

THE VOYAGE



A Journey to
Maritime Academy
Term 4 2023





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Welcome to our Term 4 edition of The Voyage

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WELCOME

Term 4 Reflections

Welcome to the Term 4 edition of The Voyage.

As we come to the end of Term 4 it is hard to believe that our Year 7 Students are now two thirds of the way through their Year 7 Voyage with us at Maritime. When I reflect back to their induction day in July, I spoke with the Students as Year 6 children about to begin their Voyage with us as pioneers and visionaries of the future of our Academy. As I read through this edition of the Voyage, I am struck by how many 'firsts' we have had as a community and how our students continue to embody our ethos of 'Making Excellence a Habit'.

We celebrate our students through social media and throughout our Trust and as a result we have a high number of requests from fellow professionals to see our Academy in action. Each time they tour the Academy, they meet our students and are amazed at how mature, polite and hardworking we are as a collective community. They wear their uniform with pride and showcase excellence to our visitors as they speak positively about our values and ethos.

This term we say goodbye to Miss Donaldson, our teacher of French and RE – she has been an excellent member of our school community and I am sure you will join me in wishing her well for the future.

In Term 5 we welcome Mr Hudson to our Leadership team as an Assistant Principal, Mrs Foreman as a teacher of English and Mrs Thomas to teach French and RE. They are excited to be joining us on our Voyage and working with our team.

As we move into the Summer term, there are some reminders for our students at the end of this edition – thank you as always for your continued support with upholding our high standards. I hope you all have a restful Easter break and I look forward to welcoming our students back on Monday 17th April.

Head of School - Mr Evans



EVENTS

Assembly:

We celebrated International Women's Day this term. We discussed how Maritime's core values link with the theme of #EmbraceEquity and how we must ensure that we strive not only for equality but for equity for all members of society.

We learnt about the difference in gender pay gap as well as how more women should be able to pursue a career in STEM subjects.



We are very proud to be in Medway, a community rich with diverse people from a range of cultures, ethnic groups and religions. We have thought carefully about the religious period of Easter and how personal accountability and sacrifice are part of developing our character.

We know that we work hard at Maritime to respect others and develop our strength, pride and unity for the ourselves and members of our community.



EVENTS

World Book Day:

Thinking School's Academy Trust is a community of 21 schools serving nearly 16,000 students across Kent, Medway, Portsmouth and the South West. Each term we celebrate a We Are One event, where our schools come together to showcase our students.

This term our Trust wide event was World Book Day. Students across the Trust were invited to become award winning published authors! Students at Maritime were set the challenge of writing a short story that encompassed our school ethos and values – 'Making Excellence a Habit' and 'Strength – Pride – Unity'.

We were overwhelmed with the response from our students, receiving nearly 100 student entries. The stories showcased how they have made incredible progress with their English writing skills since they have joined Maritime. They demonstrated a very mature response to the challenge resulting some very tricky decisions to make.

A winner from each Fleet was announced as part of our Community Lunch. Each Student was awarded with a book to keep as a prize. A Huge congratulations to the following Students:





EVENTS

British Science Week:

Maritime Students have taken part in a range of activities for British Science Week.

This year's theme was connections, nearly all innovations in Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths are built on connections of two or more people working together.

Starting with an assembly and their British Science week menu, here are a couple of the connection challenges that they were involved in.

10-19 March
British Science Week 2023



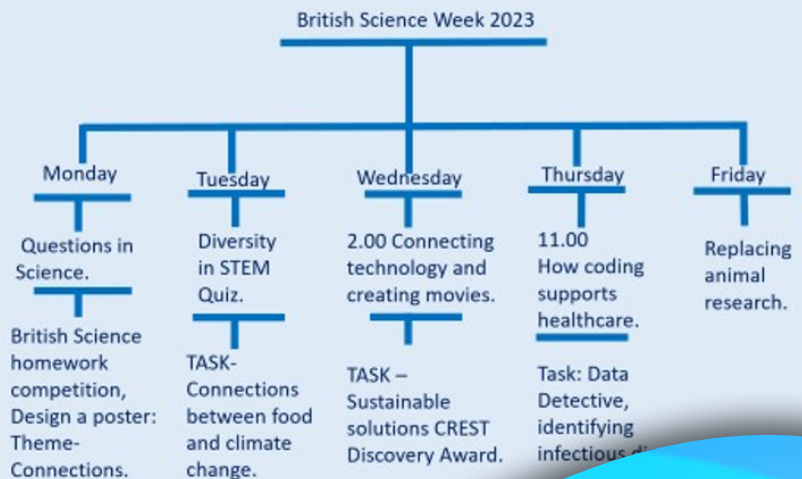
MAKING EXCELLENCE A HABIT

Academic Excellence



Menu Scientist

Frame of Reference: Name the subjects that are related to STEM





EVENTS

British Science Week:

Maritime students created a start-up business, connected carbon emissions to food and climate change challenges, built recycled rockets, took part in live talks for Ks3 and Ks4 with 27 other schools, on Test Tubes to treatment in the NHS. The students posed meaningful questions to the PHD researchers and Doctors, and finally finished with the No Plastics in School challenge, in which we are aiming to gain accreditation.





