

A GREAT EDUCATION

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Shaping Confident, Compassionate, Successful Young People.

CHARACTER NEWSLETTER

As we reflect on another busy and successful term, we are incredibly proud of everything our students have achieved. It has been a term filled with enthusiasm, resilience and memorable experiences, both inside and outside the classroom.

This term, our students have demonstrated outstanding character. The strengths most frequently recognised were motivation, respect, confidence and resilience, showing the positive attitudes our students bring to their learning and daily school life.

We have also enjoyed an exciting range of trips and visits. Highlights included the ski trip to Italy, the Year 10 CEMA trenches trip, and the thrilling Ninja Warrior trip. Students also had the opportunity to visit St George's Park for a sport experience, attend the Tie it Up Theatre trip, and enjoy fun activities such as ice skating and the Gravity trip. These experiences help build confidence, teamwork and lasting memories.

Our students have also benefited from valuable work-experience opportunities. This term included a Careers Fair, bricklaying work experience, and an inspiring University of Cambridge roadshow, all helping students explore future pathways and ambitions.

In March, we were delighted to celebrate World Book Day, where students and staff embraced the joy of reading, and to support Comic Relief, showing our continued commitment to helping others and raising money for important causes.

As we look ahead to Term 5, we recognise that it will be a particularly significant one, as it will be our final term in our current school building. This marks an important milestone in our school's journey and will be a time for reflection and celebration.

Term 5 is also when the summer examinations begin, and we would like to wish all of our exam cohorts the very best of luck. We are confident that their hard work and dedication will lead to success,

Thank you to our students, staff and families for making this term such a success. We look forward to another rewarding and memorable term ahead.

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Character Pathway - Developing Character for Life

Level	Character Strengths	Reward
Seven - Platinum	300	Positive letter from the Chair of Governors Reward Experience Certificate
Six - Diamond	250	Positive letter from Headteacher Lunchtime 'Queue Jumper' pass Certificate
Five - Gold	200	Gold badge Surprise?! Certificate
Four - Silver	150	Silver badge SLT breakfast Certificate
Three - Bronze	100	Bronze badge Certificate
Two	50	Positive email from HoY
One	25	Positive email from Progress Tutor

We are incredibly proud to see so many students continuing to make outstanding progress on the Character Pathway. A remarkable 66 students achieved Bronze, 139 reached Silver, 62 earned Gold, 31 attained Diamond, and an exceptional 5 students reached Platinum status.

These achievements reflect motivation, resilience, and a commitment to personal growth, and each milestone represents the positive choices and strong character shown throughout the term.

We look forward to celebrating these successes, particularly with our Silver students at the SLT Breakfast and our Gold students at the Pizza Party, as we recognise their hard work and determination.

Well done to every student who stepped forward on their journey—we look forward to seeing even more success in the months ahead as we start planning the Platinum level reward experience!

Diamond

LACEY-MAY A 9X7
 IVY B 7X3
 KIERA C 9X4
 KATIE C 9X7
 FREYA D 7X3
 ELSIE D 7X4
 MILLIE E 9X6
 NATE F 7X5
 ROSE F 7X2
 EVIE G 7X2
 BERTIE G 9X7
 RACHEL H 9X6
 FREDDIE H 7X5
 HARLEY H 9X3
 MILLIE K 7X4
 ARCHIE K 7X5
 LEAH M 9X5
 BYRON M 7X4
 REECE O 9X3
 FINLEY P 9X6
 LOLA P 9X6
 ISABEL P 9X6
 HARRY S 8X3
 CIAN S-F 7X4
 ELLEN S 9X7
 POPPY T-F 9X6
 BRIONY T 7X2
 GEORGINA T 9X1
 LOGAN T 7X4
 TONY W 9X3
 XANDER W 7X3
 ACELYA Y 9X5

Platinum

GEORGIE H 9X6
 JESSICA R 9X6
 HUNTER H 9X6
 FRANKIE J 9X4
 EVA S 7X3

CHARACTER OPPORTUNITY UNDERSTANDING RESPECT SUCCESS EXCELLENCE

Student Spotlight

Student Spotlight is dedicated to recognising those individuals who consistently go above and beyond in their efforts, attitude and contribution to school life. Whether through exceptional leadership, remarkable resilience, academic excellence or acts of kindness that strengthen our community, these students embody the very best of our character values. We are proud to celebrate their achievements and share their stories, shining a light on the positive impact they make each and every day.

