

Dear Parent/Guardian

### **Staff Promotions**

I am delighted to inform you that, from September 2015, Mr Smith will be Assistant Headteacher at TWGGS, with responsibility for Assessment, Tracking, Marking and Reporting (a new post), alongside a wider senior leadership team remit; Mr Breeze will be promoted to Mr Smith's current role as Curriculum Leader Geography. Ms Newby will be promoted to Curriculum Leader Art in September, following Mrs Curtis' decision to focus fully for a while on life outside teaching, especially her lovely son, Joshua. I would like to congratulate all of these members of staff on well-deserved promotions and to thank all of my other colleagues, as well as these, for their unstinting efforts on behalf of TWGGS girls.

### **Parental, Pupil and Staff Questionnaires**

We have just received the hefty analysis documents recording the responses to the questionnaire completed last term. These will now be scrutinised closely by senior staff and governors, and I will report back to you next half-term on both the key findings and actions we will be taking as a result, to try to improve things for girls, parents and staff. To all of those who completed a questionnaire, I should like to say thank you very much for taking the time to try to improve the school.

### **Special Educational Needs and Disability Policy and Information Report – Dr Brimsted**

This has been completely revised in line with recent changes to requirements, and the draft policy is available on the school website for consultation. If any parent would like to add to the consultation, please send comments to Dr Brimsted in writing or via e mail ([admin@twggs.kent.sch.uk](mailto:admin@twggs.kent.sch.uk)) by Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2015.

### **Safer Internet Day – 10<sup>th</sup> February – Miss Parkinson**

Over the last few weeks we have reminded girls of their responsibility to use the internet safely, and to report anything suspicious or inappropriate. We also sent a parentmail with useful information for parents - please check that you received this. We would also ask you to look out for the TWGGS Acceptable Use Policy for pupils which will be sent to you via parentmail in the near future. When this is implemented your daughter will need to agree to it the next time she logs onto the school computers. Enjoy the holiday and stay safe online.

### **U19 Netball Regional Finals- Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2015- Miss Auer**

U19 Netball Squads represented Kent at the London and South East Regional Netball Tournament on Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> January. With an extremely icy start and organisers not sure if the tournament would go ahead, everyone slowly started to congregate. As soon as the players started walking and flood lights turned on, the ice started to thaw and the atmosphere started to get that little bit tenser. The U19s had a tough tournament with incomparable netball being played by all teams. The girls played well under enormous pressure as well as having to cope with increasingly windy conditions. After winning 6 matches and drawing one TWGGS came 1<sup>st</sup> with the following results; Coopers Coburn 14-2, Barking Abbey 8-8, St Helens 9-3, St Pauls 10-5, Guildford High 6-4, Sevenoaks 13-5 and Lingfield Notre Dame 10-6.

A huge well done to all the team involved; it is such a huge step up to the U19 age group and they must remember that this is only the second time any U19 TWGGS Netball team has made it to a regional final, which is a great achievement in itself, but to come top and win it, is an exceptional achievement. Congratulations to the U19 Squad – Captain Antonia Murray, Georgie Bailey, Hatty Montgomery, Emma Johnson, Lydia Slaughter, Ellie Durr, Yasmin Absolon, Rose Hairs, Kath Taylor, Lily Wadsworth and Hattie Gomersall. The team showed great composure in the toughest of conditions, which was ultimately their advantage over the opposing schools. The girls kept their cool and played some very smooth netball with incredible shooting. The squad have qualified for the national finals in March, where they will go on to represent London and the South East.

### **Debating - Mrs Johnstone**

The TWGGS debaters have got off to a fine start again this year, with lots of competitions in January, and many more to come in February. The senior debaters have been hard at work, with a one-day competition at The School of African and Oriental Studies (SOAS) in London, and rounds of various national competitions. The SOAS competition is a major one, with 84 teams from all the top schools attending; we took two competitive senior teams, and a junior development team. Upper Sixth girls Ellie Drewry and Polly Smythe came an impressive sixth on the team tab, only missing out on the final on a points count-back, while a mixed Upper and Lower Sixth team of Coco Collard and Phoebe Segal came eighth. It was particularly impressive that Polly also came eighth on the individual speaker tab, beating two of the England team members in the process.

