

Dear Parent/Guardian

As this academic year draws to a close, we have to say farewell to a number of staff. Mrs Clemons and Mrs Bueno Soria have covered Ms Perez's maternity leave in Spanish, whilst Mr Young has done likewise for Mrs Finlayson in Maths. We were pleased to welcome back Mrs Burgess part-time to teach Psychology and Sociology to U6th, whilst Mrs McCarthy taught L6th and was a Sixth Form tutor. We were also delighted that Mrs Broderick returned part-time for this year, teaching Spanish to KS3. To all of them, we are most grateful for their enthusiasm, expertise and dedication. We have three members of our fabulous support staff team leaving too: we will miss Mrs Pengelly's efficiency and dedication in the Admissions/ Admin Support team, and Mrs Gilby's excellent support of the Design Technology Department; we wish them both well as they leave to have increased personal time. Miss Smith leaves her role as Cover Supervisor and KS3 Administration to return to university to do a PGCE and train to be a History teacher, where we know she will flourish.

Miss Manklow joined TWGGGS four years ago, rapidly being promoted to be an outstanding Curriculum Leader in PE and providing pupils with so many opportunities in lessons, clubs and teams; she is moving to a school much nearer her new home, where we wish her every happiness. Miss Grove has not only taught Biology superbly over the past five years, but has been inspirational in accompanying and then leading the Ghana trip. We wish her much success as she embarks on a Master's degree in conservation at the University of Kent. In her six years at TWGGGS, Mrs Ceurvorst has been an enthusiastic advocate of MFL, ensuring pupils are not only taught well, but also have the opportunity to use languages outside the classroom; in addition, she has taught Geography and led the Indian exchange three times, all of which have been hugely appreciated. We are sure she will relish the opportunities of early retirement and no doubt continue her travels!

Mrs Bence joined TWGGGS nineteen years ago and has been responsible for setting up the Technology Department here, resulting in pupils having a range of creative and challenging opportunities in Design. She leaves us to take up a promoted post in an independent school closer to her home, where we have every confidence she will be as outstanding as she has been at TWGGGS. Last but very definitely not least, we are sad to say goodbye to Mrs Field, who joined the school twenty years ago, as a part-time German and French teacher. During her tenure, she has been Director of Achievement at KS3 and KS4, most recently Assistant Headteacher, initially in charge of Specialist School and now as Head of Sixth Form, with a wider whole school remit, including taking on leadership of French in the absence of the previous postholder. Mrs Field has given so much to the school beyond the classroom; her engagement in and leadership of trips is genuinely far too extensive to recount here! We will very much miss her energy, enthusiasm and positivity, but wish her every happiness in this next, exciting stage of her life.

Sports Hall – Mrs Wybar

We are hugely grateful to all of those parents and friends of the school who have given generously to our Sports Hall Campaign. As you are aware, planning permission has been granted, and Governors have taken the decision to commence the project, although fundraising is still continuing. Schools are allowed to borrow funds at a very low interest rate, and the Campaign will be launched to the new Year 7 parents in the autumn; of course, we would also very much welcome any additional contributions from existing parents. It is hoped that the Sports Hall will be completed and available for use from September 2020, which is very exciting! This will allow us to offer GCSE PE for the first time, which was an issue raised in the pupil/ parent questionnaires completed recently.

School website – Mrs Wybar

The recent parent/ pupil surveys flagged the school website as out of date and often unhelpful, and as you know we have been working on a new website over recent months. Mrs George has led this project, achieving a huge amount in a remarkably short timeframe, and I am pleased to let you know that the new website is planned to go live towards the end of August. There will still be additional content and photographs added in its first few months, but we would be very pleased to receive any feedback or suggestions, once it is available.