SKI CHARACTER AWARDS

RESPECT - JUDE S

INTEGRITY - HUNTER H

CONFIDENCE - ALFIE K

OPEN-MINDEDNESS - GEORGIE H

MOTIVATION - POPPY T-F

TEAMWORK - ALAN H

COMMUNICATION - EDWARD F

CREATIVITY - JESS M & ISLA W

RESILIENCE - HARRY M

COMPASSION - MOLLY F

ABOVE AND BEYOND AWARD - OLLY T

FRENCH

SADIE I YEAR 7 - SADIE HAS SHOWN GREAT RESILIENCE AND MOTIVATION, REMAINING FOCUSED, POLITE AND RESPECTFUL.

ELLEN S YEAR 9 - EVERY SINGLE WEEK ELLEN WORKS DILIGENTLY AND WITH A QUIET DETERMINATION AND ENTHUSIASM FOR FRENCH. HER PERFORMANCE IN THE TEST WAS EXCEPTIONAL

HARLEY H, NEVE A AND JESS E YEAR 12 FOR COMPLETING WORK EXPERIENCE WITH UK TOP 50 LAW FIRM, BIRKETTS.

RACHEL H YEAR 9

RACHEL HAS ACHIEVED TWO 2ND PLACES AT DANCE COMPETITIONS THIS PAST TERM. RACHEL IS ALSO A FUNDAMENTAL PART OF HER DANCE TEAM. IN THE GROUP DANCES THEY HAVE ACHIEVED 1ST PLACES IN BOTH POM AND LYRICAL. THEY ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO THE TEAM COMPETING AT THE EUROPEAN SUMMIT IN LISBON FOR CHEER AND DANCE IN JUNE

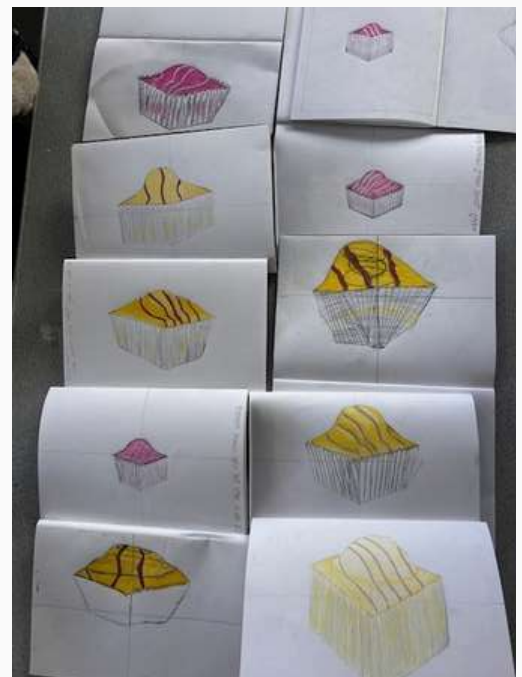
SPANISH

WILL D YEAR 9 - GOES ABOVE AND BEYOND, MAKING EXCELLENT PROGRESS

RALPH C, ELLIOT O, LOUIE H, BUDDY C, CORBYN W YEAR 8 - OUTSTANDING EFFORT DEMONSTRATED IN LESSONS

ART

8.1 FOR THEIR AMAZING MOTIVATION AND EFFORT WHEN CREATING THE BEST DRAWINGS OF FRENCH FANCIES



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GIDEON T, DANIEL F, MILES D YEAR 11. HAVE KINDLY CONTINUED D & D CLUB, STARTING A NEW GAME SO THAT THEY COULD TEACH THE YOUNGER STUDENTS HOW TO PLAY IT.

