CAREERS AND WORK EXPERIENCE NEWSLETTER

THE BEACON - TERM 1

OUR SECOND BEACON BUSINESS BREAKFAST

On Friday 9th October we hosted our second Beacon Business Breakfast. This was an opportunity for us to come together and network with businesses in our local community to see how they can support our pupils with meaningful work experience opportunities. This was a fantastic event and builds on the already growing success of our Careers Programme. We are very much looking forward to working with more local businesses in the future. If you would like to get involved, please contact Rebecca Loynds on rebecca.loynds@thebeacon.kent.sch.uk or Kiri Spencer on kiri.spencer@thebeacon.kent.sch.uk

Special thanks go to the businesses who came in to support this event.

DIY Soup/Wood Finishes Direct
Why Not Fix
Cleverley & Spencer
Bee Free on the Farm
Nested Estate Agents
Folkestone & Hythe District Council
Motis estate agents/Motis Padel
L2D Studios
Docker Bakery





Exciting news!

Our new school shop, **Beacon Bits and Bobs**, is now officially open!

A huge thank you to all our pupils who took part in designing the logo and coming up with a name for the shop. We were incredibly impressed by the creativity, enthusiasm and effort shown by everyone involved.

A special congratulations to one of our **sixth form pupils**, whose winning logo design will proudly represent our new shop. Well done also to **Tanzania class** for creating the fantastic name **Beacon Bits and Bobs**.

We are extremely proud of every pupil who contributed to this exciting project and helped bring our school shop to life.

CAREERS AND WORK EXPERIENCE

Three of our Year 11 pupils recently took part in the 3rd Folkestone and Hythe Youth Forum at the Civic Centre. The students explored a range of topics that affect their local community, including:

- What is important to them in the district?
- Outdoor fitness opportunities and facilities
- Skills for the workplace, hosted by Strange Cargo
- The Local Plan – sharing views and ideas on how they would like to see the future of the district develop

The visit provided a fantastic opportunity for our pupils to have their voices heard, learn about local decision-making, and contribute ideas that could help shape their community for the future.
Well done to all three pupils for representing the school so positively. 👏



Some of our Year 10 and 11 pupils have been visiting Broadmeadow Care Home every other Monday, and it has been a fantastic opportunity for them. The pupils have been developing important life skills such as communication, confidence, teamwork, and empathy. These visits provide valuable real-world experiences while helping our pupils make a positive contribution to their local community.

🌿 **Muddy Wellies Visit** 🌿

12 of our pupils enjoyed a visit to Muddy Wellies for a tour of their provision.

The visit provided a valuable opportunity for pupils to explore one of the many post-16 pathways available to them and learn more about the support, activities, and opportunities on offer. It was great to see our pupils asking questions and gaining an insight into what life could look like as they move on from The Beacon.

A big thank you to the team at Muddy Wellies for welcoming us and taking the time to show us around. We look forward to continuing to help our pupils explore the exciting opportunities available for their future. 🌱😊



All sixth form pupils have been supporting at lunchtimes.

We have had 12 pupils begin their work experience placements within the school as Teaching Assistants this term. They have been fantastic in supporting other pupils and have shown great enthusiasm, responsibility, and commitment in their roles.

This term, 10 of our pupils have been working on our Coffee Cart, gaining valuable communication and customer service skills. They have shown confidence, professionalism, and a positive attitude while interacting with staff and customers.