

# CHARACTER NEWSLETTER

SUMMER 2022



**WELCOME TO THE  
LATEST EDITION  
OF CHARACTER  
EDUCATION AT  
THOMAS AVELING**

Our vision at Thomas Aveling School is to enable students to flourish in all areas of their lives, by supporting their development into well-rounded, empathetic people who can contribute and shape society and the wider world, whilst respecting and supporting those who live in it, though the teaching and modelling of good character.

Character education at Thomas Aveling School is all-encompassing and is uniquely threaded through all areas of curriculum and personal development opportunities that the students receive. We take character education seriously as we believe it is fundamental to the development of our students.

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**AMBITION**

The desire to achieve and do something



**RESPECT**

Showing regard for someone's feelings, wishes or rights



**RESILIENCE**

Being able to recover quickly from struggles and setbacks



**PRIDE**

Satisfaction from your own achievement and the achievement of others



**CREATIVITY**

The use of imagination or original ideas to create something

# Character Day 2022



This year students took part in the first annual Character Day, a day focused on developing a wide variety of character virtues and important life skills.

Year 7 and 8 took on the ambitious task of creating holiday brochures developing presentation skills, resilience, and respect for a range of different cultures.

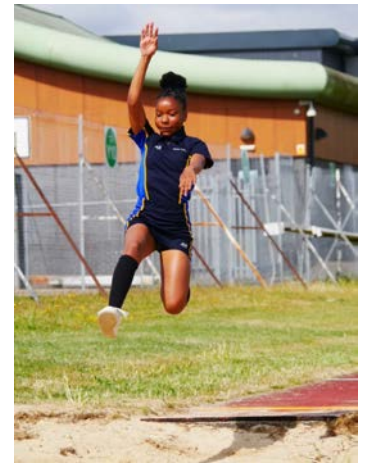
Year 9 focused on a range of PSHE themes, covering topics such as county lines, gambling addiction and LGBTQ+ education.

Year 10 took part in university and college trips helping to develop ideas for future ambitions as well as testing important life-skills such as DIY basics and CPR.



# Sports Day

Students have taken part in the annual sports day event completing field events in the morning and track events in the afternoon with the whole school cheering competitors on. The students showed great ambition in all their events, pride in their house and respect for their fellow competitors. Here are just some of the amazing moments from this year's Sports Day.



# Sports Day

Now to the results. This year's overall winners were Victory! They won 3 out of 5 year group competitions, winning the year 7, 8 and 9 events. Resolute were in second place after winning the year 10 competition and Achilles in third after their sixth formers took the trophy.

	Year 7
1st	VICTORY
2nd	RESOLUTE
3rd	CAVALIER
4th	ACHILLES

	Year 8
1st	VICTORY
2nd	CAVALIER
3rd	RESOLUTE
3rd	ACHILLES

	Year 9
1st	VICTORY
2nd	RESOLUTE
3rd	CAVALIER
4th	ACHILLES

	Year 10
1st	RESOLUTE
2nd	VICTORY
3rd	ACHILLES
4th	CAVALIER

	Year 12
1st	ACHILLES
2nd	VICTORY
3rd	CAVALIER
4th	RESOLUTE

	Overall winners
1st	VICTORY
2nd	RESOLUTE
3rd	ACHILLES
4th	CAVALIER



# Horizon



Taking part in cooking lessons

This years Horizon group have been developing Character and life skills through a range of activities across the year

They have developed new skills in cooking helping with resilience pride and creativity.

The took part in Lego therapy as a group which meant working as a team and communicating to create a Lego Model. You have and engineer who is the only person to see the instructions, supplier who is the only person who can find/give out bricks and a builder who is the only person to build. The engineer gives instructions to the supplier and builder using various communication skills. This tasked helped develop respect when working with others.

Part of the session always includes Active session such as PE Team building

The group completed a litter pick around the local area as they wanted to show the pride in our local community, in just a short afternoon they collected 5 bags of rubbish



Lego therapy in Action



Team building In PE



Community Litter pick

# Performing Arts

Our Year 10 performing arts students performed their GCSE component two assessment production of John Godber's 'Teachers'. The students demonstrated so much ambition and creativity in their performance which was a tremendous success and enjoyed by all.



# TA has got Talent

Students have taken part in the Bi- annual TA's Got Talent competition. After applying for place in the talent show and being shortlisted, students performed in front of an expert panel of judges . The show was brilliantly presented by the Bolton Bothers ( our very own double act ) and this year's winners were Achilles! Well done to everyone that took part.



# Year 11 Leavers



This term also saw us say goodbye to our current Year 11s.

