



Dear Parents/Carers

These last few days of term, in the midst of our Enrichment Week, are some of the core memories of school life that will stick with our students into adulthood. The football tour in Milan, the Rye watersports trip, work experience, the walk up to the Crown, to name but a few; these are experiences that challenge our students, take them out of their comfort zone, and open their minds to opportunities and skills for life. School is about so much more than academia. As a school we are proud to deliver **academic excellence** and **education with character** and want our students to embrace and embody our values of **ambition, determination, and respect**. As we all reflect upon this academic year, and you speak with your child about their academic achievements and what next year will bring, I hope that they will say that they worked hard, achieved well, and have had a wealth of opportunities to learn and develop outside of the classroom. This is a full newsletter, I have tried to keep the practical information that you need to know ahead of September, about mobile phones, changes to FSM rules, uniform, reports and timetables etc. at the fore, but please do spend just as much time looking at all of the fantastic things our students have been up to outside of the classroom since our last newsletter. There will be more to come in September, the term is not finished yet!

Mobile phones, smart watches, and other electronic devices

A reminder... You may have noticed lots of new things coming from the government on the **use of mobile phones** by children and teenagers. From September the government is enforcing a ban on mobile phones in schools in England. We have long had a 'not seen or heard' policy on phones and so we only need to make a few changes to be up to date on government expectations around them at school:

- between 8:10am and 3:40pm we don't allow mobile phones to be used anywhere on site by our students, inside or outside. That includes as they arrive at school or leave school. They can use them once they are outside the school boundary or on the bus.
- they are not to be used at all during the school day. If we find that a student has contacted someone else from school during the school day then they will no longer be allowed to have their phone on them and will need to either leave it at home or place it in reception for each day. Students needing to message parents can do so via the school office and the pastoral team.
- if we have to confiscate a phone due to students breaking these rules we will only return them to parents/carers and not the student.

I would be grateful if you could talk to your child about these small changes so that we reduce the need to enforce them. If you need to contact your child during the school day, please do so via the school office.

A reminder that smart watches and other electronic devices such as headphones and speakers are also treated in the same way i.e. not seen or heard during the hours stated above.

Uniform and equipment

Towards the end of the summer holidays, please check that your child's school and PE uniforms still fit ahead of September. Our school uniform is set out on [our website](#). Please note the changes to PE uniform for Year 9 and 10 (current 8 and 9).

A reminder that hair dye of an unnatural colour (e.g. red, blue, green), false nails and gels, false eyelashes, and piercings (other than a single stud in each lobe) are not permitted. I highlight these explicitly as we

always have a small handful of students return in September with these, which causes difficult conversations early on between students, parents and staff, and is avoidable. Thank you in advance for your co-operation.

Your child should have the following equipment every day in order to access their learning:

Black pen, green pen, pencil, pencil sharpener, eraser, dry-wipe pen (for mini whiteboards), ruler (with cm and mm), highlighters, glue stick, coloured pencils, compasses and protractor. Students should also have access to a scientific calculator each day (the following have all the functions students will need in KS4:

Casio 85GT CW, Casio 85GT X, Casio fx991EX, Casio fx83GT CW or Casio fx991 CW).

We have a small stationery shop at school where basic items like pens, drywipe pens, pencils, erasers, and rulers can be bought at cost price.

Timetables for 2026-2027

We are pleased to let parents and carers know that student timetables for the **2026–2027 academic year** will be available to view from **Monday 20 July**. Timetables, including teaching groups and sets, can be accessed through **Arbor**. To view next year's timetable, simply navigate forward in the date view to the new academic year.

Teaching sets are determined using a range of information to ensure that every student is placed in the environment where they can make the greatest progress. This includes **end-of-year assessment results, individual targets, teacher predictions, classwork, and teachers' professional judgement**. By considering all of these factors together, we aim to maximise learning opportunities and support the success of every student.