EVENTS

British Science Week:

In this connections challenge students designed a start-up business to make decomposable plant seedling plugs to plant directly into the ground, preventing plastic pots from being used and to prevent root damage. They sourced their materials, costs and designed their pot to suit the general market. This pot was aimed at the Horticultural market.



In this connections challenge, students designed sustainable rocket fuel, rocket experiments demonstrating conservation of momentum, the test on rockets from two vendors that combine baking soda and vinegar for propulsion. The experiment compared two analytical approximations for the maximum rocket height.

Students took part in plastics clean up around the school grounds. Picking up plastic rubbish that had littered around the perimeter of the schools' fences.

The students continue to collect their plastics to support the school being plastic free. This of course is in line with the plastic free water bottles that are provided to every child at the Maritime Academy.



EVENTS

Wear a Hat Day:

One of our Values is 'Unity' so on Friday 31st March we all came together to raise important funds to donate to Brain Tumour Research. We know that research conducted by scientists in these important areas helps to develop treatments and support people who are living with a brain tumour.



At Maritime we value the hard work and dedication of scientists to continue to demonstrate strength of character to continue to develop this much needed area of research.

Our Wear a Hat Day was a huge success. We are incredibly grateful to our families for supporting the community in being united to support research in this important area of science.





EVENTS

Maritime Vs Hundred of Hoo:

On Tuesday 14th March, the Maritime Academy had their very first sports fixture against the Hundred of Hoo Academy.

Congratulations to both teams for competing, and for the boys' team for winning 4-3! Both girls and boys' teams have been training together during Horizon sessions with our APD football coach to prepare them, and they participated and played brilliantly during the football match.

For some students in the girls' team, it was the first football match that they have ever participated in and they played with fantastic strength, pride, and unity. Jersey saved a penalty made by the other team, and the girls encouraged each other to continue playing to the best of their ability and have been great representatives of our school.

The boys team performed fantastically and demonstrated unity on the pitch in abundance. They communicated well together and encouraged each other to strive to be their best selves. Freddie missed a penalty, but did not give up as he followed the rebound and then performed a fantastic strike and scored a goal.

The first sporting fixture was a huge success due to how well students have committed to training, and how they have represented the school with grace.

Congratulations to all of our players – Making Excellence a Habit! A huge thank you to the parents/carers who came to support us. We look forward to more sporting competitions.



EVENTS

Maritime Academy Vs Hundred of Hoo:

Congratulations!





DEBATE AND REFLECT

Picture News:

It is important for our Students to be knowledgeable about the world around them to enhance their cultural capital. Therefore each week each Fleet reviews a topical discussion piece.

Here are some of the Term 4 discussions and news stories that we have shared together:

Brazil's; new president has said he aims to reduce deforestation and help protect the Amazon rainforest. He promised to make climate preservation a priority and explained he wanted to reach zero deforestation in the Amazon.

Does the Natural World have rights?

Long-term bike hire schemes are on the rise. Several companies have launched services, where users can pay a monthly fee to use a high-quality bike or e-bike, with any repairs or upgrades included and if the bike is stolen, a fixed low fee is paid to give the user security.

Should everyone have access to a mode of transport?

The Welsh Football Association has announced that the national men and women's football teams will be paid equally moving forward.

Should men and women's sports teams be paid the same?



