

— Term 6 - Newsletter —

Inspire Academy

Summer 2026 Edition



Headteacher Comment

As we reach the end of the school year, I want to say thank you to our pupils, families and staff for making my first term as Head of School such a positive and memorable one. Having worked at Inspire Academy for many years, stepping into this role has been a real privilege. I know what a special place Inspire is, and I feel incredibly proud to lead a school with such dedicated staff and such remarkable young people.

One of the highlights of this term for me was Sports Day. Watching our pupils encourage one another, step outside their comfort zones and celebrate each other's successes reminded me exactly what makes Inspire so special. It has also been fantastic to see so many pupils taking part in educational visits and enrichment activities, creating new experiences, building confidence and making lasting memories.

As we look ahead to September, I'm excited about the opportunities in front of us. Together, we'll continue to build on our strengths, champion every young person and ensure Inspire remains a place where everyone feels they belong, are valued and are supported to achieve their very best.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Mr Peck

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.

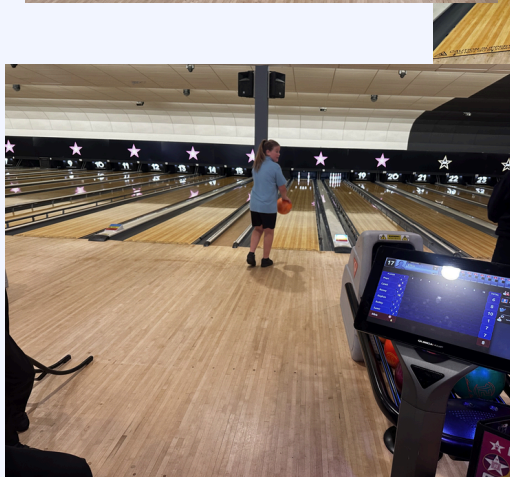
Mrs Edwards

Bowling 🎳

Miss Elsom organised a bowling trip for students across the school. This provided many opportunities to apply mathematical skills in a real-world context. Our students used addition to calculate their scores and can work out averages to compare performance across games. Bowling also involves geometry, as the angle at which the ball is rolled affects its path and the likelihood of knocking down all the pins.

Measurement and calculation can be explored through the length of the lane, the speed of the ball, and the distance travelled.

In addition, students can investigate probability by considering the chances of scoring a strike or spare, while budgeting for the trip encourages the use of money and arithmetic skills. Overall, a bowling trip is an engaging way to demonstrate how maths is used in everyday life.



Rage Out 🛠️💥🔪

Rage Out in Maidstone offers exciting rage room and axe-throwing experiences. Participants can safely smash objects, learn new skills, and enjoy a fun day out with friends and family.

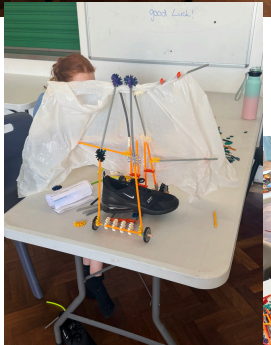
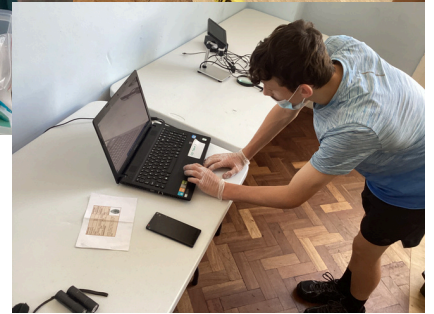
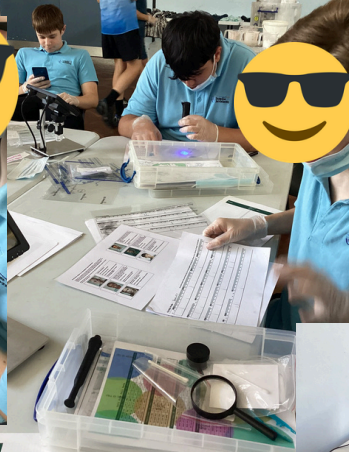
With experienced staff and full safety equipment provided, it has become a popular local attraction for young people and adults alike.

We took the students who we have seen the most improved behaviour across the year to Rage Out with an aim to try and re-engage our students into school life.



STEM 🧪 ⭐ 🔬 🏆 🤖

Medway EBP has been creating partnerships between schools and businesses for over 35 years, and in that time has worked with many thousands of employers and young people. Last year alone over 3,000 students went on placements managed by our dedicated team, and a similar number took part in our STEM developmental workshops and projects.

