



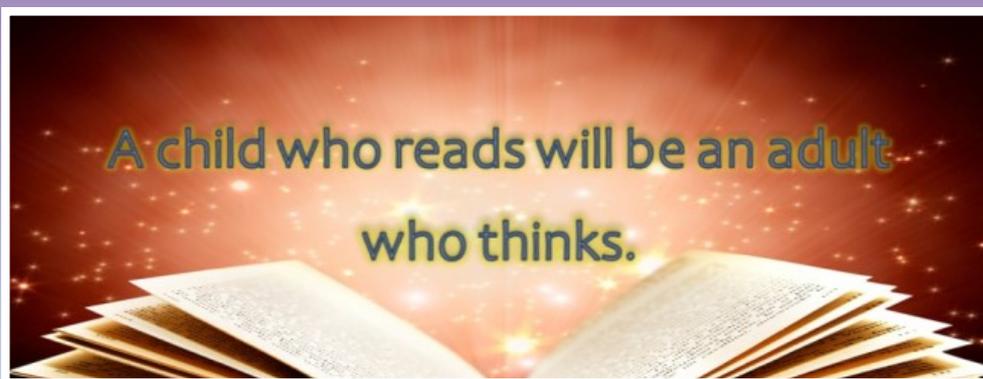
The Howard School

Newsletter

Leadership, Organisation, Resilience, Initiative, Communication

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Welcome



Welcome to this week's newsletter.

I'm Jai Deakin, Assistant Headteacher, SENCo and I'm delighted to share our wonderful morning reading group which takes place with sixth form volunteers and our Year 7s.

This year's Y12 have given up their own time to attend training and consistently commit, twice weekly, to support the decoding, fluency, vocabulary and comprehension alongside a hardworking group of our youngest students.

A special mention to Noah, a Year 13 student here at The Howard who also supported this valuable intervention last year. When asked what made him continue for a second year, he said - "I remember struggling when I was younger and so I want to help these students feel more confident with their reading".

For any parents who wish to continue to promote the importance of reading at home, I would advise that the most valuable thing you can do is curiously quiz your child about what they have learnt, what did they enjoy about that page or were there any hidden meanings (inference)?

This is because most of our students are able to read. Their downfall however, can be reading for meaning. Can they recall key events, infer and understand, do they Interpret punctuation and how that can change the emphasis of certain words?

I'm incredibly proud of these students and their application to these sessions. I am excited to watch their progress across this term.





CHILD MENTAL HEALTH WEEK

MY VOICE MATTERS

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE POSITIVE WELLBEING AND MENTAL HEALTH FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE IN MEDWAY

READ WITH OUR AUTHORS

DANCE AT THE SILENT DISCO

GET ACTIVE WITH SPORTS

TAKE ON A NERF BATTLE

THERE IS LOTS TO SEE AND DO, TO CELEBRATE YOU



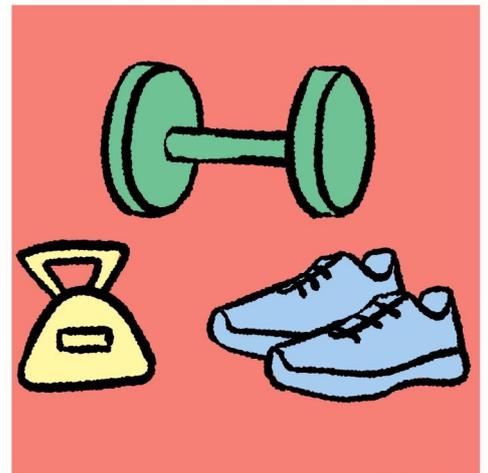
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CORN EXCHANGE

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PRIMARY SCHOOLS 10AM -12PM

SECONDARY SCHOOLS 12.30PM - 2.30PM



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**A BETTER
MEDWAY**
Easier ways to be healthy

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We are delighted to share the exciting news that our Year 7 students had a stellar experience during the recent Astrodome event, organised in collaboration with physics experts from the University of Kent. This captivating event took our young scientists on a cosmic journey, exploring the wonders of the universe through a state-of-the-art projection inside the Astrodome!

Seventy-five Year 7 students were immersed in a captivating presentation, diving into the mysteries of stars, black holes, and exoplanets. The highlight of the event was the opportunity for our curious minds to interact with Ph.D. and undergraduate physics experts, who patiently answered questions, providing valuable insights into the vastness of our universe.

This enthralling encounter sets the stage for the upcoming Science Fair, which all Year 7 students will participate in during their science lessons in the final two weeks of this term.

Motivated by the insights gained from the Astrodome event, students will demonstrate their creativity by crafting and constructing models of space shuttles, probes, or rovers.

Astrodome will be returning on the 26th February to allow even more year 7 students to delve into this experience.



COLOUR THEORY

Our talented KS3 students have been immersed in a week full of artistic exploration and creativity during their recent Art lessons. The focus of their endeavours centred around the intricate skill of painting a tonal scale, allowing them to refine their grasp on the nuances of shading and depth.



