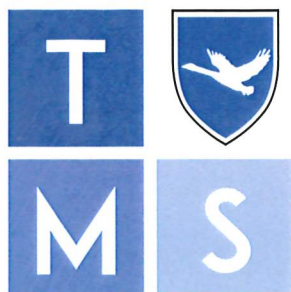


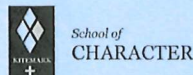
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Dear Parents and Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our wonderful staff and students for their continued hard work and support resulting in an extremely positive year for all at TMS.

### Sixth Form

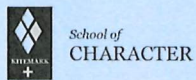
Our Sixth Form students have been celebrating recently as they have achieved another fantastic set of International Baccalaureate Career Programme (IBCP) results, with many progressing on to some of the country's leading universities in September. Students excelled in their IB results, despite the backdrop of such a turbulent few years. This group of students did not sit their GCSEs due to the pandemic and had to work through partial school closures during their time in year 12, but they have embraced the IB course and all of the exciting opportunities it brings. This includes Alicia Muir who achieved an incredible 7,7,7 in her IB subjects; equivalent to A\*A\*A\* at A-Level.

This year students have achieved an average point score of 33. This is compared with the international average of 32 and the maximum score of 45. Five of our IB subjects achieved grades in excess of the world-wide average grade and the majority of our students have secured their first-choice university including all our students with EHCPs.

It was lovely to see so many happy faces on results day and we wish them all the very best for their Level 3 Applied course results in August and as they take up their places at universities, on apprenticeships and in employment. They have shown themselves to be knowledgeable, open-minded risk-takers. All skills which the IB seeks to develop.

We are also excited for our new year 12 students to join us in September. Some will be embarking on the new IB Diploma Programme course which we are now authorised to deliver, following a rigorous verification visit and the success of our existing IBCP and vocational courses; we are proud to be the first school in Europe to achieve this and look forward to providing our students with this new opportunity.





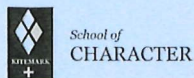


## Transition

It was an absolute pleasure to be able to invite our new year 7 students into The Malling School on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> July to take part in their first transition day.

Students were given time to explore the school and meet their form tutors. In the afternoon they enjoyed a series of lessons. These lessons allowed students to meet their new teachers and peers in a fun and exciting way. In science, students were able to put the Bunsen burners to good use; they visited our lake to understand more about how the geography of East Malling has helped the village grow; they created poems in English, ordered historical events in History and visited the performing arts department to learn body percussion and drama.

Throughout the day students showed The Malling School Way by being caring to their peers, determined to make a good impression and reflecting on their change of school. We are looking forward to welcoming them as they join us for summer school and then full time in September.

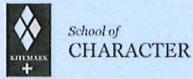




## Careers Event

On Friday we were lucky enough to have over 30 employers and learning providers join us for our Careers Fair. This year our careers team focused on securing the most engaging exhibitors yet and did not disappoint. From birthing a baby with a team of NHS midwives, holding a horse's skull with Belle Equine, searching concealment devices with the Border Force team, or experiencing how it feels to sit behind the wheel of a police car with the siren on, there were certainly plenty of ways to get involved. We are proud to say that students from every year group took full advantage of the opportunities laid out for them.

At the end of this very exciting day, everyone was full of positivity due to the incredible atmosphere. Our exhibitors expressed how polite and confident our students were and that they would like to return to work with them in the future. The whole school buzzed with exchanges of who thought which stand was the best and conversations about future aspirations. We look forward to putting on equally inspiring events in the next academic year.





### East Malling Lake Project

Our lake project has successfully bid to The National Lottery Community Fund receiving £6,902 – this brings our total raised so far to £16,134. Many thanks to all who have supported us, if you wish to help us reach our ever-closer goal please do so at [www.spacehive.com](http://www.spacehive.com) and search for The East Malling Lake Project.

### School Production: Matilda

The last week of term saw the production of *Matilda* make it onto the stage. Having not performed a full school production since before the pandemic, it was touch and go as to whether the Performing Arts staff remembered how to use the lights and sound equipment! Luckily it all came back to them, and with Monday's tech rehearsal underway we were soon able to get the dress rehearsal going too.

The first performance was to year 5 students from St. James the Great Primary school, followed by an evening performance. Elsie Bartle played Matilda for these shows, Callum Taylor played Bruce and Harry Boyd played Ms Trunchbull.

