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Newsletter

25 September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

A newsletter to start the academic year. We use newsletters to give you a hint of what has been happening at school, to give you warning of any changes coming up at school and to pass on information from external agencies such as the council. We also put things on our Facebook page (we no longer use Twitter/X). Anything important or urgent will be sent out as an email or SMS to parents, not via this newsletter, although we might then also cover it in the newsletter with more details.

The first term of the year has started very well, the weather has been nice, attendance has been high and our existing students have come back ready to learn. Our new Year 7s are being praised by all the staff for their friendly and hardworking nature.

Over the summer it was results time, always a good day for staff to see the outcomes of what we do. Year 13 were first, in mid-August, and we were happy to see them achieve their potential and secure a next step in life. This ranged from four students going to Guilford to study Music, to English at Surrey and Southampton, to RAF officer training. We wish them all well with their next steps and thank them for their contributions to Wye School. A special shout out to our Year 13s who studied vocational courses, every one of whom achieved a Distinction, not something we have had before. Well done to them!

Year 11 were next and again, it is always a joy for staff to see them, and their families, celebrating their next steps. Our most common moves are 6th Form at Norton Knatchbull and Highworth, with Canterbury Academy being a recent popular choice as well. But across the year group at least one student decided to go to almost all the local schools and colleges, from Homewood to Simon Langton, from Ashford College to Canterbury College. We wish them all well. The results were good again and when the league tables come out I will share the figures.



Get Involved in Your Child's Learning!

Our [Curriculum Overview](#) on the school website shows you what your child is learning across their subjects throughout the year.

Why not use it to ask, “**What have you learned about this topic?**”, encourage your child to teach you something they have learned, or help them look back over previous topics? Regular conversations about learning are a simple way to show interest in their learning and support your child's progress. It is also helpful when students are revising for their mid-year and end of year assessments so they can go back and check previous topics they have learned so far this year.

A Reminder About Homework

Regular homework helps students consolidate their learning, practise key skills and develop good study habits. Parents and carers can support by checking that homework is completed each week and encouraging their child to ask for help if they are unsure. All homework is recorded as an assignment on Arbor. Students that complete homework each week can gain an additional 5 months progress at school!

Students have already completed 257 hours of science homework, and in the first week of homework this year 84% of students completed their Sparx Maths homework. This is a good start, but the aim is to work together to reach 100%!

You can find more information about homework, including homework frequency, expectations and guidance, on our [Homework page](#). There is also a weekly homework club at lunchtime in the IT room for students that would like any support.

KS4 Revision Guides

Students in **Years 10 and 11** can benefit from using revision guides alongside their classwork and homework. Our website has information about **recommended revision guides and resources** to help students prepare effectively for their GCSEs.

Find out more on our [How to Support My Child's Progress](#) page.

Year 7 Core Sets

We are currently reviewing our Year 7 sets using an array of information including SATs, Maths and English baseline tests, CATs testing (MIDYIS) and teacher feedback. These will be reviewed by the staff team and students will have new sets and a timetable ready for the first day after half term.

PE Uniform

In light of new government guidance on uniform, parental/student feedback on the new branded PE uniform items, and working in conjunction with Inclusive Sportswear and the Youth Sport Trust, we have relaxed the PE Uniform rules for bottoms. Whilst we would prefer students to be wearing branded shorts, leggings, or joggers, we will accept plain black/navy alternatives. Shorts, if worn, must be loose-fit, and leggings must be sport-legging material. The PE top remains a compulsory item for all.

Student Leadership

Every year students have chosen two House Captains from each tutor group to provide student voice through the Student Council. As a result of this, we have made changes, such as the above to PE Uniform, changes to the canteen menus, etc.. This year, we will continue with this tradition of House Captains but have added some new roles to our leadership structure, namely Heads of House (from Year 10 and 11) and Heads of School from Year 11.

Our Heads of School in Year 11 are: Dominic, Josie, Isabella, and Ben, who are support by,
Our Heads of Houses: Leo, Jasmine, Daisy, and Rose

They will support Ms Davis in the running of the Student Council, making this is a more student-centred forum. With the support of Ms McCormick and Mr Pryse, the team will oversee the mentoring of new Year 7s; run committees incl. Prom, Sports Day and Charity; organise their yearbook; and oversee the development of our Interhouse Competitions.



