



## **Term 6 Newsletter**

As Term 6 draws to a close, we have been reflecting on what has been a joyful, enriching, and transformative academic year. Our pupils have engaged in a wide range of learning opportunities, experiences, and activities – and we are so proud of everything they've achieved.

### **Exams and Student Achievement**

This term marked the end of exam season, with our Stratus pupils completing their BTEC Cookery, IT Digital Skills, and GCSE exams. We are incredibly proud of the effort, resilience, and maturity they have shown throughout. As they prepare for the next stage in their educational journeys, we wish them all the very best. You've got this!

To celebrate their efforts, we held a Reward Afternoon in June, complete with a surprise visit from Nice Ices ice cream van. Pupils were delighted to choose their own ice cream – a fun and tasty way to celebrate and practise real-life communication skills.

### **Year 10 Mock Exams**

Our Year 10 pupils have also completed their mock exams this term. We are incredibly proud of their effort and attitude. As always, we continue to remind our young people that exams don't define them – their character, courage, and wellbeing are what matter most. Their best is always good enough.

### **Life Skills and Enrichment**

Our students thoroughly enjoyed their hands-on Mechanics sessions at MidKent College, where they learned how to remove tyres, fix punctures, and balance wheels. It was brilliant to see them so engaged and proud of their achievements in learning valuable life skills.

We were also honoured to welcome Peter, a Distinguished Historian, who delivered a fascinating and engaging talk on a range of historical topics. Our students asked thoughtful questions and were captivated by his insights – thank you, Peter!



## **Marking Meaningful Occasions**

Throughout Term 6, we have marked several significant days, including World Environment Day, the D-Day Anniversary, World Oceans Day, Father's Day, Windrush Day, and Nelson Mandela Day. Our pupils approached each theme with curiosity and empathy, demonstrating a genuine care for the world around them.

## **Community and Celebration**

We've packed a lot into the end of the year – including a brilliant community outing to Butlins in Bognor Regis, where students enjoyed laser tag, swimming, and fairground rides. It was a day filled with laughter and memories.

Our Activity Week has been a great success, with the following schedule of engaging and fun experiences:

### **Activity Week Schedule:**

- Wednesday 16th July – *Rare Breeds Centre*: Pupils met traditional rare breed animals, explored the butterfly tunnel and gardens, and cheered on the pig races!
- Thursday 17th July – *Wingham Wildlife Park*: A day of discovery with giraffes, penguins, monkeys, and more – plus sensory gardens and outdoor learning.
- Friday 18th July – *Clip and Climb & Jump In Fun*: A day of climbing walls and inflatable assault courses! Pupils should wear suitable sportswear for this action-packed day.
- Monday 21st July – *Ninja Warrior*: Taking on the Challenge, testing Ninja Skills whilst climbing, balancing, swinging and bouncing across obstacles and inflatables!
- Tuesday 22nd July – *End-of-Year Celebration*: A team games session in the park, followed by a school BBQ and Celebration Assembly, where we'll be recognising our students' incredible achievements and saying goodbye to our leavers.



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## **A Personal Note from Me**

As many of you are aware, I will be beginning my maternity leave today. I'm incredibly excited to welcome my second (and final!) baby and so grateful for the support and kindness from our school community during my pregnancy.

While I will miss every single one of our wonderful pupils, I have full confidence in our amazing team. Danielle Atterbury (Deputy Headteacher) and Natalie Bucklen (School Business Manager) will be overseeing the school during my absence. Together with our brilliant staff, they will ensure that the vision, values, and daily life of Blue Skies continues without interruption.

I'll return for 'Keeping in Touch' days later in the year and plan to fully return in January 2026. Thank you again for your ongoing support.

## **Staff Update**


After a decade of dedicated service to Blue Skies School, Vivienne has made the decision to resign from her position. We extend our sincere gratitude for her unwavering commitment and the positive impact she has made on our community throughout the years.

We wish Vivienne every success as she embraces a more relaxed pace of life and new opportunities ahead.

Vivienne's contribution will be fondly remembered, and we thank her for all she has brought to Blue Skies.

## **We're Now on Facebook!**

We're thrilled to share that Blue Skies School is now on Facebook! Follow our page to stay up to date with news, photos, events, and achievements.

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### **A Final Word**

It's been a short but action-packed term filled with sunshine, outdoor learning, and joyful memories. I'd like to thank every parent, carer, and family member for your continued support. I hope you all have a safe, restful, and happy summer holiday.

 A reminder that pupils return to school on **Thursday 4th September** for the start of the new academic year.

Warmest wishes,



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