The following week, Polly and Ellie won the second local round of the prestigious English Speaking Union Mace competition, in Canterbury, debating the very topical issue of whether voters should be able to force by-elections where MPs break their election

promises. This means that they will now go on to the Regional finals. Two days later, they were off to Cranbrook School, this time once again with Coco and Phoebe, for the local round of the Oxford University competition; six teams out of forty went forward from the evening, and TWGGS was the only school to get both teams through.

Four TWGGS teams went to Bristol University on 7<sup>th</sup> February and achieved notable successes; the U6 team of Ellie Drewry and Polly Smythe were judged to be the top team overall, after four rounds of debating on challenging topics against stiff national opposition, with Polly a clear winner of the individual speaker competition. The Y11 team of Eve Drysdale and Rachel Weatherley also distinguished themselves by speaking in their first ever national final, where, although rankings are not formally given, they clearly took a good second place!

### **Parking on Somerset Road - Mrs Wybar**

I have been asked by Mr Wesson, Head at The Skinners' School, to pass on to you this communication he has recently sent to Skinners' parents, as some of those involved are dropping off or picking up TWGGS girls rather than Skinners' boys:-

"There is an on-going problem with parents dropping off, or waiting, on the double yellow lines by our gates on Somerset Road. This causes an issue in three ways:

- Highway Law states that a double yellow line, such as we have down that road, means no parking. Unloading of passengers *can* occur but *"only if it causes no obstruction to pedestrians or traffic"* – obstruction to both is clearly happening.
- By parking close to the gates, staff cars have to overtake into the oncoming traffic in order to swing around them, and worse, when coming out of school at the end of the day, poke the nose of their cars out into this lane with a very restricted view. We fear that it will only be a matter of time before a "T-bone" accident happens here. Dropping off close to the A26 is also clearly dangerous.
- By parking with their engines idling towards the end of the school day, parents are contributing negatively to the local air quality. A lot of our pupils use these side entrances, thus receiving "lungfuls" of sulphur and nitrous oxides from idling cars.

"Therefore, if you do drop off or pick up from Skinners', please do so away from the school's perimeter."

### **School Nursing Service - Miss Parkinson**

We have included a flier from The School Nursing Service which describes their role in our school community and also offers some useful contact details. TWGGS has a designated school nurse who visits us regularly and who offers our pupils an informal drop-in service. Timings of these visits are announced to the girls in assemblies and through the school registers. If you would like your daughter to be seen at a more specific time, arrangements can be made by speaking to either myself or Mrs Farrow, Pastoral Support. If you yourself have a concern regarding your daughter and would like to speak to The School Nursing Service for some advice, contact can be made on the numbers or email addresses provided on the flier, which we have put on our school website for future reference under 'Letters Home'.

### **Parents' Reading Group - Mrs Johnstone**

The Parents' Reading Group is a friendly and informal group of parents who get together one or two times a term to discuss books and swap ideas in various members' houses. We are always on the look-out for new members, and I would be delighted to hear from anyone who would like to join us. The next books we have decided to read are 'The Farm' by Tom Rob Smith and 'Do No Harm' by Henry Marsh. We will be meeting on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March at 8 pm. Some of us will have read both books, some only one, and some may not have managed either! We all have busy lives, but making time to read is a fantastic stress-buster, and a great way to model good reading habits for our children too. If anyone would like more details, including details of our next venue, please do get in touch with me. As Tess Daly would say, 'Keep reeeeeding!'