LILY-ROSE A, JACKSON C YEAR 7 AND ESME M YEAR 9 FOR DEMONSTRATING AN EXEMPLARY ATTITUDE TO LEARNING AND CONSISTENTLY PRODUCING WORK OF A HIGH LEVEL.

MIA A YEAR 9 AND ISABELLE H-P YEAR 8 CAME 3RD PLACE WITH THEIR RUGBY TEAM THE GLADIATORS IN THE 7S TRAILFINDERS TOURNAMENT. WITH MIA ALSO SCORING A TRY. THEY THEN WENT ON TO DO THE GUARD OF HONOUR FOR THE TRAILFINDERS VS LOUGHBOROUGH LIGHTINGS, AND WAS LUCKY ENOUGH TO MEET MEGAN JONES (ENGLAND CAPTAIN) AND ELLIE KILDUNNE (ENGLANDS FULLBACK) IT WAS A FANTASTIC DAY OF RESILIENCE AND TEAMWORK.

TED S YEAR 8 REPRESENTED KENT SCHOOLS FOOTBALL AT THE DALLAS CUP IN AMERICA

PHOTOGRAPHY

CRISTINA T YEAR 11- IS A STUDENT WHO CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATES EXCEPTIONAL DEDICATION, CREATIVITY, AND INDEPENDENCE IN THEIR WORK. SHE APPROACHES EACH PROJECT WITH A STRONG SENSE OF INITIATIVE, RARELY RELYING ON TEACHER DIRECTION AND INSTEAD TAKING FULL OWNERSHIP OF THEIR CREATIVE PROCESS. HER PHOTOGRAPHY IS ARTISTICALLY THOUGHTFUL, WITH A CLEAR EYE FOR COMPOSITION, LIGHTING, AND STORYTELLING.

IN ADDITION, HER EDITING SKILLS ELEVATE THEIR IMAGES EVEN FURTHER, SHOWING A CONFIDENT AND EXPERIMENTAL APPROACH. CRISTINA'S ABILITY TO WORK INDEPENDENTLY WHILE MAINTAINING SUCH A HIGH STANDARD MAKES THEM A STANDOUT STUDENT AND A FANTASTIC ROLE MODEL FOR OTHERS.

OSCAR H YEAR 8

FOR ACHIEVING HIS ORANGE BELT IN KARATE. THIS IS HIS 2ND BELT GRADE SINCE STARTING IN SEPTEMBER. A FANTASTIC ACHIEVEMENT

ENGLISH

JESSE P YEAR 7

JESSE HAS MADE EXCELLENT PROGRESS IN ENGLISH THIS YEAR. HE IS A HARDWORKING MEMBER OF THE CLASS WHO CONTRIBUTES THOUGHTFULLY TO DISCUSSIONS AND SUPPORTS OTHERS IN THEIR LEARNING.

PETER R YEAR 10

PETER HAS MADE VERY STRONG PROGRESS IN ENGLISH THIS YEAR, DEMONSTRATING A FOCUSED AND THOUGHTFUL APPROACH TO LEARNING. HE ENGAGES DEEPLY WITH THE SUBJECT MATTER AND CONTRIBUTES POSITIVELY AND RESPECTFULLY TO CLASS DISCUSSIONS. HIS MATURITY AND COMMITMENT HAVE HAD A NOTICEABLE IMPACT ON BOTH HIS OWN PROGRESS AND THE CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT.

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CADET RECORD OF ACHIEVEMENT CADET REGIMENTAL SERGEANT MAJOR JACOB N YEAR 13 KENT ARMY CADET FORCE – WROTHAM DETACHMENT

CADET JACOB N HAS DEMONSTRATED EXCEPTIONAL DEDICATION, LEADERSHIP, AND PROFESSIONALISM THROUGHOUT HIS SERVICE WITHIN KENT ARMY CADET FORCE. HE HAS CONSISTENTLY EMBODIED THE HIGHEST STANDARDS EXPECTED OF AN ARMY CADET AND HAS PROGRESSED THROUGH EVERY STAGE OF TRAINING WITH DISTINCTION.