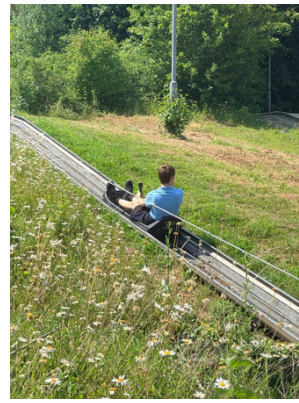
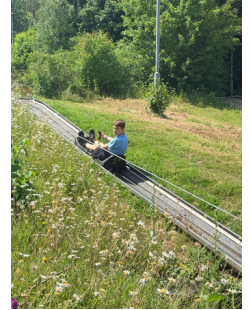


Year 8s across the school enjoyed a K'Nex workshop, where they were expected to build a vehicle that could be powered by wind. The challenge encouraged teamwork, communication and building skills related to Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

Year 9 and 10 students enjoyed a Forensic Investigation workshop. Our students spent the morning learning about and practicing techniques used by forensic specialists, and the afternoon working in teams to examine a crime scene and associated evidence, ultimately coming up with a conclusion based on that evidence.

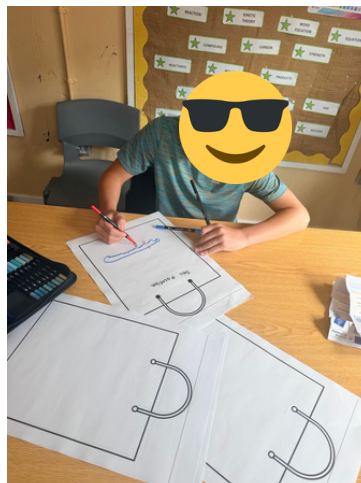
Rewards 🎉 🎊 🖐️

Miss Buckberry, Miss Camp, and Mrs Bartley had the pleasure to watch some of our pupils try out new activities in regards this week, we saw them supporting each other and Mrs Bartley face her fears. All pupils took turns and worked in collaboration which was nice to see one of our school values demonstrated in the community.



Music and Art 🎨 🎵 ✨

Art and Music have been extremely successful this term. Across the school, Art lessons are taking place as well as Mrs Elsom sharing her piano skills with students in music interventions.





On Tuesday the 30th of June, Inspire Academy were invited to attend the Rivermead DEI Athletics festival held at The Academy of Woodlands. This trip was to target some of our year 7 and year 8 students by allowing them to take part and show good resilience when attempting unfamiliar sporting activities. Even with the weather unexpectedly turning unpleasant, our students were still able to represent the school with pride and demonstrate excellent determination, amazing behaviour and positive encouragement towards their peers.

Miss Reece has been busy this term encouraging our Year 7 students to engage with Tennis. The weekly trip meant that our students were able to learn new skills each week, such as working as a team, communication skills and developing skills towards a new sport. Well done Dickens for trying something new and out of your comfort zone!

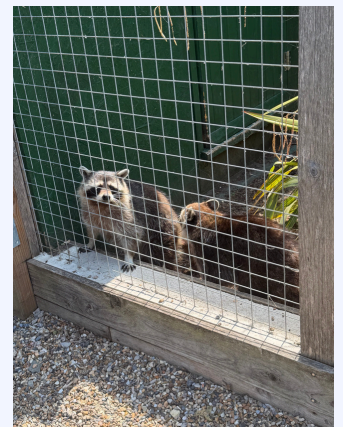


Zoo Trips 🦁🐘🦒🐵

Our Wingham careers trip with Bloom and Dickens was exceptional, all pupils showed respect to the kind lady, Kate, who delivered our careers conversation and our pupils listened with enthusiasm. Keen to share all their knowledge of different animals around the park, It was nice for staff to see the pupils share their future career aspirations. All pupils conducted themselves with integrity and were an asset to the school. Very well done from Miss Buckberry, Miss Reece, Miss Smart and Mrs Thomas we were very pleased with how you conducted yourselves throughout the day.



The Fenn Bell is very proud to hold Medway's first zoo licence. All our animals you see here have come through rescue or from other zoos. We aim to give these animals a safe and enriching environment to live in. We are very proud of what we have built here at the Fenn Bell and do lots of work with schools on educating youngsters on these animals. Miss Camp organised a trip for Bayley class to enjoy the sights at Fenn Bell. This was a great opportunity for our students to learn more about a range of different species within the park.



Commando Joes 🧠⭐💪🤝

Bloom/Dickens had expert Ben from Commando Joe's with them for 2 sessions. In Session 1, they made a raft that needed to float while carrying 4 large stones. In Session 2, they made adjustments to their rafts and were more than happy with their results with rafts floating for a longer period of time.

