

— Term 5 - Newsletter —

Inspire Academy

April/May 2025 Edition



Headteacher Comment

Dear Parents/Carers,

Although Term 5 was a shorter term, a great deal has taken place across Inspire Academy.

We began the term with a series of Anne Frank workshops, exploring different types of discrimination and the importance of respect and standing up rather than being a bystander. A big thank you to Miss Turner for organising these valuable sessions.

To mark the 80th anniversary of VE Day, the Academy observed a two-minute silence and held various activities and events to honour those who sacrificed their lives to protect our country's safety.

Our afternoon enrichment sessions continue to engage learners and help develop their personal and social skills through a variety of activities, including first aid, arts and crafts, sports, and outdoor learning.

As we approach the summer months, we are planning additional trips and visits to provide learners with more hands-on educational experiences outside the classroom.

Finally, may I take this opportunity to thank all parents and carers for their continued support of Inspire Academy, as well as our amazing staff.

We look forward to welcoming our learners back in full school uniform on Monday 2nd June 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



Well Done Miss Terry

We are incredibly proud of Miss Terry for completing a brave parachute jump to raise funds for a charity close to her heart.

Her courage and commitment have inspired us all, and the money she raised will make a real difference.

Well done, Miss Terry!

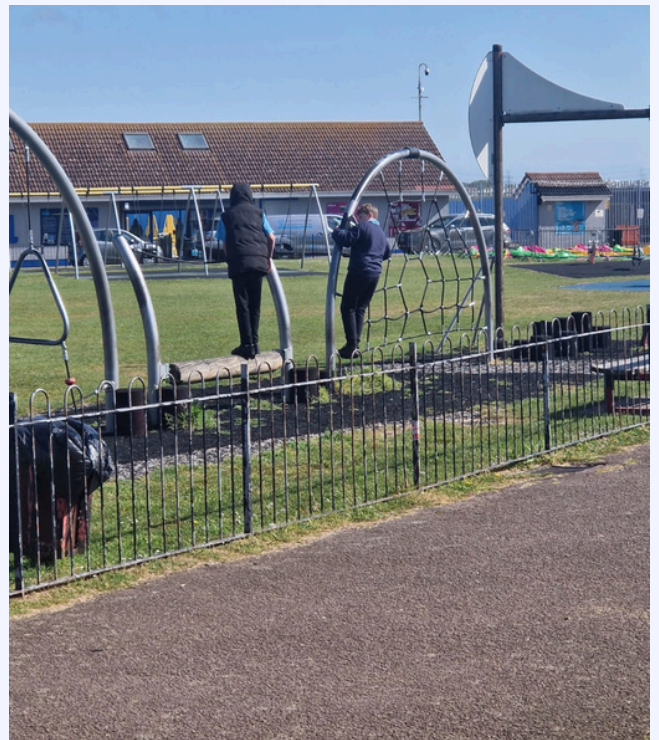
Outdoor Education

This term, our learners have embraced outdoor education by exploring various areas across Medway. These experiences have not only enriched their understanding of the local environment but also fostered essential life skills such as teamwork, communication, and community engagement.

While out in the community, our students have consistently demonstrated exemplary behaviour, serving as outstanding ambassadors for our school. Their interactions with the public have been marked by respect and enthusiasm, reflecting the values we strive to instil.

We are excited to continue this journey in Term 6, extending outdoor learning opportunities to more groups. These activities are integral to our commitment to holistic education, nurturing well-rounded individuals prepared to contribute positively to society.

We look forward to the continued growth and achievements that outdoor education will bring to our learners.

