

Key Dates

11th Nov	Y13 Parent Review Meeting, held in the Academy from 15.30-18.30. Please book your appointment at your earliest convenience via Edulink	18 th Nov	Sixth Form Open Evening
		13 th Dec	Christmas Lunch, Lower School
		14 th Dec	Christmas Lunch, Upper School/Sixth Form

Academy Notices

TERM 2 WINTER UNIFORM REMINDER

All students should now be in full winter uniform. Please remember, jumpers are required under blazers and summer dresses should no longer be worn.

THE SKINNERS' COMPANY VACANCY

The Skinners' Governance is seeking to recruit a governance professional to join the Education Office team. If you are interested to apply, please contact: mbarnes@skidderskent.org.uk

SKA IPADS - INSURANCE

Can we please remind parents that if your child has a damaged iPad, kindly complete the iPad insurance form [here](#)

UPPER SCHOOL GALLERY EVENING

Thank you to everyone who attended last term's Upper School Gallery Evening. It was wonderful to share with you some of the exceptional work which has been undertaken by our students and to have some refreshing face-to-face conversations over a cup of coffee! The Academy will be holding another Gallery Evening later this year, more information to be released nearer the time. We are already looking forward to showcasing an even bigger range of fantastic work!

SQUID & CATERING SYSTEM

Thank you, parents/carers, for your understanding and patience while we resolved the system issues. Your sQuid catering purse balances should now be correct. We are still working on Free School Meal accounts, so your continued patience is appreciated.

If you believe your account is still incorrect, please email on info@skidderskent.org.uk

COVID-19 SELF-TEST KITS

Students are being issued with a further supply of Lateral Flow Tests this week. Would all parents please note that they may have been issued with a new brand of test which is called Flowflex. For this brand of test, you are required to do a NASAL SWAB only. The method of processing the test is also slightly different, so please ensure you read the instructions carefully. As usual please continue to test twice weekly and report all test results both to NHS track and trace and to the academy in the usual way. Please see the Covid-19 Government website [here](#).

CONGRATULATIONS



DRAMA STAR OF THE WEEK

This week's Drama Star of the Week has been awarded to Fern Jacob, who has been successful in her application to audition for the world-renowned Brit School – well done!



DRAMA NEWS OF THE WEEK: YEAR 12&13 THEATRE VISIT, THE ASSEMBLY HALLS

The sixth form IBDP Theatre students were fortunate to visit, tour and learn all about the history of and the workings of the Assembly Hall venue. Our 10 sixth form students must grasp and understand the functions of theatre, the business of theatre and truly appreciate all the facets that come together to create and produce theatrical work. This can be hard to do in a classroom, or school-based drama studio – especially when you talk about flying systems and you have no fly floor above the drama studio space! Mrs Barradell (Assistant Principal) reached out to the technical/production team at the Assembly Hall, and they couldn't have been more accommodating. Our students had four members of stage crew showing aspects of the fly system, the orchestra pit, the layout of backstage, the prompt corner (where the show is cued from), how moving lights work and how the venue sets up and runs as a receiving theatre (meaning they have productions who can visit them, and they don't produce their own in-housework). This visit not only helped the students 'study of theatre but supported their Business and Finance courses and gave them great insight into the various careers related to running a performance venue.



We can't wait to return for a production and more time backstage!



ARMY ENGAGEMENT PROGRAMME

Our Academy has joined forces with the 11th Infantry Brigade, Army Engagement Unit, to provide our Year 9 students with an insight into Army life, help build confidence and personal resilience, encourage collaboration and teamwork, and develop good citizenship. Our second phase of the Year 9 programme begins next week.

During the October half-term, a group of students had the exciting opportunity to visit, Invicta Park Barracks, Maidstone, an Academy trip lead by Ms Rock, Head of Year 9. The students received a short presentation, followed with the opportunity to move between several stands that showcased the role and daily schedules of the Royal Engineers. The students were able to take part in various activities throughout the day, speak to serving soldiers and see inside a functioning army barracks – a thoroughly enjoyable day for all!



THE SKINNERS' KENT ACADEMY CCF

This week, the Academy saw fifteen Year 9 students join The Skinners' Grammar School CCF. The SKA contingent is known as 'The Fifteen' and have also been given their own logo. The students were issued with their uniforms this week and will be expected to be in uniform every Monday from now on, wearing their uniform with pride.

This is SKA's first venture into CCF and The Skinners' Kent Academy CCF co-ordinator and Head of Year 9, Ms Rock, who is currently working towards 'Pilot Officer' status.

Ms Rock strongly believes that this is going to be the start of a long and exciting journey.