Further feedback from the Parent/ Pupil Surveys – Mrs Wybar

In the last newsletter, I reported back to you on some of the actions taken as a result of the feedback received, however, I am conscious that, in our desire to effect some of these improvements which had been suggested by parents or pupils, I did not give an indication of the overall findings! In total 402 parents responded, of whom 90.2% rated the performance of the school as very good or good, and a further 8% flagged it as neither. Thank you very

much for this validation. We were delighted that very high percentages of parents rated the following as very good or good: teaching quality; exam results; developing potential; making sure new pupils settle in; ensuring pupils do their best and make good progress; school discipline; written reports; quality of school management; control of bullying; developing moral values; computer access; and school security. Availability of resources, school facilities, out of school activities/ clubs and developing confidence are areas which parents would like us to develop further.

We have already implemented a number of changes in the light of personalised comments, and would be grateful for any feedback on the impact of these. As you are aware, from September every Friday will be a Phone Free Friday for staff and pupils; we are very proud that this initiative is being driven by the School Council. Following comments from pupils in particular, we are carrying out a major review of PSHE alongside Relationships and Sex Education, and this will include further developing careers education with Mrs Vallely, Careers Co-ordinator. She has already initiated an exciting range of lunchtime talks across a diverse range of careers; our challenge now is to encourage increased numbers of pupils to attend these!

Parents of Year 7 pupils raised concerns about homework, especially its impact in the first few weeks at secondary school, and we were especially concerned about the impact on pupils' ability to read for pleasure. Therefore, from September, Year 7 pupils will not be given homework for the first four weeks, starting at the end of the month, thus allowing more settling in time. For all pupils, there will be no "holiday homework" other than the usual homework set on the last day of term, or revision tasks for public examination year groups, of course. We will also focus on providing regular opportunities to read for pleasure in KS3 form time.

There were a number of concerns raised by parents and pupils regarding stress and anxiety, and we are taking action to address aspects of these. At KS3, staff will ensure that tests are not positioned immediately after a holiday, thus raising an expectation that pupils revise during that holiday. The senior School Council members along with some Senior Prefects, led by Miss Parkinson, are planning to do some work in form time with a number of younger year groups, preparing them for examinations, sharing messages about time and stress management and revision strategies. The school has also begun training as part of the Mindfulness in Schools Project: five teachers have completed initial training over several weeks and are moving on to the second stage in the Autumn Term. Miss Parkinson will provide more information on this as the initiative develops. Some parents and pupils identified the time constraints and pressures on pastoral support staff, and to that end we have appointed a second Pastoral Support person to work alongside Mrs Barclay, allowing for more drop-in support and providing them with time to be more pro-active. Mrs Rogers joins the school in this role after October half-term.

School trips and opportunities outside the classroom is another area which is being developed, with some new activities planned for next year. We hope this will extend the variety of ways in which the curriculum is delivered, but are trying to do this in ways which are also mindful of expense. Finally (for this update at least!) Mrs Ralph, Bursar, has worked with Harrison's, our caterers, to ensure there are more healthy options available in the school canteen. We would be interested in your feedback on this if you feel this issue is unresolved. May I also stress that there is no need to wait for a survey if you feel there are improvements required in a particular area; please do contact us!

Charity work – Miss Parkinson

Thank you to all pupils who have helped to raise money for our chosen charities this year. They have done this through cake and sweet sales, own clothes days and a number of other events; we really appreciate the kindness and generosity that they have shown towards others in need. We have raised £902 for Porchlight who help to make a difference for homeless people in Kent. We also raised £2346 for the Indian Cyclone Appeal, and a few students raised money for Amnesty International. This term we are raising money for the Mindfulness in Schools Programme. We have a number of staff who are being trained with a view eventually to being able to deliver training. We hope this will help to deal more effectively with the increasing number of social, emotional and mental health challenges that young people face.