We would like to reassure families that set placement is carefully reviewed and is based on a broad picture of each student's attainment and potential, rather than on a single assessment outcome. As students continue to develop throughout the year, set placements may be reviewed where appropriate to ensure they remain best placed to succeed.

Year 9 GCSE options

Students will be able to confirm the GCSE options they have been allocated on their Arbor timetable from Monday 20th July. Unless you have been contacted, students will have been allocated their first choices for GCSE subjects.

Changes to Free School Meals from the 2026 to 2027 Academic Year

We are writing to let you know about changes to free school meals (FSM) from the start of the 2026 to 2027 academic year.

What is changing?

Expanded entitlement for families on Universal Credit

From the start of academic year 2026 to 2027, all children in households receiving Universal Credit will be entitled to free school meals, regardless of earnings.

Going forward, there will be two types of eligibility:

- **Targeted FSM:** for households in receipt of universal credit earning £7,400 or less (includes free meals and additional support such as student premium).
Other educational entitlements such as the Holiday Activities and Food program (HAF) and the 'extended rights' element of school travel assistance, will also continue to be based on targeted FSM.
- **Expanded FSM:** for households in receipt of universal credit earning above £7,400 (free meals only)

Families with no recourse to public funds may also be eligible for Targeted FSM subject to meeting separate criteria.

All students in reception, year 1 and year 2 will also continue to be entitled to free school meals under the universal infant free school meals policy regardless of family circumstances.

End of transitional protections

Since 2018, some children have continued to receive free school meals, even if their family circumstances changed during the rollout of Universal Credit. This is referred to as transitional protections.

Now that entitlement is being expanded to all families on Universal Credit, these protections will end at the end of the 2025 to 2026 academic year.

This means:

- **Some children may no longer be eligible** from the start of the 2026 to 2027 academic year if their family does not receive Universal Credit or another qualifying benefit
- Eligibility will now be based on current benefit status

What you need to do

If your child currently receives free school meals:

- In most cases, you do not need to reapply
- The local authority will check your eligibility automatically using the details already held and inform you of any changes to your FSM eligibility
- In some cases, your child's school or the local authority may contact you to confirm your details
- If your child is starting a new school in September, they will be in touch to confirm whether you need to confirm your details or reapply.
- If you are unsure, please contact your school or local authority for advice.

If your child does not currently receive free school meals

- You may now be eligible under the expanded criteria
- You will need to apply through your local authority:

[Apply for free school meals - GOV.UK](#)

Spotlight on Speech and Language

As we come to the end of another busy school year, I would like to take this opportunity to share some of the speech, language and communication support that has been available to students throughout the year.

Strong communication skills play a vital role in all aspects of learning, wellbeing and social development.

Throughout the year, we have worked closely with students to develop their confidence and abilities in areas such as understanding language, expressing ideas, following instructions, social communication, vocabulary development and speaking skills.

Many students have benefited from targeted interventions, small-group support and personalised strategies within the classroom. We have also continued to collaborate with teaching staff, external professionals and families to ensure that students receive consistent support across school and home environments.

As we look ahead to the next academic year, we remain committed to ensuring that all students have the support they need to access learning and reach their full potential.

If you have any concerns about your child's speech, language or communication skills, or if you would like advice about how to support communication at home, please do not hesitate to contact Nicky Hargrave on office@wyeschool.org.uk or the SEN office.

Music Tuition at Wye School

Music Tuition starts back up again from the second week back when we return to school in September.

- Guitar lessons- Tuesday 8th September 2026
- Singing lessons- Tuesday 8th September 2026
- Drum Lessons- Wednesday 9th September 2026
- Piano lessons- Wednesday 9th/Thursday 10th September 2026

If you would like to know more about Music Tuition lessons at Wye School, please email Julie Apps, Cluster Lead Teacher of Music - Julie.Apps@wyeschool.org.uk

Kent Police - Urgent Water Safety Message for Students – Conningbrook & Singleton Lakes

As we continue to experience periods of hot weather, Kent Police have asked school to share this important water safety message with students and parents.