OUTSTANDING RANK ACHIEVEMENT

CADET N ACHIEVED THE PRESTIGIOUS RANK OF CADET REGIMENTAL SERGEANT MAJOR (CDT RSM), THE HIGHEST RANK ATTAINABLE BY A CADET AND ONE HELD BY ONLY A SINGLE CADET AT ANY TIME WITHIN KENT ACF. THIS APPOINTMENT REFLECTS HIS EXEMPLARY CONDUCT, LEADERSHIP ABILITY, AND UNWAVERING COMMITMENT TO THE CADET FORCE. HIS PROGRESSION THROUGH THE NCO RANKS DEMONSTRATES RESILIENCE, COMPETENCE, AND CONSISTENT EXCELLENCE IN LEADERSHIP ROLES.

MASTER CADET – HIGHEST APC STAR LEVEL

IN 2025, CADET N SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED THE MASTER CADET COURSE, EARNING THE HIGHEST POSSIBLE STAR LEVEL IN THE ARMY CADET SYLLABUS. ONLY A SMALL NUMBER OF CADETS NATIONALLY ACHIEVE THIS AWARD EACH YEAR, HIGHLIGHTING HIS EXCEPTIONAL SKILL, KNOWLEDGE, AND DETERMINATION. THIS ACCOLADE RECOGNISES HIS MASTERY ACROSS ALL CORE MILITARY TRAINING AREAS.

TRAINING, QUALIFICATIONS & ACHIEVEMENTS

ACROSS MORE THAN FOUR YEARS OF SERVICE, CADET N COMPLETED AN EXTENSIVE RANGE OF QUALIFICATIONS. HIS TRAINING HISTORY REFLECTS A CADET WHO CONSISTENTLY SEEKS CHALLENGE AND PURSUES EXCELLENCE ACROSS ALL AREAS OF MILITARY AND PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT.

COMMITMENT & SERVICE

WITH HUNDREDS OF ATTENDED PARADE NIGHTS, NUMEROUS WEEKEND CAMPS, ANNUAL CAMPS, COMPETITIONS, FIELD CRAFT EXERCISES, REMEMBRANCE EVENTS, AND LEADERSHIP COURSES, CADET NEWBY HAS SHOWN EXEMPLARY ATTENDANCE AND COMMITMENT THROUGHOUT HIS CADET CAREER. THIS HIGH LEVEL OF PARTICIPATION DEMONSTRATES RELIABILITY, DISCIPLINE, AND DEDICATION TO BOTH HIS DETACHMENT AND COUNTY.

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LEADERSHIP & CHARACTER

AS CDT RSM, JACOB HAS ACTED AS THE SENIOR CADET ROLE MODEL FOR HIS COMPANY AND COUNTY. HE HAS DEMONSTRATED:

- STRONG LEADERSHIP AND MENTORING SKILLS
 - EXCELLENT COMMUNICATION AND ORGANISATIONAL ABILITY
 - CONFIDENCE AND MATURITY BEYOND HIS YEARS
 - A CONSISTENT COMMITMENT TO SUPPORTING JUNIOR CADETS
- HIS CONDUCT THROUGHOUT HIS CADET JOURNEY HAS EARNED THE RESPECT OF PEERS, ADULT VOLUNTEERS, AND SENIOR OFFICERS ALIKE. HE IS THE SINGLE POINT OF CONTACT RESPONSIBLE FOR OVER 400 CADETS DURING ANY MAIN KENT ACF TRAINING CAMP.

CADET REGIMENTAL SERGEANT MAJOR JACOB N STANDS OUT AS A HIGHLY ACCOMPLISHED, MOTIVATED, AND DEPENDABLE MEMBER OF KENT ACF. HIS ATTAINMENT OF BOTH CDT RSM AND MASTER CADET—THE HIGHEST RANK AND QUALIFICATION A CADET CAN ACHIEVE—REFLECTS HIS EXCEPTIONAL CHARACTER AND COMMITMENT.

