

— Term 6 - Newsletter —

Inspire Academy

June/July 2025 Edition



Headteacher Comment

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have ended the year with a term full of activities, trips and visitors at Inspire Academy. We have seen Olympic Athlete, Heather Olver, visit us to Inspire our students to engage in sport, complete fitness activities and encourage us to raise money for sports equipment for our Academy.

Mr Baldock took some of our students on a trip to Bluewater Aqua Park to promote team work and communication.

Our afternoon enrichment sessions are thriving with Art and Outdoor Education capturing the attention of our students, along with bi-weekly trips to the local library.

We said Goodbye to our Year 11 students who have moved on and we wish them the very best for the future.

We also welcomed the Year 6 students joining us in September for Transition Week, where they took part in team building activities and joined in with our Reward system on Friday afternoons. As we approach the summer holidays, I want to thank all parents and carers for their consistent support, staff for their hard work and students for their engagement in class.

I hope you all have a well-rested break and I look forward to welcoming all students back on Wednesday 3rd September 2025 at 8:30am.

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

It was my pleasure to teach the year 11's from the opening of the Meadows unit. I was really dreading this day but they made it exceptional for me. Although there were many tears there were a lot of laughs. We spoke a lot of how they had evolved and how much the Meadows unit has done for them. We reminisced a lot, of all the trips we have been on, moving classrooms and other units opening. I am very proud of who they have become and what they are going off to do. I wish all the year 11's well in all they do.

Mrs Petken

Goodbye to our Year 11s



Outdoor Education

This term, we have been able to provide our learners enriched outdoor experiences by exploring various areas across Medway. These experiences have not only happened outside of the traditional classroom setting but have promoted personal and social development.

While out in the community, our students have consistently demonstrated exemplary behaviour, serving as outstanding ambassadors for our school. This will be a continued activity for our students to enjoy as we enter the new academic year, 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 continuing to provide outdoor Education to our students, allowing them to have a deeper understanding and appreciation of the natural world.



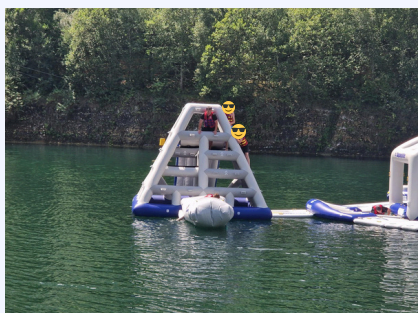
Term 6 Trips and Rewards

This Term's Trips

This term we have seen trips ranging from Bluewater's Aqua Park, to having an Olympic Athlete visit us and give inspiration talks and encourage students to take part in sporting activities as well as raising £125 for our Academy.

We are proud to provide our students with opportunities to develop their communication, teamwork and social skills.

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



Term 6 Trips and Rewards



Miss Buckberry, Mr Lockett and Mrs Sweeney took our top 10% of the school on their weekly reward trip. This opportunity allowed our students to experience a public space and helped to develop our social skills in a controlled environment.

We looked at not just the play park but the nature as we walked around the park spending time feeding the swans, looking at the different types of bugs and even sparking conversations around why nature should be protected and pupils should get more experiences being in nature.



Year 6 Transition Week

We welcomed Year 6 students for a transition week. The students were introduced to the routines at Inspire Academy as well as Rewards on a Friday afternoon.

We look forward to welcoming them back in September.



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On June 11th, Miss Elsom and Mrs Sweeney took Holmes to the Cyclopark in Gravesend for a mountain biking activity. This outing was a reward for winning the Maths tournament in Times Tables RockStars during term 2. The students fully engaged with the program and enjoyed it immensely.



Bloom Beach Trip

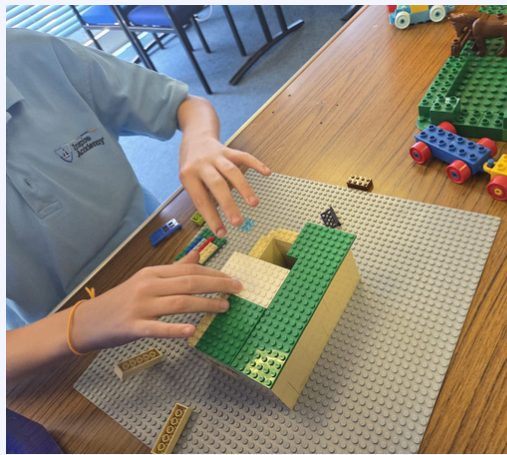
Miss Reece, Ms Thomas and Miss Sweeney took Bloom class on a trip to Leysdown this term. The students were able to link this trip to their Humanities topic of Coastal Erosion.



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Bloom's Bi-Weekly Library Trip

To encourage reading within the school, Ms Thomas and Mrs O'Regan embark on a fortnightly trip to the local library with our Year 7 students. The library has been setting up fine motor skill activities for our students to take part in as well as helping our students to find books that they enjoy reading.