In addition to mastering tonal scales, our budding artists delved into the fascinating realm of colour theory. The vibrant world of primary, secondary, and tertiary colours came alive as students engaged in in-depth studies to comprehend the harmonious relationships within these colour families. Their exploration didn't stop there; they eagerly sought out complementary colours, discovering the magical interplay that enhances the visual appeal of their artworks.

This captivating journey not only nurtures their artistic talents but also cultivates a deeper appreciation for the principles that underpin the world of art. We are incredibly proud of the dedication and enthusiasm our KS3 students bring to their creative pursuits, and we look forward to witnessing the continued growth of their artistic endeavours in the weeks to come.

Tonal scale





🌱 Exciting news, everyone! 🌟 Two of our brilliant students recently joined the Rainham Eco Hub for an inspiring chat on all things THS!

They shared insights into our eco initiatives and the incredible work our eco ambassadors have been up to. 🌍

Stay tuned for the podcast airing in March - link dropping soon! 👁️



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CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

Have a concern about a student?

Need some help or advice? People you can talk to:



Pastoral Manager

Ms. McComas

Deputy Safeguarding Lead



Deputy Head Teacher

Mr. Green

Safeguarding Lead



Assistant Head Teacher SENCo

Mrs. Deakin

Deputy Safeguarding Lead



Senior Head of Year

Ms. Ali

Safeguarding Officer



Mrs. Parish

Safeguarding Officer



Senior Head of Year

Mr. Longe

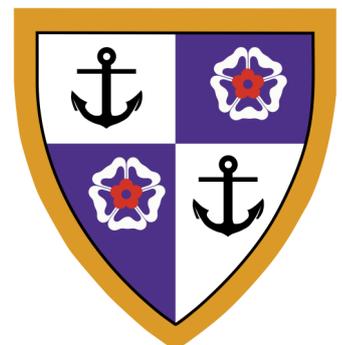
Safeguarding Officer

Have a concern you would like to raise or discuss?

Visitors: please email greens@thehowardschool.co.uk

Howard School Staff: report on our internal reporting system

Students: contact any member of the safeguarding team



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On Friday 26 January, students from the Ambassador Team at The Howard travelled to Mid-Kent college to attend a conference with other schools on the theme of "Identity" as part of a wider scheme to understand the challenges young people face in Medway.

Their day started with different icebreakers to settle the students in; these activities included Human Bingo as our students had to meet others and introduce themselves to others and tick off their bingo card based on who they'd met!

Students took part in live political debate on topics including homophobia, racism and immigration, with all suggestions being taken into account by the organisers, who will compile a report to present to Medway Council. The conference was very productive with students also being given the opportunity to meet and discuss one-to-one with Vince Maple, leader of Medway Council.

The day ended with students taking part in a live Q&A session with council representatives.



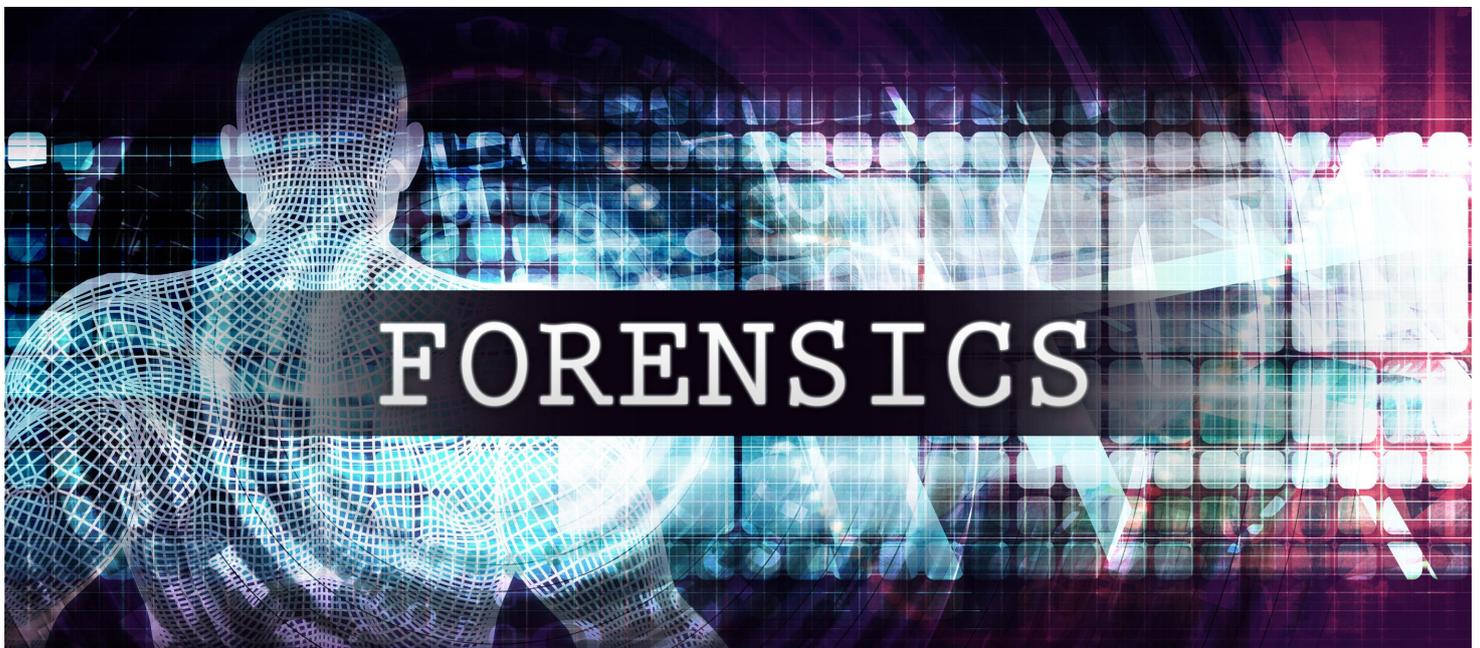
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This week our Year 13 Forensic students embarked on a one-of-a-kind journey into the captivating world of forensics, as they took part in an exhilarating and educational fake crime scene experience.

