



## The Thomas Aveling News



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Dear Parents

I am pleased to be able to write to you prior to the half term break. Term has started in a very positive way with pupils in Year 7 having settled in well. Our Year 10s are now well into examination courses and Year 11s are approaching a period of intense study where completion of coursework and mock examinations are of utmost importance. Parents will be aware that we had a number of new teachers join the school over the summer period:

<b>Mrs K Gunn</b>	Deputy Headteacher/ Business Studies	<b>Mr P Munroe</b>	Art
<b>Miss R Rosina</b>	Italian	<b>Miss J Mash</b>	Dance
<b>Ms S Nasim</b>	i/c Key Stage 3 Science	<b>Mr L Phillips</b>	Drama
<b>Miss L Wilby</b>	Science	<b>Miss L Ellis</b>	Design Technology

We wish them a productive and happy association with the school.

Our summer **GCSE examination results** reached a new record level for the third consecutive year, with **48% of students gaining 5 or more top grades** and 99% achieving one or more passes. This year's best results were achieved by: **Amy Fitton** (2As, 7Bs), **Hannah Biddiss** (3As, 2Bs, 3Cs), **Peter Cameron** (1A, 3Bs, 4Cs) and **Emma Williams** (2As, 4Bs, 3Cs). All of these students also passed a full award GNVQ in ICT that has 4 GCSE equivalence. Many other pupils achieved their target grades and are to be congratulated for their hard-earned results.

At **A Level** our students achieved the highest ever number of passes from our largest Year 13 cohort, although the pass rate fell back, providing a challenge for current students to improve upon. Encouragingly, our AS results were very pleasing giving our current Year 13 students the best possible opportunity for success next summer.

**The School & Community Library** is now fully open and we have been very grateful to the enormous amount of additional work by our librarian team during the transition period. Pupils are encouraged to make use of the excellent study facilities up to 6pm on weekdays and 10-4 on Saturdays. Parents are also welcome to join the public library and benefit from access to the whole resources of the Medway Library service.

**Homework.** I am grateful for parental support for the completion of homework following my letter earlier this term. We ask that you check and sign your child's planner each week to ensure they are keeping up to date. At half term we will be contacting parents of individual pupils who are causing concern and will in future include our monitoring of homework on Progress Reports. We see homework not as a 'necessary evil' but an opportunity for pupils to develop independent learning skills and habits that will stand them in good stead for further study and the world of work.

We would like to thank all pupils who supported our **Open Evening** for prospective parents on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October. We were extremely busy and are very appreciative of the number of pupils who stayed to represent the school in this way.

Yours sincerely

**Richard Hart**  
Headteacher



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## Homework timetables

### Year 11 Homework Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Technology A	Option 1	Option 2	English B	Science A+B
Science B	Option 3		Technology B	English A
			Science A	Maths A
			Maths B	

ICT homework will be set weekly – the day determined by a group's appearance on the Timetable

**A** = T (HWO)    A (RPe)    V (MRa)    E (RMO)  
**B** = L (NBu)    I (MMo)    N (MTo)    G (AMo)

### Year 10 Homework Timetable

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
English B	Option 2	Science A+B	English A	Technology A
Vocational	Maths B	Option 1	Technology B	Maths A
	Science A			Science B

**A** = T (PJe)    A (MDa)    V (NLe)    E (LHo)  
**B** = L (JSa)    I (CBo)    N (LEI)    G (TGo)

### Year 9 Homework Timetable

Form	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>9T</b>	Science	Mathematics Technology	Geography	French History	English ICT
<b>9A</b>	Science ICT	Mathematics Technology	History	French	English Geography
<b>9V</b>	Science	Mathematics Technology	ICT	French History	English Geography
<b>9E</b>	Science	Mathematics Technology	History ICT	French	English Geography
<b>9L</b>	Mathematics	Geography History	Science Technology	Italian	English ICT
<b>9I</b>	Mathematics	Geography History	Science Technology	Italian ICT	English
<b>9N</b>	Mathematics	Geography History	Science Technology	Italian ICT	English
<b>9G</b>	Mathematics History	Geography ICT	Science Technology	Italian	English

#### For Years 7, 8 and 9 only:

There is an expectation that all students will complete homework in all subjects.

- RE and Music will set homework when appropriate.
- ICT, Art and Design will set homework once a fortnight.
- Your subject teachers will explain what is expected of you.

