



Friday 20th September 2024

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 Iriby@aspire-kent.org.uk. Any requests for meetings or appointments can be made through Lauren - thank you.

Year 6 - Secondary Transfer Meeting

If you were unable to join the virtual parents meeting yesterday evening, please contact your child's school office as they will be able to share the slides from the meeting with you.

The meeting was for parents of year 6 pupils, as you will need to select secondary school choices by the end of October for secondary school places in September 2025.

Parenting Anxious Children-

On **Monday 30th September at 7pm St Luke's Church in Maidstone (Foley Street, ME14 5AR)** is holding a talk by Dr Tony Jones Clinical Director of 4 Maidstone Central practices together with a guest from CAMHS.

The evening will provide an opportunity to meet & chat to other parents who will undoubtedly convince you that you are not alone in the ever challenging role of parenting.

For more information visit-

<https://www.stlukesmaidstone.church/event/parenting-anxious-children/>

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More Free Parenting Workshops-

Please see the attached leaflets regarding free workshops aimed to support parents and carers who are looking to get back into work. This by offering an opportunity to gain the necessary skills for free, for a school support job that fits in with their family.

These courses are designed to make it easy for parents/carers who are looking to gain the necessary qualifications for a school support role. The classes are run online, within school hours and during term times. Allowing parents to fit the classes in with school drop offs and collections.

Please find the attached leaflet as to how to enrol onto this course should this be something of interest.

The deadline to enrol is the end of 25th September!

Maidstone Girls Grammar School Open Days-

MGGS are holding open days for Year 5 tasters and sessions to support with 11+ preparation.

These events are held on -

Wednesday 2nd October- open afternoon

Tuesday 15th October- open evening

Monday 21st and Tuesday 22nd October- open mornings

Please visit the website for more details are how to book a space on one of these days-

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

Maidstone LitFest-

Please find attached a flyer about FREE children's events at Maidstone Borough Council's literary festival this October.

All events are held at the Kent History and Library Centre (ME14 1LQ) on various dates from 5th-12th October.

There is also a Family Fun day at the Lockmeadow Centre on Sunday 6th October.

For more information visit <https://www.maidstonelitfest.org/> and see attached flyer.

Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Emma Hickling
Executive Headteacher