Picture News





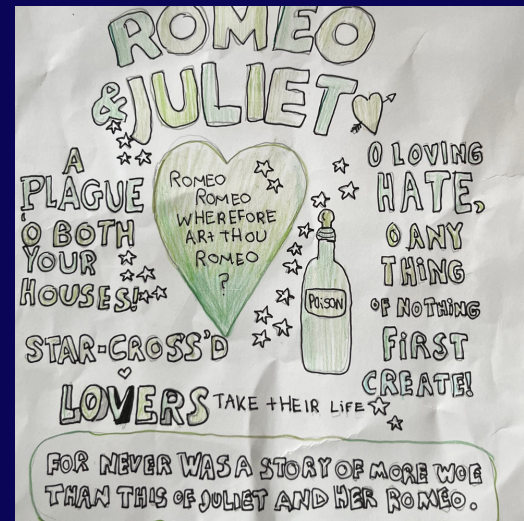
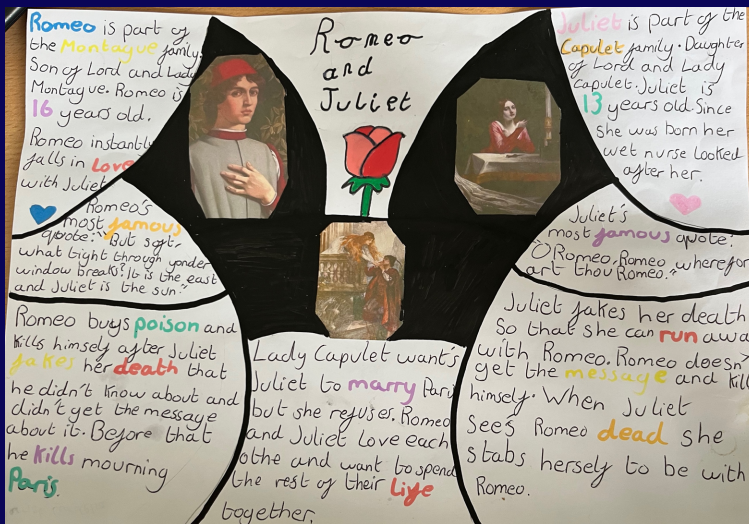
CURRICULUM

English:

This term students in English have been learning about love and relationships through Shakespeare. We have read scenes from The Tempest and Romeo and Juliet and students have been showing strength, pride and unity through their resilience to this new topic.

Over the course of the term, students have worked hard on their analytical writing as well as their creative writing. From thinking deeply about the types of relationships we have been presented to designing sonnets and posters depicting their knowledge. We are so proud of how all students have worked and actively been their best selves throughout the term.

Congratulations to all students for their continued efforts as the school year progresses!





CURRICULUM

English:

The Fantasy of Love
and Romance...

Romeo and Juliet

'Thus with a kiss I die. O happy dagger, This is thy sheath.
There rust; and let me die.'

'A shot as the sun'

'Agree me!'

'It's an honour
I shall not dream'

'A rose by any other name
would smell as sweet'
'Romeo, Romeo, Romeo!'

'A messenger from heaven'

'Shall I speak ill of him that is my husband?..'

Dear Romeo, and good night indeed and follow thee my lord
throughout the world.





ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Strength - Every Minute Matters:

We expect our students to attend school every day except in very exceptional circumstances. Students who miss school are more likely to fall behind and struggle to maintain positive relationships with their peers.

Research demonstrates that the more days of learning missed, the less likely it is that students will gain the best possible GCSE grades.

Each week we celebrate Fleet attendance in our assembly. We share the percentage of attendance for the previous week and recognise the Fleet with the highest attendance as part of our 'Unity' value.

Term 4 winners are....

Congratulations Shannon!

96%



95%



94%



92%



93%



92%





ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Strength - special mentions...

We know that coming to school every day, even when you are feeling under the weather shows commitment and strength of character to persevere.

We are now half way through Year 7 and we have a number of students who have managed to maintain their 100% attendance record for the whole academic year so far - we believe they deserve a special mention!

A huge congratulations and well done to the following students:

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| | Martin | Jack | | Elizabeth | Harri |
| Isaac | | | | | |
| | Farron | | | Tommy | |
| Zoya | | 100% | | | Felicity |
| | Isabelle | | | Sienna | Bella |
| Flavius | Harriet | | | Louis | |
| | | Charlie | | | Sonny |
| Lucy | Hilary | Natalia | Franklin | | |
| | | Thomas | | Kalina | |
| | Lacey-Mae | | Pariza | | David |



Maritime Blue




SOCIAL MEDIA

Pride:

We are very proud of our students and the school we are creating as a community - to celebrate our wonderful students each week we share posts on our social media to demonstrate our ethos of 'Making Excellence a Habit'.

We would love for more families and members of your extended family to follow us on social media to hear from our amazing students and all of the wonderful things we are doing at Maritime. We are on Twitter, Facebook and Instagram - please follow and share.

 **MaritimeAcademyTSAT** @MaritimeTSAT · Mar 28
What is it like to attend Maritime Academy?

This week, our Warrant Officers discussed Horizon and what they think about it.
Discover more about our curriculum here: buff.ly/3M1Em7

#ProudtobeTSAT #WeAreMaritime #ThinkingSchool #edutwitter
#Horizon #Extracurricular



MaritimeAcademyTSAT Follow
264 Tweets
#ThinkingMaps. Now it is time to talk about the #ThinkingKeys.

Our schools use 25 keys to unlock 'critical' and 'creative' thinking. Introducing the Brainstorming and B.A.R Keys. 🔑

#ProudtobeTSAT #WeAreMaritime





SEND

Emotional Literacy Support:

We are delighted to share with our families that Mrs Mallion will be beginning her Voyage with us as she joins Maritime after Easter as our Emotional Literacy Support Assistant.