### Year 8 Homework Timetable

Form	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
8M	English Technology	Science ICT A1/A2	Mathematics Geography A4 History A4	Geography A1/ A2 History A1 ICT A3/A4	French Geography A3 History A2/A3
8E	English Technology	Science ICT A1/A2	Mathematics Geography A4 History A4	Geography A1/ A2 History A1 ICT A3/A4	French Geography A3 History A2/A3
8D	English Technology	Science ICT A1/A2	Mathematics Geography A4 History A4	Geography A1/ A2 History A1 ICT A3/A4	French Geography A3 History A2/A3
8W	Mathematics Geography B1	Technology Geography B4 History B1/B2/B3 ICT B1	Science	English Geography B3 ICT B2/B4	Italian Geography B2 History B4 ICT B3
8A	Mathematics Geography B1	Technology Geography B4 History B1/B2/B3 ICT B1	Science	English Geography B3 ICT B2/B4	Italian Geography B2 History B4 ICT B3
8Y	Mathematics Geography B1	Technology Geography B4 History B1/B2/B3 ICT B1	Science	English Geography B3 ICT B2/B4	Italian Geography B2 History B4 ICT B3

### Year 7 Homework Timetable

Form	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7M	Mathematics	English History A4 ICT A3	Technology Geography A1 History A2 ICT A2	Geography A2/ A3/A4 History A1/A3 ICT A1/A4	Science French
7E	Mathematics	English History A4 ICT A3	Technology Geography A1 History A2 ICT A2	Geography A2/ A3/A4 History A1/A3 ICT A1/A4	Science French
7D	Mathematics	English History A4 ICT A3	Technology Geography A1 History A2 ICT A2	Geography A2/ A3/A4 History A1/A3 ICT A1/A4	Science French
7W	Italian Geography B2/B4 ICT B3	Science Technology History B1	English	Geography B1/ B3 History B2 ICT B4	Mathematics History B3/B4 ICT B1/B2
7A	Italian Geography B2/ B4 ICT B3	Science Technology History B1	English	Geography B1/ B3 History B2 ICT B4	Mathematics History B3/B4 ICT B1/B2
7Y	Italian Geography B2/ B4 ICT B3	Science Technology History B1	English	Geography B1/ B3 History B2 ICT B4	Mathematics History B3/B4 ICT B1/B2

The Governing Body is required to monitor the implementation of our Policy on Race Equality. The impact of the Policy is monitored through a Committee of the Governing Body and reported to the Local Authority.

### Healthy Schools

**Tara Cooray**, School Nurse will be providing 'drop in' sessions in school during lunchtime on the last Thursday of each month. These sessions, which may be used to discuss any health issues, are offered to students and their parents on a strictly confidential basis. Appointments may be booked via the Medical office.

Dates for sessions this term are: **26<sup>th</sup> Nov 2004** and **17<sup>th</sup> Dec 2004**. Further dates to be advised.

**Mrs T Taylor**

### Music Tuition



If anyone would still like to learn to play a Musical instrument, please see Mrs Best for more details. The school offers tuition on Flute, Clarinet, Saxophone, Guitar, Drums, Singing and Piano.

Lessons cost £33.00 per term if you are taught with someone else or £48.00 per term if you are taught on your own.

**Mrs B Best - Music Dept.**

### Trip to the Science Museum and IMAX Cinema

The trip to the Science Museum took place on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September for the Year 9 Ground Force team and the Year 10 librarians as a celebration for the community service to the school.

Mrs Donnelly not only organised the trip to the museum but also a visit to the IMAX cinema. We saw "**SOS Planet**" which was really good.

On the second level there were several quiz machines and an electric shock machine that made your hair stand on end! Although we only had enough time to cover one and a half floors during the day, it was a great experience and I want to thank the teachers for organising it.



**Charlotte Griffiths 9A**  
**Lost Property**

Students may come to the Hall at the end of the school day on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October** to re-claim any items of lost property. Unclaimed items, if not named, will be disposed of after this time.

**Mrs V Vadher - Student Services**

### Thomas Aveling School and Community Library

Just a reminder to all parents and students. You may be on half term holiday but the Library stays open! Remember anyone can use the Library - parents, brothers, sisters, grannies, aunts and uncles. If you need any more information speak to Mrs Jeanes in the Library during school hours or pop in after the school day finishes.



**Mrs J Jeanes - School Librarian**

### Duke of Edinburgh Award

A group of 14 year 11 students recently completed a Duke of Edinburgh Award assessed expedition in the Bredgar/Wormshill area. They followed a pre-planned route, and had to carry with them everything they needed, including tent, sleeping bag, cooker, food and clothing. They spent two nights camping and walked a distance of 15 miles. Despite a few navigation problems and wet weather, all of the group completed a successful expedition.

**Mr M Townsend**  
**Duke of Edinburgh Award Organiser**

### Radio Controlled Car Club

The Thomas Aveling Radio Controlled Car Club races every Thursday after school. Its success last year has meant that it's back by popular demand. Your chance to be the Jensen Button of model car racing!

**Mr C Cristina**

### "Accidental Death Of An Anarchist" ...

... is this year's school show, being put on in December. It's the funniest, wittiest and down right classiest show you've ever seen!

Performance dates are: **Thursday 9<sup>th</sup>, Friday 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> December**. Tickets go on sale in November, you'd be a MANIAC to miss it!

**Year 13 Performing Art Students**

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