We are aware that warmer temperatures can encourage young people to seek places to cool off, including open water locations such as Conningbrook Lakes and Singleton Lakes. However, swimming in these lakes is extremely dangerous and presents a significant risk to life.

Open water can be very different from swimming pools and managed leisure facilities. Dangers include:

- Sudden changes in water depth
- Extremely cold water temperatures, even during hot weather
- Cold water shock, which can affect breathing and mobility
- Underwater hazards, debris and entanglement risks
- Poor visibility beneath the surface
- Strong currents and soft or unstable banks
- Difficulty exiting the water in an emergency

Tragically, every year people lose their lives after entering open water, often believing the conditions to be safe when they are not.

We would also like to remind students and parents that both Conningbrook Lakes and Singleton Lakes are covered by Public Space Protection Orders (PSPOs), which prohibit swimming. Enforcement action may be taken against individuals found entering the water in breach of these restrictions.

In addition, Kent Police will be actively patrolling these locations during periods of hot weather and increased demand. Where necessary, officers will consider the use of Anti-Social Behaviour powers, including Dispersal Orders, to help prevent young people entering the water, keep them safe from harm, and ensure these public spaces can be enjoyed responsibly by all members of the community.

Thank you for your support in helping us keep children and young people safe this summer.

Teacher Training

It is possible to train to be a teacher at Wye School, through United Teaching:

<https://www.unitedteaching.org.uk/.../teacher-training...>

United Teaching were recently inspected by Ofsted, including a visit to Wye School where they inspected our trainee and our mentors, and the report awarded 'Exceptional' in every category:

<https://reports.ofsted.gov.uk/provider/41/70333>

We are proud to be part of an 'exceptional' teacher training programme. If you are interested in training to be a teacher at Wye School, or our sister school [Chilmington Green Secondary School](#) please look at the link above to see how it works.

Keeping Safe over the Summer

It can be a worry over the Summer period to know what to do/who to contact if something comes up - we have added a [helpful leaflet](#) for parents/carers to reference to if needed.

"Worried about a Young Person's thoughts, feelings or behaviour"; will talk you through the different steps and different services you can seek support from if you are worried about a child/young person, whether this be their mental health, a safeguarding concern or general advice.

If you have a safeguarding concern over the Summer holidays that cannot be supported by the information in this newsletter please email safeguarding@wyeschool.org.uk, a member of the safeguarding team will be able to respond.

Online safety advice - Internet Matters

Advice from <https://www.internetmatters.org/>

With the summer holidays approaching, many children will be looking forward to spending more of their free time online and for lots of children, that means playing online games.

Online games can be a brilliant way for children to have fun, connect with friends and build confidence, but it's important they know how to play safely and understand the rules of the spaces they're in.

Internet Matters offer free guidance to help you support your child with online gaming, including how to understand community rules, avoid warnings or bans, and start positive conversations about the games, apps and videos they enjoy.



"What game are you playing at the moment?" Sometimes, the simplest questions start the most important conversations.

Internet Matters have partnered with Ukie to create a free Conversation Guide to help parents and carers turn everyday chats about games, videos, and apps into opportunities to talk about online safety with your child.

Ask About Games also offers guides to hundreds of online games, to help you find the games that are the perfect match to the age and interests of your family.

Mental Health Support and Resources

We recognise that some of our students may experience challenges with their mental health and wellbeing. To help support both young people and their families, we would like to signpost some useful resources that may be beneficial over the summer holidays and beyond.

YoungMinds is an excellent organisation that provides information, advice and practical strategies to support young people's mental health. They also offer a dedicated support section for parents and carers, which includes guidance on understanding and supporting your child's emotional wellbeing.

YoungMinds Parent Support:

<https://www.youngminds.org.uk/parent/>

In addition, we would like to introduce a simple Cognitive Behavioural Therapy (CBT) tool called a **Thought Record**. A Thought Record helps young people identify unhelpful thoughts, consider the evidence for and against them, and develop more balanced ways of thinking. This can be particularly helpful for students who may be experiencing worries or anxiety about returning to school after the summer break.

