

ENTERPRISE LEARNING ALLIANCE

WESTWOOD CENTRE

TERM 6 JUNE / JULY 2017

EXCELLENCE IN EXAMS

As we approach the end of another school year we are happy to share how proud we are of all of our year 11's efforts in their examinations. Attendance was excellent and everyone gave 100% effort in completing their exams. We had a few tears and came close to a meltdown or two but in the end everyone tried their best, and that's all any of us can do.

We are equally as proud of our staff team who worked hard to ensure that exam season ran as smoothly as possible, well done team, excellent to see the team working as one keeping things moving forward.

It has been a great year, full of fun and learning, we are proud to say farewell and good luck to our 2017 year 11's. VERY BEST OF LUCK GUYS!!!!



WELCOME TO WESTWOOD

We have welcomed two new members of staff to Westwood over the last few weeks, Jessica and Megan. Both ladies have fit straight into the team and are settling well into their new roles here at Westwood.

With warm welcomes from both staff and students, we look forward to working together for many years to come, strengthening the team.

Welcome guys.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Thorpe Park trip Yr11	28/06
Year 11 leavers day	30/06
Parents day year 10's	06/07
End of term 6	21/07



Fingers crossed for results day, All students are invited to collect their GCSE results at school on Thursday 24th August 2017

THORPE PARK TRIP 2017

Our year 11's are very excited about their upcoming trip to Thorpe Park! An excellent way to round up a good year with a day of thrills and spills.

Don't go too mad guys, we don't want anyone making themselves sick!!!

Have fun!!!



DOVER SKILLS STUDIO

IN THE NEWS



Over the past two terms we have set up and worked with Kent Police in many amazing ideas to help prevent young people making the wrong choice. Last week on Thursday 15th June 2017, our latest workshop focused on the dangers of anti-social behaviour with a particular focus on 'hate crime', the workshop was a huge success full of interactive ideas to show what can happen if we don't think about our choices. This was the second workshop that followed the 'Armed response team' last term which highlighted the dangers of carrying offensive weapons. On behalf of the students at Dover Skills Studio I would like to say thank you for the Police officers for giving their time to talk to us.

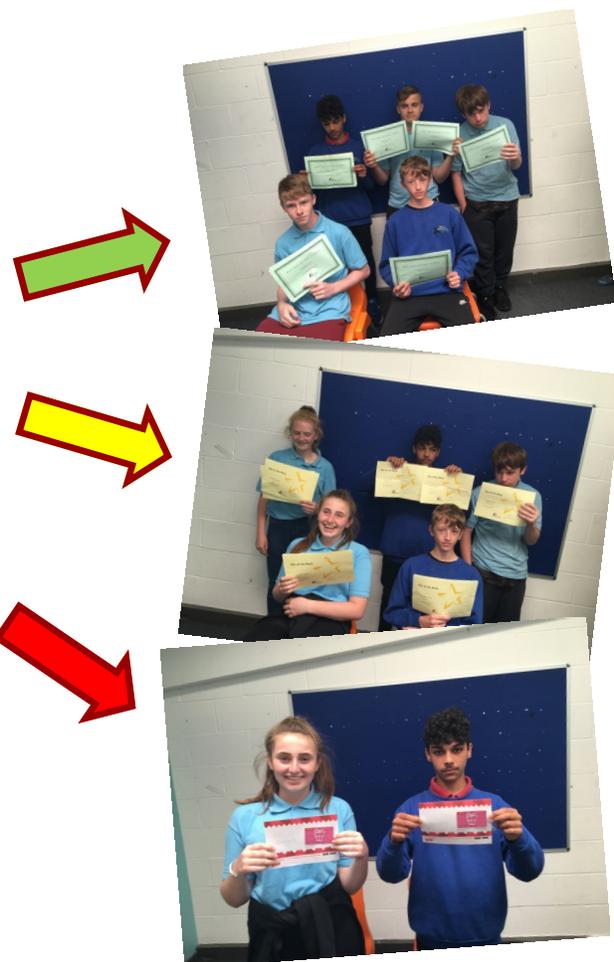
Shannon Ross Yr 10, House Captain Candidate

Every Friday afternoon at 2.15pm the pupils and staff at Dover Skills Studio come together for the weekly celebration assembly. This started from an idea expressed at a student voice meeting in March 2017. Every week since, we have come together to celebrate our successes and achievements when staff nominate pupils for the 'Star of the week' award and the 'Most improved' award. Our names then go into a draw and we have the opportunity to win a prize at the end of term. Term 5 winners were, Shannon Ross and Alex Horvath. As you can see from the pictures each of this weeks winners are set out.



Welcome to the team!!
Caroline Twyman, TA

Welcome to the team!!
Kelly Shields, Reception



Project 15

KS4



Pick and Mix: East Kent College Creative Arts students

9th June - students from Project 15 visited the Pie Factory, Margate, to see an exhibition of East Kent College's students' art work.

This exhibition featured a wide range of paintings, prints, photography, film and media work, with something to suit all tastes. It gave the staff and students lots of new ideas to inform their GCSE Art studies.

UCA Clay Modelling Workshop

Two university ambassadors visited Southwood KS4 to deliver a clay modelling workshop, in Dover. During the first session, students were introduced to clay moulding techniques and were encouraged to play and re-shape the clay into a form of their choice. During the second session, students were instructed to decorate their clay artwork, using clay slip and acrylic paints.

