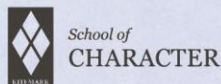


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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope this end of term update finds you and your families well.

Rewarding 'The Malling School Way'

We are always looking for ways to reward our students when they demonstrate high standards and show they are trying to be the best person they can be, every lesson, every day. We are proud to say that we have now issued over 52,000 individual reward points to our students this year. Many students would have received a new TMSW badge and certificate in assembly this week and we are looking forward to seeing even more of our students wearing these badges, on their blazers, with pride. In addition to this, our Term 2 Gallery of Excellence video will showcase some amazing work that our students have produced this term. Please follow this link to view the video <https://vimeo.com/657799331>.

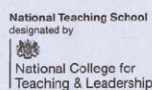
Letters of praise for brilliant attendance, punctuality and behaviour will be sent in the New Year to parents/carers of students who have demonstrated exceptionally high standards throughout the whole of Term 2.

Celebration of PDPs

We are so pleased with the incredible participation levels at our lunchtime and after-school Personal Development Pathway (PDP) clubs and activities. Throughout Term 2, we have had over 800 students regularly attending at least one club. Many students have been attending more than this. We hope this continues in Term 3 as we passionately believe that some of the most valuable learning opportunities can be experienced outside of the classroom. We really value your support in encouraging your child to attend one of our PDPs. As a school, we will always stress the importance of participation in a PDP so we can continually promote our students' personal development and character education. A link to the PDP timetable can be found here [download.asp \(themallingschool.kent.sch.uk\)](download.asp(themallingschool.kent.sch.uk))

Celebration of Sport

During Term 2, in PE, we have had many successes in both participation and competition. The PE department would like to take this opportunity to thank parents and carers for their ongoing support but also the students for their high levels of motivation and commitment to the extra-curricular clubs. A big highlight of this term is the high attendance during gymnastics extra-curricular club. We have seen a range of pupils attending and developing their skills.





We also would like to congratulate those students who have represented the school in a competitive fixture (listed below). The Malling School have entered a team for every year group in every sport offered this term- the only school in the Maidstone District to do so.

- **Year 7** boys Football – 5-2 win against St Simons Stock
- **Year 8** boys Rugby – Finished second winning 4 games out of 5
- **Year 8** boys Football – Drew 2 games qualifying for the Championship
- **Year 7/8** Girls football – 1-0 win against Maplesden Noakes School
- **Year 9** boys Rugby – Unbeaten winning 4/4 matches
- **Year 10** boys Rugby – Unbeaten winning 4/4 games
- **Year 10** boys Football – 4-1 Win against Cornwallis
- **Year 11** boys Rugby – Winning 2 games against St Augustine and Maplesden Noakes

Sixth Form

We would like to say how proud we are of our Year 12 IB students who have been working extremely hard to provide backpack care packages for those who are homeless in our local community over the Christmas period. They have collaborated with Maidstone Day Centre to distribute over 40 backpacks filled with around 900 essential items. They also organised the whole school non-uniform day in the hope of raising an extra £1000 from the school community. The following students deserve a special mention for their contributions to this project: Daisy Roberts, Emma Paice, Mia Dowsett, Freya Saunders, Brooke Sims, Elizabeth Wright, Mia Whatman and Phoebe Drake.

Equipment, Uniform and Standards

We are proud of our very high standards for our students and thank parents and carers for continuing to support us in these areas, to ensure our students can be the best person they can be, every lesson, every day. Uniform and equipment are checked by our tutor team every morning. Please find a link to our equipment list: [The Malling School - Equipment](#)

Please can we remind students to bring in their mini white boards and pen every day. We use these in nearly every lesson so we can check answers of every student in the class. Where we pick up a misconception we will re-teach or re-explain to ensure all our students are confident in our ambitious curriculum.

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Thank you to all students for wearing masks in communal areas. Please could parents and carers continue to support by ensuring students have a mask with them each day.

Year 8 History Trip to the Historical Dock Yards

In Year 8 at The Malling School pupils study the Industrial Revolution, including how it developed over time and the development of technology within this.

On Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th January Year 8 pupils visited the Historic Dock Yards in Chatham.

Over 414 years Chatham Royal Dockyard provided more than 500 ships for the Royal Navy, and was at the forefront of shipbuilding, industrial and architectural technology during the Industrial Revolution. During their visit pupils had tours of the HM Ocelot, HMS Gannet and the HMS Cavalier as well as participating in a chemical cannon firing session. They also made their own rope and walked some of the quarter of a mile Victorian Rope walk that is still used to produce rope there today. Following this visit pupils had a deeper understanding of the steps forward and improvements in technology that occurred during the Industrial Revolution as well as knowledge of the links between History, Science and Technology. Pupils demonstrated exemplary behaviour on this trip and clearly embodied The Malling School Way.

Covid-19 Measures

We continue to encourage twice-weekly LFD testing for all staff and students and additional test kits have been distributed by pastoral leaders this week. The Department for Education released further advice this week that asks students to complete a test the day before they return to school in January and to isolate and complete a confirmatory PCR test if a positive result is registered. Upon returning to school in January, all students who have given consent will complete a supervised LFD test; you will only be contacted if a positive test is recorded. Public Health England has announced that second doses of the vaccine will be made available to school-age children and that these can be administered on the school site. You can also book an appointment at your local vaccination centre. More information on this will follow in the New Year.

Thank You

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff, students, parents, and carers for their ongoing support this academic year. I am extremely proud of our whole school community that continues to grow closer, going from strength to strength, thank you to you all.

Have a safe and restful Christmas.

Yours sincerely



John Vennart
Headteacher

