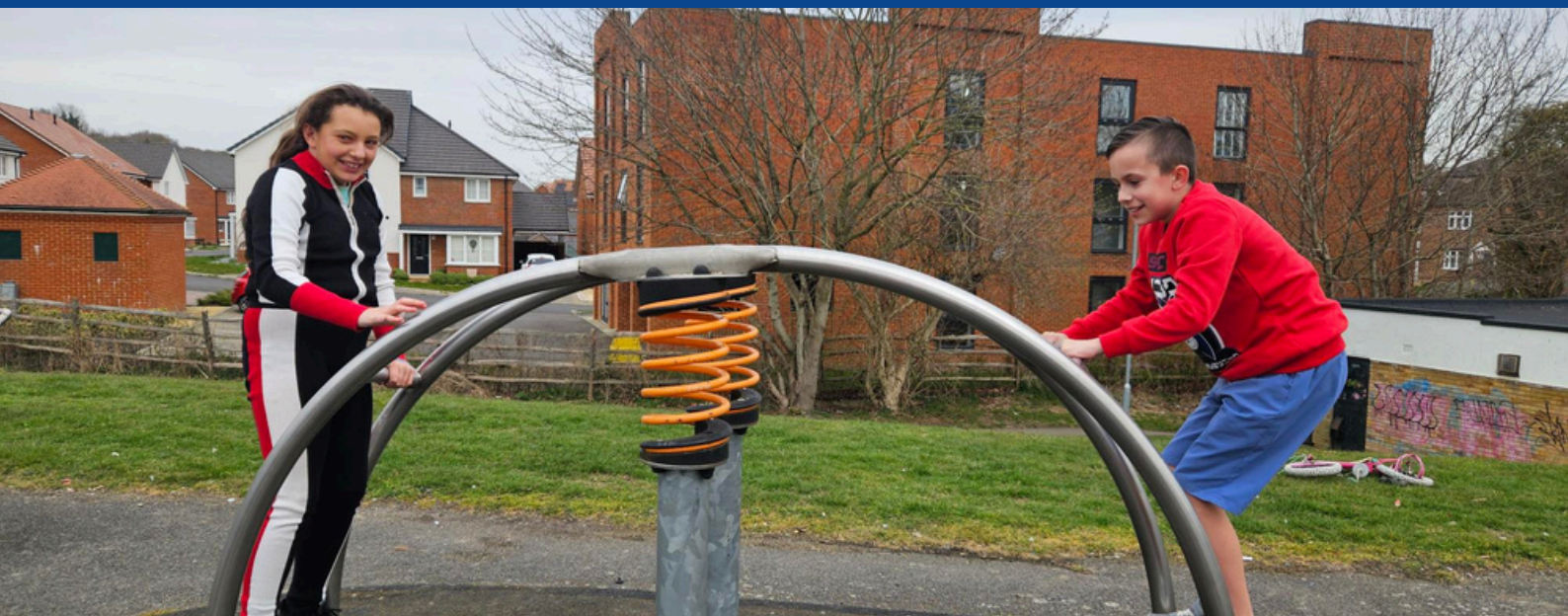


Inspire Academy

March/April 2025 Edition



Headteacher Comment

Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been another busy and exciting term here at Inspire Academy!

We were delighted to support Red Nose Day with a range of fun and engaging activities, raising an impressive £50 for a great cause. A huge thank you to everyone who took part!

Our Bloom group, led by Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Bennett, continues to take pride in our school environment by actively litter-picking and keeping our surroundings clean—your hard work is truly appreciated.

A special well done to our KS4 learners who have already achieved their first qualification in Maths. Your dedication and perseverance are commendable!

Our enrichment afternoons continue to go from strength to strength, providing learners with fantastic opportunities to develop social skills, build resilience, and step beyond their comfort zones. Additionally, Miss Buckberry, Mrs. Pike, and our Pupil Parliament members proudly represented Inspire Academy at the Medway Youth Council Meeting, engaging with other Medway schools—well done to you all!

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to our dedicated staff, who consistently go above and beyond to support our learners while delivering a creative and engaging curriculum.

Wishing you all a safe and relaxing break. We look forward to welcoming all our learners back on Tuesday, 22nd April, at 8:30 am, in full school uniform.

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

A huge congratulations to the following students who have achieved their Edexcel Award in Number and Measure Level 1:

- Laila (Dickens)
- Grace (Dickens)
- Lascell (Meadows)
- Michael Daniel (Meadows)

Additionally, Aaron (Meadows) has successfully achieved a Functional Skills Level 1 qualification in Mathematics—a fantastic achievement!