After 6 weeks of exams, students gathered in the east courtyard to celebrate, share memories and continue the tradition of signing each other's shirts as a memento of their journey and time at Thomas Aveling.

Their celebrations continued at their end of year prom which was held in Rochester's' Corn Exchange.



We cannot wait to see them back on Thursday 28th August on results day when all their ambition, pride, respect, creativity and resilience pays off when they open their result letters.





# Pride Month

In July we celebrated Pride Month, student took part in a range of from time activities to develop their understand of LGBT+ history and current day issues. On the Friday students were invited to take part in this year's pride photo. They gathered in coloured T-shirts to make our own version of the progressive pride flag.



# Jubilee Celebrations

This term we also took part in the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations. The event, run by students, saw an outpouring of red, white and blue makeup face paint and nails. At Thomas Aveling we are all very proud of the Queens achievements over the last 70 years.



# Scholars Program

Selected students in Year 7, 8 and 10 have been working hard in the Scholars program. This is an opportunity to work with a PhD tutor and experience University style teaching. Our Year 7 and 8 cohort graduated at the University of Essex and our year 10 students Graduated at SOAS, University of London. We see many ambitious futures ahead for all these students!



# Cantabria



The Cantabria residential took place from the 7th-10th July. The students spent time developing their Spanish whilst exploring Spanish culture through food and visits to the Altamira Caves and the beautiful village of Santillana Del Mar, as well as enjoying some well-earned time on the beach and pool.



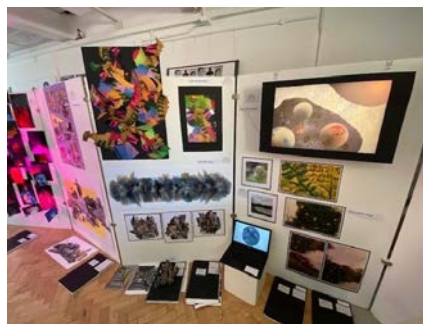
# Careers



Years 10's took part in mock interviews with external employers. This was invaluable opportunity for our students to practice a skill that you often do not have the opportunity to do.

The opportunity allowed them to link the values they have been developing in school to a real word scenario.

# Art & Photography



The GCSE Art and Photography students had an exhibition of their work.

This was a great opportunity for them to share their creative and ambitious work, many of which covered themes linking to respect and pride.

# Summer Character

It is not only at school where you can develop character skills, but it is in all parts of our day to day lives, including the summer holiday. Why not take advantage of some of the amazing summer holiday events organised by Medway Council to continue your character development?

Below is a list of some the activities and events taking place in August



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### AUGUST - WEEK ONE

Date	Time	Activity	Description	Location	Age	Booking Required?
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> - Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> August	All day and overnight	Big Camp	Camping residential with activities including NERF, Archery, open fire cookery, torch walk and Tomahawk throwing. (Cost £15)	Buckmore Park	11+	Yes
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> August	1.30-5.30pm	Allhallows Park Days	A range of fun, sports, and creative activities for young people.	Allhallows Recreation Ground	8+	No
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	6-9pm	Hoo Creative	Music, cookery, and creative arts activities.	Hoo Library	11+	No
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> August	5.30-7.30pm	Drop-in football	Youth together football session at the ball cage.	Hook meadow, Walderslade	10-16	No
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> August	10-12pm	Mini Big Camp	Outdoor cooking day for young people with additional needs.	Buckmore Park Scout Camp, Chatham	11+	Yes
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> August	6.30-7.30pm	Drop-in football	Youth together football session at the ball cage.	Jacksons Park, located near children's play area	8-16	No
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> August	3-6pm	Take Over Day - Strood Youth Centre	Fun activities including BBQ, archery, face painting, football, Sumo wrestling and inflatable. Families welcome.	Strood Youth Centre, Montfort Road	8+	Yes

All activities are free, unless otherwise stated.

