

— Term 1 - Newsletter —

Inspire Academy

September 2025 Edition

WELCOME BACK!

Headteacher Comment

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had a great start to this academic year. Our Year 7 students have settled into life at Inspire Academy and are starting to form good working relationships with staff.

We have had our Local MP visit us this term and praise us for the 'transformative impact' we are having on our students. Tristan Osborne met with some of our students to discuss their achievements since being at Inspire as well as their goals and ambitions moving forward.

We look forward to our students accessing more trips and rewards, enriching their learning next term and enhancing their skills across the curriculum.

All staff are looking forward to welcoming students back on 3rd November 2025 for the start of Term 2.

All the best,
Mr O'Donnell

Attendance - A message to our Learners

We need you to be here that's why we exist!

- We can't help you progress if you aren't here
- We can't support you with things if you aren't here
- We can't reward you if you aren't here

If you are here we can

- Support you and advise you with any issues you may have
- Reward you for your successes
- Take you on school trips and bring in visitors
- Help you make progress and build towards your future
- Give you time to spend with your friends and staff
- Enjoy great lessons in number of subjects
- Help you look for a career path and visit colleges

'Pupils with no absence are over twice as likely to achieve their potential grades!'



'There is a clear link between poor attendance at school and lower achievement.'

90% of young people with absence rates below 85% fail to their potential grades and get the qualifications they need.

Why Attendance Matters?



Being late 15 minutes every day is the same as missing 2 whole weeks of school over a full academic year.



Being late means you miss out on your learning - then you feel behind, then you get stressed....

Why Punctuality Matters?



However - if you are running late, DO still come in. There will be less catching up to do then.



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Be
Here!

EVERY DAY. ALL DAY. ALL THE WAY!

ATTENDANCE COUNTS

Remember, you have a whole support network around you—whether you need advice, a listening ear, or just someone to talk to. Please reach out to us—we are here for you. No matter how big or small your worries may feel, you don't have to face them alone.

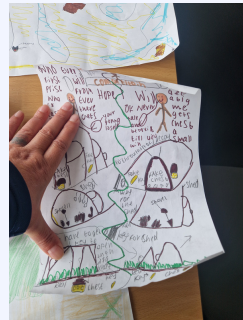
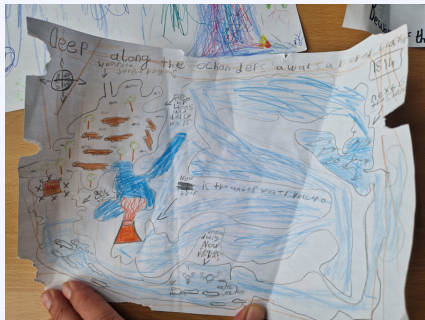
Mrs Edwards

Outdoor Education

This term in Outdoor Education, Dickens have considered the Wildlife surrounding our site and made their own fat balls for birds. The students were practicing team work and communication skills as well as seeing the final result out in the community.



Students in Dickens have learned to work together as a team to put up a tent, this enabled them to work on their communication skills. Miss Terry was very impressed with their ability to work as a team.



Our Year 8 students in Bloom practicing their orienteering skills. Each student created a treasure map and the student with the best and most detailed map won a 3D dragon.



Both Bloom students and Dickens students have had the opportunity to go to the Strand this term. This has given our students the chance to work on their relationships with one another. We have seen a significant impact in how classes work as a team across the term.



Term 1 Trips and Rewards

This Term's Rewards

This term's rewards have seen our students join in with Nerf Wars, Darts and Cooking, along with offsite rewards such as Jumpin Fun, Laser Tag and Sledge and Slide.

We are proud to provide our students with opportunities to develop their communication, teamwork and social skills with a broad range of reward choices each week.

We hope to continue to provide enrichment experiences for all of our students throughout the academic year.



Cooking with the Meadows

Our Meadows students are showing their enthusiasm and progress as they embark on their journey towards achieving their NCFE cooking qualification.

This week, we had a particularly wonderful experience as one of our talented students took the lead in teaching the class how to make Pedlar, an Albanian pancake. It was heartwarming to witness their pride and joy in sharing this dish with their classmates. In addition to Pedlar, we have been whipping up a variety of delectable treats, including homemade pizza, savoury sausage rolls, and scrumptious cookies.

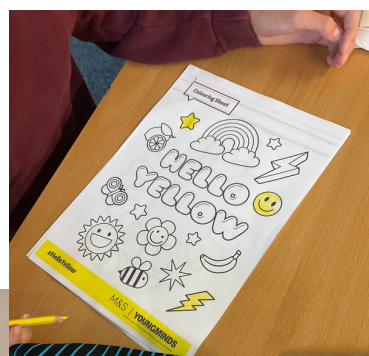
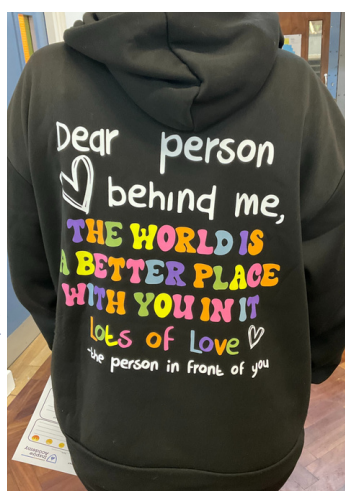
This experience has fostered a sense of confidence and accomplishment among the children, and it is a joy to see them so engaged in the kitchen.