Canteen tariff – Mrs Ralph

Harrison Catering Services have advised that the cost of some items in the canteen will increase from September as a result of the inflation in the cost of the food from their suppliers. The increase will include the price of a main meal plus pudding (now £2.30, was £2.20) and a main meal (now £2.10, was £2) - both costs have remained unchanged for a number of years: Harrison have ensured that the price will remain unchanged for over half of the items

that can be purchased from the canteen. - grab and go main meals remain at £2, as does a jacket potato with two fillings.

For pupils in receipt of Free School Meals, their daily allowance will also increase to £2.30 from September.

Ski success for Lila Ayton 7G – Mrs Wybar

Congratulations to Lila Ayton who recently competed in events at Welwyn, Gloucester and Chatham against other GB skiers, and earned two third places and a silver! We wish her luck in her forthcoming GB ski races at Pontypool and Gloucester.

Equestrian success for Scarlett Turner 7S – Miss Manklow

After qualifying for the National Schools Equestrian Association Eventers Challenge National Championships, Scarlett competed in the final held at The All England Show Jumping Ground at Hickstead. She qualified as an individual when the school team competed in a regional qualifier in April. Unfortunately the team didn't get through to the finals but Scarlett's individual score did. Scarlett represented TWGGS against approximately 60 schools from across the country and ended with a great 8th place in the individual competition. Huge congratulations on this amazing achievement. Well done Scarlett!

Athletics success for Millie Lewis 7I – Miss Manklow

On Saturday 8th June Millicent Lewis competed at the Kent Schools Track and Field Championships. She represented TWGGS and the Tunbridge Wells district in the Year 7 javelin and shot put events and won gold medals in both. Getting a personal best in shot with a distance of 8.43m, and 29.93m in javelin which although 2.5 meters off her best were pretty impressive in a 30mph head wind. The weather was truly awful with athletes battling the wind and rain. Millie is currently ranked best in Kent for both events in her age group. She is ranked 4th in the UK for Javelin and 20th in the UK for shot put. Huge congratulations on this incredible success. Well done Millie!

Judo achievements for Lily Harding 10I – Miss Manklow

After coming second in the English Open Lily was ranked 5th in Great Britain, which as a first year cadet is fantastic! The Northern Ireland and Scottish Opens didn't go as well and unfortunately Lily's ranking dropped to 9th. Since gaining her brown belt in November, Lily has been able to earn points towards her Dan Grade (Black belt). Recently she entered a competition in Thetford and gained the final 20 points required. Lily is now a Dan grade. Well done!

Hockey achievement for Tilly Strand Ford 9T – Miss Parkinson

Congratulations to Tilly Strand Ford who has been selected to take part in the Hockey Futures Cup at U16 level. Players with the potential to represent England take part in this tournament, so it is a fantastic achievement.

Rugby success for Isabelle Raine 9G – Mrs Wybar

Well done to Isabelle Raine who was selected to play for Kent Rugby Ladies U15's, following successful trials with her club TWRFC Ladies U15's in January. She has played in numerous matches and festivals against Surrey, Sussex and Hampshire 15-a-side and cross-pitch sevens. The team won a number of matches and Belle, predominantly playing on the wing and also as full back, scored a number of tries and came into her own in cross-pitch sevens. All players are selected through trials each season and Belle is hoping to be selected again and develop further with Kent next year. Best of luck Belle!

Best of luck to Biba Rabjohns 9W – Mrs Wybar

Biba is taking part in the British Rowing Junior championships at the National Watersports Centre in Nottingham on Friday 19th July, the event at which she won a bronze medal last year. Good luck Biba!

Netball success for Daisy Bayer 8T – Miss Parkinson

Congratulations to Daisy Bayer who has been selected to represent the U15 Kent squad in netball. Very well done!

Netball Academy trials - Harriet George 7I – Miss Manklow

Harriet has been successful in reaching the final stages of the Kent Netball Academy trials. Whilst she has not got through to the academy on this occasion, she did very well to have been nominated by her netball club (CFX) and to have got as far as she did. Well done Harriet!