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### AUGUST - WEEK FOUR

Date	Time	Activity	Description	Location	Age	Booking Required?
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	1.30-3.30pm	Allhallows Park days	A range of fun, sports, and creative activities for young people.	Allhallows Recreation ground	8+	No
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> August	6-8pm	Music Masters	Are you the next big thing? Music making for young people with additional needs.	Parkwood Youth Centre	11+	Yes
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	12-3pm	Takeover Day - Operation NERF	Compete in this summer's NERF tournament.	TBC	11+	Yes
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	4.30-6.30pm	Fun at Twydall Green	A range of fun, sports, and creative activities for young people.	Twydall Green	11+	No
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	5.30-7.30pm	Drop-in football	Youth together football session at the ball cage.	Hook Meadow, Walderslade	10-16	No
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	3-6pm	Creative music workshop	Opportunity to explore different aspects of music from writing and performing to recording and producing.	WREC room (level 1, unit 88-89), pentagon shopping centre	12-16	Yes
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> August	12.30-2.30pm	Panic Room	Can you solve our puzzles and make your escape?	Strood youth centre, Montfort Road	9-12	Yes
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	4.30-6.30pm	Fun at Twydall green	A range of fun, sports, and creative activities for young people.	Twydall green	11+	No
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	1-4pm	Graffiti art project	Come and learn graffiti art skills.	Strood youth centre, Montfort Road	11+	Yes
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> August	6.30-7.30pm	Drop-in football	Youth together football session at the ball cage.	Jacksons Park, located near children's play area	8-16	No
Wednesday 31 <sup>st</sup> August	5.30-7.30pm	Drop-in football	Youth together football session at the ball cage.	Hook meadow, Walderslade	10-16	No

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### AUGUST - WEEK TWO

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Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> August	1.30-3.30pm	Allhallows Park Days	A range of fun, sports and creative activities for young people.	Allhallows Recreation Ground	8+	No
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> August	4.30-6.30pm	Fun at Gillingham Park	A range of fun, sports, and creative activities for young people.	Gillingham Park	8+	No
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> August	6-9pm	Hoo Creative	Music, cookery, and creative arts activities.	Hoo Library	11+	No
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> August	5.30-7.30pm	Drop-in football	Youth together football session at the ball cage.	Hook meadow, Walderslade	10-16	No
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> August	10-12pm	SEN Cookery	Cookery at Woodlands Youth Centre for young people with additional needs.	Woodlands Youth Centre	12+	Yes
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	2-4pm	Climbing	Learn to climb with our friendly instructors.	Strood Youth Centre, Montfort Road	8-12	Yes
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	2-4pm	NERF Event	A chance to complete challenges and test your skills against your fellow opponents!	Lordwood Library, Kestrel Shops, Lordwood	11-16	No
Thursday 11 <sup>th</sup> August	6.30-7.30pm	Drop-in Football	Youth together football session at the ball cage.	Jacksons Park, located near children's play area	8-16	No
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	1-3pm	Panic Room	Can you solve our puzzles and make your escape?	Strood Youth Centre, Montfort Road	13-19	Yes
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	4.30-6.30pm	Fun at Gillingham Park	A range of fun, sports, and creative activities for young people.	Gillingham Park	8+	No
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> August	6.30-8.30pm	NERF Event	A chance to complete challenges and test your skills against your fellow opponents!	St. Mary's Island Community Centre	11-16	Yes

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Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	1.30-3.30pm	Allhallows Park Days	A range of fun, sports, and creative activities for young people.	Allhallows Recreation Ground	8+	No
Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> August	1-3pm	Life Skills Inventory	Life skills for young people with additional needs.	Strood Youth Centre, Montfort Road	13-19	Yes
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> August	4.30-6.30pm	Take Over Day - SGAR Trampoline Park	Trampoline activities at SGAR.	SGAR, Trampoline Park, Gillingham Business Park	11+	Yes
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	5.30-7.30pm	Drop-in football	Youth together football session at the ball cage.	Hook meadow, Walderslade	10-16	No
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	8-9pm	Hoo Creative	Music, cookery, and creative arts activities.	Hoo Library	11+	No
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	1-4pm	Cooking Around the World	Cultural cookery activities.	Strood Youth Centre, Montfort Road	8-12	Yes
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> August	2-4pm	Sports @ Kestrel	A range of fun sports activities.	Lordwood Library, Kestrel Shops, Lordwood	11+	No
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> August	3.30-8.30pm	Take Over Day - Medway Watersports Centre	Watersports activities including sailing and kayaking, plus BBQ.	Medway Watersports Centre, The Strand, Gillingham	11+	Yes
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> August	6.30-7.30pm	Drop-in football	Youth together football session at the ball cage.	Jacksons Park, near children's play area	8-16	No
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	10-12pm	T-shirt printing & shrink plastic workshop	Fun creative arts workshop.	Hook meadow Community Centre	8-14	Yes
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	3-7pm	Skate with Team Extremes	Skateboard skills activities.	Coventon Skate Park, Rainham	11+	No
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> August	1-4pm	Cooking around the world	Cultural cookery activities.	Strood Youth Centre, Montfort Road	13-19	Yes

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Wishing you all a fantastic Summer Holiday and see you in September!