The following short videos explain what a Thought Record is and how to use one:

CBT: Completing a Thought Record

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MhRmE4VHEWo&list=PL25KAxQeVfin9ohJASMnmIO0ldqctcE-3&index=3>

Thought Record: Evaluating Thoughts

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=5HVnSUBKp8&list=PL25KAxQeVfin9ohJASMnmIO0ldqctcE-3&index=2>

We encourage parents and carers to explore these resources with their child if they feel they would be helpful. Taking time to discuss worries and develop positive coping strategies over the summer may help students feel more confident and prepared for the new school year.

University of Kent - Year 10 visit

On Tuesday 30th June, our entire Year 10 cohort visited the University of Kent as part of the school's careers programme to help raise aspirations and broaden students' understanding of future pathways. The day began with an engaging talk in a university lecture theatre, where students learned about university life, courses, and opportunities beyond school. This was followed by a guided tour of the impressive campus facilities, including a cinema and even a practice courtroom, which sparked particular interest. Throughout the visit, our students represented the school exceptionally well, asking thoughtful and insightful questions to the student ambassadors and demonstrating real curiosity about their futures.





Wye School Therapy Dog

We are delighted to share that our new therapy dog, Nettle, is settling into school life exceptionally well. Since joining us, she has quickly become a much-loved member of our school community.

From the very first day, Nettle has shown a calm, friendly, and gentle nature, helping students feel relaxed and comfortable. Nettle's presence has already had a positive impact, bringing smiles and creating a sense of calm throughout the day.

Staff and students alike have been impressed with how confidently Nettle has adapted to the busy school environment, responding brilliantly to new routines, the school site, and the many friendly faces she has met each day.

We would like to thank everyone for helping to make our newest school member feel so welcome. We look forward to seeing the many benefits Nettle will bring to our students' wellbeing, confidence, and enjoyment of school in the months ahead.

If you have not yet completed the Wye School Therapy Dog Survey, please do so using this link:

[Wye School Therapy Dog Survey – Fill out form](#)

United Learning Best In Everyone Awards

You may recall that in our February Newsletter we shared that Chester in Year 8 had designed a transport map of the Ashford and surrounding areas. After being commended by the Mayor of Ashford, we put him forward for and he went on to win the United Learning Best in Everyone Award for Year 7-9 Geography. His family and Mr Magee were lucky enough to accompany him to Boughton House to be hosted by The Duke of Buccleuch for an awards ceremony where Sir Jon Coles gave Chester his prize. Well done Chester! If you would like to purchase a copy of the map, it is available to purchase in Ashford at Made in Ashford, County Square.





Wye School - The Best in Everyone Awards

On Thursday 2nd July Wye School hosted their annual Best in Everyone awards event. Families were invited to watch the ceremony and join students and staff afterwards for refreshments. The Best in Everyone Awards celebrate excellence and the most outstanding examples of achievement across Wye School.

BiE award	Ks3	Ks4
Art	ES	Kayla G
Computing	Charlie C-S	Ceres B
English	Seren A	Aaron C
Geography	Matthias A	Davies I
History	Jessica G-G	Leo H
Maths	Rose A	George B
MFL	Anna M	Zara L
Music	Otis N-P	Sandaru S
RS	Rose A	Daisy W
Science	Zack B-G	
Biology		Ameliia M
Chemistry		Chloe C
Physics		Molly C
Sportsman of the Year	Matthias A	Benjamin De V
Sportswoman of the Year	Sophie L	Hattie W
Sports team of the Year	Year 9 Boys Football	Year 10 Girls Netball
Character	Christino G	Jasmine L



Forest School



Our students have thoroughly enjoyed their Forest School sessions this term, embracing the opportunity to learn and play outdoors. They have shown great teamwork and creativity while building dens, fixing a hammock to the trees and working together to design and construct shelters using natural materials. Climbing trees has also been a particular highlight, helping children to develop confidence, resilience and a sense of adventure in a safe and supportive environment. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm for being outside.