### **Theatre Studies – Mrs Davis**

The AS Theatre Studies cohort has been working hard to prepare for their practical examination, which they performed on 3<sup>rd</sup> February this term. In view of the exceptionally high standard of work expected at this level, the class worked collaboratively to produce innovative and challenging drama. The class of eighteen worked in four separate groups, utilising the key features of prolific practitioners to realise an extract from a play. The first piece, a quasi-naturalistic play by Shelagh Stephenson, revealed a strong commitment to character and realism. Emilia Latchford, Ella Shamwana and Pauline Westhuizen balanced the comic nature of the dialogue alongside tragic subject matter, revealing a sensitive portrayal of sibling relationships. The moderator commented on the excellent level of commitment displayed and their clear appreciation of the text. Also working in the style of practitioner Katie Mitchell, Lucia Battain (playing Stella) and Sabrina Carlton (playing Blanche) worked alongside Max Walker from Skinners' to realise a modern interpretation of Tennessee Williams' "A Streetcar Named Desire". They began their adaptation by utilising Lucia's outstanding dance skills, contextualising the piece with a physical theatre sequence. The drama that followed was both moving and instinctive, revealing a moving interpretation of plot, theme and character. Laura Barrett, Luisa Carter, Anna Harvey, Jess Horsley, Issy Martin and Phoebe Segal worked as an ensemble to present Berkoff's adaptation of "The Trial"; their

synchronised physicality and expressive vocal characterisation were hugely engaging, revealing a strong appreciation of the play's political message. The moderator commented on their inventive use of frames, demonstrating a clear understanding of the practitioner, without recreating his ideas. Finally, the evening ended with a challenging interpretation of Liz Lohhead's "Medea". Alice Liley, Bethan Mercer, Tara O'Sullivan, Asha Percival, Hayley Winter and Jenny Winter worked collectively to deliver a harrowing version of the text. Employing Artaudian techniques, the girls worked in a highly physical manner to assault the audience's senses. They should be commended on the committed approach to ensemble work and for their fearless interaction with the audience. The girls would also like me to pass on their sincere thanks to Miss Dorman for her support throughout rehearsals and to the technicians, Mrs Norman-Reade and Mr Bartlett, who supported the girls with pieces. The A2 performances are scheduled for the 27<sup>th</sup> February. We wish the girls the very best of luck with their devised pieces.

#### Wizard of Oz DVD:

We are delighted to announce that copies for the DVD are now on sale! Please purchase your copy on Parentpay. You have until the 1<sup>st</sup> March to place your order.

#### **Tonbridge School was our Enemy!! - LCpl Goad**

On the weekend of the 16<sup>th</sup>, eleven cadets were given the task of playing the enemy for the Tonbridge School CCF Junior Non-Commissioned Officer Course. This was a much welcome challenge for the girls, as many had never faced this type of exercise before. Friday and Saturday were spent teaching the girls new things, as well as developing their existing skills and knowledge in signals, section attacks and harbour drills. On Saturday night the cadets executed their first ambush on the enemy, scattered methodically along the tree line. Despite the long wait in the cold, the girls performed brilliantly and managed to surprise the boys to the extent that they took 12 seconds to respond and return fire. After a hasty but controlled tactical withdrawal, the cadets celebrated with a well-deserved hot chocolate before settling down for the night back in our troop shelter.

The next day we were patrolling a bridge and trying to defend it from the enemy advancing from both sides. The girls should be commended for staying alert and attentive for over an hour, watching out for the enemy. When contact occurred some cadets managed to escape to a rescue bus under covering fire, while several brave others gave one final valiant attempt to defend the bridge (which involved some rather theatrical deaths.) The final battle taught the girls the valuable lesson that no incursion ever goes entirely to plan. Charlie fire team performed well, despite being outnumbered and Delta fire team, whose intention had been to surprise the enemy during their re-org, still succeeded in laying down some considerable fire, even after being prematurely discovered.

The weekend as a whole really brought out the discipline and diligence in the girls. Sgt Tucker and Cpl Yuen excelled in their leadership skills. They all kept up morale throughout the cold and the rain. Every cadet should feel a sense of achievement after enduring what was a very physically and mentally challenging weekend.

