

## Welcome from the Head of Year 6<sup>th</sup> form:

Welcome all to the third edition of The Crow's Nest. Term 2 is always a hectic one for 6<sup>th</sup> form, with Year 13 parents' evening followed by two weeks of mock exams for year 13, shortly followed by year 12 mocks at the end of the term, and everything in-between! We've been incredibly lucky to welcome ambassadors from Canterbury Christ Church University to talk with year 13 students and their parents about applying to university and answering their questions on student finance. In addition, our University of Kent 6<sup>th</sup> form foundations programme has started with year 12 in form time, with tutors and students finding the sessions extremely useful. Meanwhile, we welcome fellow teachers from other schools in the trust on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> for our 6<sup>th</sup> form QA, which we are eager to learn from and show off all we do! With such a busy few weeks ahead, I don't know when Miss Clark will be able to put up the Christmas tree!

*R. Mulvey*

## Universities, Apprenticeships and Careers:

Here are some key words of wisdom from our University of Kent 6<sup>th</sup> form foundations course our year 12s are taking part in:

- The more independent you become in life the more organised you need to be. Being organised will help you to focus and not waste time when it comes to studying. Organisation also goes hand in hand with motivation as it can be satisfying to know that everything has been ticked off on your "to do" list and you can spend time on what you want to do!
- Reflection is a vital tool to help you learn more about your strengths and areas that might need more work. Reflecting on your work is an important way to improve it and developing and maintaining a positive attitude and growth mindset could be the key to your success in sixth form.

## Stars of the week:

Lois

Evie

Crystal

Rosie

Reshone

Kyra

Nikola

Andre

Chidu

Betty

Priya

Maria

Reianna

Bethan

Ebenezer

## Upcoming events:

Year 13 Mocks WB  
15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>  
November

Home study for those not in lesson P5 Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November (for year 11 taster afternoon)

Year 12 Mocks WB  
6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>  
December

## Beyond 6<sup>th</sup> form:

We have an upcoming opportunity for Victory 6<sup>th</sup> form alumni to come back and talk to year 10 students in our 6<sup>th</sup> form library about how 6<sup>th</sup> form helped you get to where you are today. Contact us for more details!

## Football focus:

A mixed bag of results over the last couple of weeks with a draw against Holcomb Grammar School in a friendly match (the shame and horror!) and then a 4-3 win against North Kent College. The squad were also involved in a "Be Your Best Self" workshop to help them become young role models and more reflective team players both on and off pitch. Next week is a second-round cup fixture against Halley Academy – good luck team!

## Charity and events:

After a long wait for results, I can confirm the 6<sup>th</sup> form APD squad beat staff on penalties after a gruelling but highly entertaining charity football match. More importantly, we have raised nearly £300 for Restart a Heart Day, and I have a nice shiny trophy in my office!



## School expectation reminders:

### Attendance and lateness

- If you are going to be absent from school due to illness, you must call the main school number and ask for 6<sup>th</sup> form to let Miss Clark know in the morning.
- If you are late to school but have a reason, e.g. bus was delayed, you must bring photographic proof.
- Your tutors and Miss Clark are regularly in touch via a late tracker to monitor your attendance in school, and students with persistent lates will have a 30 minute after school detention.

### Uniform and phones/headphones

- Skirts should be just above the knee or longer
- Do-rags are not part of the school uniform policy and cannot be worn in any circumstances
- Phones and headphones must not be seen around the academy and will be confiscated if seen outside the 6<sup>th</sup> form study area.