



### **Headteacher's Welcome**

As we reach the end of Term 3 and approach the close of winter, we are already looking forward to the brighter, warmer mornings and the new opportunities that Spring and Term 4 will bring. The lengthening days offer fresh chances for learning, growth, and exciting experiences for all our students.

This term, our curriculum has been enriched by several key areas of focus. We began the term exploring the significance of Epiphany and encouraging students to make their dreams come true, followed by reflections on the legacies of Martin Luther King Jr. and Rosa Parks. We also marked Holocaust Memorial Day with solemnity and celebrated the literary heritage of Charles Dickens' birthday.

A particular highlight was our RE Focus Day, which saw us visit Rochester Cathedral. This was a wonderful opportunity for students to experience the history and architecture of the building firsthand, providing valuable insights into culture and diversity outside of the classroom. This final week of term, we have focused on Safer Internet Day, ensuring our students develop the essential skills to navigate the digital world safely and responsibly.

Additionally, several of our learners have begun their work experience placements within local businesses. These placements are invaluable for developing functional life and employability skills, and we are incredibly proud of the progress our students are making as they prepare for their future pathways.

As we move into the next half-term, our curriculum remains firmly focused on independence. Students will continue to participate in community-based education, including regular visits to local amenities to gain vital real-world skills.

#### **👋 Staff Update**

Babatunde will be leaving Blue Skies School at the end of this term. We thank Baba for all of his hard work and support at Blue Skies and his wonderful sense of humour. We wish him all the best in the future.

#### **📺 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. Find us at: [Blue Skies School](#) Please like, follow, and share to help us grow our online community!

We value the strong partnership between home and school. Please feel free to reach out to me or your child's teacher at any time if you have questions or concerns. We are available via email on weekdays, and you are always welcome to call the school office.

Thank you for your continued support—we look forward to a fantastic Term 4!

Best wishes,



**Carrie Myhill** - Headteacher, Blue Skies School

## Highlights Reel - Term 3

### MidKent College - Art & Design Carousel



Our students at Blue Skies School reached new heights of creativity during their College Carousel Art & Design sessions at MidKent College this term.

Taking inspiration from the bold geometry of Cubism and the elegant flair of Art Deco, the group produced some truly exceptional work. The students worked meticulously to build original collages before tracing and printing their designs to develop intricate sequences of patterns. It was a fantastic display of artistic talent and focus.

#### Diary Dates

23/02/20026 - start of Term 4 for students

#### Birthday wishes

03/02 - Amelia

11/02 - Skyla

25/02 - Michaela

29/03 - Carrie

Happy Birthday to you all.

#### Notices

Term 4 - MidKent College Carousel will be Digital skills.

#### Larkin Farm

Please ensure your child comes to school on Thursdays dressed appropriately for the farm activities. In case of bad weather, students will need to wear walking boots or wellies and waterproof clothing to stay dry and comfortable. To prevent cross-contamination and the spread of disease, kindly send students with a change of footwear and clothes for after the session.

#### Designated Safeguarding Leads:

Jo Higgins - Proprietor DSL

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### **RE Focus Day - Christianity - 4th February 2026**

This term, students learnt about Christianity - it takes its name from the Greek word *christos* - this is a translation of the Hebrew word for "messiah" or "chosen one".

Christianity is focused on the life and teachings of Jesus Christ, who Christians believe to be the Son of God. Christians believe that Jesus was fully divine (sent from God) and fully human, so he could understand human suffering. He is seen as a role model for Christian behaviour as well as being the saviour. Christians believe that through the death and resurrection of Jesus, the broken relationship between humanity and God was healed. Christians follow the Ten Commandments, which were rules given by God to a prophet called Moses. These are written in the Bible.

As part of their RE learning our students visited the local Rochester Cathedral which is the second oldest cathedral in England (founded in AD 604). It boasts a rich interior, medieval chapter house and tombs such as the tomb of Bishop John of Rochester, an important figure in medieval Christianity. Rochester cathedral remains an active place of worship and popular tourist destination.



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Our Key Stage 4, students have been out on work experience placements this week at a range of placements including Medway Hospital, Haven Kent Coast, primary school and UK power network. This is a fantastic opportunity for our young people to experience work life. Giving our students the opportunity to demonstrate the independence skills they have been learning in life skills lessons at Blues Skies School.

We would like to thank our wonderful careers lead Lauren for arranging all the work experience placements and thank you to all the students for their participation, hard work and dedication.

### **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.***