#### **Reading Journey, Year 8 – Mrs Mattheus-Ratcliffe, Librarian and Mr Russell, Curriculum Leader English**

At TWGGS we are always on the lookout for new and creative ways to encourage our girls to read. To celebrate World Book Day on 5<sup>th</sup> March we will therefore take our Year 8 girls on a competitive Reading Journey. The idea is to read as many books as possible between March 5<sup>th</sup> and April 21<sup>st</sup>. Individual forms and girls will be competing against each other for a range of prizes to keep the interest levels high. We know that not all girls read at the same speed and with the same enthusiasm, so we have a relaxed attitude towards our definition of books; we accept fiction, non-fiction, poems, short stories, and good-quality graphic novels. It will be up to the girls to shape their individual Reading Journey. All we ask from them is to write a little "book postcard" for each completed book. These will be displayed in their English classroom and count as evidence for the final book count in April. The girls will be fully briefed in a special assembly before the launch but we would love for you to encourage your daughter to keep reading during the length of the competition.

#### **Year 7 World Book Fancy Dress Competition – Mrs Mattheus-Ratcliffe, Librarian**

Just a little bit of advance warning for those parents and guardians in Year 7 who would like to use the half-term holidays to become creative..... To celebrate World Book Day students and teachers in Year 7 are invited to come to school **on Friday, 6<sup>th</sup> March** dressed as a character from a favourite book. Though it is not compulsory, all girls are encouraged to take part in what always proves to be a fun event with prizes for the best dressed class, individual in a class, individual in year group, and group costume. Students who genuinely don't wish to dress up should come to school in school uniform as normal. We hope to see lots of imaginative costumes on the day!

#### **Don't Shout in the Library - Mrs Mattheus-Ratcliffe, Librarian**

Turn a traditional nursery rhyme into one about Behaviour in the Library – that was the inspired idea for a creative writing task given to 7T by teachers Dr Blanch and Ms Bird. The girls were certainly not lacking in creativity as the resulting poems proved, but it

seems that we librarians have an image problem: it seems we boil noses, suck blood, grind bones into chocolate spread, and let out almighty roars. To top it off, we all seem to have enormous noses and big teeth and are definitely hairy and scary. So, not quite the quiet, customer-friendly, supportive and comforting people we think we are.

From experience I know that bribes always work. The first step was to offer a chocolate prize for the best poem and that put a smile on a girl's face. But I didn't stop there – the poems were actually so creative that I decided to award a whole THREE chocolate prizes to 7T, to Mimi Hope, Rachel McGee and Poppy Goodwin. Result! Lots more happy faces and definitely an image crisis solved. I shall leave you now with one of the winning poems (one that is nice to librarians, of course).

### **Don't Shout in the Library** by Mimi Hope

Little Jane Dryberry  
Sat in the Library  
Reading her book oh so well.  
Her sister was shouty  
The rules she was flouty  
Her fate was too awful to tell.

She knocked down her chair  
And yelled out, "I don't care!  
I can do what I like when I'm in here!"  
But a thick munching book  
From a shelf jumped and took  
A large bite leaving only an ear.

So if you are going  
To build up your knowing  
Allow me to make myself clear.  
A library must be  
Nice and peaceful, you see  
To my warning you must lend an ear!

### **Activities in the German Department - Herr Link**

We have welcomed Sina Landgraf from Karlsruhe at TWGGS from 19 January - 6 February under the *Host a German Teacher* programme by *UK-German Connection*. An English and Russian teacher in Bühl in the Black Forest, Sina helped with input in German classes and in particular conversation sessions with Sixth Formers. She also visited other departments and got a good insight into our work at TWGGS. Her expertise with Russian was appreciated in the preparation of the Sixth Form History/ Politics trip to Russia at half term. We would like to thank her for all her help and interesting insights into Germany and German schools.

Immediately after Sina's departure, we welcome Julia Schrippert from Cologne who will do her work experience as a student teacher here at TWGGS for 3 months from 9 February until 9 May. Julia will help us in particular with exam preparation for our A Level candidates and will aid us in conversation practice with our GCSE classes. We are pleased that our programme of student teachers from Germany is now embedded fully and is working very well. Girls appreciate the input from native speakers of almost their age, the up to date information about German life and culture they can provide.