Careers' Fair

On Tuesday 7th July, students had the opportunity to attend our annual Careers Fair, which brought together a wide range of employers, organisations, universities and local businesses. Representatives from organisations including National Grid, Church & Dwight, universities, local enterprises and community groups were on hand to share valuable information about future education and career pathways.

Students visited the various stalls during their allocated time slots and completed a worksheet designed to encourage thoughtful engagement with exhibitors and exploration of different career options. The event provided an excellent opportunity for students to ask questions, gain insights into a variety of industries and consider the many pathways available to them after school.

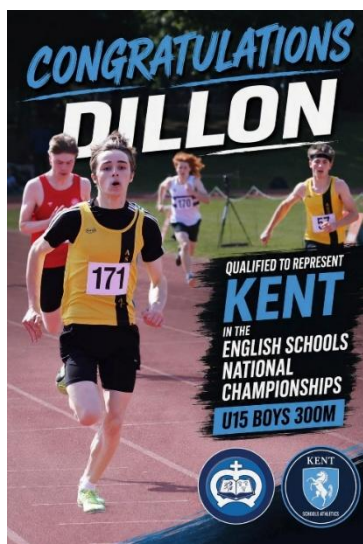
A huge thank you goes to our fantastic Careers Representatives, Faith, Zack and Alex, whose enthusiasm and support helped make the event such a success. We are also grateful to all of our exhibitors for giving their time and inspiring our students to think ambitiously about their futures.



Congratulations to our Super Seven!

Seven students completed a three-day Duke of Edinburgh Silver expedition in Sussex, showing resilience, teamwork and positivity despite some of the most dramatic weather imaginable. They powered through extreme heat, torrential rain, thunder and lightning, never losing their determination or sense of humour. Routes were adapted each day to provide shade and shelter and the group embraced every change with maturity and enthusiasm. From cooking on Trangia's to supporting one another through sudden storms, they were outstanding ambassadors for the DofE programme and Wye School. A huge congratulations to our brilliant Super 7.





Dillon Secures his place in the Kent County Squad

Huge congratulations to Dillon in Year 9 who has been selected to represent the Kent Schools Athletics team to compete at the English National Championships in Birmingham in July. Dillon took silver in the U15 boys 300m at Saturdays Kent Inter-Counties Championships, running another incredible personal best time of 36.53s and securing his place in the county squad for Birmingham.

All of us at Wye School wish Dillon the very best of luck for the championships!



Kent Badminton Tournament

Congratulations to Saketh in Year 10 who has won the U16 Doubles Bronze medal in the Kent Futures Badminton Tournaments!

Kent School Athletics Championships 2026

Congratulations to the following Wye students who all won medals competing for Ashford District at the Kent Schools Championships held at Bromley.

Year 8 - Emma - Junior Girls High Jump, Silver (picture 1)

Year 9 - Dillon - Junior Boys 300m, Gold (picture 2)

Year 11 - Richard - Intermediate Boys 100m, Bronze

Emma is currently ranked joint first in the UK at U14 for High Jump and narrowly lost out to her closest rival on Saturday in a head to head for gold. Dillon ran an incredible time of 36.95s in the 300m, which is a new championship record and one tenth of a second off national standards. Richard raced for the first time this season and performed very well considering his lack of track time this summer through Year 11 exam season.

Well done to Emma, Dillon, and Richard for all their hard work training and competing. They will now go on to represent Kent in the Inter Counties Championships... we wish them luck!



Ashford and Shepway Girls District Athletics Championships

A superb day for Wye at the Ashford and Shepway Girls District Athletics Championships last Tuesday.

Our girls produced a fantastic team performance to finish 3rd overall school, with our Year 8 team also placing 3rd in their year group category and our Year 9 team achieving a stunning 2nd place finish.

