



# Weekly Newsletter

## HEADTEACHER UPDATE

### Term 2 Week 2

On Monday, we welcomed representatives from Kent Fire & Rescue who delivered an assembly to our Year 7s. It was a lovely, engaging assembly around fire safety and some of the important legislation. Students understood the serious message but also enjoyed watching the videos of fires being extinguished by the fire and rescue team! We received some great feedback from the students and a lot of much needed awareness was raised too.



### Remembrance 2023

Today we held a very moving remembrance parade featuring Mr Afful and his team of cadets and scouts who wore their uniforms for the day. This was followed by the two-minute silence. Our grateful thanks to Mr Stucken for the reading of the poem, 'In Flanders Fields', and to Rev Dan Corcoran for his message of peace. This was an incredibly poignant and respectful service to commemorate all of those who have fallen in war and conflict.



Thank you also to our resident artist, Chloe Hunt, for these very beautiful and pieces of art she has produced for remembrance week, the originals of which we have been proud to display in school. Such a talented artist!



### Christmas Card Competition

Are you a budding artist? Do you love expressing yourself creatively? Would you like to support our fantastic charities? This competition is your chance to show your talents.



Design a Christmas/Seasonal card, which links to one of our chosen charities, either Demelza or Kent Sussex and Surrey air ambulance. Your entry can be by hand, or designed on the computer, it must be colourful and the link to one of the charities should be clear.

It should be A5 size (this is half of A4). These are the links to the websites, to give you some ideas of what the charities stand for and their aims. The winning cards will be turned into Christmas/seasonal cards!

<https://www.demelza.org.uk/> <https://aakss.org.uk/>

Entries must be given to Dr Moseley by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November. You can come and give them to her in S23, or ask your tutor for the entry to be put in her pigeon hole. Good luck!



### Creative Writing Competition

Faversham Literary Festival is once again offering creative writing competitions to local schools. There are three competitions:

- Under 11; Age 12-14; and age 15-18
- Winners in each category receive £100 worth of books for their school library
- Winners receive a £25 book token, with a £10 book token for the runners-up
- Entries by **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024** – see poster below for more details:
- [Schools' Competitions \(favershamliteraryfestival.org\)](https://www.favershamliteraryfestival.org)

**WRITING COMPETITIONS FOR CHILDREN & YOUNG ADULTS**

**FAVERSHAM LITERARY FESTIVAL**

SUBMIT A STORY OR POEM UP TO 500 WORDS LONG

THREE ENTRY LEVELS:

- UNDER 11
- 12-14
- 15-18

THE WINNING ENTRIES FROM EACH GROUP WILL WIN £100 WORTH OF BOOKS FOR YOUR SCHOOL LIBRARY

PLUS: 1ST PRIZE: £25 BOOK TOKEN  
2ND PRIZE: £10 BOOK TOKEN

**Deadline for entries: 12 January 2024**

Entry to the competition is free. To enter you must be attending a school within the Faversham ME13 postcode.

Entries can be submitted through participating schools or sent direct to Faversham Literary Festival: [www.favershamliteraryfestival.org](http://www.favershamliteraryfestival.org)

All entries must include the entrant's name, age and school

# STARS OF THE WEEK

Well done to our Stars of the Week for w/c 6<sup>th</sup> November 2023



Kiril Burdeniuk  
Y8  
119 House Points



Reuben Moore  
Y9  
124 House Points



Emilija Jodcika  
Y8  
137 House Points



Charlotte Smith  
Y9  
163 House Points

## STAGGERED DISMISSAL TIMES for w/c 13<sup>th</sup> November 2023

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

### Spotlight on...6<sup>th</sup> Form Open Evening

The Sixth Form are a vibrant and inclusive community which supports our young people to develop the knowledge and skills necessary to make the successful transition to the next stage of their education or employment.

We offer a wide variety of courses, both academic and vocational, at Level 2 and Level 3. Many of the vocational courses can also be taken in combination with our traditional 'A' level courses. Moreover, we are unique in that we host a popular and successful Football Academy in partnership with Dover Athletic FC.