HIS ACHIEVEMENTS REPRESENT THE VERY BEST OF THE ARMY CADET FORCE, AND HE LEAVES A LEGACY OF EXCELLENCE FOR FUTURE CADETS TO FOLLOW.

PE

LOUIS R YEAR # - ATTENDED THE BASKETBALL INTERHOUSE COMPETITION AND SHOWED GREAT CHARACTER THROUGHOUT. ATTENDS EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING RUGBY CLUB AND IS ALWAYS ENGAGED IN LESSONS AND IS RESPECTFUL AT ALL TIMES

SOPHIA D YEAR 8 - SHOWS GREAT COMMITMENT AND WORK ETHIC IN THE FOOTBALL TEAMS. ATTENDS OTHER SPORTING EVENTS, EVEN THOSE OUT OF HER COMFORT ZONE AND ALWAYS ENGAGES AND WORKS VERY WELL IN LESSONS.

HARRY A YEAR 8 - IS COMMITTED TO ATTENDING BOTH RUGBY AND BASKETBALL CLUB EVERY WEEK. THIS RESILIENCE RESULTED IN HARRY BEING A KEY PART OF OUR FIRST RUGBY FIXTURE OF THE YEAR.

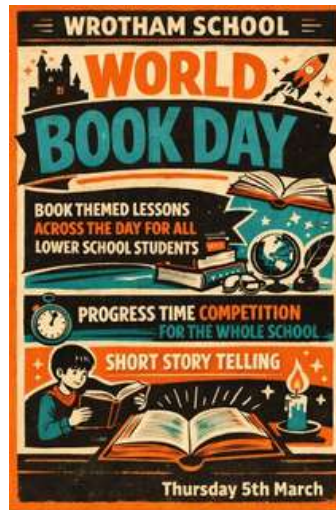
ALFIE W YEAR 8 - HAS SHOWN GREAT PROGRESS WITHIN FOOTBALL.

TRIPS AND EVENTS IN TERM 4



Ski Trip - Italy 2026

42 students had an amazing week skiing in La Thuile, creating memories that will last a lifetime. Their character, teamwork and determination was fantastic and they should all feel proud of themselves as are we



Lower School Students celebrated World Book Day through book themed lessons across the day. Whilst the whole school participated in a progress time competition. Thursday 5th March



We welcomed members from the Kent Army Cadet Force who delivered presentations to years 7, 8 and 9 on the exciting opportunity to join their youth group.

Three of our students Lance Corporal Georgie W (yr10), Lance Corporal Charlie B (yr9) and Cadet Kian P (yr9), who are already part of the unit, joined the presentations and demonstrated great confidence and enthusiasm when sharing their experiences with their peers.

The unit accepts cadets between 12-17 years of age, so if any student is interested by this opportunity or would like further information please visit armycadets.com/county/kent-acf Monday 9th March

For Comic Relief PE Day, students raised £560.

A league campaign unbeaten, winning every game, meant our year 11 boys football team reached the final of the Maidstone District Competition

Two teams of year 9 and 10 students, represented Wotham at the Dodgeball Competition at the Three Hills Sports Park.

Our year 7 rugby team also had their first ever tournament. A great afternoon with teamwork, motivation and resilience shown by all

Well done to all of our teams for their achievements this term. We look forward to more success in term 5 as we move onto our summer fixtures.