Mental Health Awareness Day

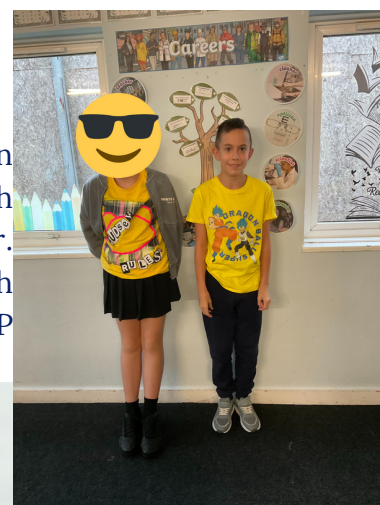
Inspire Academy took part in the movement and wore yellow for Mental Health Awareness Day on 10th October 2025. As a school we raised over £80 to support this amazing cause.

Students participated in #HelloYellow activities throughout the day and staff and students alike joined in conversations about helping each other when in need and the importance of supporting our own Mental Health. As a school we are proud to encourage positive conversations about Mental Health and knowing who to talk to when things can seem overwhelming.



Raffle Time!

Every student and staff member wearing yellow on Friday 10th October was entered into a raffle with the chance to win a fruit and veg hamper. Congratulations to Poppy T, who was awarded with an amazon voucher for best dressed and Nicholas P won the raffle prize.



Chatham town provided us with signed merchandise to support Mental Health Awareness. Every student was entered into the draw and the winner of a scarf, calendar and a t-shirt were picked at random. Congratulations to the winners!



Term 1 Visitors

MP Visit

Mr Osborne, the MP for Chatham and Aylesford, visited Inspire Academy in Chatham and gave pupils a unique insight into the world of politics and the opportunity to learn first-hand about the role of an MP and the workings of Parliament.

Mr Osborne was taken on a guided tour of the school, rated Good by Ofsted. He visited several classrooms to see lessons being taught and spoke with teachers and pupils.

A small group of pupils were then invited to take part in a Q&A session with Mr Osborne, quizzing him about life as an MP and how decisions are made in Parliament, while also discussing their school and their aspirations for the future.

Tristan Osborne, MP for Chatham and Aylesford, said:

“It was a real pleasure to visit Inspire Academy – a school which lives up to its name. It is clear that Inspire is having a transformative impact on the lives of its pupils and is giving them the best chance to fulfil their potential. I would like to pay tribute to the work of all the staff for what they are doing and to the pupils for what they are achieving. I really enjoyed meeting them and wish them all the very best for the future.”



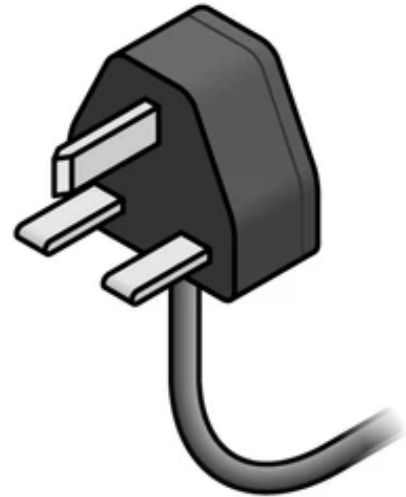
Miss Buckberry's Bulletin 📢

Science Updates

In Science this term, Year 10,11 and Meadows have been working on how to re-wire a plug and how to keep themselves safe.

Holmes have been learning about the circulatory system, having a look specifically at cells.

Special shoutout to Louie C in the Meadows for continuously working extremely well in Science lessons.



Sustainability Shoutout 📢

Our Aim

As a school we want to develop the work we are doing to better support the planet. We have already seen students participate in litter picking and using recycled rubbish in art projects, however, keep your eyes peeled for some of the amazing work we plan to do with our students this academic year.



Maths Shoutout 📢

Sparx
Maths

Tamara has improved her Times Table club level on Sparx Maths and reached the 40 Club. Loraina has achieved the most XP points in the school.
Well done!

SLT Shoutout 📢

I would like to give my SLT shoutout to Nathan who I have seen be resilient a lot of times this term and able to have some really mature conversations about music and retro items like CD players!
Mr Searle



Harry H for being a great role model in setting the right example to his peers.

Mr Peck

Gracie K for an incredible turnaround so far this year and it makes our day seeing her smile in school. Her positivity and politeness is amazing to see!

Mrs Edwards