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Newsletter

14 November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

A short catch-up newsletter in a rather wet few weeks during which we have been running mock exams for Year 11 and 13, who all took them seriously. As ever I am thankful for the rest of the school for keeping quiet around the exam hall.

Year 11 Mock Exams and Post-16 Destinations

A huge well done to our Year 11 students for their hard work during the recent mock exams! It has been fantastic to see students have been working on their resilience, by trying to use all of the available time in the exam to its best effect. Standard lessons for students will resume on Monday 17th November, along with weekly homework and lunchtime interventions to keep the momentum going in this vital year. We are proud of their efforts and encourage them to keep aiming high. The coming weeks and months are an important step as they attend Post-16 open evenings and begin applying for their next destinations with their parents and carers at home. To support these applications, student reports containing predicted grades will be available from Monday 8th December. If your child has forgotten their Kent Choices log in, please ask them to speak to Mr Millward.

Remembrance Day

We held a silence in honour of Armistice Day, students and staff took part including our Combined Cadets and Naval Cadet. We also had a poppy display in reception. Thank you to everyone for taking part so respectfully and thoughtfully.

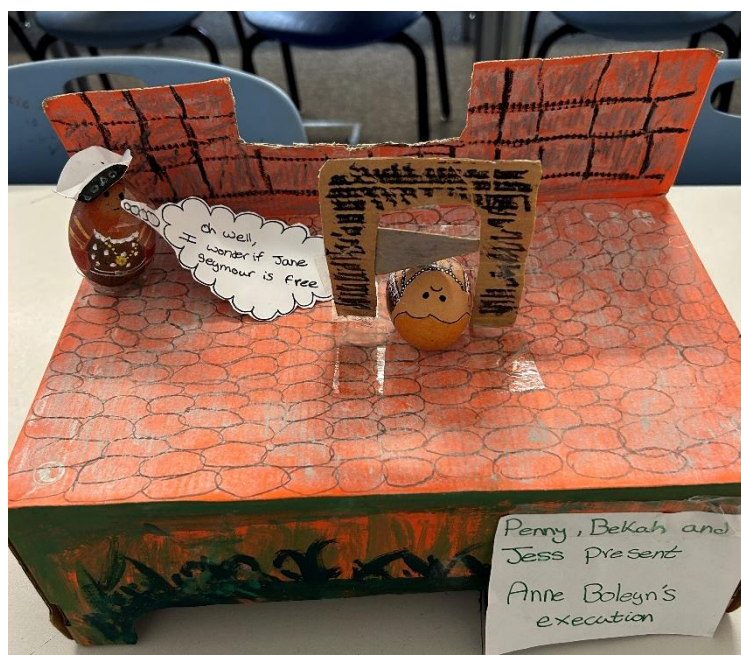


Catering Theme Days

Taylor Shaw cooked up some eerie-sistible treats (no tricks!) for our Hallowe'en celebration last term.

Our next theme day is on 20th November where we will be offering a **taste of Mexico** ([see here for flyer](#)). There will be a choice of meat or veggie enchiladas, with grab'n'go rice pots and spiced chocolate brownies for dessert.

As a cosy winter warmer for the colder days, we are now also serving hot chocolate from the pod.



Egg Challenge

KS3 students were asked to put their creative skills to the test by using eggs to recreate historical figures. The winners of the competition were Year 9 students Jessica Gladstone-Gerrard, Penny Carlton and Rebekah Hirst who made a historical piece showing Anne Boleyn's execution. Congratulations to our winners and well done to everyone who participated!



Bishop Rose Visited our Year 10

The Rt Revd Rose Hudson-Wilkin, Bishop of Dover, and Reverend Ravi Holy, our vicar in Wye, were greeted by Margaret Williams, our Chair of Governors, for a visit to talk to Year 10 students who study religion at GCSE level.

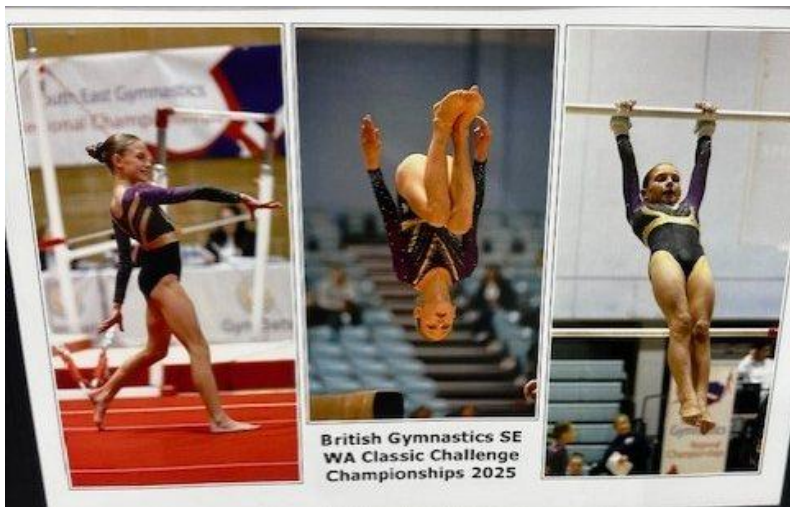
What an incredible afternoon for our Year 10 pupils! Bishop Rose joined us for an hour of engaging conversation, and our students rose to the occasion with brilliant questions.