Well done to all of you for your hard work and dedication. We are incredibly proud of your accomplishments.



Bloom Cleaning Up

At Inspire Academy we take great pride in our school environment, and thanks to the dedication of our Bloom group, our surroundings are looking better than ever! Led by Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Bennett, our Bloom learners have been actively involved in litter-picking sessions, ensuring our school remains a clean, welcoming space for everyone.

Each week the group sets out with gloves, litter pickers, and a strong sense of responsibility, demonstrating the importance of looking after our environment. Their efforts not only help maintain a tidy school but also encourage a sense of pride and community among our learners.

Mrs. Thomas and Mrs. Bennett have been instrumental in guiding and inspiring our Bloom learners, helping them understand the value of teamwork, perseverance, and caring for the world around them. Their hard work does not go unnoticed, and we are truly grateful for their commitment.

A huge well done to everyone involved—your efforts are making a real difference!



Keeping Learners Safe Online: Essential Safety Advice

At Inspire Academy, we are committed to ensuring our learners stay safe while navigating the online world. The internet is a fantastic tool for learning, socializing, and entertainment, but it's important to be aware of potential risks and how to stay protected.

Top Online Safety Tips for Learners:

- ◆ Protect Personal Information – Never share personal details such as your full name, address, school, or passwords online.
- ◆ Think Before You Post – Once something is shared online, it can be difficult to remove. Always consider how your posts, comments, or photos might be seen by others.
- ◆ Be Aware of Stranger Danger – Never accept friend requests or messages from people you don't know. If someone makes you feel uncomfortable, block them and tell a trusted adult.
- ◆ Use Strong Passwords – Create unique and secure passwords for different accounts, and never share them with anyone except trusted adults.
- ◆ Be Kind Online – Treat others with respect, just as you would in person. Avoid cyberbullying and report any harmful or inappropriate content.
- ◆ Recognise Scams & Fake News – Be cautious of messages, emails, or websites asking for personal details or money. Not everything online is true, so always fact-check information.
- ◆ Report & Speak Up – If you ever feel unsafe or unsure about something online, talk to a parent, teacher, or another trusted adult.

Parental Support & Controls

Parents can help keep learners safe by:

- ✓ Setting parental controls on devices and apps
- ✓ Encouraging open conversations about online experiences
- ✓ Monitoring screen time and online activity
- ✓ Educating children on digital footprints and responsible online behavior

By following these safety tips, we can create a safer and more positive online experience for everyone.

If you need further advice - please visit [The National College website](#) which contains a wide ranges of parent guides including social media, whatsapp, snapchat and many more.

Let's stay safe, stay smart, and enjoy the internet responsibly!

Red Nose Day

As part of our Red Nose Day celebrations, Bloom learners took part in a fantastic team effort—baking and decorating delicious iced biscuits to share with loved ones at home, all in support of Comic Relief. In our RSE lessons we have been exploring relationships and influences. With this in mind, we focused on the power of teamwork and kindness, using our baking activity as a way to create something special for others. Our hope is that this small act of generosity will inspire others to spread positivity and do something thoughtful in return. Well done to everyone involved—your teamwork and kindness truly embody the spirit of Bloom!



Rewards jumping fun

Miss Buckberry and Mrs Pike bounced their way through another Friday afternoon with kindness by working with Mrs Gray to secure a pizza meal deal surprise as part of their reward. Pupils were in shock!





Miss Buckberry and Mrs. Pike recently took a group of our Pupil Parliament representatives to the Medway Youth Council Conference, where they engaged in thoughtful discussions alongside students from schools across Medway. Our learners represented Inspire Academy brilliantly, offering valuable input throughout the event.

We are incredibly proud of the boys—they were fantastic! From public speaking to mixing with other schools and even stepping out of their comfort zones to take part in activities they might normally shy away from, they truly embraced the experience.

A special thank you to Kaz for joining us, continuing to build positive relationships with our pupils, and—most importantly—helping them secure the all-important first spot in the lunch queue!

Well done to everyone involved!



Miss Buckberry and Mr. Lockett were the first to take our Gold Reward pupils to our exciting new reward experience at Barnfield! The visit was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate the hard work and positive attitudes of our learners.

A huge thank you to the wonderful Mr. Peck and Ms. Gray, who made the experience even more special by bringing down some well-deserved treats for the group. It was a fantastic way to end the week on a high!

Well done to all our Gold Reward pupils —keep up the great work!