Year 11 Catering and Hospitality

Students baked sponge cakes, froze them and used them this week to produce mini Victoria sandwich cakes for a dessert. They were focusing on complex skills including, aerating and piping cream, melting chocolate using a bain-marie and creating chocolate decorations and final presentation. We are extremely proud of the final results.

New Library

We are delighted that our new library space is now available for students to visit at lunchtimes, whether to enjoy some quiet reading or borrow a book to take home. Thank you to everyone who has donated books to this project. It is wonderful to see students really enjoying this space.

Our students have also been putting their own creativity into practice by entering a national 100-word story competition. We were thrilled to learn that many of our students' entries were selected for publication and have now appeared in a book. This is a fantastic achievement and a wonderful opportunity for our young writers to see their own work in print.

As part of our wider literacy enrichment, students in Year 8 upwards enjoyed a visit in July from award-winning author and Everest summiteer Matt Dickinson, who shared his experiences and led an expedition-planning workshop, helping to bring literacy and learning vividly to life.





Wye School Himalayan Challenge

Pupils recently took part in a sponsored walk to Wye Crown to raise money for the training of our school therapy dog, Nettle. Pupils and staff worked together to complete the walk, enjoying the beautiful countryside while supporting an important cause. The event encouraged teamwork, perseverance, and community spirit, with everyone committed to helping provide a fully trained therapy dog for our school.

Over £700 was raised and these funds will contribute towards Nettle's specialist training, enabling her to offer emotional support, comfort, and wellbeing benefits to pupils. The sponsored walk was a great success and demonstrated the generosity and dedication of our school community - thank you for your support.

The Call of the Wild – Adventure in the Black Mountains

Forty students from Years 7-10 enjoyed an unforgettable week in the Brecon Beacons, taking on a wide range of adventurous activities including mountain biking, canoeing, raft-building, climbing, abseiling, orienteering and high ropes.

A particular highlight for everyone was gorge walking. Students (and four members of staff) scrambled up rivers, climbed over boulders, navigated waterfalls and challenged themselves to jump into icy mountain pools from increasing heights. The encouragement and support shown throughout the day was fantastic and it was wonderful to see so many students pushing themselves beyond their comfort zones.

The evenings were packed with more activity including building and racing go-karts and team problem-solving tasks, which saw students build new friendships and create lasting memories.

A week full of sunshine, smiles, resilience and achievement. We are incredibly proud of every student who took part!





Football Tour – Milan 2026

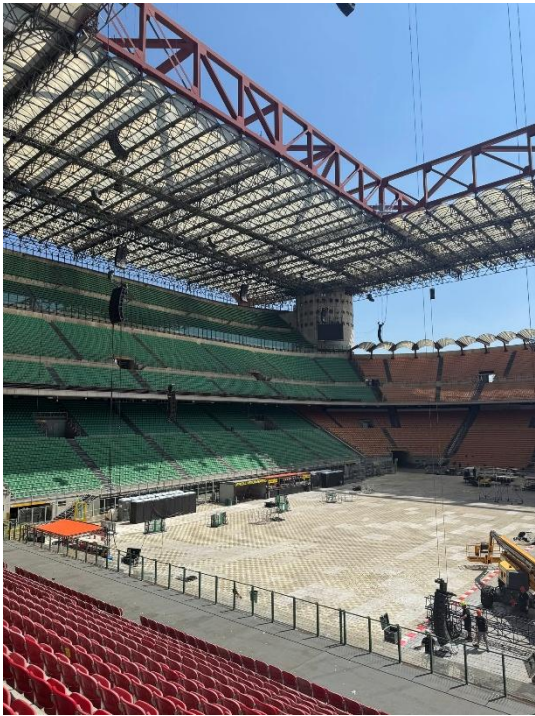
In July forty Wye School students enjoyed an unforgettable summer football tour to Italy, spending two days training with coaches from the prestigious AC Milan Academy. The experience gave students the opportunity to develop their skills while gaining an insight into professional football coaching.

