



## Lesson Was Out of this World!



A group of Year 7 students enjoyed an interesting workshop led by Dr Jancy McPhee, a NASA associate, as part of the Maidstone International Arts Festival.

The students, who are part of the academy's gifted and talented stream, listened to a presentation from Dr McPhee about space before taking part in a creative writing task. There was also an opportunity for one student to try on a real space suit!

Head of English, Mrs Lorriman, said: "The students found the session really interesting. They were fascinated when they found out there is a crater on Mars called Maidstone!"

## Year 11 Celebrations



Year 11 students were recognised for their hard work and achievements during a special Celebration Evening.

The deserving winners were invited to attend the event with their families to receive a range of awards.

A particular mention goes to Samuel Elphick, who received an award after achieving 100% attendance over the last five years.

Well done to all and thank you to everyone who attended the celebrations.

## Dates for Your Diary



### July

21st - End of Term 6

### August

17th - A-level and AS Results Day

24th - GCSE Results Day

31st - Staff Inset Day

### September

1st - Staff Inset Day

4th - Start of Term 1 for Years 7-11 and 13

5th - Start of Term 1 for Year 12

14th - Year 12 Induction Evening

## Exam Excellence

Well done to all students who have sat exams over the last term. Every year group conducted themselves in a mature manner and really focused on the task in hand.

We wish you all the very best of luck ahead of the summer results days.

## Work Experience Praise



Year 12 student Ryan made such a good impression during his work experience placement that his employers took to social media to praise him!

The Swan restaurant, in West Malling, shared a photo of Ryan on its Twitter account, saying he was a "fantastic asset in the kitchen!"

## Sports Day!



Students in all year groups put their best foot forward for this year's annual Sports Day!

The event, which took place on Monday July 10th, included a range of activities such as track races, long jump, shot put, netball, rounders, javelin and many more.

Head of PE, Mr Smith, said: "There was a great atmosphere throughout the day. The students showed great team spirit and gave every challenge their best efforts."

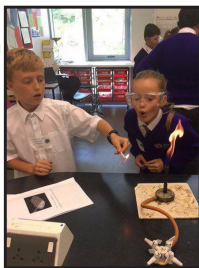
## Induction Events



Staff and students have been involved in a number of Year 6 induction

events during this last term, to help make the transition into Year 7 as smooth as possible.

There has been a series of information evenings, a range of fun activities and a two-day induction programme.



We look forward to welcome the new Year 7 students in September.

During this term, we have also had the opportunity to welcome Year 5 pupils from a number of Maidstone Schools for a range of Science workshops!

## Focus Day



Year 9 students were given a useful insight into the world of employment thanks to a presentation from Santander.

The banking giant ran a series of sessions during Focus Day, which looked at job searches, interview techniques, the role of banks, how to save and how to use online payments safely.

Other Focus Day activities included sign language lessons.

## Art Exhibition

Students in Years 11 and 13 showcased their art work during an evening exhibition on Thursday July 6th. The annual summer show, which took place in the Heartspace, attracted a number of people who wished to admire the students' final pieces. Well done to all!

## Flyball



Students (and staff!) had a fantastic opportunity to watch a live Flyball demonstration, which involves two teams of four dogs each, racing side-by-side over a 51-foot-long course.



The exciting session was organised by Mr Williams, Head of Science, who competes in the sport with his team, Aces High Flyball Team.



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## Interactive Teaching



This term, Science teacher Mr Scott conducted a lesson without actually being in the room! In the first of many virtual lessons planned for across Future Schools Trust, Mr Scott led the lesson during a whole school assembly at Tiger Primary School using interactive technology.