



End of year newsletter

Summer 2025

Break Through school

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Dear families,

As the term ends and closes the final chapter to our academic year, we write to thank the learners, and you, their families for all your support and contributions this year.

We started the year with some changes to our curriculum, uniform expectations and our trips and rewards systems, all of which, have been welcomed by the majority of learners. In Spring, we proudly signed up to the Independent School's Association (ISA), which will enrich our school community with an exciting network and more resources. Finally, this summer, we worked through an exceptionally hot term and welcomed an Ofsted visit, which yielded 'Good' results. We were very proud of our learner's conduct throughout. See below for more details.

I end the year, feeling very proud of our progress and wishing each one of you, as well as our wonderful staff, a well-deserved rest and look forward to seeing you all in September.

Yours sincerely,

Ruth Elliott, Principal

**"The school has high ambition for what pupils will achieve. The school prepares pupils well for their next steps in education, employment or training."
Ofsted, June 2025**

At the very start of Summer term, we welcomed **Ofsted** in to assess our setting, curriculum, leadership & management, the personal development of our learners and their behaviour & attitudes. We were delighted they recognised our ambition for our learners, widening their experiences through a tailored curriculum. They further cited our setting as calm and settled.

ANIMAL CARE studio



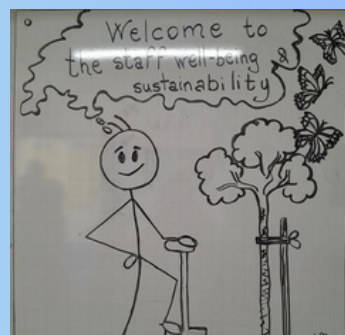
Learners were delighted to welcome in Luna's latest litter.

As we end our Animal Care curriculum, we focused on the transferrable skills acquired throughout the last few years; our learners thrive with animals, showing patience, compassion and a deep understanding of pet management and grooming.

We wish to thank our Animal Care teacher, Jane Shemilt for the wonderful experiences she has exposed us all to.

Help Break Through go Net Zero...

Since Let's Go Zero and Sustainability were introduced to us at Break Through school in March, we have been working hard to complete our Carbon Count. The information gathered from this will enable us to make our pledge to be a greener and more sustainable school, with things like reducing our utility usage and our carbon footprint. The warmer months enabled us to start the process. We have enjoyed our journey so far to becoming a greener, carbon-free school. We will continue to implement the changes we have made so far and are excited about our next steps in the new academic year. ss of transforming our outside space, creating a more inviting, relaxing environment for learning. We planted flowers to enhance our school and made Bug Hotels from sustainable resources to encourage bees and other wildlife.



By Louise Marcus, Sustainability Lead

TRIPS & EXPERIENCES

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We have had a full and packed Summer term. Many learners benefited from the end of year trip to Thorpe Park. We thank Tim Haynes and Ricky Black for organising this event.

Learners and staff were very brave in trying most of the rides, even if this was outside of their comfort zone. A number of learners whom have never attended a trip before, gave this one a go, which embodies our ethos of promoting resilience and perseverance!

Another special celebration was saying goodbye to this year's cohort of Year 11s - T-shirt-signing, a meal in Bexleyheath and a celebratory assembly saw them off in style! Please do stay in touch guys - you will be missed.

Finally, our end of year assembly saw a larger than ever number of learners receive certificates and rewards. Topped off by a special visit from the local ice cream van, where everyone got a sweet and cool treat.



Our school prides itself on being a tolerant, accessible and inclusive provision for all. We will do all we can to ensure everyone thrives here.



Thank you to the Belvedere Baptist Church for the use of their building so we can have our celebrations in style.

SOME SPECIAL SHOUT-OUTS...

Huge *congratulations* to Irene Fiore, our tutor and cook extraordinaire. Alongside teaching a number of subjects and being our Wellbeing Lead Champion, Irene has also been studying to complete her Wellbeing Apprenticeship, which she recently passed with a *Distinction!!!*



Irene organises a monthly wellbeing event for staff. This month was sip and paint, using eco-friendly totes and pencil cases.