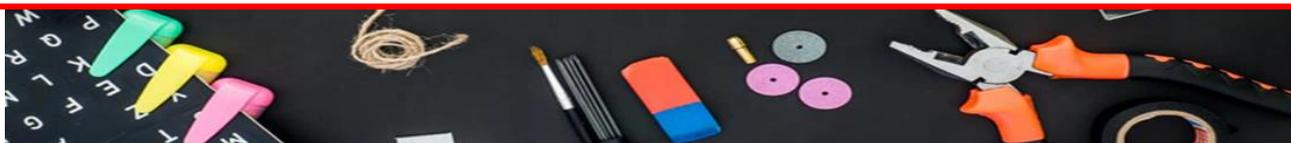
THE SKINNERS' KENT ACADEMY TAG RUGBY – HALF TERM RUGBY CAMP SUCCESS!

Over the October half-term three students from our Lower School were chosen to participate in a three-day rugby camp. The rugby camp places were kindly donated by Simon Jarvis, owner of *Grow2Perform*: www.G2P.co.uk

The rugby camp was thoroughly enjoyed by the students, one of the son's parent commented '*he is having an amazing time. Thank you again for his opportunity, greatly appreciated*'.

TWRFC coaches will be visiting our Academy every Friday this term, to train with our Y7 and Y8 (WK A) and our Y9 and Y10 (WK B). The training includes drills, teamwork, and match play.

If you have any questions, please contact: LCobley@skinkerskent.org.uk



DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Throughout the year, our students will be making a variety of items as part of their Design and Technology lessons, many of which they will be able to bring home and keep. To help cover the cost of materials and resources used in lessons, the Design and Technology department are seeking a voluntary contribution of £5 for Years 7 to 9 and £10 for Years 10 – 13.

Without the generous donations from students' families, we would not be able to offer the wide range of materials, tools and equipment we have in D&T, and we wish to continue to be able to offer high quality resources to all our students. Payment of the voluntary contribution can be made via your child's existing sQuid account. If you have any questions, please contact Miss Widdison via info@skinkerskent.org.uk

ART DONATIONS REQUEST

Donations of the following items would be greatly appreciated, please send in with your child, or drop at reception:

- Any unused SLR or DSLR Cameras or darkroom or photographic studio equipment
- Textiles/ Fabric / Haberdashery
- Newspapers
- Craft items, such as beads, ribbons, wool, feathers, knitting needles etc.
- mannequins



UPCOMING GLOBAL & PERSONAL STUDIES TOPICS

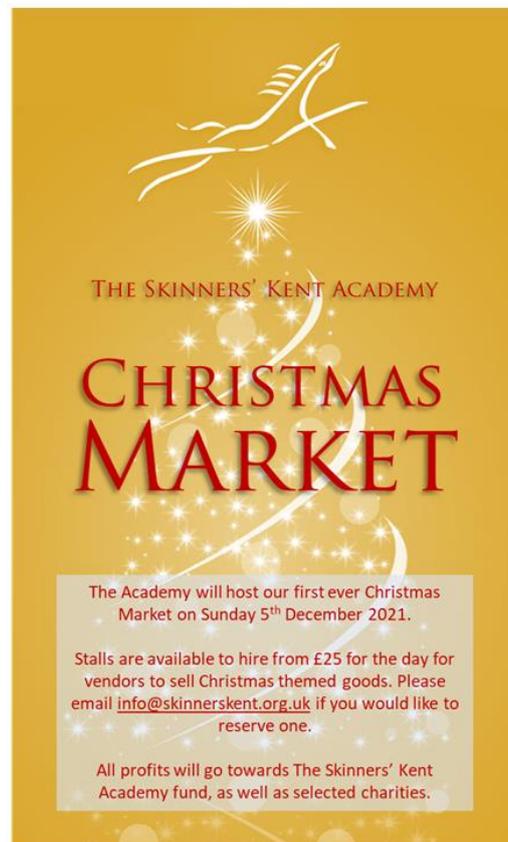
Global and Personal Studies for Term2 week 1 and week 2 will focus on:

- Year 7: Privacy online
- Year 8: Political parties
- Year 9: Euthanasia
- Year 10: Stanley Milgram



PE ENRICHMENT TIMETABLE

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Lunch	Year 10 GCSE Badminton (TOZ)	Year 11 GCSE Handball (WEJ)	Year 7-8 Football (COL) Badminton (TOZ)	Year 9-11 Football (COL) Basketball (SWC)	
After school	Girls netball Year 7-10 (SWC & TOZ) Boys football Year 7-8 (WEJ & COL)	Basketball Year 7-8 External coach Yoga Year 10-13 External coach	Mixed Hockey Year 7-9 (HRO & MAR) Sports Leaders (SWC) Girls Football Year 7-10 (COL and RIR)	Boys football Year 9-10 (WEJ & COL) Boxing Year 7-8 External coach Gym Year 10-13 External coach	Mixed rugby union (skills/tag) Year 7-10 External coach



