

Wednesday, 27 March 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we draw near to the end of another enriching term here at The Sittingbourne School, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on some of the wonderful highlights we've experienced together.

### **Parent/carer engagement**

First and foremost, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all parents and families for your unwavering support throughout the term. Your involvement in your child's education plays an integral role in their success, and we are truly grateful for your partnership. One of the key ways you can be involved in your child's education is through attending their Progress Evening. This term we welcomed parents and carers for children in Years 9 and 11 to discuss their child's progress and achievements. The turn out was positive and the feedback I received from parents and carers was very positive. Next term we'll be sending out a survey to all parents and carers to gain their views on which format they prefer for Progress Evenings next year. Do you prefer the online evening or would you rather come into school and meet in person.

### **Outstanding performances**

Following on from the huge success of our Dance Showcase last term, last week we held our annual Music Showcase after school. I'm sure everyone who attended will agree with me that the evening was incredibly enjoyable but also inspiring. The quality of the performances was outstanding and I left feeling more proud than ever of the students at The Sittingbourne School. Well done to everyone who took part and thank you to everyone who helped make the night such a huge success.

### **Looking at Learning**

After the positive feedback we received from the Year 10 students taking their books home last term, last week Year 7 and 8 students took their workbooks home to show their parents/carers the work they have been producing in class. Again, the feedback we have received has been very positive with the majority of the parents/carers who responded being very pleased with their children's hard work. If you haven't had a chance to already, please take the time to fill out the survey and let us know your thoughts. Please note we will be sending the Year 9 books home next term.

### **Open Morning tours**

Over the past few weeks we have been holding Open Morning tours for a range of parents and carers. We've had parents/carers of students in Years 7-11 come and see for themselves what

learning in the classroom is like. We have also been showing around year 6s who have been given a place in our Year 7 next year. The feedback has been overwhelmingly positive with visitors commenting on how calm the school feels and how impressed with the learning in the classroom they have been. I am very proud to be the Headteacher of The Sittingbourne School and I love being able to show off how good the school is. It also goes a long way to tackle some of the misinformation that can get spread around on social media. If you want to come and have a look around, please call reception and we'll make an appointment for you to come in and see what's what.

### **Staff Thank You**

Of course, none of these successes would be possible without the unwavering dedication of our incredible teaching and support staff here at The Sittingbourne School. They go above and beyond every single day to ensure our students are nurtured, challenged, and supported in reaching their full potential. We are incredibly grateful for their hard work and commitment.

### **A Kind Reminder**

As always, I would like to give a polite reminder to all parents and carers: when picking up or dropping off your child, please park considerately with our neighbours in mind.

### **End/start of term**

Please note that term ends on Thursday at 3.05pm and will not involve an early finish. The summer term begins at 8.35am on Monday, 15 April 2024 when all pupils should attend in full school uniform. Please remember pupils without full and complete school uniform may be sent home to change, directed to borrow uniform or have to spend a day in our IER.

### **Facebook**

I would like to end by reminding everyone to visit our Facebook page where you will see posts about the many wonderful events our students have been involved in this term. It really is worth checking out, so give it a look when you get a chance.

Whatever you have planned for Easter break, I hope you have a wonderful time.

Kindest regards,



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Headteacher