The group stayed at the Hotel Antares in Verona, where students made full use of the hotel swimming pool, enjoying many hours relaxing before and after training sessions. The tour also included a visit to the iconic San Siro Stadium, as well as the AC Milan Museum and Club Shop, allowing students to explore the rich history of one of Europe's most famous football clubs.

On the Wednesday evening, students watched England's heart-breaking World Cup semi-final defeat to Argentina together in the hotel bar, sharing the highs and lows of tournament football. The trip concluded with a fantastic evening at Gardaland Theme Park, where students enjoyed a well-deserved time on the rides after an action-packed week.

The tour was a fantastic success, creating lasting memories, developing football skills, and providing experiences that our students will never forget. Thank you to Mr Millward for all of his hard work organising the trip.







Cricketer of the Year for Boughton & Eastwell Cricket Club U13s

Congratulations to Andrew in Year 9 who finished the 2026 season as Cricketer of the Year for Boughton & Eastwell Cricket Club U13s. Andrew was the leading wicket taker and joint leading run scorer for the club.



Gold for Emma!

Congratuations to Emma in Year 9 for becoming Kent U14 High Jump Champion at the recent Kent Athletics Championships. The championships were held over consecutive weekends in two locations, the Julie Rose Stadium in Ashford and Medway Park, Gillingham. Emma won Ashford Athletic Club's only gold of the championships in the high Jump, clearing 1.60m to win by 5cm.

Art & Craft Club

First art & craft club of the new year and we are painting rocks. Very busy with Year 7s coming for the first time and some loyal Year 8 returners .



Careers Visit

We had the army visit us on the morning of Thursday the 24th of September for our Year 11s, and the path the two officers took to get into the Army, both with a medical speciality. The pupils were told about experience, wage and benefits of working in the army, along with the vast amount of roles there too.

Earlier in the term, we had our student Bobbie-Jack come back from his role in the army, and how successful he is and how proud we are of him!

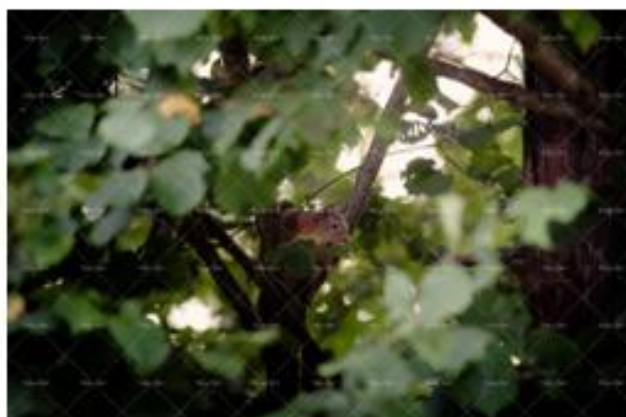


Photos from a Budding Photographer at Wye School

Toby in Year 10 has launched his own website at the following site: <https://tobygirt.com>

You can see some of his watermarked images below, a selection from his website.

Well done Toby.



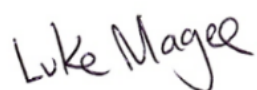
Key Dates

Date	Time	Event
7 October	17:00-18:30 pm	Post-16 Destinations and next steps evening for Year 11 students and parents
19 October		Last day of term
20 October	14:30 – 17:30	Year 7 parents virtual parents evening with form tutor. Details to follow.
02 November		First day of term
02 November – 17 November		Year 11 mock examinations
25 November		Immunisation Team – Flu Vaccinations
26 November		GCSE Music solo performance recordings
7 December		Year 11 Results from mock exams
10 December	15:30-20:00	Year 8 Virtual parents evening

Conclusion

Sport has got off to a good start again this year with the new Year 7s being very keen for football trials to begin. Year 6 tours started again this week and we are very busy with guests again. It is pleasing how many of the parents touring tell me that they have come to see us either because one of our parents talked well of us or they know one of our students and they have found them to be thriving. One guest today said 'X my neighbour used to be very shy but has really come out of herself since she joined you.' That is always really lovely to hear and I thank you and your children for being good ambassadors for us out there in the wider community.

Yours sincerely



Luke Magee
Principal