The day also saw many individual medallist from Wye:

Year 7

Tilly – Gold 800m

Bluebelle – Bronze High Jump

Year 8

Emma – Silver High Jump, Silver 200m and Bronze 100m

Sophie – Silver 1500m

Emma, Isabelle, Eva and Isla – Silver 4 x 100m Relay

Year 9

Brooke – Gold 1500m
Isabelle – Gold Discus
Millie – Silver Javelin
Evie – Bronze 800m

Bonnie – Bronze Long Jump

Year 10

Kayla – Silver Long Jump

The Wye girls work rate throughout the day was incredible, particularly in very warm conditions. They represented the school brilliantly, and we could not be prouder of their efforts and achievements. Well done to everyone who took part!



Boys District Athletics - 2026

It was the boys turn for District Athletics action yesterday at the Julie Rose Stadium, and they certainly rose to the occasion! Wye produced another outstanding team performance, finishing 4th overall against some of the strongest schools in the Ashford and Shepway districts. A special mention must go to our Year 7 squad, who achieved an incredible 3rd place finish in their year group category.

Wye medal winners were:

Year 7

Josh – Silver 1500m, Bronze High Jump
Cristian – Bronze 100m

Year 8

Jenson – Bronze 1500m

Year 9

George – Silver 300m

Year 10

Louis – Gold 200m

Will – Bronze 100m

Ben – Bronze 1500m, Bronze Triple Jump

It has been an outstanding week for our Wye athletes, competing against the very best from across the local area. The team spirit shown by our students, ensuring every event was covered and supporting one another throughout, meant that everyone played their part in two very impressive days of high-quality track and field competition.



Year 11 Leavers

We said a lovely goodbye to Year 11 at the end of June. They continued the tradition of our leaving students decorating their shirts to mark the occasion. We wish them all good luck with their GCSEs and we hope they go on to successful and happy next steps.

Year 11 Prom

On Friday 3rd July Year 11 celebrated their time at Wye School with a Prom at Ashford United Football Club. Students arrived in an array of transport ranging from motorbikes, fast cars, tractors, and horses. Students were dressed in their finest outfits, and enjoyed an evening filled with laughter, dancing, great food, and plenty of memorable photo opportunities.

The prom provided a chance for students to reflect on their time at Wye School, celebrate their achievements, and spend time with friends before moving on to the next stage of their education.







Year 6 Induction Day

As we said goodbye to our Year 11 Leavers, we welcomed in our new September Year 7 students.

Year 6 Induction went very well. Many parents and carers joined us for a welcome chat and tea, and the Year 6s were enthusiastic and wanting to know all about their new school. We look forward to welcoming to the school community in September.

Combined Cadet Force- Ashford School, Wye School, and Chilmingtion Green CCF

Our cadets had the opportunity to attend the CCF Summer Camp in Lydd this year along with other cadets from the contingent, and other schools from across the South East of England. A week in Britain's only desert, during a heatwave, was certainly character building, but they had an action packed week including activities such as paintballing, biking, climbing, and ending the week on the water and cooling off in the lakes.



We will hold an assembly early next academic year for Year 8s to hear more about what CCF involves, and they will have the chance to attend some taster sessions at Ashford School before signing up.



Wimbledon

We were lucky this year to be allocated tickets to Wimbledon through the schools ballot. Some of our keen tennis players, accompanied by Mr Sparks and Ms Davis, got to experience the thrilling atmosphere of Court 2 doubles matches, juniors on the outside courts, and the excitement on Henman Hill as Arthur Fery beat Cabolli to go into the semi-finals. What a day to remember!



Sports Day

After a rained off Sports Day last year, the weather had other ideas for this year. It is not often that we gather the whole school together in one place, but Sports Day is one of those occasions where all students and staff gather as a school community to have some fun and joy. Everyone embraced the day, cheering on friends, supporting and encouraging those over the final metres, and donning their House colours (staff too!). The carousel of other activities throughout the day meant that this was our most inclusive Sports Day yet, a day that everyone could get involved in.