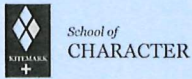
The following day was a performance to pupils from Leybourne Primary school, followed by an evening performance. Emily Barber played Matilda for these shows, Ciaran Trower played Bruce and Finn Plummer played Ms Trunchbull.

The decision to double-cast some of the roles was made following the auditions. We wanted as many students as possible to be involved in the show and there was just too much talent to choose from. In the end it really helped students to rehearse and learn their lines, having someone else to work with.

The cast have been amazing throughout the rehearsals and performances, coming together as a true performing arts company. The support and care they have shown for each other really encapsulates The Malling School Way, and they have been a real pleasure to work with.

We had to say a sad farewell to Harry Boyd, Melissa Curling and Alex Nice, who were the year 13's involved in *Matilda*. We wish them well for their futures and hope to see them in the audience at the next show.

We are already looking ahead to what we can do next year, and are contemplating whether it would be possible to do two productions! Lots of students have already said they want to be involved this time, so keep an eye out for information coming in September.



### Theatre Trip: Wicked

In July 49 students from years 7-12 went to see the West End production of *Wicked* at the Apollo Victoria Theatre.

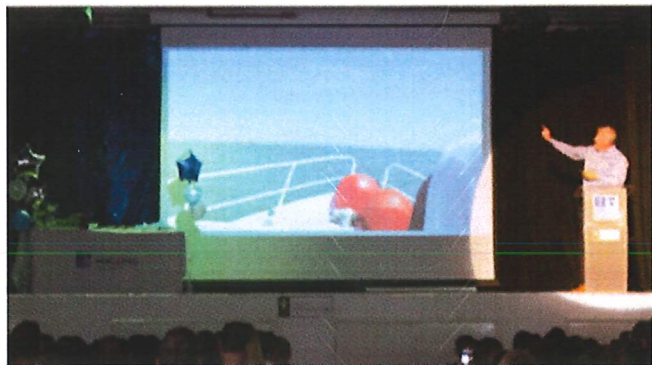
This is the first theatre trip the Performing Arts department have run for a while and was an opportunity to experience live theatre. For some on the trip this was their first ever time to see a show in London.

The students were incredibly well-behaved and all seemed to really enjoy the show.



### Sports Awards Evening

July saw us host the inaugural Sports Award Evening and what a wonderful event it was. The evening began with a display from our newly-formed cheer squad and this set expectations high for the rest of the celebrations. It did not disappoint, with an inspirational talk from cross-Channel swimmer Nick Alford. Nick then stayed to hand out the awards, which recognised participation, enjoyment and excellence across all year groups and a range of sports, including rugby, football, basketball, netball and rounders.





### Sports Day

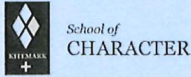
The fine weather set the school up for a great day of sport and competition which began with team events in the morning. Activities included netball, rounders, a quiz, tug-of-war and the throwing events (javelin and shot put). After lunch all students headed out to the athletics track. Here we witnessed an outstanding display of courage, determination and character with students competing in distances ranging from the blue riband event, the 100m; through 200m and 300m races; 4x100m relays and the 800m. This was the first secondary school sports day for most students and the day was thoroughly enjoyed by all. We can't wait for an even better festival of sport next year!



### Year 7 trip to Canterbury Cathedral

Our year seven students recently returned from a thought-provoking trip to Canterbury. This trip was for all students and supplemented the curriculum covered in History and added context to their learning. The focus of the visit was looking at the links between the three 'big picture' themes covered in history: The Church, state, and ordinary people. Students also learnt about the death of Thomas Beckett and the different architectural styles that make up Canterbury cathedral.

The students had a great time and were excellent ambassadors for the school.



### GCSE Geography Fieldwork

An important part of the curriculum for geography is fieldwork and applying student learning to the world around them. This term saw two trips- one to Reculver to look at the link between coastal processes, land use and management; the other to Margate to evaluate changing land use over space and time. All students immersed themselves in the experience and took a lot away from the trips which they will later apply in the year 11 examinations.

I wish you all a very happy summer holiday and look forward to working with you all again in September. Thank you for your continued support, it is greatly appreciated.

Yours sincerely



John Vennart  
Headteacher



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