The Abbey Sixth Form is a community with a clear focus on ensuring that every student entering the Sixth Form will leave with a wide mix of opportunities to choose from as they look to their future.

Your experience at The Abbey Sixth Form will be one where you are given an exceptional opportunity to thrive and develop into a confident, happy, successful adult, where you choose the future you want.

BLOCK A	BLOCK B	BLOCK C	BLOCK D	BLOCK E
Media BTEC (Single) Extended Certificate	ICT BTEC (Single) Extended Certificate	Business BTEC (Single) Extended Certificate	Sport Science BTEC (Single) Extended Certificate	Dance A level
Child Development BTEC (Single) Extended Certificate	Sport Science BTEC (Double) Diploma	Sport Science BTEC (Single) Extended Certificate	Criminology Diploma	Dover Football Academy
History A level	Criminology Diploma	Health and Social Care BTEC (Single) Extended Certificate	Politics A level	
Geography A level	English Literature A level	MFL (Spanish) A level	Psychology A level	
Art A Level	Economics A level	Business A level		
	Religious Studies A Level			

Join us on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November to hear about all the excellent opportunities available and to speak with subject specialists and current students.

### Year 12 Sports Science Trip

On Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November we took a group of Year 12 Sport Science students to Canterbury Christchurch University's Sports Science Labs. This was a great opportunity for the students to see first-hand how lab-based fitness testing works in a professional environment. It was perfect timing as the students are currently studying fitness testing as part of their BTEC National Sports course and were therefore able to relate their field-based experiences in a lab-based setting. The students had the opportunity



to take part in tests on peak flow, VO2 Max, power (Wingate), body composition (BodPod), blood pressure, resting heart rate and reaction time (Batak Board). Overall, it was a fantastic experience and one that may encourage our students to consider university as an option after Sixth Form.



### Anti-Bullying week and Children in Need

Next week, 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> November, marks national Anti-Bullying week. To recognise this, we will be focusing on anti-bullying in our Personal Development lessons as well as receiving tips and advice during tutor times throughout the week.

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November also acknowledges the annual fundraising event for Children in Need which will be discussed during our year group assemblies.

Both of these fantastic events will culminate in our Odd Spotty Sock day on **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November**. If you would like to raise awareness and show your support for both of these amazing charities, we are inviting you to sport your best, craziest odd socks - if you can find odd spotty socks to match Pudsey, even better!!

Everybody is invited to take part in this, and we simply ask that you make a voluntary donation, if you are able to. Donations will be collected during tutor time on Friday morning and a further collection will be made on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> for those who still wish to donate. The money raised will be split between the two charities: Children in Need and Anti-Bullying Alliance.

For further information around the Odd Socks campaign, please visit [What is Odd Socks Day? \(anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk\)](http://What is Odd Socks Day? (anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk))



### Upcoming Key Dates

Year 11 & Year 13 Mock Exams  
Headteacher's Surgery  
6<sup>th</sup> Form Open Evening  
Y12 Sport Science CCCU Trip  
Year 11 & 13 Mocks – Week #2  
Year 11 Parents' Evening  
Apprenticeship Workshop  
Year 11 BIG INTERVIEWS  
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Year 7 Pantomime Trip to the Marlowe  
Year 11 Practical Mock  
Christmas Holiday  
Return to school for Term 3

w/c Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November  
Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November  
Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November  
Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November  
w/c 20<sup>th</sup> November  
Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December  
Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December  
Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December  
16<sup>th</sup> December – 1<sup>st</sup> January  
Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2024

### Headteacher's 'drop-in' Surgery

Dr Speller has scheduled a parents' drop-in surgery for Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November between 9.30am and 11.00am. If you have any important or pressing concerns or questions please feel free to come along between these times. We cannot guarantee that all parents will be seen, as it will depend on numbers attending, but going forwards we do hope to offer these events each term.