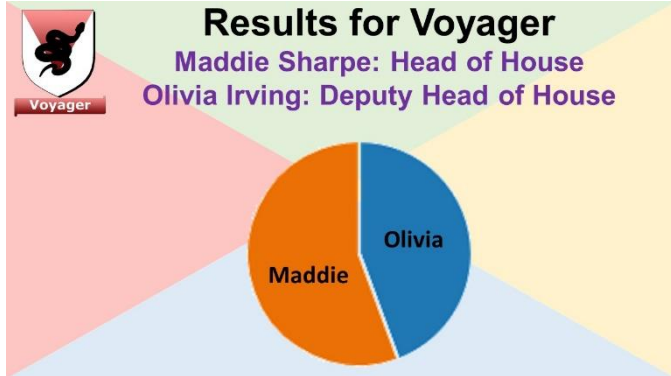
Upcoming Key Dates

Return to school for Term 3	Tuesday 3 rd January 2023
Apprenticeship Information Workshop	Tuesday 10 th January 2023
Year 12/13 Consultation Evening	Wednesday 11 th January 2023
Cambodia Trip Y11/Y12 Parents Meeting	Tuesday 17 th January 2023
Year 9 Digital Footprint Workshop	Monday 23 rd January 2023
Year 9 Digital Footprint Workshop	Tuesday 24 th January 2023
KS5 Sport CCCU Trip	Tuesday 24 th January 2023
Year 9 Consultation Evening	Wednesday 25 th January 2023
HPV Dose 1 for Year 8	Thursday 26 th January 2023
HPV Dose 2 for Year 9	Friday 27 th January 2023
Apprenticeship Information Assembly	Friday 27 th January 2023
Year 11, 12, 13 Mock Exam Week	w/c Monday 30 th January 2023
Year 7 Humanities Trip to Canterbury	Tuesday 31 st January 2023
Swale Youth Forum Day	Wednesday 1 st February 2023
Year 10 Consultation Evening	Wednesday 1 st March 2023
Year 8 Consultation Evening	Wednesday 26 th April 2023
Year 7 Consultation Evening	Wednesday 17 th May 2023

Head of House Elections

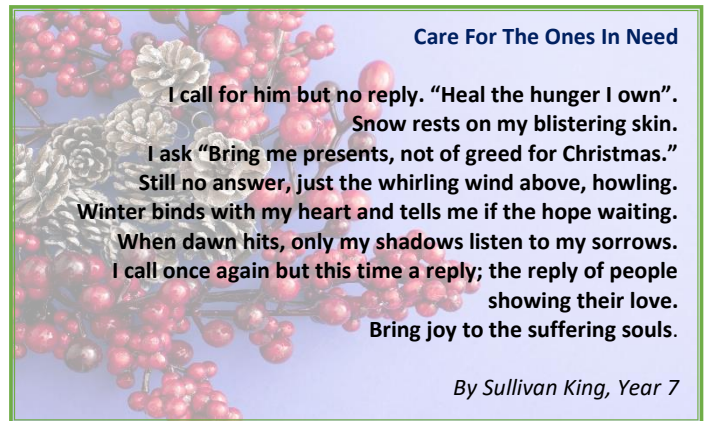
The results have continuously changed throughout the voting process showing just how close this competition has been. Thank you to everyone who voted and huge congratulations to all the students involved. They have led excellent campaigns and are really deserving to be leading their houses, be it as a Head of House or Deputy Head of House.

These are very important roles and we look forward to seeing the positive impact these students will have on the house system going forwards.



Celebrate Our Talented Students:

It's always a complete delight to be able to share with the community the exceptional creative talents of so many of our students. This poem was written by year 7 student, Sullivan, in his own time.



Interested in Performing Arts?

Stagecoach Performing Arts school, based in Whitstable, are a small business offering the very best in Performing Arts training for children. They follow an educational framework and are OFSTED registered. The fun and confidence the children get out of our classes is a joy to see, so do please contact them if your child is interested in pursuing their interest both in and out of school. They are also OFSTED registered so accept childcare vouchers and government tax free childcare vouchers. For further information, check out their website: stagecoach.co.uk/whitstable



What Parents Need to Know about Setting Up Apps, Games and Software:

In Britain, more than half a million games consoles were given as gifts last Christmas. Given that many of the lucky recipients will be children, it's important that parents and carers take some time to configure any new devices – and the games, apps and software they run – so that they're safer for young eyes and ears. This useful guide from National Online Safety has some practical tips to give you extra peace of mind while the kids are excitedly enjoying their new gadgets.



Dance Showcase

Well done to all students who took part in last weekend's Dance Showcase at The Anselm Studios. Every individual demonstrated courage, passion and dedication, performing some fantastic dance choreographies in two performances. We are all so unbelievably proud of the community and supportive culture that all our dancers created through Dance and all are a credit to The Abbey School. They all did so well and Miss Nunn is so thankful for their hard work and commitment to the subject. Well done everyone!





The Abbey School – Cambodia Trek Expedition 2024

Come along to our Parents Presentation

Tuesday 17th January 6pm – Main Hall

Please register your interest via <https://register.campsinternational.com>



The Abbey School Cambodia Trek Expedition 2024

Dear Parent/Carer,

COMING SOON - AN EXCITING OPPORTUNITY FOR YOUR SON/DAUGHTER

We are very excited to announce that we are partnering with Camps International to offer students the opportunity to go on a life-changing, 4-week expedition to Cambodia, during the summer of 2024. Students will work on a variety of meaningful and sustainable projects, as well as undertaking a 4-5 day jungle trek across the Kulen Mountain.

SAVE THE DATE TO COME ALONG AND FIND OUT MORE:

TUESDAY 17TH JANUARY 6PM IN THE MAIN HALL

During our Parents Presentation you and your son/daughter will be able to hear more about Camps, the expedition and fundraising, as well as how to join the team.

In the meantime, to get an insight into the expedition, you can see photos from previous teams on the Camps Instagram page: <https://www.instagram.com/campsint/>. As students are encouraged to raise the funds for this expedition themselves, why not get started straight away with some helpful tips and advice: <https://www.campsinternational.com/fundraising-for-your-expedition/>

Please could I ask that you park in the Sports Hall car park and walk through to the main reception. If you are unable to make the event but would like further information please email nlockwood@abbey-school-faversham.co.uk. I would be grateful if you could confirm whether you are looking to join us on the 17th.

We look forward to letting you know more about the expedition soon.

Kindest regards,
Mrs N Crouch
The Abbey School