*Onatti Theatre Company* is visiting TWGGS again on 3 March with their new German play *Meine neue Schwester* (My new sister), another production written especially for a teenage audience. There will be a performance for Year 8 and one for Year 9. We are sure that the girls will enjoy the play, be able to follow it easily and understand most of it. This is a great opportunity to experience German language in a natural context. Comments in previous years have always been most complimentary.

On 20 March our German Exchange visitors from Bonn-Bad Godesberg will visit us on the return leg of the exchange. They are looking forward to an exciting programme in families and on visits to TWGGS, where they will enjoy a History and an English lesson as well as various trips to London, Hever Castle, Bateman's and of course a guided tour into the history of Tunbridge Wells. They will leave again on 27 March, but we know that there are always some long lasting relationships being built.

## Careers Department – Mrs Vallely

Mrs Bridget Elinson, Independent Careers Advisor, has been coming into school every Tuesday, continuing with the one to one interviews with Year 11 girls, and speaking to other girls during drop-in sessions at lunchtime. Any pupil who would like to see Mrs Elinson, or to have a chat with me, is very welcome to drop in and/or make an appointment at any time.

Mrs Elinson has also continued to take the Year 9 PSHE sessions introducing the software, Fast Tomato, which is an excellent resource for researching careers. She has also begun Year 8 PSHE sessions using the Steps Workbook which encourages the girls to understand more about themselves through some self-development exercises, and teaches them where to look for useful information, and start to think about planning their future. At the PSHE lesson each girl is given a workbook of her own to keep, and is encouraged to bring it home to show you. We would be pleased if your daughter would take care not to lose the book, and to look at it in her own time. We hope there will be opportunities to work on it further in tutor times.

The Lower Sixth PSHE lessons have included talks from outside speakers on Taking a Gap Year, Studying Abroad, Managing Personal Finances, Apprenticeships, Safety on the Road, and An Update on The Middle East. The Upper Sixth have also had talks from outside speakers, on Student Finance, Personal Relationships (Marriage), Personal Safety, Personal Relationships (Safe Sex), and joined the Lower Sixth for the Update on The Middle East.

We have continued with the programme of lunchtime talks. In October, a historic buildings/conservation surveyor, Duncan Phillips, was invited by the History department to give a very interesting talk about his subject. In November, we joined with Lower 6th Biology Club to welcome Christina Astin, who was a TWGGS girl some years ago, and is now Head of Science at the King's School, Canterbury, telling us about her Young Scientists' Journal ([www.ysjournal.com](http://www.ysjournal.com)) - an online publication in which pupils can publish their own science work. If their work is accepted for publishing, it is given an ISBN number, and it is possible to put a link to that published work eg in a personal statement. Also in November, I invited a Deloitte scholar, Alex Pound, to talk to the Sixth Form girls about opportunities open to them in the large accountancy firms – particularly in Deloitte ([www.deloitte.co.uk](http://www.deloitte.co.uk)). This was of interest to girls wanting to pursue a career in Business, and/or Accountancy. Another opportunity in November for the girls to hear about a career was a lunchtime talk from Polly Canning who is a Town Planner. This should have been of particular interest to those studying Economics, Geography, DT and Art.

Attendance at lunchtime talks is, generally, rather disappointing. I would ask you to encourage the girls to come along, even if they think it is not a subject which they want to pursue as a career themselves. Invariably, they will find something interesting and new to learn. Further talks are planned before Easter, particularly during National Careers Week, March 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>. Finally, I am delighted to report that we are going to go forward with Investors in Careers - the Quality Assurance mark for careers provision. This will help us to ensure that we give the best careers education, information, advice and guidance throughout the school.

