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Newsletter

23 May 2025



Dear Parents/Carers

We have reached the end of Term 5, and an unusual run of lovely weather, which always allows us to make the most of our rural outlook and extensive grounds. Students in all years have been busy with external or internal tests and exams, with lots of hard work from almost all of them. We have also started to visit primary schools

to say hello to the Year 6 students who are joining us in September, it is always a moment of reflection for me on how time moves on, as Year 11 and 13 prepare to leave and we say hello to a new cohort of Year 6s. It is perhaps unique to working in a secondary school to experience big groups of children arriving at your workplace, getting to know them as they grow up, and then saying goodbye to young adults. The changes in them, physically (for some I greet them bending down to reach their eye level and then say goodbye looking up at them as they tower over me) and in their personas (it is always a joy to see that shy Year 6 become that confident Year 11/13), can be remarkable. Around that there have as usual been a range of other things happening at school including:



Interventions – Sensory Circuits and Holistic Thrive

Our Sensory Circuits and Holistic & Thrive interventions joined together this week to help water our much needed dry allotment. It was lovely to see students from both groups working as a team and using their initiative to improve the site. Ideas were brought forward and the students were actively engaged in jobs from clearing weeds out of the shed, tidying up the wood pile and sowing pink sunflower seeds. It was all hands to the deck and we got so much done thanks to their hard work.



Visit to the Farm

A brilliant day at the farm was had by students this week. Plenty of jobs to do, such as making a water wallow for the pigs, bottle feeding lambs, and putting up new chicken fences - the students delighted in spending time with the animals and developing new farming skills.

Careers

Our exciting careers events have continued this term with Mr Maisey and Mrs Henderson inviting in more external speakers into school to talk to students about the jobs and careers available to them. Once again, talks have been well attended which strong student engagement with the guest speakers. We would like to extend our thanks again to all our parents and community members who have delivered a careers session.



Careers Newsletter

See [here](#) to read the latest Careers newsletter



Cambridge University

To view the presentation, and find out more information about Cambridge University, please visit [here](#)



Marine Science

To find out more about Marine Science, please click [here](#)

The Open Day events are shown [here](#)



Bank of England

To find out more about the Bank of England, and a range of early career opportunities, please see [here](#)

UK Creative Festival & Careers Fair

The UK Creative Festival takes place at the iconic Dreamland site in Margate on 10 July 2025. This year's festival features a jam-packed programme of creative workshops, panel discussions and keynote speakers, all under one roof and on ONE day only! For further information, please [visit](#) or to book your free place, visit [here](#).

Sports News

Yr 8 basketball boys were incredibly unlucky in a thrilling semi-final defeat at Folkestone Academy. With Wye ahead 18-17 and minutes remaining, Folkestone scored with a three point effort, eventually taking the game 22-19. Well done to the boys this season for their efforts.



In the **basketball semi-final** round up our Year 7 girls stormed into the district Finals with a 52-12 victory over FSG. Top scorer was Eva, with the remaining pts shared across the squad. Wye will play Highworth in the final on June 23rd.



Finally, our Year 8 girls put in a commendable effort against Marsh Academy, who ultimately proved too strong, their semi-final ending with a 19-7 victory to Marsh. Well done to all the Wye girls who have played their part in reaching this stage of the competition.

The Wye Eye

A few of our Year 9s have done incredible work on the school paper. They have planned, taken their time to write, to research, and to interview teachers and students, to give a journalistic voice to their peers. The Wye Eye is the first Wye School paper that's written 'for students, by students'.

We are so very proud of them, and we are all looking forward to the next edition.



Gladiators

The Gladiators events that took place in May were a great success and the students had a great time. Both the indoor and outdoor events with other schools were fun and interactive and all our students showed great enthusiasm and skills all round - well done to everyone involved.



Duke of Edinburgh Bronze and Silver Practice Expeditions

This year we have a record number of Year 9 and 10 students undertaking their DofE experience. Any of you who go out walking in the countryside at the weekends will no doubt have come across a DofE group or two, often lost but usually in good spirits. Our students are no different and it is particularly pleasing this year that so many students who self-profess to love being indoors, in their bedrooms and on their phones, have put themselves forward to cut off from technology, don a heavy rucksack and ramble through the countryside for two weekends this summer. Yes, they got lost, and yes, they complained along the way, but they left their practice expeditions better prepared for their qualifying expedition next month, and learning a lot about themselves, their limits and what they are capable of achieving.



Combined Cadet Force

Several cadets attended the Summer Camp training weekend this term, where they completed a weapons handling test in preparation for Summer Camp.

We have a record number of cadets this year who meet together with Ashford School and Chilmington Green School weekly for parade and training. Students from Year 8 upwards are able to join and have a host of opportunities throughout the year, including weapons handling, gliding, paintballing, and a week's Summer Camp.

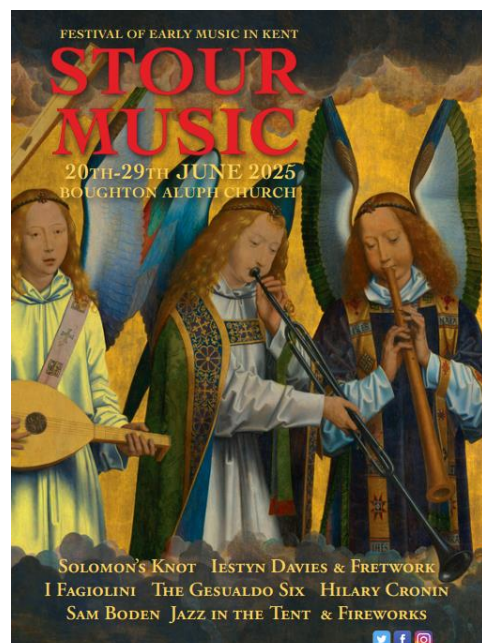


One of our Year 8 cadets has recently designed a T-shirt for the joint CCF section.



Stour Music Festival

We are delighted to be working with Stour Music this year to host a workshop for some of our students and students from other local schools. The Stour Music Festival is an annual event showcasing early music in Kent. The festival takes place between **20-29th June 2025** in the beautiful medieval church of All Saints' Boughton Aluph. The event has been described as 'A pilgrim of destination for connoisseurs of early music' by BBC Music Magazine. Some of our students will be watching a performance from a group of artists, Hanse Pfeifferrey next term, but if you are interested in attending any of the concerts, please take a look at the [Stour Music website](#).



Ashford Family Hubs Timetable – Half-Term

Please follow the [link](#) for the Ashford Family May half term timetable

Key Dates

Date	Time	Event
23 May 2025		Last day of term
02 June 2025		First day of term
02-03 June 2025		Year 10 core exams in the exam hall
02-10 June 2025		Year 7 and Year 10 end of year assessments
11 June 2025		Year 9 Mock Interviews
13-14 June 2025		Duke of Edinburgh – Bronze Qualifier
27-29 June 2025		Duke of Edinburgh – Silver Qualifier

Conclusion

It has been nice in this newsletter to include the Careers Newsletter, you can see a lot of work is going on in that area now, thank you to all the staff, and guests, involved. Another nice thing to include for your interest is our new student paper, '[The Wye Eye](#),' which is the product of one of our extra-curricular clubs. You likely know that at lunchtime and afterschool there is a menu of clubs including sports that students are encouraged to attend, this is the output of one of them. The article in this newsletter about the allotment showcased the work of more of them. It is great to see so many Wye students taking part in extra-curricular activities.

I hope you all have a good half term and look forward to seeing the students back for term 6, the fun summer term in which lots of activities are planned.

Yours sincerely



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