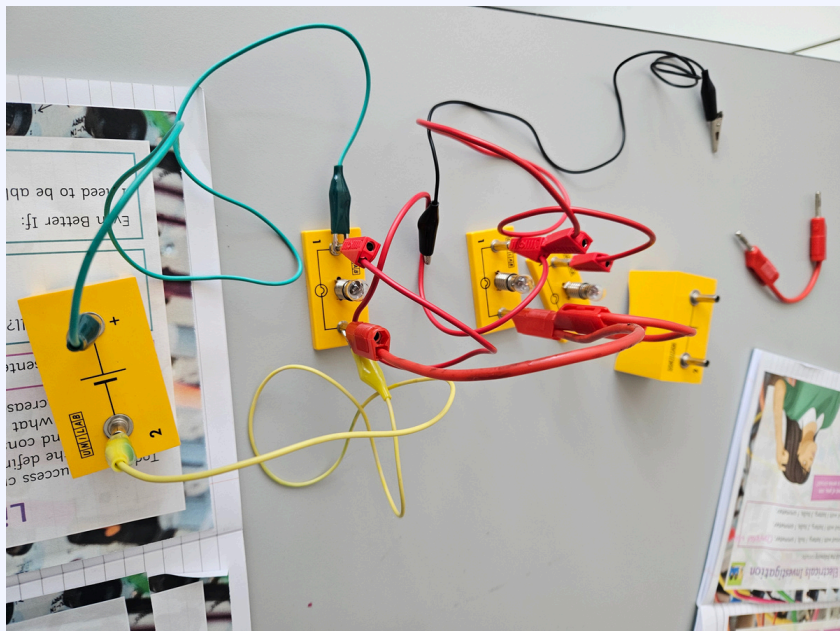
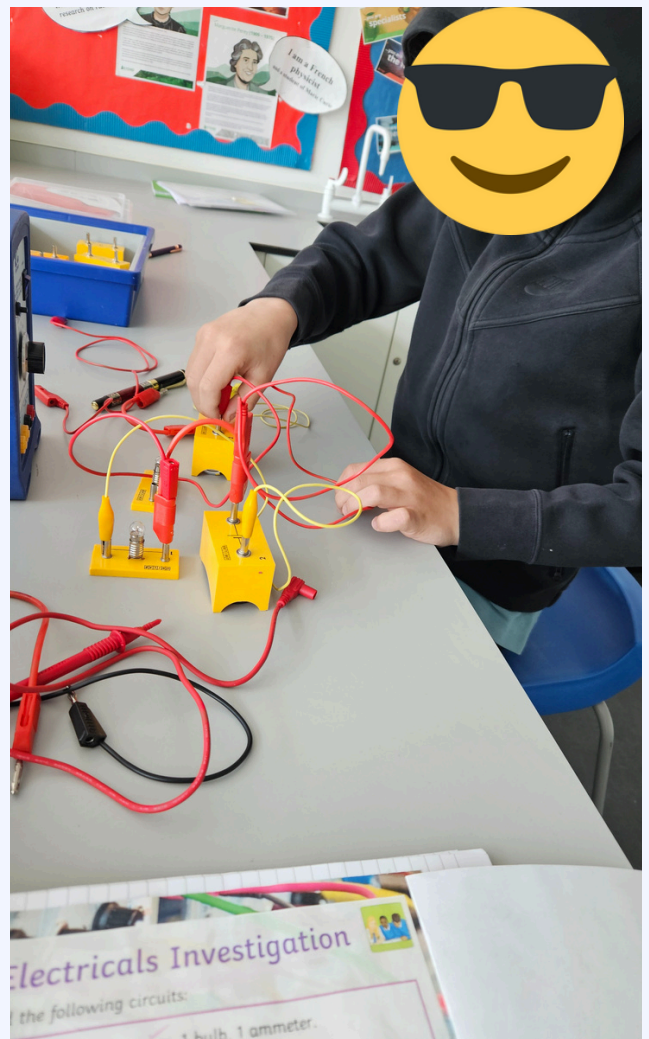
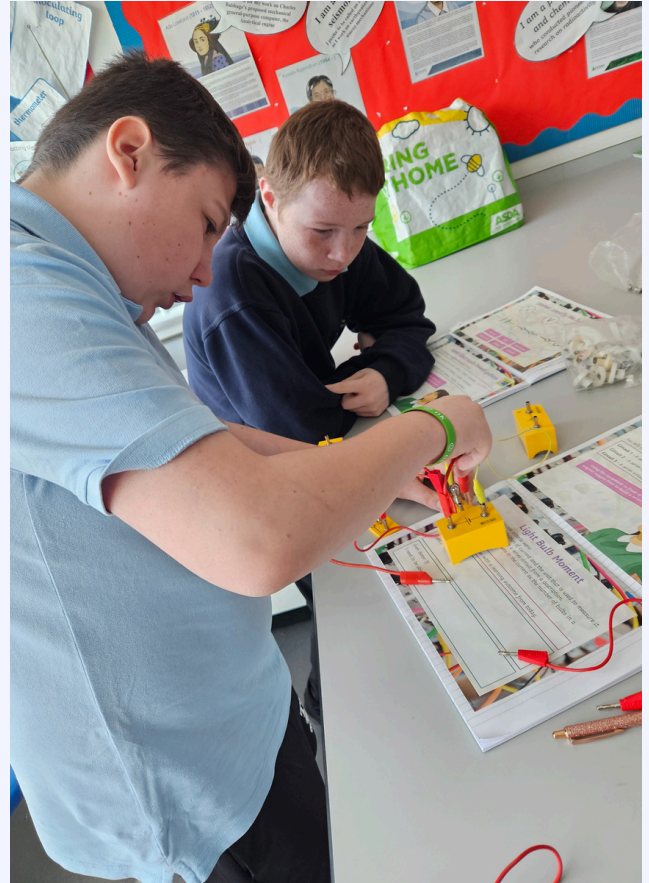


