



Deputy Headteacher's Welcome

Dear parents & carers,

A warm welcome back to all our students, families, and staff! Term 1 has got off to a fantastic start, full of learning, engagement, and new experiences.

Fridays have been a highlight, with students enjoying bowling and taking part in our Friday carousel at MidKent College. This term focused on *Animal Management*, giving students hands-on experience caring for animals, exploring the college environment, building confidence, and trying areas of learning they might not otherwise encounter. Next term, the carousel will move on to *Hair and Beauty*.

We've also launched a new *Learning Outside the Classroom experience* at Larkin Farm, Abbey Court School in Strood, where students have been feeding and caring for animals such as rabbits and chickens, learning teamwork and responsibility along the way.

This term, students attended a Careers Fayre at Bluewater, exploring different career paths and practising communication skills. Our Key Stage 4 students have also been attending weekly gym sessions, learning about health and fitness and exploring careers in the industry. In Life and Living Skills, students have been using art as a creative outlet to develop self-expression and wellbeing.

Finally, students took part in an RE Focus Day learning about Islam through engaging and interactive sessions.

To see more of the fantastic learning taking place across the school, visit our Facebook page for photos and updates.

Thank you for your continued support — enjoy a well-deserved half-term break, and here's to another exciting term ahead!

Kind regards,

Danielle Atterbury, Deputy Head

Diary Dates

27/10/2025 - Term 2 starts
05/11/2025 - Founder's Day

Birthday wishes

14/11 - Leo
17/11 - Katie
26/11 - Lily
10/12 - Thomas

Happy Birthday to you all.

Notices

Term 2 - MidKent College Carousel
Hair and Beauty

Designated Safeguarding Leads:

Jo Higgins - Proprietor DSL
Carrie Myhill - Lead DSL
Danielle Atterbury - Deputy DSL
Samantha McRae - Deputy DSL

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Highlights Reel - Term 1



**Well done to all the students who attended
Larkin Farm at Abbey Court School
&
*MidKent College (Animal Management carousel course)***



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Stratus Class

Stratus have made an excellent start to the year as they begin preparing for their GCSEs. Students have shown great focus, maturity, and enthusiasm towards their learning, settling quickly into new routines and revision strategies. It's been wonderful to see everyone setting goals and taking real ownership of their studies - a brilliant start to what promises to be a successful year ahead.

Cirrus Class

Cirrus have settled really well into the school and into their new class group. Students have taken ownership of their form room, organising the space and identifying what they need to be successful in their learning. New friendships are forming, and their positive attitude, teamwork, and thoughtful approach to routines have set a brilliant foundation for the year ahead.

Alto Class

Alto have begun their GCSE course with real enthusiasm, showing curiosity, perseverance, and a fantastic attitude to learning. As well as focusing on subject content, the class has been developing key skills such as organisation, resilience, and collaboration — values that will support them both in and beyond their studies. We're proud of how thoughtfully they've started this next stage of their journey.

Polite Reminder

A gentle reminder to parents and carers that cooking contributions are £2.50 per lesson, which helps cover the cost of ingredients and resources.

If your student also joins us for Friday lunch, there is an additional £3.50 charge each week.

Payments should be made in cash and brought into school - thank you for your continued support in helping us provide these valuable practical learning experiences.

Attendance Celebration

A huge well done to Kane, Thomas, and Adam for achieving 100% attendance in Term 1! Your dedication, punctuality, and commitment to school life are wonderful examples for everyone. Keep up the fantastic effort — we're very proud of you!

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Thank You to Our Staff

A huge thank you to all our amazing staff for their hard work, dedication, and unwavering support this term. From creating engaging lessons to supporting students' wellbeing, every member of the team has gone above and beyond to make our school a positive, welcoming, and inspiring place to learn. Your commitment really makes a difference, and we are so grateful for everything you do!

School Visit: Andrew Farren

We were delighted to welcome Andrew Farren, our School Improvement Partner, to the school this term. Our students were warm, friendly, and welcoming to a new face, and everyone - staff and students alike - worked together brilliantly to showcase all that makes our school special.

Andrew's feedback was incredibly valuable, highlighting the many strengths of our school and helping us identify ways to continue growing and improving. A huge well done to everyone for their professionalism, teamwork, and positivity - you really made a fantastic impression!

Thank You to Our Parents

A huge thank you to all our wonderful parents and carers for your continued support this term. Your encouragement, involvement, and positivity make such a difference to our students' learning and wellbeing. Whether it's helping with home learning, supporting practical lessons, or simply being there for your child, we are so grateful for everything you do - we couldn't do it without you!

Flu Vaccinations

The flu vaccinations took place in school a few weeks ago. Thank you to all parents and carers who returned consent forms and helped us ensure the process ran smoothly - it was great to see so many pupils take part and stay healthy!