Tag Rugby Festival – Miss Thornton

On Thursday 13th June, the TWGGS U13 and U15 Tag Rugby teams competed in a festival held at TWRFC. Both teams played very well, demonstrating excellent skill and sportsmanship on the pitch, and resulting in many wins and some close games! Overall, the U13 squad came 2nd whilst the U15 squad came joint 2nd with Trinity. Well done to all those involved!

U13: Cerys Adams 7T, Eloise Pauling 7T, Eleanor Frost 7T, Saarah Kamali 8G, Marilly Pagquil 8T, Abi Naismith 8W, Ellie Borrett 8T, Jess Rayner 8G, Amelia Scott 8W and Millie Miles 8T.

U15: Belle Raine 9G, Laura McGee 9I, Ellie Hobley 9G, Flo Pound 9I, Maddie Steger 9G, Annabella Curcher 9S, Sophie Makinson 9G and Heather Croker 9G.

Super 8s Athletics Kent Finals – Miss Thornton

On Friday 21st June, the TWGGS Super 8s Athletic squad competed in the Kent Finals at Medway Park. Here, they joined Tunbridge Wells Grammar School for Boys to represent the district. Each athlete had to compete in one track, one field and one relay event throughout the day. The squad all performed extremely well, ending the day with many successes. Unfortunately, the Tunbridge Wells district did not rank, but all of our competitors should be extremely proud of their achievements. Well done!

Squad: Flora Saunders 7G, Georgia Conroy 7T, Eloise Pauling 7T, Harriet George 7I, Megan Houghton 7I, Freja Holder 7I, Connie Fitch 7W and Millie Lewis 7I.

Tennis Squads – Miss Manklow

The tennis squads have reached the end of the Aegon League matches this year. A number of teams were moved up to Division 1 after the success of the Yr9/10 Squad last year. The standard of tennis has been an excellent challenge for the teams. Unfortunately no teams have been able to qualify for the Regional Finals this year, but the Yr7/8B team came second in their league. Well done to all who have taken part!

PE kit and lost property - PE Department

The PE Department would like to remind all pupils to take PE kit home and wash it over the summer holidays. Any PE kit left in PE lockers at the end of the school day on Friday 19th July will be removed. Lost property is located on the table in the main corridor to view at break times and lunchtimes from now until the end of term. Please check you have not lost anything and that all your kit is named ready for September!

Thank you to all pupils who have shown excellent commitment to clubs and sports teams this year. All clubs will start again in September, and all pupils are invited to join clubs, even if they have not attended before.

Business Enterprise Day – Gourmet Gourmand - Winners

On Thursday 13th June, all of Year 10 took part in Business Enterprise Day. We were all put into teams with people from other forms and were given a brief. The brief was that we were a catering company which was applying to host a commemoration dinner for the 75th anniversary of D-Day. The winning team consisted of five people. Each of us had different roles throughout the day such as project manager, finance manager, or catering manager. The day taught us all about how hard it is to meet deadlines, how to work collaboratively with people we may not know and how to deliver a convincing pitch to convince the judges that our company was right for the brief. Overall the day may have been stressful, but it taught us valuable skills for the future and we all thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Year 9 Devon residential trip – Heloise South 9I and Tilly Hughes-Wilson 9I

Our residential trip to Devon was the highlight of Year 9 for us. The week was spent doing a wide range of activities such as water skiing, surfing, abseiling and the crowd favourite: paddle practice! A whole hour and a half was spent learning how to manoeuvre your oar and how to unclip and rezip a lifejacket: truly exhilarating. Our activities were huge fun and everyone could agree that from pedal carting to crabbing, tree travel and stacking crates, there was definitely something for everyone. Fears were conquered through the hail and rain and if there had been sun, we would have surfed in that too! Getting strapped into a harness and looking down at the line of people who were apparently about to hoist you up a tree was truly character-building to say the least. Speaking of character-building, being thrown off your water ski into the “fresh” waters of the Torridge estuary really does put hairs on your chest. Crabbing and a boat ride were great ways to spend an evening. We sat on the harbour wall baiting crabs until the sun had set on the horizon. We were then called forward in groups of ten to go on a speed boat ride into the sunset, and as we held on for dear life, the boat accelerated over the waves until we couldn't see the harbour any more.

