

Inspire Academy

October 2024 Edition



TERM 2 KEY DATES

Start Date of Term 2
Monday 4th November
2024

Finish of Date of Term 2
Friday 20th December
2024

Christmas Break
Monday 23rd December
2024 - Thursday 2nd
January 2025

Headteacher Comment

We have had a fantastic start to Term 1 at Inspire Academy!

Our Year 7s have settled in well, quickly adapting to their new environment.

Positive outcomes are being seen through our reward system, and we're pleased to report an improvement in attendance.

The new tutor time programme is supporting pupils effectively, helping them meet their individual needs.

Our broad and balanced curriculum continues to enrich learning, and our outdoor learning programme has been a great success, equipping pupils with real-life skills.

A big thank you to our parents and carers for your continued support, and to our incredible staff for their dedication.

Have a wonderful half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming all our pupils back on Monday 4th November 2024, at 8:30am.

Mr O'Donnell



Culture Capital within MOT Classes

We took all MOT classes to see the Andulucia, a replica Spanish galleon.

She was only in dock in Gravesend for the week so we took the opportunity to see her in all her glory.

All students behaved well and got to look all around the ship.

We will be using some of these pictures to influence next terms art.

Ms Petkin

Try Something New At Home Harvest Vegetable Soup



Silver Award

As a school we are working towards our food for life silver award.

We need help from parents who are growing anything at home, any pictures of growing, cooking or baking at home would be great.

Ms Petkin

Ingredients (allergens in bold>

- 1 medium-sized potato – peeled and diced
- 2 leeks – trimmed, washed and finely sliced
- 2 carrots – peeled and sliced
- 1 medium-sized onion – peeled and finely chopped
- 2 courgettes – sliced
- 50g frozen peas
- 1 small can chopped tomatoes
- 1 **vegetable stock cube**
- ground black pepper
- 750ml water
- 1 tablespoon fresh parsley – chopped

Method

1. Put all the prepared vegetables, except the peas and tomatoes, in the pan.
2. Add the water and stock cube.
3. Heat the mixture to boiling point, and then reduce the heat to a simmer. Put the pan lid on and cook for 20 minutes or until the vegetables are tender. Add a little more water, if needed.
4. With a slotted spoon, carefully remove approximately a third of the vegetables from the pan. Purée them in a blender with half the canned tomatoes.
5. Return the puréed vegetables to the pan, then add the peas and the remaining tomatoes. Reheat gently until hot.
6. Serve with warm crusty bread.



Equipment

- peeler
- vegetable knife
- chopping board
- measuring jug
- can opener
- large saucepan with lid
- wooden spoon
- tablespoon
- slotted spoon
- ladle
- blender

Recipe notes and tips

- Allow the soup to cool before blending and follow guidelines in the appliance handbook regarding the maximum quantity that can be blended.
- Other vegetables can be used if available, for example diced butternut squash or summer turnips.

We Love Maths

TTRockstars

Inspire Academy was the highest performing school in the recent TTRockstars tournament out of the schools in Rivermead Inclusive Trust.

Jimmy M (Holmes) came 2nd out of the 915 students taking part.

Holmes were the highest scoring class in the Trust (out of 62) and Bayley were the 2nd highest in the Trust.

For our school only Jimmy M was our highest scoring pupil, Aaron M (Holmes) was 2nd highest and Rylie R (MOT) the 3rd highest.

Holmes, Bayley and Meadows were our top three classes in our school.

SparxMaths

Ashley R (Dickens) scored the most XP points out of Year 11

AJ B (Adams) scored the most XP points out of Year 10

Lascell S-J scored the highest XP points out of Meadows.

Ms Hamer



All pupils at Inspire Academy have been given access to either Timetable Rock Stars and/or Sparx Maths.

If you are unsure about your log in details please see your Maths Teacher.

Sparx Maths

Inspire Academy FC Triumphs Again!

Inspire Academy V Estuary Academy

We won 4-3 and every single one of our pupils played the game of their lives.

All pupils worked together and supported each other superbly.

AJ (Adams) scored 3 goals with Michael Daniel (Meadows) scoring another.



Luke (Dickens) was so supportive of the younger students.

Harry SS (Meadows) pulled off some incredible saves to ensure we won.

It was the best performance Mr Bunter and I have witnessed since beginning IFC.

Mr Betts



Term 1 - Legends



Term 1 leaders for catch me points is Ivy (Bloom)

Golden ticket leaders are Charlie W (Bayley) and Sonny (Chaucer)



Most day point earners goes to Eoghan and Daniel (Bloom)

Keep up the excellent work!

Mr Peck

Outdoor Learning

Miss Terry and Ms Reece have done a fantastic job this term in advancing our outdoor learning programme.

Our Key Stage 3 pupils have been exceptional, acquiring new skills in the outdoors while also positively engaging with the wider community.



Term 1 - Rewards

Our Friday afternoon reward sessions have been a great success, offering a diverse range of activities including Lego building, basketball, football, cooking, crafts, game consoles, laser tag, ice skating, and jumping fun. These sessions not only serve as an opportunity to reward our pupils for their achievements but also to provide them with the chance to try new and exciting activities. The variety of options available ensures that there is something for everyone to enjoy, as you can see below. It's wonderful to see the positive engagement and enthusiasm from all involved.



Bloom Tutor Time

Miss Buckberry and Mrs Thomas have worked hard behind the scenes to support Bloom's transition to Inspire Academy. Their well-structured tutor programme equips Tutors and TAs to effectively support their pupils and help them prepare for the day ahead.

Further down, you can see Mrs. Buckberry also working with Holmes during one of their recent science experiments. Keep up the good work Holmes!



Science with Holmes