Career News

SIXTH FORM AUTUMN CAREER TALKS PROGRAMME

Over the next few months, we have developed an Autumn Career Talk Programme for our Sixth Form students. We have invited local businesses to come in to talk to the students about their career, providing a greater insight into their industry. The programme includes national companies, and those who are self-employed. The programme began yesterday with a presentation from a self-employed music specialist, and going forward will include talks in advertising, NHS, social care, solicitor, army, and the hairdressing/beauty industry. On 6th December, the Assistant Deputy Police Commissioner, from the Metropolitan Police Force will also be visiting our Academy for an Upper School talk.

In addition, NCS (National Citizens Service) have tailored made some mini sessions for our Y13 students, which will include sessions on employability skills and skills for independent living.

Y11 AUTUMN CHOICES PROGRAMME

This week, our Y11 students have started their induction to Kent Choices. Y11 students, who are applying for either a college or Sixth Form place (whether it be at Skinners' Kent Academy or any other Sixth Form), will need to logon to the Kent Choice system – following the Kent Choices presentation on 5th and 8th November, all students will be supported to logon on to Kent Choices on Tuesday 9th November 2021 in Tutor Time.

Y7 DRAGONS' LAIR

This year, our Y7 Dragons' Lair will be held on Tuesday, November 16th. Our Year 7 students will start the day with a presentation from the Army. They will then split into team and work on designing a careers poster, for one of the many careers within the army – soldier, veterinary, medic, IT, metal smith, music, and a lot more! Our 'Dragons' will then judge the posters, awarding first, second and third place – each group will be presented with a certificate and prize.

We thank the Army for supporting this event and Kent Paintballing, who have generously donated student prizes for the event: <https://kentpaintball.co.uk/>

SPRINGPOD VIRTUAL WORK EXPERIENCE

For some amazing work experiences – check out this website – this one relates to sustainable construction. Book by 18th October for the 25th October (Yr10-12s): click [here](#) to apply



If your child, or yourself have any questions, please contact jlewis@skinkerskent.org.uk



OLIVE @ SKINNERS KENT

— AUTUMN MENU —

WEEK 2

MEAL DEAL

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APPLES
SEPTEMBER

ROCKET
OCTOBER

BUTTERNUT SQUASH
NOVEMBER

BRUSSEL SPROUTS
DECEMBER

WHATS IN SEASON...

	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
MAIN	Chicken Jalfrezi with Steamed Rice (G)	Beef & Roasted Veg Lasagne with Garlic Bread (E, G, MK, SE)	Roast Garlic & Thyme Chicken with Roast Gravy	Chicken Parmigiana with Herby Roasted Potatoes (CE, G, MK)	*Catch of the Day* with Fresh Minted Mushy Peas & Homemade Tartare (E, F, G, SU)
VEGGIE	Spinach, Sweet Potato & Lentil Dhal with Naan (CE, G, MK)	Spinach & Feta Pie (G, MK)	Quorn Meatloaf with a Tomato & Basil Sauce (CE, E, G, MU)	Grilled Courgette & Mushroom Tacos (G)	Macaroni Cheese with a Herb Crust (G, MK)
COOK STATION	Chimichuri Beef Burger with Wedges (CE, G, SE, SO, SU)	Jerk Chicken with Rice & Peas	Tandoori Fish with Green Chilli & Coconut Rice (F, G, SU)	Beef Meatball Tagine with Spiced Cous Cous (CE, E, G, SO)	*Chef's Choice*
PUDD	Banana & Cranberry Sponge with Vanilla Sauce (E, G, MK)	Dutch Apple Tart with Cream (E, G, MK)	Sticky Toffee Pudding with Butterscotch (E, G, MK)	Mixed Fruit Crumble with Custard (G, MK)	Eton Mess (E, MK)

COLD SELECTION: BAGUETTES • SANDWICHES • SALAD BOXES • FRESH FRUIT • YOGURT POTS

ALLERGENS KEY

CE - CELERY
 CR - CRUSTACEAN
 E - EGGS

F - FISH
 G - CEREALS CONTAINING GLUTEN
 L - LUPIN

MK - MILK
 MO - MOLLUSCS
 MU - MUSTARD

N - NUTS
 P - PEANUTS
 SE - SESAME SEEDS

SO - SOYA
 SU - SULPHUR DIOXIDE

Go Vegan

TB Theatre Bar