



Friday 26th April 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you all 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.

SEND Survey-

KCC have opened a survey for parents to complete to express views about your child/ren's experience in School.

Although this does ask for the name of the school and names of the child/ren, this data would not be shared in any way which will identify you or your child.

If you would like to complete this survey visit-

https://kentcc-self.achieveservice.com/en/AchieveForms/?form_uri=sandbox-publish://AF-Process-bb977f15-c212-4cd3-9c5c-3a022a0ec809/AF-Stage-79b9b9ff-d6cc-4c4a-a347-db5cbb3f8fb8/definition.json&redirectlink=%2Fen&cancelRedirectLink=%2Fen&consentMessage=yes

Safeguarding Alert-

I would like to make you aware that it has come to my attention that there is an individual who has recently arrived from Bangladesh running sessions in London for parents of children with Autism Spectrum Disorder offering a 'miracle cure'.

These sessions claim they can cure ASD with a new treatment. The treatment they are offering is an experimental treatment, which is unlicensed in the UK. There is no robust evidence that this will help the children, however there is a real risk of harm.

Consultation has taken place with Health colleagues in the area and the strong advice is that families should **NOT** take up this treatment.

Mega Camps-

Mega Camps are open for the May Half Term and Summer 2024, providing school holiday childcare and activities for children of Essex, Havering, Kent and Surrey.

All of the Mega Camps locations are Ofsted registered and accept children ages 4 - 14 every school holiday.

Please see leaflet attached for ways to book or visit-

<https://www.megacamps.net/>

Year 5 Taster Sessions- Maidstone Girls Grammar School-

MGGS are offering various taster sessions for pupils in Year 5.

- **11+ Preparation: Creative Writing** - Wednesday, 1st May 2024 4.15-5.15pm
- **11+ Preparation: Non-Verbal Reasoning** - Wednesday, 15th May 2024 4.15-5.15pm
- **11+ Preparation: Verbal Reasoning** - Wednesday, 22nd May 2024 4.15-5.15pm
- **11+ Preparation: Quantitative Reasoning** - Wednesday, 5th June 2024 4.15-5.15pm

You are able to book a place at these sessions with the link below-

<https://www.mggs.org/joining-us/joining-our-year-7/open-events-for-joining-in-year-7/>

Wishing you all a lovely and restful weekend.

Kind regards,

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