Although many of our students have used clay before, it was a rare opportunity to be allowed to work so freely with the materials and refreshing for them to be told that it did not matter if they did not make a finished outcome. The students responded well to this and the artworks they produced are varied in theme and decorative.'



Northwood

KS3

This term the students at Northwood have linked with the Turner Centre and Palm Bay Primary School., To create a community piece. The Project titles “Artgate” challenged our students to create a piece of art to be displayed on Saturday 8th July from 11am-3pm. The Students design should promote and inspire change. The collection is free to attend, So why not visit this worthwhile exhibition.



Northwood

KS1/2



Coach Dave Marlow has been combining Science and Football, Creating a fantastic engaging game called Mad Scientists. The Smiles on our youngest pupils can be seen for all. Thank you to Sarah Groves and Natalia Dawkins for playing the part of “Mad Scientists”

Southwood students find treasure.

Over the past few terms Southwood KS3 Students have become active Geocachers in the community.

For all the Muggles (non-Geocachers) out there, *Geocaching* is a real-world, outdoor treasure hunting game using GPS-enabled devices. Participants navigate to a specific set of GPS coordinates and then attempt to find the *geocache* (container) hidden at that location. Within these containers there is always a book to log your find. Containers come in all shapes and sizes, some containing treasures that other geocachers have left

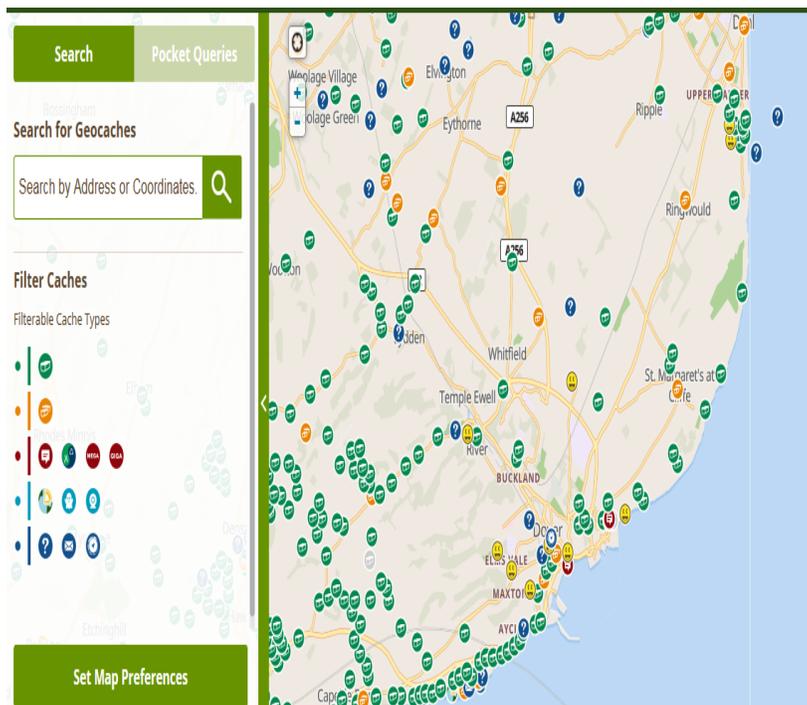


This term Southwood students have successfully located several geocaches across Dover and Deal with some of the most challenging caches being cleverly hidden at Betteshanger country park.

Examples of our favourite hiding places have been under a wobbly fence post, behind a fake bolt on a bridge, inserted into a rock and under a bird box.



Students are now remembering to bring token treasures to trade in the geocaches. This term a year 8 boy swapped one of his treasured lego figures, for a penny that dates back to the 1800's during queen Victoria's reign.

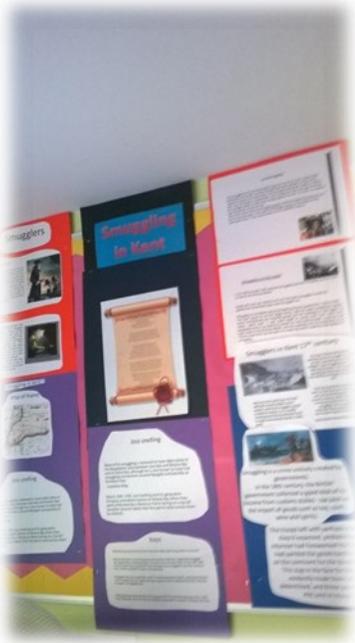


There are usually hints, and cryptic codes to break to help find each individual cache. This has prompted students to use their heads and work as a team.

One of the best parts about Geocaching is the chance to learn about the history of local areas that both staff and students may not have known. This aspect really adds to the quality of the experience.

There are millions of *geocaches* hidden around the world. Some will be near you right now so why not download the app, get outdoors and have a go.

Southwood KS3 Dover



We have been working on the legend of Beowulf, Romeo and Juliet and researching smuggles in Kent.

The students worked together to make displays for the class rooms using their knowledge and researching further information on the internet.

In Romeo and Juliet students have read the story and greater their own blurb and written letters to agony aunt and written diary entries as either Romeo or Juliet

Beowulf the students will be creating some descriptive writing using simple compound and complex students. They will be using metaphors and simulates with full punctuation for their end of term assessments