Year 9-13 students attended our annual careers fair, showing open-mindedness, respect, confidence and communication when speaking with our many visitors
Thursday 12th March

Our year 10 Sport cohort visited St George's Park. Students completed a range of activities including speed and agility testing, physical performance profiling and hydrotherapy recovery. A fantastic event for both students and staff to experience and use the same facilities as our National teams.
Tuesday 17th March



Year 13 students looking to enter employment had a masterclass from recruiters at Tempest Resourcing, focusing on how to identify and confidently communicate their strengths.
Wednesday 25th March



Students in year 9-12 were invited to a special online workshop with the admissions team and current students from Queens College, part of the University of Cambridge. A fantastic opportunity to hear directly from people studying there now and get advice and insights
Tuesday 24th March



A group of year 10 students received some on-site work experience from BAM and FACE Brickwork Ltd. They had a talk about careers in construction, speaking with BAM's project manager, two of FACE's company directors and a site manager from BAM who has just completed her degree apprenticeship. They shared insights about apprenticeships, how careers can progress and the importance of GCSE's at the start of your career.
Wednesday 1st April

TRIPS AND EVENTS IN TERM 5

We are very much looking forward to an exciting and opportunity-filled Term 5

Tuesday 21st April – Year 11 Boys Football Final for the Maidstone District Competition

Thursday 23rd April – Year 8 Parents and Options Information Evening

Wednesday 29th April – Year 10 Parents Evening

Friday 1st May - Sunday 3rd May = Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award Practice Expedition

Wednesday 6th May - Guide to Clearing for Year 13 Parents and Carers workshop

Thursday 7th and Friday 8th May – Year 7 Hampton Court Palace

Tuesday 12th May - Gold Level Pizza Party

Friday 15th May - Silver Level SLT Breakfast Bingo

PLEASE NOTE THAT MONDAY 1ST JUNE IS A STAFF INSET DAY.
STUDENTS RETURN FOR TERM 6 ON TUESDAY 2ND JUNE.

Looking ahead to Term 6

RACE FOR LIFE 2026 - TEAM WROTHAM

On 4th July, at 1pm, Wrotham School will be participating in the Maidstone Pretty Muddy 5k and we would like as many students and their families to join us at this event as possible! (Anyone aged 13 and over is eligible. For those under 13 there is a similar event on the website)

To enter, please use the link below. Upon completion, search Wrotham School to join the team.

<https://raceforlife.cancerresearchuk.org/find-an-event/mote-park-pretty-muddy-5k-2026-07-04-1100>

If you have any questions please email pe@wrotham.kent.sch.uk and we look forward to raising money for a great cause.

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TERM 5 CLUBS

Sport

- Monday - Lower School Cricket
- Tuesday - Cheerleading club (until 5th May)
- Wednesday - Lower School Athletics
- Thursday - Lower school Rounders
- Friday - Upper School Striking and Fielding
- Upper School Athletics

Other

- Monday
 - Warhammer club C9
 - KS4 Quiet Study M3
 - Writing Club E6
 - Debate club H1
 - Lower School Boxing M21
 - English Literature Drop-in E2
- Tuesday
 - Wrotham Vocal Group M18
 - Chess Club M10
- Wednesday
 - Puzzle Club C2
 - Upper School Boxing M21
 - D and D M12
 - Wrotham School Band M18 (after school)
 - Duke of Edinburgh Award M5 and M6 (after school)
- Thursday
 - KS4 Quiet Study M3
 - English Literature Drop-in E2
 - History Club H2
- Friday
 - Year 11 Science Clinic C8
 - English Literature Drop-in E2



Termly Safeguarding Update

The focus for this term is keeping safe online. Please see the resources below

[Keeping children safe online - Parent's questions answered | Barnardo's](#) - support for parents to keep their children safe online in an ever-changing environment.

https://www.barnardos.org.uk/blog/online-safety-parents-questions?gclid=EA1aIQobChMIwbj6vqWYkwMV94dQBh1Bcg7UEAAYASAAEgLM_PD_BwE

[Who are we](#) - CEOPS provides age-appropriate advice and resources for young people to learn about staying safe online, online crime can also be reported here.

<https://prod.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Who-are-we/>

[Viewing Generative AI and children's safety in the round](#) - Understanding emerging risks and experiences of young people in relation to AI

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/media/ikxlpzt2/viewing-generative-ai-childrens-safety.pdf>