Great teamwork by all the students involved. They were actively listening to each other and to Ben. 😎



R	Resilience
E	Empathy
S	Self-Awareness
P	Passion
E	Excellence
C	Communication
T	Teamwork



Pride 🌈🎉👯🏳️‍🌈

June is recognised as Pride Month, a time to celebrate the diversity, achievements and contributions of LGBTQ+ individuals and communities. At our school, we are committed to promoting equality, inclusion and respect for all. To support Pride Month, students took part in creating and decorating colourful Pride cookies, using the rainbow colours as a symbol of acceptance, unity and belonging. This creative activity provided an opportunity for students to learn about the importance of celebrating diversity, showing respect for others and supporting a school community where everyone feels valued, safe and included. Thank you to Mrs White and Miss Buckberry for all of the effort they put in to make this a successful and enjoyable experience for our students.



Sustainability Shoutout 🌍♻️🌱💧

This term, students across the school joined in a competition to celebrate Green Week. Throughout the week, students designed their own bag for life, creating recycling posters and went out to litter pick in our local community.

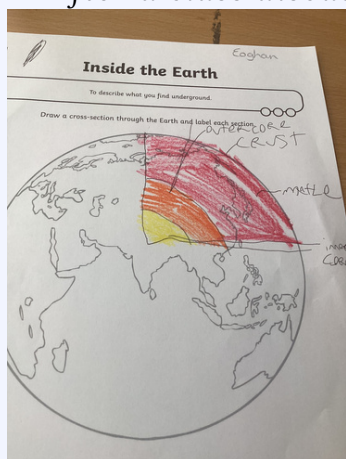
GL in Bloom won the Bag for Life competition, reminding everyone to recycle and received his own design on a bag for life and a pen! Well done GL!



Science 🌍🔬🧬🌱

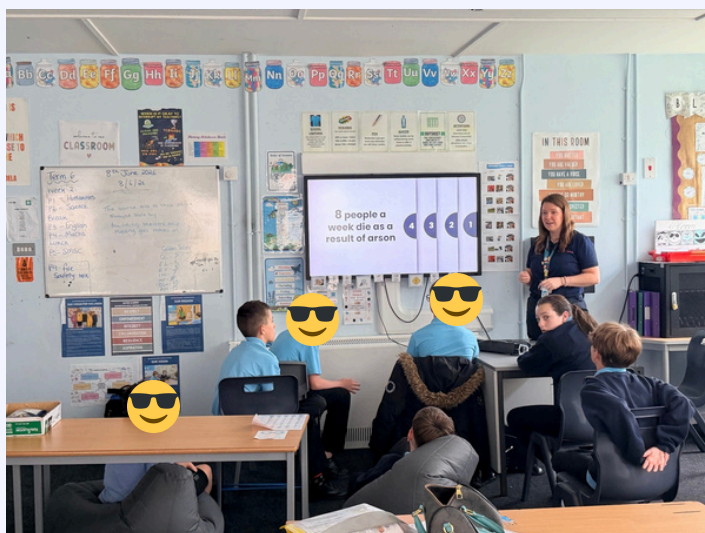
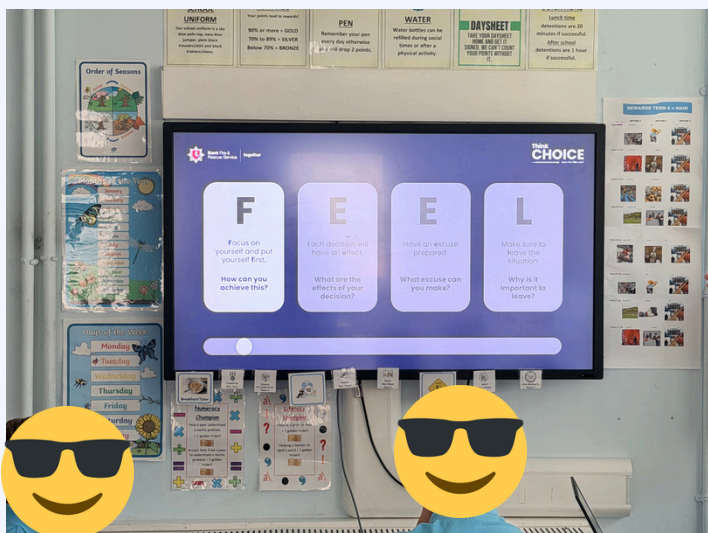


This term Bloom have been learning about the earth. We looked at 'what is under our feet'. After a class discussion the students used plasticine to make their own 'earth' showing the crust, outer and inner cores and the mantle.