From what it's really like to be a bishop to the challenges she has faced, Bishop Rose shared her journey with

honesty, warmth, and humour.

The discussion touched on key issues in the Church of England and sparked thoughtful reflections among our pupils. It was a truly uplifting experience, and Bishop Rose left us all feeling inspired and motivated!

Sports Round up



Gymnastics

Tilly in Year 7 attended the Guildford Spectrum for a regional British Gymnastics competition and did incredibly well. Tilly placed third on both vault and bars for her age category and finished ninth overall in the region across all four apparatus, out of a total of 95 competitors. Well done Tilly!

Football Highlights

Year 9 and Year 11 started the term strongly with victories in their opening games of the term last month. Our Year 9 boys maintained their 100% league form with a narrow 1-0 victory under the lights at Folkestone Academy. An instinctive goal in the six-yard area from Henry and some fantastic goalkeeping from Leo was enough to keep Wye top of Division 2. The team are now in with a chance of finishing as divisional winners, requiring one point from next week's final league game of the district season vs Turner School to guarantee top spot. Good luck to the team next week!

Year 11 also went top of Division 2 with a hard-earned victory in the rain at home against Folkestone. Richard scored Wye's opener, with goals from Jack and Jesse securing the points after Folkestone had drawn level.

Netball Highlights

It has been a very busy few weeks of Netball since returning after the half term break with games coming thick and fast for Year 7-10.



Our Year 7 girls played their first two matches as a team with a narrow 2-1 defeat to Towers last week being followed by their maiden victory this week vs Homewood. Wye came out on top 5-4 in a match played in a fine spirit between the two schools.



Year 8 continued their superb form from last year with excellent wins in their first two matches vs Chilmington Green (15-3) and Towers (13-12). The Wye girls then followed up with a brilliant **third place finish** at this weeks Ashford and Shepway District Netball Tournament, winning six of their eight games on the night. Stand out performances came from Olivia, Isabelle, Isla and Emma, who were all fantastic, and have also played for the Yr 9 netball team this week. Thank you as well to Mrs Armstrong for her wonderful umpiring!

This week Wye also travelled to Towers for Year 9 action which finished in an exciting 7-7 draw. The evening was notable for a number of players playing up a year group and Faith in Year 9 was given star player by the Year 10 Towers School team. She stepped up to play in the older year group and dominated the opposition Centre who had been so strong in the first half and showed herself to be a great leader, representing the school magnificently.

Special mentions also go to Megan and Amelia in Year 9 who also played for the Year 10 team. Megan scored some beautiful goals and Amelia was incredible in the centre court with some outstanding passes.



CEMA Museum - Maidstone

On 6th November Year 9 students visited the CEMA museum in Maidstone. Students explored workshops centred around medicine and surgery during WW1, life of a soldier and life on the home front (WW2). After this students got to explore a replica trench, dug out and step inside a real Anderson shelter.

Kent Police

The Annual Policing Survey is currently taking place. It is seeking the public's views on trust in the Police, safety where we live and what the Force's priorities should be.

They have asked that we share this survey with pupils and parents so that you can have your say on your experiences. Last year, over a thousand young people took part and directly influenced policy in Kent.

The survey can be completed [here](#) - The results will be used to set Kent Police's priorities next year and how we can work with you to improve safety.

Please note that the survey closes at the end of December.

Autism Family Support Service

Free online support opportunity for parents and carers run through the **Autism Family Support Service**. The next drop-in takes place in December. Normally, they run the 'You Are Not Alone' drop-in on the first Tuesday of the month, but in December they are doing something special. Instead of 1 drop-in session, they are going to run 5 drop-in sessions from **Monday 1 December to Friday 5 December** from **7:00 pm – 8:30 pm**. For further information, please download their [leaflet here](#).

Key Dates

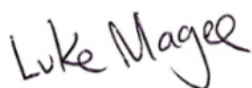
Date	Time	Event
15 October 2025		Last day of term
29 October 2025		First day of term
3 – 14 November 2025		Year 11 and 13 Mock exams in Sports Hall
08 December 2025		Year 11 Academic Reports shared with students and parents
10 December 2025		Y8 Parents Evening – Virtual. Bookings open on school cloud on 17 th November.
19 December 2025		Last day of term Non-uniform day Students finish at 12:15 pm
6 January 2026		First day of term

Conclusion

A polite reminder to parents about not parking in a way that causes issues for our neighbours, some of whom report their drives being blocked at school pick up and drop off times still. Also a request that when it is raining, all students come in with a coat, a surprising number arrive already wet after a journey to school in the rain without a coat.

The Christmas buildup is about to start, it is always a nice time of year at school as the students, and staff, become increasingly festive during December. It helps counteract the darker mornings and evenings and weather. Year 11 and 13 are busy applying for their Post 16 and Post 18 next steps at this time of year, alongside their exam prep, so it is a tiring term for them, and probably their parents and carers! Thank you as ever with the support with that.

Yours sincerely



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Principal