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Wellbeing Focus this Term: 'Take Notice.'



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Quickfire Week

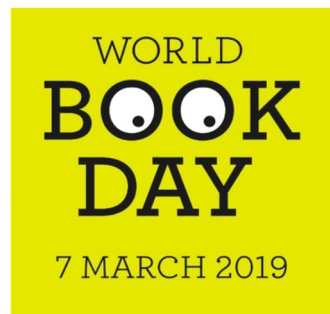
The week in bullet points

- ◇ Selected Year 9 and 10 students were awarded with a Pizza Night on Thursday. This was a celebration event for students that excelled academically this term, displayed excellent behaviour, or made the extra effort to seek support. Students spent the afternoon relaxing, socialising and eating pizza.
- ◇ There was a Tag Day for the Royal British Legion Charity for all students on Friday.
- ◇ **After Half Term (Week B)**
- ◇ Term 5 will commence Tuesday 23rd April. This will be Week B.
- ◇ Every Wednesday until week commencing 22nd April: Bronze Duke of Edinburgh Training 3pm-5pm.

World Book Day Competition

Students are reminded that the deadline for the competition to design a National Book Token is the 12th April.

One lucky winner's design will be made into a real-life National Book Tokens gift card, to be distributed across bookshops nationwide in time for Christmas. Well done and good luck to Chisom David Obidimalor and Henry Stephens in Year 7, who have already submitted their entries. Details about the competition and how to enter are on Show My Homework for anyone who wishes to enter.



Notices Scarf found at the last Options' Evening. Please contact the School Office to collect.

Trip Payment Schedules

Japan: Third instalment of £295 due.

Norfolk and Normandy: Final instalments are due.

Croatia: Deposit of £150 is due.

Iceland: First payment of £500 is due 5th April.

Celebration Assemblies

Celebration Assemblies were held in the last week of Term 4, to celebrate the hard work of our students this term.



Every year group, including the Sixth Form, celebrated academic success achievements, as well as positive behaviour achievements. Students were given their certificates during assembly. Some students received prizes, including a combination of Flip Out vouchers, stationary sets, badges and an Amazon voucher, awarded to students for the Bronze, Silver and Gold Positive Points Awards. In addition, the completed reward cards our students have been accumulating were entered into a draw and winners were selected at random. Prizes included cinema vouchers and Amazon vouchers, with a £30 Amazon voucher as the first prize.

This term saw the highest number of awards given. Congratulations to all of the students for their hard work.

Pictured above: Year 8 Award Winners with Head of Year Mr Curry.

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Markus' Music

Before Christmas, Music Teacher Mr Horsey entered Markus Sadler, Year 9, for the Medway



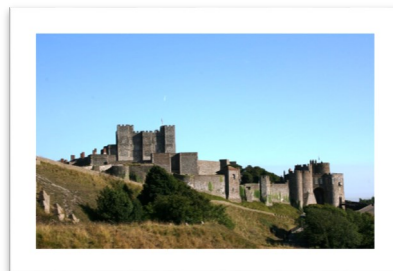
Young Musician of the Year. This is an event organised by the Rotary Clubs in Medway, where musicians from across Medway compete for the title of Medway Young Musician of the Year. Markus is a very talented pianist, who recently achieved his Grade 8 in piano with a fantastic grade of 96/100. He has now received the news that he has reached the final of the competition, and will be performing at the Brook Theatre on the 26th April!

Markus explains: ‘I have played the piano for six years and enjoy it more than ever. This is because there is always something to do and learn, at whatever stage I am. When I was asked by the Music Teacher to enter the Medway Young Musician of the Year, I was sceptical because of the competitive element, but I am seeing it as an opportunity to perform. My main inspiration has been my father, who himself used to be a concert pianist. I have recently begun performing in concerts with him. I have his very first piano teacher as my own, and he guides me.’

We cannot wait to see where Markus' musical endeavours take him, and we would like to congratulate him on all of his achievements, and wish him luck for the final. Thank you to Mr Horsey for encouraging Markus to do this, supporting and believing in him.

Year 7 Dover Castle Trip

Year 7 will be going to Dover Castle on Monday 8th July.



Our visit will encourage students to engage with people, places and experiences

outside the classroom in new ways alongside their peers and teachers. We have chosen this exciting location to give students the opportunity to further their previous learning on castles, develop a place identity of our location in the South East of England and prepare for Year 8 studies by understanding some local context of WWII.

Please complete and return permission slips and Code of Conduct to your son's Form Tutor by Friday 21st June 2019. The cost of this trip is £15 per student which should be paid through ParentPay by 21st June 2019. If the cost is a difficulty please request assistance by writing to the school, as we look forward to an outing that includes all of our Year 7 learning community.

On Monday 8th July students will be expected to arrive in school at the normal time of 8.30am and wearing school uniform (although trainers will be permitted). Please ensure your son brings with him a packed lunch and bottle of water, his writing equipment and reward card. We will be returning to the school site at approximately 4.00pm. Throughout the journey and the visit all students will be expected to behave according to the Student Code of Conduct.

Many thanks for supporting for this cross-curricular opportunity.

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Dates

8th-22nd April	Spring Break
Tuesday 23rd April	Term 5 starts
Monday 6th May	May Day Bank Holiday
W/C Monday 6th May	Year 7, 9 Prelims (core subjects only)
7th-10th May	Norfolk Trip
10th May	Year 10 Finance Exam
Monday 27th -Friday 31st May	May Break
Monday 3rd June	Term 6 starts
Thursday 13th June	Year 5 Taster Session (PM, after school)
Monday 17th June	Year 10 Internal Examinations
W/C Monday 24th June	Year 12 Prelims
24th-27th June	Normandy Trip
Thursday 27th June	Year 6 Induction Day and Evening for parents
W/C Monday 1st July	Year 12 Work Experience Week
2nd-3rd July	Sixth Form Induction
Thursday 4th July	Senior Prizegiving
Monday 8th July	Year 7 trip to Dover Castle
Tuesday 16th July	Founders' Day
Friday 19th July	End of Term

EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES Term 5

	BEFORE SCHOOL (7.30AM)	LUNCHTIME (1.20PM)	AFTER SCHOOL (3.05PM)
MONDAY	HANDBALL GYM BASKETBALL BADMINTON	GRAPHIC NOVEL CLUB (M10)	TABLE TENNIS
TUESDAY	HANDBALL GYM BASKETBALL BADMINTON	BOXERCISE BOOK THIEVES (A10) SPANISH/FRENCH FILM CLUB (S16) YR 7 HARRY POTTER CODING CLUB (H11)	ATHLETICS HOMEWORK ON TIME (B12) ART CLUB (D20)
WEDNESDAY	HANDBALL GYM BASKETBALL BADMINTON	HIGH JUMP ARTICULATE (M14) CHESS CLUB (E12) YR 7 MET GROUP (M13)	GYM YR 7&8 CRICKET HOMEWORK ON TIME (B12) DUKE OF EDINBURGH (B15)
THURSDAY	HANDBALL GYM BASKETBALL BADMINTON	GCSE PE SUPPORT RIDDLE CLUB (M13) YR7-10 YUGIOH (H11) YR 8 MET GROUP (M13)	ATHLETICS HOMEWORK ON TIME (B12) ART CLUB (D20)
FRIDAY	HANDBALL GYM BASKETBALL BADMINTON	DEBATING SOCIETY (B12) KS3 FILM CLUB (H15)	GYM GCSE PE PRACTICAL SUPPORT LEGO CLUB (B12)