Fire Safety Talks 🧑‍🚒🔥⚠️

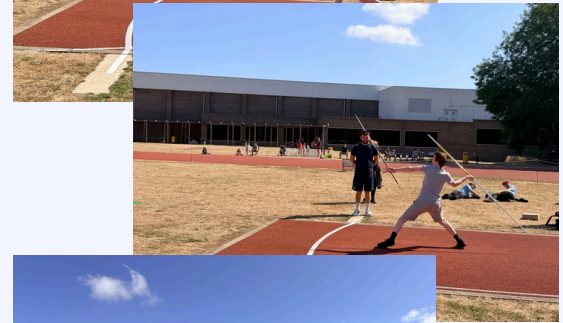
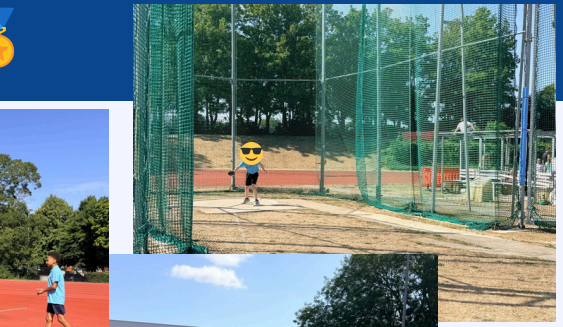
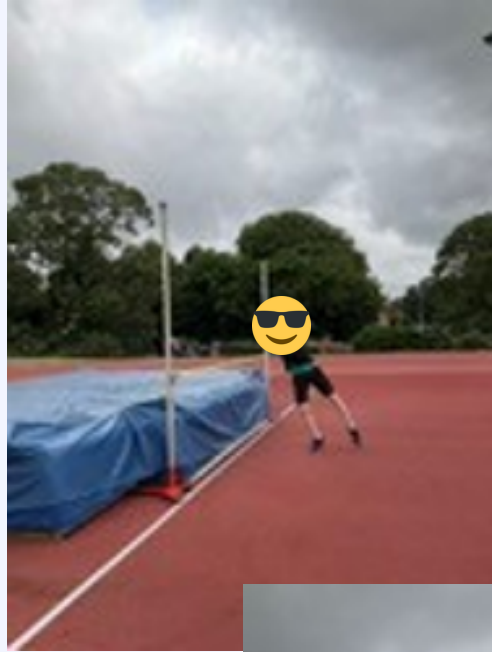
This term Bloom, Dickens and Bayley had a visitor come in to discuss Fire Safety with them. Along with discussing Fire Safety, our visitor also explained the consequences of committing arson. The session encouraged students to think responsibly about safety at home and in the community, providing valuable knowledge and practical advice that could help protect themselves and others.



Sports Day 🏃 🏆

On Monday 20th and Tuesday 21st July our students participated in Sport Day activities. Medway Park provides us with the space for all of our students to enjoy athletics successfully.

We thank any parents and carers that came to support our students.



Thorpe Park 🎢 ⚡ 😱 🎉

As a reward for their excellent behaviour and outstanding attendance, a group of our students enjoyed an exciting trip to Thorpe Park. The day was filled with fun, laughter, and plenty of thrills as pupils experienced some of the park's most popular rides and attractions. Throughout the visit, students were fantastic ambassadors for the school, demonstrating respect, responsibility, and positive attitudes at all times. It was wonderful to celebrate their hard work and commitment, and the trip served as a reminder that good attendance and positive behaviour can lead to memorable opportunities and experiences. Well done to everyone who earned their place on this special reward trip.



Maths Shoutout 📢

Maths shout out to SA, BD and EL who have all improved their Sparx Maths Multiplication club level this term.

LK and LC have continued to maintain their top club level status - full knowledge and enjoyed a waffle and bubble tea from Creams Cafe.

Sparx
Maths

SLT Shoutout 📢

My shout outs are to EV(Bloom), MJ (Orchards) and LG (Orchards) for achieving the best attendance in the school! Their commitment to attending school every day shows dedication, resilience and a positive attitude.

Mrs Edwards

WELL DONE!

My shoutout is for LG-Orchards for a marked improvement to his overall attitude and his positive work in PSHE lessons. I have seen a lot of positive changes overall across the year with LG and I hope that this continues into year 10. Well done!

Mr Searle

KS has shown great resilience and determination in turning his behaviour around. He continues to make positive choices, learn from challenges, and show a growing maturity in his actions.

Well done, KS. Keep up the great work! 🌟

Mrs O

WELL DONE!