

25<sup>th</sup> November 2022

#### **Newsletter No. 4**

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done to Year 11 who have just finished their PPEs (mock exams). They will now be receiving feedback from their teachers on how to improve before the end of term. Year 12 are currently completing their Autumn Assessments which gives them a good idea of how well they have started their A Levels and Year 13 should now be revising for their PPEs which take place after the Christmas holidays.

I have enjoyed being involved in the mock interview process for those Year 13 pupils who have applied to Oxford or Cambridge. I am pleased to hear that a number of pupils have interviews before the end of term.

It is fantastic to hear about the achievements of individual pupils and sports team. Congratulations to the U15 rugby team who won the Kent Shield Final, beating Bennett Memorial 43 – 0. Four of our best GCSE mathematicians emerged victorious from the Invicta Maths Challenge, finishing first with an amazing 141/152 points. I am told these questions are fiendishly hard! Well done to Ifan Bambury in T10 who won the House History Competition. Many congratulations to Connor Russell in Year 7 whose family project was a model of the Gallagher Stadium, which he presented to Maidstone Football Club. The details can be found here:

<https://maidstoneunited.co.uk/2022/10/30/too-cool-for-school/>

We are getting close to the end of term but not yet! I therefore expect all pupils to continue working hard, behave well both in and out of school and wear the correct uniform at all times.

Christmas lunch will be served on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December and the price is £3. There is no need to pre-order lunch and students should pay with their Squid fob as usual.

As previously stated, we have the 6<sup>th</sup> Form Open Evening on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December, which runs from 6.30pm. until 8.30pm. I would encourage all Year 11 pupils who are considering studying A Levels here to attend. You may know the school well but you can gain valuable insight from teachers and 6<sup>th</sup> Form students on life in the 6<sup>th</sup> Form. In addition, if you have relatives in Year 11 who are interested in joining us, please do encourage them to come. More details can be found on the school website.

Yours sincerely,



K.W. Moody  
Headteacher

## **Sports results:**

Rugby Under 15 Kent Shield Winners 2022 - Oakwood Park v Bennett Memorial 43 – 0.  
Try Scorers: George Rhodes x 3, Levi Smith x 2, Kester Jones and Woody Hall.  
Conversion Scorer: Ben Taylor x 3.

Football U13 - OPGS 6 vs Dover Grammar School 0.  
Football U13 - OPGS 2 vs MGS 1.  
Football U13 - OPGS 2 vs King Henry 0.  
Football 2XI Kent Cup - OPGS 4 vs Simon Langton GS 3.  
Football Year 9 Kent Cup vs St John's 8-0 win.  
Football 1st XI Kent Cup vs Blackfens 2-0 win.  
Football 2nd XI U19 League vs Simon Langton 3-3.  
Football Year 9 B 1/4 vs Tunbridge Wells GS 2-1 win.  
Football Year 8 Kent Cup vs MGS 2-0 win.  
Football Year 10 ESFA Cup vs Bonus Pastor 2-0 lost.

## **Diary Dates**

Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 8 Parents Evening 4-7pm. (C, P & S).
Tues 29 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 10 Digital Literacy Assembly – Hall 1.50pm. Year 9 Maidstone School Football Tournament - Wrotham School, 3.00pm start, depart 2.15pm (SPS). Year 8 Parents Evening 4-7pm. (T & X).
Weds 30 <sup>th</sup> November	1st XI Football v Dane Court GS - Home, 2.00pm start (SPS). 2nd XI Football v Cornwallis School - Away, 2.00pm, depart 1.10pm. U16 Kent Schools Table Tennis Championships - Howard School, 9.00am, depart 8.30am (RMR).
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Enrichment Day. Year 9 Maidstone Schools Rugby Tournament - Aylesford RFC, 3.30pm departure (MKJ).
Fri 2 <sup>nd</sup> December	Year 11 IAG Science - LRC 1.50pm. Year 13 Open Evening Briefing - Hall 1.50pm (JW,JBV).
Mon 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Rowing swimming tests 2.45pm (MKJ).
Tues 6 <sup>th</sup> December	School closes for students at 1.10pm. 6 <sup>th</sup> Form Open Evening 6.30 – 8.30pm.
Weds 7 <sup>th</sup> December	6 <sup>th</sup> Form Open Morning 9-11am.
Thurs 8 <sup>th</sup> December	6 <sup>th</sup> Form Open Morning 9-11am. Year 7 – A Christmas Carol production – Hall 2.00pm Christmas Drama/Music showcase 7.00pm.
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 11 monitoring issued. Year 11 Spoken Language Exams p1-5 (STA). Christmas Dinner 12.45pm Year 7pm; 12.50pm Year 8; rest of school 1.10pm.

# Foreign language Christmas card design competition


## Calling all students in years 7-10

Design a card which shows the Christmas traditions of another country, for a chance to win a £5 voucher for each year group winner per language.

Entries can be submitted in French or Spanish language.

Each card should be no larger than a sheet of A4 paper and must be completed by hand, but any form of materials can be used – felt tips, paint, fabric etc.

Judges will be looking for originality of illustration as well as accuracy of language and content.



**Each entry MUST be clearly marked on the back with your name, tutor group and language teacher's name and handed in to Miss Trauscheid or Mrs Hall in the MFL Department, by Monday 5th December 2022 at the latest.**