Year 08 - Circuit building

Our Year 8 learners have been sparking their curiosity in Science this term by exploring the fascinating world of electricity through circuit building.

Using a range of components such as bulbs, buzzers, switches, and motors, students worked in teams to design and construct their own electrical circuits. This hands-on learning not only deepened their understanding of how electricity flows but also encouraged problem-solving, teamwork, and resilience.

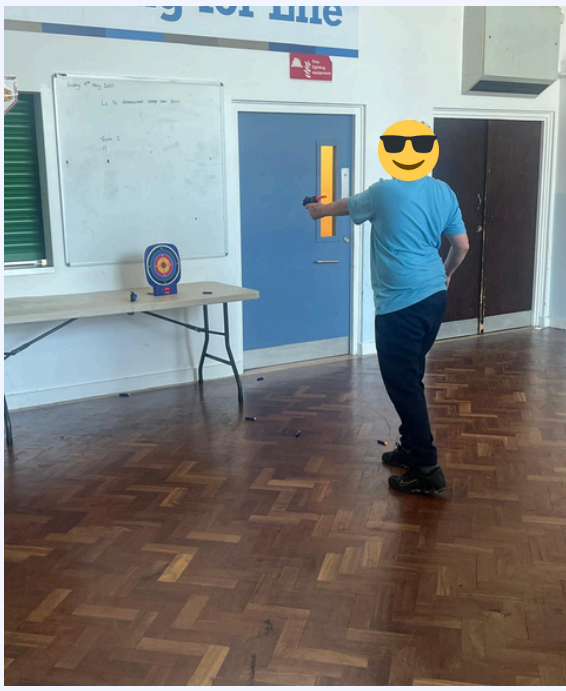
It's been fantastic to see such enthusiasm and creativity in the classroom – well done Year 8! We're proud of your efforts and look forward to seeing more scientific discoveries ahead.



Updates from Pupil Parliament

We're placing a big focus on organising more school trips to enrich our learners' experiences. Watch this space for updates! If you have any ideas, please speak to your class reps.

This term, Mr Peck, Mr Searle, and Mrs Grey joined our Pupil Parliament meeting, showing real support for pupil voice. Following the meeting, Mr Peck and Mrs Grey delivered mini onsite reward tasters, giving learners a glimpse of the exciting activities available to those who achieve Gold.



Medway Youth Team

Miss Buckberry was approached by Medway Youth with an invitation for our school to take part in a new community initiative. A guest speaker introduced the project, which encourages pupils to share their views on local issues and offer advice on important topics from a youth perspective. We're proud to be involved and look forward to seeing our learners make a difference.

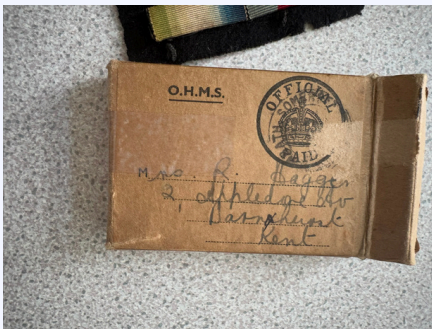




VE Day Celebrations

This term, we marked VE Day with a range of activities across the school. Tutor time assemblies and themed lessons helped learners explore the significance of Victory in Europe Day and deepen their understanding of World War II.

A special thank you to Mrs Thomas, who brought in family artifacts including coins, buttons, and meal items from the era. Learners really appreciated seeing these historical items up close and hearing the stories behind them – bringing history to life in a truly memorable way.