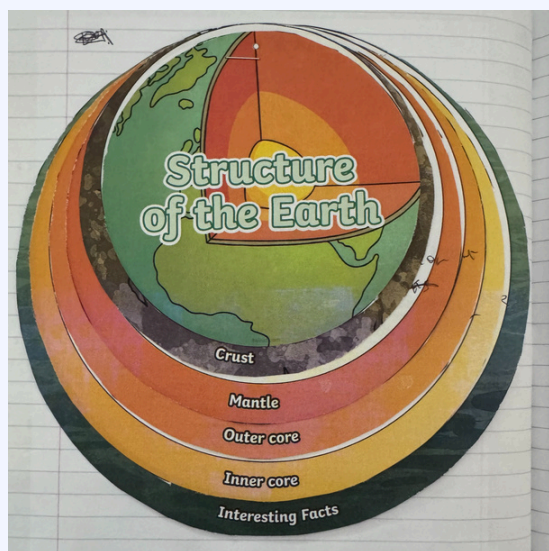
SLT Shout Outs

A big shout out to Alfie A, a Year 11 leaver in Meadows, we are all proud of him for the journey he has been on with us and the amount he has achieved in the time that he was at Inspire Academy. Also, to Christian who is now attending school on a much more regular basis., Well done to both!

Mr Peck

A shoutout to the Year 9's in the Timbers who are doing really well transitioning into the Meadows this term!

Mr Searle

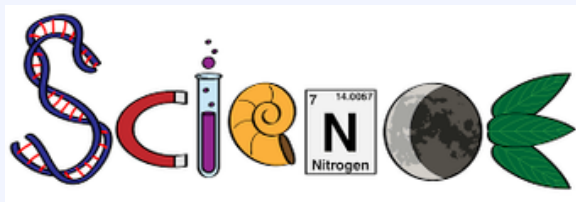


Science Updates

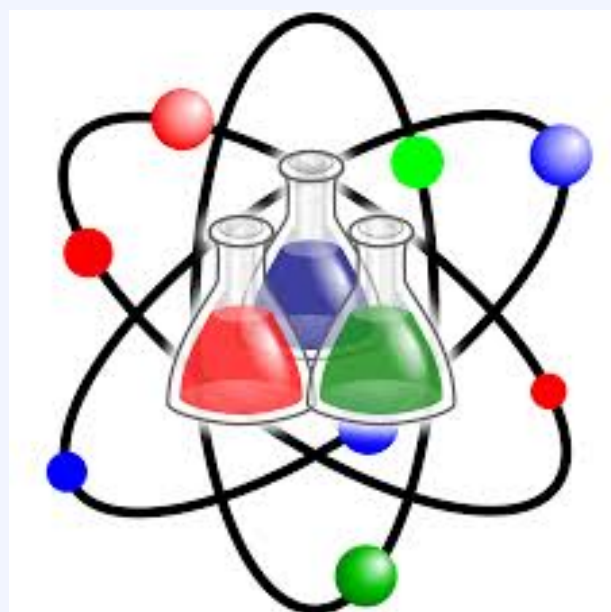
In Science this term, Bloom have worked on developing their independence in retrieving information from different sources, which is allowing students to develop independence and their literacy skills within another subject. Bloom are able to share different facts that they have learnt around Space this term and they have been very engaged.



Holmes Science Shout Out this term, as a group, they have shown a maturity towards their learning and have listened well. They are always keen to carry out anything that is asked of them which makes this a wonderful time of the week for Miss Buckberry as they are always so focused.



Bayley has show improvement in their engagement in Science. A big shout out to Theo, Lucas and Dylan who had tried really hard this term which is a noticeable difference as the year has progressed, they have completed tasks independently as well as encouraged others to make good choices which has been lovely to see this term.

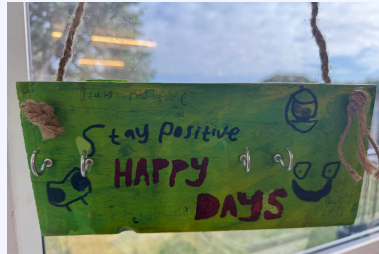
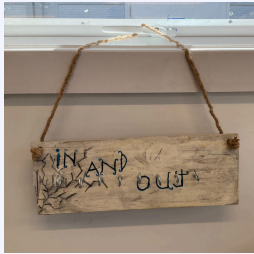


Miss Turner's Corner 📢

Meadows Art Lesson

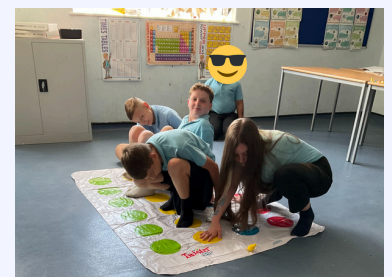
With the help and guidance of Mrs Bennett throughout Term 5 and Term 6, Meadows students have sanded, painted and varnished their own key hook signs. Each student researched the positive quote they wanted on their plaque, stenciled and painted these on. Students then screwed key hooks in into the wood and placed corks on the other side to stop anyone from getting hurt.

Each student has taken so much pride in their creative activity and both myself and Mrs Bennet are proud of the Meadows for their effort as well as their finished products. Well done Meadows!



Timber's Teambuilding Time

The Timbers took part in playing twister with each other as part of our enrichment afternoons. Working together, they have played games and made shrink plastic creations to take home as part of their Art afternoons.



Miss Turner's Shout Out

A big shout out to students in Chaucer, Frankie, Sonny and Zach, who completed a mock exam paper in English during Term 6 and passed it! I am so proud of the hard work you have put in to achieving this goal!