

— Term 3 - Newsletter —

Inspire Academy

January/February 2025 Edition



Headteacher Comment

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of another busy and productive term, I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our dedicated staff, who continue to go above and beyond in providing our young people with a high-quality education. Their commitment to thinking outside the box has been particularly evident in our enrichment afternoon sessions, where learners have been developing new skills and broadening their experiences.

Yesterday, you would have received a link to our parental survey—please do take the time to complete this, as your feedback is invaluable in helping us shape Inspire Academy to be the best it can be for our young people.

As we navigate the winter months, illness can unfortunately impact attendance. As we move into Term 4 (and hopefully into spring!), I ask for your support in ensuring that learners attend school whenever possible. We understand that some days can be more challenging than others, but please rest assured that we have an incredible team of staff here to support your child, no matter how big or small their worries may be.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support of Inspire Academy. I wish you all a restful and enjoyable break, and we look forward to welcoming our learners back in full school uniform on Monday, 24th February 2025, at 8:30 AM.

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

NCFE Painting



Tommy in Chaucer is making great progress towards his NCFE Level 1 Painting unit.

He has been honing his skills in cutting in by hand using a small brush, demonstrating precision and attention to detail.

With dedication and focus, Tommy successfully completed his work in just two sessions. Well done Tommy, keep up the good work.

Mr Swindells



Keeping Our Site Tidy

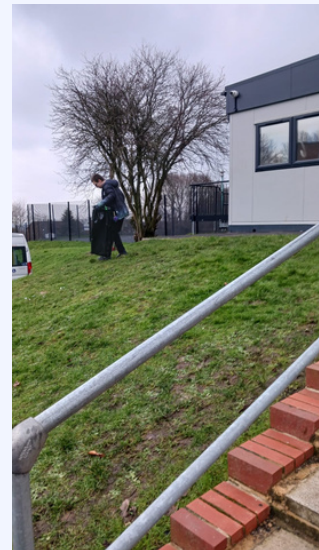
This term, Bloom, along with Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Bennett, dedicated an afternoon to picking up litter around our site.

Their hard work has made a real difference, creating a cleaner, more enjoyable environment for everyone.

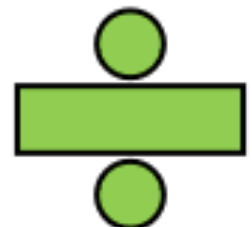
By taking pride in our surroundings, they have helped to make our school a more welcoming and pleasant place for all.

Their efforts set a fantastic example of teamwork and community spirit—well done to everyone involved!

Mrs Thomas



A Message From Ms Hamer



Numeracy

Champion

Help a peer understand
a maths problem
= 1 golden ticket!



Accept help from a peer
to understand a maths
problem = 1 golden
ticket!



Attendance Rewards

Bloom and Meadows enjoyed a well-deserved attendance reward, celebrating their commitment with a delicious McDonald's breakfast. It was a fantastic opportunity for them to relax, spend quality time together, and enjoy the rewards of their dedication.



KS3 Shine in Practical Work

KS3 students have impressed us with their practical work this term, demonstrating great maturity and enthusiasm in their lessons. A special congratulations to our Year 7 students, who have successfully achieved their Bunsen Burner licences! Well done to everyone for their hard work and dedication—keep up the fantastic effort!

KS4 Shoutout: Well Done, Grace!

A huge shoutout to Grace in KS4 for her hard work and dedication in completing her RSE coursework. Her commitment and effort have been truly commendable—keep up the fantastic work!



Pupils Parliament have been invited to the annual Young Persons Conference in February 2025.

This event is organised by the Medway Youth Council who are a youth led organisation supporting young people's voices in Medway.

Over 100 young people from across Medway will join the conference to explore the theme 'Our Community: Medway', based around what young people think about Living, Learning and Working in Medway.

This topic was chosen because the Youth Council champions the voices of the Young People who live, study and work in.



Red Nose Day Returns

Get ready for a day of fun and fundraising—Red Nose Day is back on **21st March 2025!** There will be plenty of exciting activities taking place across the academy, all in support of this worthwhile charity. Stay tuned for more details on how you can get involved and make a difference! 😊



Sensory Circuits Success!

After another fantastic term of sensory circuits with Mrs. Thomas, our learners have been making great progress and enjoying every session.

These structured activities help develop focus, coordination, and confidence—and the positive impact is clear!

Here are some lovely comments from our learners:

- 💬 "It calms me down!"
- 💬 "Wakes me up in the morning"
- 💬 "Makes me feel more relaxed"
- 💬 "It makes me feel more focused"

A huge thank you to Mrs. Thomas for leading these engaging and beneficial sessions! We can't wait to continue next term.

Gliding into Fun: Ice Skating with Miss Terry

During reward afternoon, students had an exciting time ice skating with Miss Terry, making the most of this fantastic opportunity to learn new skills and build confidence on the ice. For many, it was a chance to step out of their comfort zones, develop balance and coordination, and most importantly, have fun!

Beyond skating skills, the session was also a great way for students to socialise, support each other, and strengthen friendships in a fun and active setting. Well done to everyone who took part—we loved seeing your enthusiasm and teamwork on the ice!



Art with Miss Turner

This term, our students have been getting creative in Art with some fantastic hands-on projects.

Year 9 have been busy designing and creating their very own board games, using their imagination and problem-solving skills to bring their ideas to life. From designing game boards to crafting unique playing pieces, their creativity has been shining through!

Meanwhile, Year 7 have been exploring patterns and colour through Hama Beads, carefully crafting intricate designs while developing their fine motor skills and patience. It's been wonderful to see their focus and enthusiasm as they bring their artwork to life!

Miss Turner



Enrichment Afternoons @ Inspire Academy