Goodbye and all the best to our super Year 11 cohort!
As every door closes, a new opportunity opens up...

Goodbye & Good luck!

We want to say a fond farewell to Ian Noel, our KS3 English teacher, who is pursuing other ventures. He has embedded a love of reading in our younger learners, something we are keen to build on further.

We also say goodbye to Rehana Shaikh, our Maths teacher. Rehana has successfully brought a large number of learners Functional Skills' results. Despite a common fear of maths, Rehana has worked to develop their confidence and push them to overcome their resistance. She will be missed.

Finally, a huge goodbye to our all round wonderful teacher, Jane Shemilt. Jane is responsible for the learner's love of animals, creative arts and crafts, a sense of awe and wonder of the natural and scientific world. Behind the scenes, she has overseen most BTEC courses, run our Exams series, including invigilating.

She goes on to a role that complements her skillset - a Deputy Head with animals and land. We wish Jane all the very best!

Summer

SAFETY

We wish every learner and family member a safe and happy summer break.

We will be in touch with most of you throughout, as always.

However, if you need one of us before then, please feel free to contact us.

**PLACES WHERE KIDS EAT FREE (OR FOR £1)
SUMMER HOLIDAYS 2025**
moneysavingcentral.co.uk/kids-eat-free

ANGUS STEAKHOUSE Kids under 8 eat FREE daily, 12pm to 5pm	LAS IGUANAS Kids under 12 eat FREE with 'My Las Iguanas' App
ASDA Kids eat for £1 daily, with no adult spend	MARCO PIERRE WHITE Kids under 12 Eat FREE daily with an adult spend
ASK ITALIAN Kids under 10 eat for £1 during school holidays	MORRISONS Kids Eat FREE all day, every day with a £5 spend
BEEFEATER Kids Eat FREE with Newsletter Voucher this Summer	PAUSA CAFE @ DUNELM Kids eat FREE with every £4 spend after 3pm
BELLA ITALIA Children eat for £1 with any adult main	PREMIER INN & TRAVELODGE 2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast
BILLS Kids Eat Free weekdays, 21st July – 29th Sept	PRETO Kids up to age 10 eat free with 1 paying adult
BREWERS FAYRE Kids Eat FREE with Newsletter Voucher this Summer	PUREZZA Kids under 10 get free pizza with every adult meal
BREWDOG 2 Kids eat free with 1 adult, 19th July - 31st August	SA BRAINS PUBS Kids eat for £1 on Wednesdays
BURGER KING From 28th July - 31st August, Kids Eat Free (via app)	SIZZLING PUBS Kids eat for £1, Every Monday to Friday, 3 - 7pm
CHIQUITO Kids eat FREE Daily Until August 31st	TABLE TABLE 2 Kids Eat free breakfast daily with 1 paying adult
DOBBIES GARDEN CENTRES Kids eat for £1 with an adult breakfast or lunch	TESCO Kids Eat FREE with a 60p spend until Aug 31st
FRANKIE & BENNY'S Kids Eat Free from 14 th July – 31 st August 2025	TGI FRIDAYS Kids Eat Free with any adult meal (Via App)
FUTURE INNS Under 5s eat for free with any adult meal	THE REAL GREEK Kids under 12 eat FREE Sundays with £10 spend
GORDON RAMSEY RESTAURANTS Kids under 10 eat FREE all day, every day	TOBY CARVERY Kids eat for £1 all day (weekdays) until Aug 29th
HARVESTER Kids eat for £1, Mon - Fri via the App	WHITBREAD INNS 2 kids eat for FREE with 1 adult breakfast
HUNGRY HORSE Kids eat for £1 on Mondays	YO! SUSHI Kids eat free all day (weekdays) in school holidays
IKEA Kids get a meal from 95p daily from 11am	ZIZZI Kids eat free this summer holidays (ex Saturday)

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Return to School

Staff: Monday 1st &
Tuesday 2nd September

Learners: Wednesday 3rd
September, usual time