Our students donned full PPE and immersed themselves in a meticulously crafted fake crime scene. The objective? To apply their classroom knowledge and become investigators for the day; collecting evidence, taking photographs, and honing their skills as future Crime Scene Investigators (CSIs).

Throughout the day, our budding forensic scientists worked tirelessly to unravel the mysteries laid out before them. From carefully examining fingerprints to scrutinizing blood spatter patterns, every detail was meticulously analysed. The hands-on experience provided our students with a rare opportunity to bridge the gap between theory and practice, applying what they have learned in the classroom to a real-life scenario.



HOUSE CHAMPIONSHIP UPDATE

With only Year 8 left to go next week, this week has been a very successful week of Spelling Bee House Events! Students have competed in front of the rest of their year group to spell words that increase in difficulty after each round!

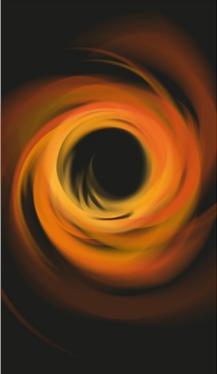
Following the rules of the traditional American style Spelling Bee, students are given 60 seconds to spell their word and are allowed to ask up to three questions: the definition of the word, the part of speech it comes from (eg. noun, verb, adjective etc.) and for the word to be used in a sentence. This can be a useful tool to use if boys are given a homophone (words that sound the same but are spelled differently for example "where" and "wear"!)



Rank	House	Championship Points
1st	Attenborough	1,840
2nd	Tull	1,820
3rd	Hawking	1,540
4th	Turing	1,520
5th	Pankhurst	1,400



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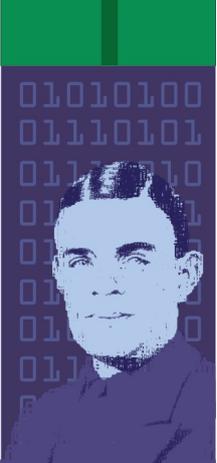
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New to Medway or looking to connect with other families in the community?

Join us at the **#WelcomeToMedway** Family Event!

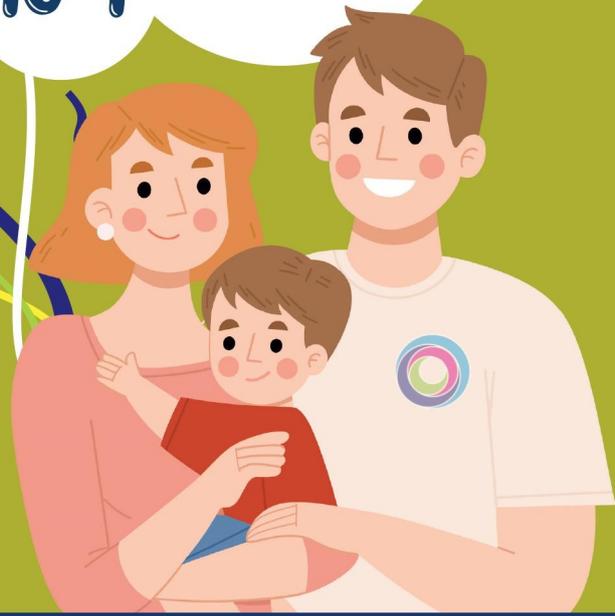
Whether you're new in town or a long-time resident seeking new friendships with other parents, this **FREE** event is perfect for you.

- ✓ **Child-Friendly Activities**
- ✓ **Free Demos**
- ✓ **Free gift for every child.**

Meet over 10 local partners, discover community resources, and make new friends at the Church followed by activities at the Chatham Children and Family Hub.

 All Saints Church, Chatham ME4 5NE and
The Chatham Children and Family Hub ME4 5AZ

TUESDAY.
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