World Day of Cultural Diversity

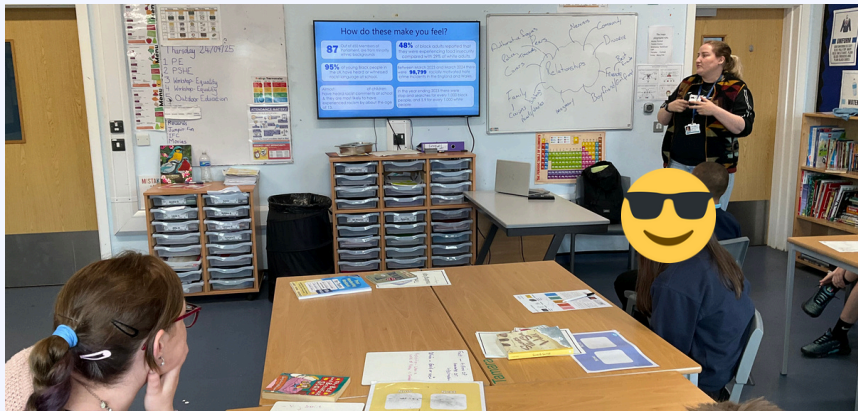
Learners took part in a range of activities celebrating cultural differences and exploring why diversity matters. They also had the opportunity to sample foods from around the world, making it a fun and enriching day for all.



Anne Frank Workshop

A group of our learners recently took part in an Anne Frank workshop, exploring who Anne Frank was and the impact of her story. The session focused on recognising what discrimination looks like and highlighted the importance of standing up for others rather than being a bystander.

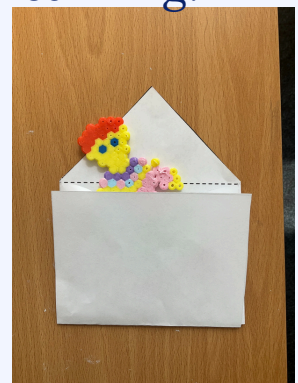
It was a powerful and thought-provoking experience that encouraged reflection, empathy, and the value of treating everyone with respect.



Flat Stanley

Our Year 7 learners are currently studying Flat Stanley in English. Inspired by the story, they put their creativity to work by designing and making their very own Flat Stanley characters.

It's been wonderful to see their imagination shine alongside their learning!



Enrichment Afternoons – Creativity in Full Flow

Our enrichment afternoons remain a highlight of the week, with our creative art workshops flourishing like never before. Learners are enthusiastically experimenting with a variety of tools, materials, and painting techniques, allowing their imaginations to run free and express themselves in unique ways.

From vibrant paintings to intricate mixed-media pieces, the diversity and quality of the artwork being produced is truly impressive. These sessions not only nurture artistic skills but also boost confidence and encourage collaboration among peers.

We are incredibly proud of all our learners for their dedication and creativity. Keep up the fantastic work!



The 100% Club

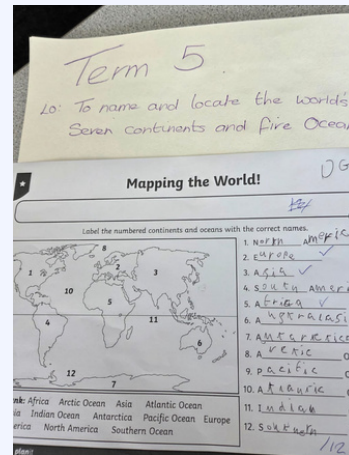
Our exclusive 100% Club recognises learners who achieve 100% on their day sheets throughout an entire term. This term's winners were rewarded with a special trip to the cinema to watch the latest Disney blockbuster, Lilo & Stitch.

If you'd like to join the 100% Club, all you need to do is achieve 100% on your day sheets every day during Term 6. Are you ready to take on the challenge?

Bloom - Geography

This term, our Bloom group have been studying geography using a variety of resources including maps, atlases, and globes. These tools have sparked learners' interest in different countries, inspiring dreams of places they may wish to visit in the future.

Alongside this, they have developed a deeper awareness of the challenges faced by different countries and cultures around the world, broadening their understanding and empathy. It's been a truly enriching learning experience!



A Message From Mr Searle

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all staff for their dedicated hard work and unwavering support in helping our Year 11 pupils prepare for their exams and complete their coursework. Your commitment has made a significant difference.

I also want to commend our Year 11 pupils for their determination and effort during this important time. Well done to everyone involved—your hard work is truly appreciated.

THANK YOU