Big Cat Sanctuary

Year 7 enjoyed an exciting and educational trip to the Big Cat Sanctuary, where they learned about the vital role of conservation in protecting endangered species. During an engaging workshop, students explored the challenges facing big cats around the world and discovered how conservation programmes help to safeguard their future. The visit also included a private tour of the sanctuary, giving students a unique opportunity to see a variety of magnificent big cats up close while learning about their habitats, behaviours and individual stories. The trip was both inspiring and informative, providing a memorable real-world link to their classroom learning.

Chessington

On Wednesday 1st July Mrs Sparks and Mr Millward took 28 students from Year 7 to 9 on a reward trip to Chessington World of Adventures. The students had achieved the top school value points in their year group. Fun was had by all on the day, including staff having to go on the water ride many times!





Circus Skills

All of our year groups thoroughly enjoyed taking part in a variety of circus skills, including hula hooping, skipping, diabolo, and juggling. Everyone got involved with enthusiasm and had the opportunity to practise and develop a range of new skills. It was wonderful to see their faces light up with excitement as they realised just how talented they are.



Art & Creativity

Our students put their creativity and artistic skills to the test by designing and creating unique costumes using newspapers and magazines. They were incredibly proud of their finished creations, demonstrating how everyday recycled materials can be transformed into imaginative and eye-catching works of art.

Bikeability Courses

Please see below available Bikeability courses coming up this summer.

These courses are aimed at Years 5, 6 and 7, and would be good for any child, especially those who missed it in school, or are home schooled, I am aware Medway students may be in need, and the Cyclopark is fairly local for Medway. If you could forward on to any school contacts in the area as well as local Facebook groups etc.

All of the courses have been published on Eventbrite and tickets are now available.

Here are the links for booking:

Ashford 28th July:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1991916059555?aff=oddtcreator>

Ashford 29th July:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1991916786730?aff=oddtcreator>

Ashford 30th July:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/1991916970279?aff=oddtcreator>

Staff farewells

We say farewell to the following staff at the end of the academic year. Some are retiring, moving to other schools, moving out of education, or moving within the UL family to Chilmington Green School and Ashford School. We are grateful for all their contributions to Wye School and wish them well in their next endeavours. Rachel Moorat, Head of MfL; Charlene Williams, Head of English; Chris Wickington, History teacher, Co-curricular and DofE Manager; James Russell, DT and Art teacher; Claire Neall, Science teacher; Nicola Ash, Assistant Principal; Dani Shalet, Science teacher; Ellie Uden, SSA; and Sean Freeman, SSA.

Our teaching positions are fully staffed for September and we look forward to welcoming new staff and returning staff to our school community, whilst being pleased to have some staff take the next steps in their careers with us through internal appointments. Our updated staff list is now available on our website.

Key Dates

Date	Time	Event
19-20 July 2026		DofE Bronze Year 9 – Qualifying Expedition
20 July 2026		Enrichment Day- students off timetabled normal lessons
21 July 2026		Last Day of Term Students finish at 12:15 pm Non-uniform day
13 August 2026		Year 13 Results day from 8:30-9:30
20 August 2026		Year 11 Results day from 9am-10:45
03 September 2026		Year 7 only
04 September 2026		Term Starts - All years

Conclusion

I wonder if you spotted me at the Careers Fair? I'm not sure orange is my colour!

I would like to say thank you to you as parents and carers. Without your support and feedback, we would not be able to deliver the academic outcomes and opportunities for our students that we do. As plans for next academic year are firmly under way: curriculum planning; staff training; careers events; and external speakers for assemblies etc., we look at this year's successes, and think about how we can make things even better for the next. We are always looking to improve, so that our students get the best from us, and are grateful for your ongoing support in achieving this. Have a enjoyable summer, we look forward to welcoming everyone back in September!

Yours sincerely



Katherine Davis
Vice Principal