



Friday 10th October 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have had a good week.

I am writing with my usual weekly letter of news and information. I can be contacted at exehead@aspire-kent.org.uk between 8am - 5pm Monday to Friday for queries and questions. Also Lauren my PA can be contacted at lriby@aspire-kent.org.uk. Any requests for meetings or appointments can be made through Lauren - thank you.

Maidstone Grammar School for Girls- Taster Sessions-

MGGS are offering a Year 5 Taster Lesson. These events are a wonderful opportunity for both parents and students to experience the vibrant community and outstanding education offered.

Give your daughter the chance to ignite her curiosity with our interactive Taster Sessions. These sessions are a fantastic way for Year 5 students to get a taste of life at MGGS:

This event is for Drama- Wednesday, 19th November 2025, 4.00pm - 5.00pm

This taster lesson in Drama covers 'Improvisation' including Drama games and improvisational skills to help build confidence, encourage teamwork and have fun! To book visit- <https://www.mggs.org/joining-us/joining-our-year-7/open-events-for-joining-in-year-7/#y5transition>

They will also be announcing more Year 5 Taster Lessons for the upcoming term soon.

Yew Tree Farm School-

Yew Tree Farm are hosting an **open evening** (in Bredgar, Sittingbourne, ME9 8AT) taking place on **Wednesday 15th October 2025, from 3pm to 5pm.**

We know how challenging it can be when a pupil's needs are not being fully met in their current placement. Yew Tree Farm School is an **Independent Special School** in Bredgar, Sittingbourne, created specifically for pupils with **SEMH, ASD, ADHD, PDA and associated needs** who require a more specialist and therapeutic approach.

They focus on a **therapeutic curriculum** shaped by **Speech and Language Therapy, Occupational Therapy, and Clinical Psychology input.**

This Open Evening will give you the opportunity to:

- See the facilities and therapeutic environment
- Meet the specialist team delivering our curriculum
- Explore how we can support pupils you are currently seeking alternative provision or a permanent placement for.

For more information visit- <https://www.yewtreefarmsschool.co.uk/>

Chill and Chat Sessions-

Maidstone Library (Maidstone, ME14 1LQ) are holding FREE sessions for parents/carers or expecting parents. These are relaxed and friendly sessions and offer a chance to meet new friends and ask for advice.

These are 10am-12pm on-

Saturday 18th October

Saturday 1st November

Saturday 15th November

Saturday 6th December

Saturday 20th December

Extreme Robots- Maidstone -

Maidstone Leisure Centre is holding an Extreme Robots event **THIS WEEKEND** (11th and 12th October).

There are some tickets and times still available and you are able to get 20% off tickets using the code **MAIDSTONE 20-** <https://www.extremrobots.co.uk/>

Event for half term-

The RAF Manston History Museum, a history museum located in Manston, Kent, dedicated to preserving and educating the public on the history of Manston as an airfield.

The Museum is holding a Modelfest at The Museum event in the October half term, between the 18th and 26th October. This event is a display of different models from several different brands, featuring aircraft and trains, among many others.

Wishing you a lovely weekend as we enter the last week of Term 1. The last day of term will be Friday 17th October.

Kind regards,

Emma Hickling

Executive Headteacher