## TWGGS Junior Girls' Team at the KSSA Secondary Schools' Swimming Championships – Miss Guy

The TWGGS Junior Girls' Team went to the Kent Schools' Swimming Association's (KSSA) Secondary Schools' Championships on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2015. Representing TWGGS were Maisie Beatton, Leila Clark, and Indigo Gentry from Year 7, and Holly Hobbs and Lucy Reeves from Year 8. All the girls swam really well, with great results and also many Personal Bests being achieved. Lucy and Leila represented TWGGS in 100m Butterfly. Holly and Indigo swam a hard race against some strong competition in the 200m Individual Medley. Indigo and Holly were soon back on the blocks to do justice to the 100m Breaststroke followed by Lucy and Maisie in the 100m Freestyle. The individual races drew to a close with the 100m Backstroke, with Maisie and Leila representing the school. The second session got underway with many of the boys' and senior girls' races, so our team had to wait a while to take part in first the 200m Medley Team Relay (Leila, Lucy, Holly and Indigo) and finally, the last race of a long day was the 100m Freestyle Team relay where Leila, Lucy, Holly and Maisie swam excellently, coming in 7<sup>th</sup> and just missing a chance to go into the finals. It was a long day at Medway Park and the girls all behaved brilliantly, and did the school proud!

### Results

#### 100m Butterfly

Lucy Reeves 12<sup>th</sup> place in 1:20:05 (PB)  
Leila Clark unfortunately DQ but a PB time of 1:31:51

#### 100m Freestyle

Lucy Reeves 14<sup>th</sup> place in 1:08:88 (PB)  
Maisie Beatton 44<sup>th</sup> place in 1:19:65

#### 200m Individual Medley

Holly Hobbs 24<sup>th</sup> place in 3:00:47 (PB)  
Indigo Gentry 27<sup>th</sup> place in 3:09:07 (PB)

#### 100m Breaststroke

Holly Hobbs 24<sup>th</sup> place in 1:33:00  
Indigo Gentry 39<sup>th</sup> place in 1:41:69 (PB)

#### 100m Backstroke

Maisie Beatton unfortunately DQ but a PB time of 1:33:73  
Leila Clark unfortunately DQ but a PB time of 1:24:72

#### 200m Freestyle Team Relay

TWGGS 7<sup>th</sup> place in 2:12:51

#### 200m Medley Team Relay

TWGGS 10<sup>th</sup> place 2:29:29

The following weekend, Charlie Scholes competed in the 200 IM and 100M Fly events in the Years 9 and 10 age group. Charlie reached the final of both the medley and fly events, and went on to win the 100m butterfly with a time of 1:08.86 and finish 5th in her other event. Due to the high level of performance of TWGGS swimmers across the two weekends, we were awarded the 'Bev Connolly Memorial Shield', for having great sportsmanship and for being the top school overall at the championships. What an absolutely fantastic result – well done TWGGS!

### **Sevenoaks Swimming Gala – Miss Guy**

The TWGGS Swimming Squad went to Sevenoaks for a triangular gala against Sevenoaks and Kent College. With injuries and illness, our numbers were down, meaning many of our squad had to swim 'up' into the year group above them. We knew that the level of competition would be tough, however having to swim against older girls was somewhat scary for our junior swimmers. We dominated the individual races with fast times and 1<sup>st</sup> places in most events. A special mention must go to Lucy Reeves, Charlotte Scholes and Caitlin Fearon for their 100M Individual Medley, taking 1<sup>st</sup> place and by nearly a whole length! Our Junior girls took to the water for the first time representing TWGGS. They showed speed and grace in the water and took 2<sup>nd</sup> place for many events including relays against Inters. Overall we did very well as a team, taking 2<sup>nd</sup> place with 154 points just losing to Sevenoaks.

### **Hockey – Miss Parkinson**

Congratulations to the following girls who have been selected to represent their county in hockey:-

George Cremin – Sussex

Miar Murphy – Kent

Lucy Fyson – Kent

### **Kent Schools Cross Country Championships, Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> January – Mrs Field**

Huge congratulations to our runners, who braved the cold and muddy conditions to compete in Saturday's Kent Schools Cross Country Championships in Dartford. Our runners were competing against the best in Kent and they should all be very proud of their results. Well done to:- Zoe Ugarow, Romane Balcomb-Nevill, Imogen Ellis, Bella Callaway, Abigail Johnstone, Jennifer Kearney, Jasmine Lewtas, Alice Ralph and Lucy King-Powrie. Special mention goes to Imogen Ellis, Alice Ralph and Abigail Johnstone who have been invited to race for the Kent Team at national events.