She will be spending the term getting to know our community and learning all about our students. She will be working closely with Mrs Hall, our SENDCo as part of our network of support that we provide for our students.

We have a number of resources available on our website to support our students and families, some of which are highlighted below.

Kooth

Kooth is an online resource that provides free, safe and anonymous support for young people. It offers support such as talking to counsellors, access to articles written by young people, access to a 'Kooth community' (including forums) and a place to write daily journals. The service is available for 10-25yr olds.



Moodspark

A place where young people aged 10-16 can learn how to look after their emotional and mental health and find ways to help them bounce back when life gets tough.





STUDENT REMINDERS

Stationery:

Part of our expectations is that Students turn up to the Academy everyday ready to learn. This includes having the right equipment for learning.

Please ensure that your child has the following equipment when they return next term to ensure they can flourish with their learning.

My Maritime Pencil Case and Stationery

- x1 Transparent (clear pencil case)
- x2 Black Pens
- x2 Sharp Pencils
- x1 15cm / 30cm Ruler
- x2 Purple Pens
- x2 Red pens



Students are also reminded that we are a sustainable school and therefore only a Maritime water bottle is permitted to be used for drinking during the school day.



STUDENT REMINDERS

Uniform:

Our Students arrive to school each day looking smart and demonstrating Strength - Pride - Unity and are valued members of our Academy Community.

It is therefore expected that all Students meet the standard expected and follow the uniform policy to avoid a sanction.

Any hair accessories, socks, tights, gloves and additional items that are permitted under the uniform policy must be navy and understated.

Make-up, false nails, hair dye, smart watches and any other item that is not deemed acceptable under our uniform policy are likely to be confiscated and a sanction applied.

Ensure that you remind yourself of the standards expected before you return to the Academy in January.

Mobile Phones:

Our rules are simple - phones should not be heard or seen on the Academy site at all. If they are seen they will be confiscated for a week for the 1st offence and a term for the 2nd offence. Students attend school to learn.





STUDENT REMINDERS

Making Excellence a Habit:

Take time to reflect on your personal achievements this term, what has gone well and what you might work on and improve in Term 5.

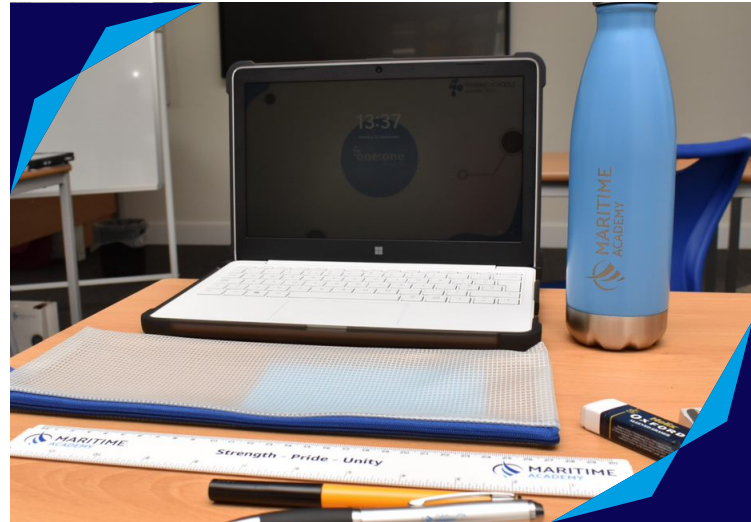
How can you be your best self?

Enjoy your break with your family. Relax and recharge ready to return to learning in Term 5.

We return to school on Monday 17th April - Week A.

Ensure you remember your effective habits and routines to arrive to the bus stop/to the Academy on time with the correct uniform, stationery and a fully charged device.

Pack your bag the night before and check with your adults at home that you have everything you need to ensure a successful return to school in the new term.





Office Reminders

Lateness:

Registers open at 8.30am and close at 8.40am. Any student arriving between these times will be marked using an 'L' code (late whilst register is open). Any student arriving after 8.40am will be marked using a 'U' code (late after registers closes). A 'U' code is an unauthorised late and will mark the student as unauthorised for the morning session. It will affect the student's overall attendance figure.

Absence:

If a student is going to be absent from school, please contact the school before 9.00am stating the reason for absence. Parents/Carers are expected to telephone the school on each day of their child's absence to provide an update. If a student is absent from school for more than 3 days, medical evidence is required to authorise the absence. On returning to school, a written letter must be provided stating the reason for the absence along with any medical evidence.

Appointments:

Please ensure that an appointment card/letter has been shared with the school prior to the appointment. Where an emergency appointment has been arranged please obtain an appointment card upon your visit.

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