



September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you have all had a lovely summer and were able to enjoy the excellent weather.

Following the sad news of the death of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, and in line with the rest of the country, King Ethelbert School will be closed on Monday 19th September 2022 this being the official date of the State Funeral. It is with fond memories that we remember when some of our students and staff had the great pleasure in meeting our late Queen back in 2011 when she visited the Turner Contemporary in Margate.

It has been an excellent first week and students are already demonstrating an extremely positive approach to the new academic year. We have launched the new ASPIRE vision and students are already earning house points for demonstrating good performance in the following areas; attitude, success, pride, inspiration, resilience and enterprise.

Following all the disruption and obstacles from the last few years, I would like to offer huge congratulations to our outgoing year 11 and 13 cohorts. Despite the challenges they faced in this period they demonstrated admirable resilience and achieved excellent results. In year 11 58% of students achieved at least a grade 4 in both English and maths and in year 13, 92% of students passed the IBCP. This is testament to the hard work put in by the students and the excellent support provided by our staff.

We are all extremely excited by the new academic year and also the return of more trips and extracurricular opportunities. Details of some key events and exams can be seen in our annual calendar (enclosed in this letter) for parents/carers which is correct at the time of printing. We also have our school website which is continually updated with important information so do check the website regularly to find out the latest news and any important information you need to know.

You may already be aware that we are using the Class Charts system and all students have been supplied with their log-in codes and instructions. This system allows parents, carers and students to view their progress and reflect on their behaviour and achievements.

Important Dates for your Diary (Term 1 and 2):

BANK HOLIDAY - State Funeral: Monday 19th September 2022

YEAR 6 OPEN EVENTS :	Tuesday 20th September:	6.00 pm – 8.00 pm
	Wednesday 21st September:	9.30 am and 4.00 pm – 6.00 pm

Parents/carers will recall the importance of school open events where year 6 parents/carers have the opportunity to visit local secondary schools to assist in making their choice of secondary provision for their child. **Our events this year are being held as above. On both of these days students will leave school at 2.20 pm to enable preparations for the open events to be made.** We appreciate the contribution from many of our current students who will be involved in these events. Further details will be forwarded to parents of students involved in due course.

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YEAR 11 RAISING ACHIEVEMENT & SUBJECT EVENING:	Tuesday 11th October 2022 – further details to follow
YEAR 13 RAISING ACHIEVEMENT EVENING:	Wednesday 12th October 2022 – further details to follow
YEAR 10 SUBJECT EVENING: follow	Thursday 3rd November 2022 – further details to follow
YEAR 11 SIXTH FORM INFORMATION EVENING:	Tuesday 8th November 2022
PRESENTATION EVENING	Wednesday 16th November 2022
YEAR 12 & 13 SUBJECT EVENING	Thursday 1st December 2022

YEAR 7 PROGRESS EVENING – Tuesday 6th December 2022: On Tuesday 6th December we will be holding a progress evening for parents/carers of year 7 to meet with your child's form tutor and review their first term at school. Further details of this event will be given to year 7 parents/carers nearer the time, and we look forward to welcoming all year 7 parents/carers on this evening.

STAFF TRAINING : 'EARLY RISERS FOR STAFF' 2022-23

In line with many other schools nationally we will, for some of our staff development time this year, be running morning training sessions for staff between 8.00 – 10.30 am – 'Early Risers'. There are five days throughout the year when these are scheduled:

Thursday 29 th September 2022	8.00 – 10.30 am
Wednesday 23 rd November 2022	8.00 – 10.30 am
Friday 13 th January 2023	8.00 – 10.30 am
Thursday 9 th March 2023	8.00 – 10.30 am
Tuesday 20 th June 2023	8.00 – 10.30 am

On these days pupils are **not** to come into school **before** 10.40 am. Students should report to their lesson for period 2 at 10.45 am where registration will be undertaken by their subject teacher. Period 3 will follow at 11.45 am and lunch at 12.45 pm. There will be no morning break on these days. The rest of the school day on these occasions will run as normal, with school finishing at 3.20 pm. **Please will you ensure that your child does not arrive prematurely to school as staff will be involved in professional development workshops and there will be no staff supervision until 10.30 am.**

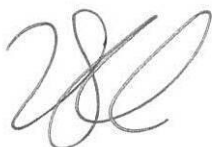
We will be having four further staff training days during the year and as all staff will be involved in continued professional development, the school will be closed to students. These days are:

- **Friday 10th February 2023**
- **Wednesday/Thursday/Friday 19th, 20th and 21st July 2023**

A reminder that this term school finishes on **Friday 21st October** with the school reopening on **Monday 31st October 2022**.

This is going to be an extremely exciting academic year and I hope the students are looking forward to all of the opportunities it will provide and wish them every success this year. I thank you again for your continued support and look forward to seeing and meeting as many of you as possible as the year progresses.

Yours sincerely



Mr Tom Sellen
Headteacher