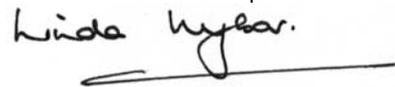
### **South Eastern Schools Gymnastics Floor and Vault Competition – Miss Guy**

On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> February, nine gymnasts went to St John's Comprehensive School in Gravesend for the annual South East Regional Schools' Gymnastics Floor and Vault Competition. We entered the U14 & U19 Team Regional category, where we faced tough competition including TOGGS, Tormead, Kent College and Bromley High. Some of these schools have large gymnastic academies running every day of the week. Regardless of this, we performed as usual with elegance, style and energy proving that TWGGS girls have the ability to win medals, which is exactly what we did! The U14 team consisting of Astrid Roberson-Leech, Hannah Carey, Tia Young, Abigail McDougall and Molly Swain had a fantastic result, taking silver, just missing out to a very strong TGS team. This was a fantastic achievement as we faced 5 teams who like us, did not make many mistakes. The U19 team also had an amazing day: led by captain Ruby Swain, Imogen Hunt, Lauren Martin and Sophie Semmens took to the floor at the same time as two national teams. This seemed to have a positive effect on our performance, as our girls looked just as strong and confident. With no errors on floor by Imogen Hunt or Sophie Semmens and very strong vaults, particularly by Ruby Swain and Lauren Martin, we managed to take the gold! What a fantastic achievement again for TWGGS sport. Well done girls.

### **Sainsbury's Active Kids Voucher Collection 2015 – Miss Guy**

We are collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers to help replace and replenish our sports equipment for PE lessons and clubs. Please help us to collect as many vouchers as possible by asking your daughters to deposit them in the box outside the PE office.

With best wishes for a pleasant half-term break,



Mrs L Wybar, Headteacher

## A guide to school nursing

This advice sheet will give you information about caring for school-age children and young people.

### Who are we?

The School Nursing Service is a team of skilled professionals led by specialist community public health nurses. We are qualified nurses or midwives with graduate level education in the health needs of children and young people.

Our specialist community public health nurses are supported by registered nurses, school nurse assistants and administrative staff.



We work in partnership with children, young people, families and other professionals in a range of locations, including schools, clinics and family homes.

### What do we do?

We provide a range of services aimed at supporting children and young people to have the best possible health and education outcomes (Getting it right for children, young people and families Department of Health, 2012).

### Our services

The services we provide for children and young people and families include:

#### Reception year

- School entry health screening
- National Child Measurement Programme (height and weight measurement).

**Year 6** - National Child Measurement Programme (height and weight measurement).

**Year 8** - Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccination programme.

**Year 9** - Targeted Bacillus Calmette-Guerin BCG (Tuberculosis) vaccination programme.

**Year 10** - The 3-in-1 Td/IPV booster vaccine that can help protect teenagers against tetanus, diphtheria and polio.

We can also provide advice, support and signposting for:

- daytime and night time wetting and soiling
- behaviour management
- healthy eating and lifestyle
- emotional health and wellbeing
- puberty and growing up
- sexual health, including Chlamydia screening
- stopping smoking
- drug and alcohol misuse
- complex health needs.



## Our mobile phone service

We provide a mobile phone service that young people of secondary school age can use to contact us about any health concerns they may have.

Our aim is to provide a service that is visible, accessible and confidential.

This is in line with Getting it right for children, young people and families, Department of Health (2012). You can find out more at [www.nhs.uk](http://www.nhs.uk)

## Contact us

### Ashford

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## Customer Care Team

If you have a query about our health services, or would like to comment, compliment or complain about Kent Community Health NHS Trust, you can contact the **Customer Care Team**.

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If you would like this information in another language, audio, Braille, Easy Read or large print, please ask a member of staff.

You will be asked for your agreement to treatment and, if necessary, your permission to share your personal information.

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