Everything was all done in good spirits but there were, of course, some competitive elements such as the assault course. Each group had an instructor and we had to move our way around a course consisting mainly of ropes and swinging barrels. Teamwork really made the dream work on the death defying, 2 foot high course. We gained points on how well we got round the obstacles but of course there could only be one winner and the instructors were very enthusiastic. There were three activities per day and although they were tiring and strenuous, the breaks between them gave us time fill up on chips, caramel nibbles and any other contraband snacks we could cram into our already overflowing suitcases. In our spare time we destroyed long lasting friendships with a single placement of an UNO card or applied neon green, £1 Superdrug face masks that probably did more harm than good. On Thursday we didn't have an evening activity as we had the end of week disco. The whole year group gathered in the social club for an evening of dancing and singing along to pre-breakup One Direction hits and Lady Gaga classics. This was a great way the end the trip and as we let off our final bursts of energy we went to bed exhausted ready for Friday's coach journey home. Thank you to all the teachers and staff who came with us and helped to make it such a memorable trip.

Year 8 Europa Centre Trips – Ella McCrae 8I and Evie Dawson 8I

When we arrived at the Europa Centre, we were met by 4 native German speakers, coming from Austria and Germany, who introduced themselves and helped us use our vocabulary as well as teaching us some new words. As they were speaking to us in German, this helped our listening skills. We were then given a 'fake' credit card each and we were split into 4 groups, with a different leader for each one. Once in our groups, we were taken off to different parts of the 'village' to work with our leaders in different aspects. The mock village consisted of many small shops and buildings such as a cinema, a café, a bakery, a police station, a clothes shop and a market. Each group started in a different place, working our way around the centre whilst working on activities and playing roles of both the shopkeeper and the customer. We felt that the Europa Centre was really helpful and good for our German – it improved both our speaking and listening skills. The staff at the centre spoke German to us the whole time and we managed to learn many new words by working out what they meant in context. And, of course, it also helped us to improve the pronunciation of words we already knew. Unfortunately, the Europa Centre will be closing this summer, due to funding issues, so we are extremely grateful that we were able to go when we did. We learned a lot and it was a great experience for our enjoyment of language learning.

Indian Exchange – Alice Sanderson L6W

In October 2018, 16 TWGGS girls joined forces with 12 boys from The Judd School, accompanied by Mrs. Ceurvorst and Mrs. Freeman, to embark on a trip of a lifetime – the exchange to Kerala! After our acclimatising in Kovalam and setting off up the coast to Kochi, I can definitely say that there was a mixture of feelings: we could not wait to meet our exchange partners for the first time but we were all definitely nervous. However, the 10 days we spent together went in the blink of an eye and, it is safe to say, that we all found it hard saying goodbye and there were countless tears! Despite this, we comforted ourselves by reminding each other that we'd be reunited with our exchange partners in 2019.

This month we welcomed our Indian exchange partners into our English homes after having waited for 8 months. As families, we have taken our Indian guests to an array of places, including London, Brighton, Hastings and Eastbourne, as well as the Tunbridge Wells Mela. In addition, we all thoroughly enjoyed the barn dance, which brought together the TWGGS and Judd families and their guests. Our guests also enjoyed a fun-packed itinerary of activities including trips to London and visits to local National Trust properties. We would like to thank the host families, the Year 9 and 10 forms who welcomed our guests into lessons, and especially the TWGGS staff who helped to look after our guests at home, on day trips and at school, making their return visit a big success. Finally, our particular thanks go to Mrs. Ceurvorst and Mrs. Freeman for making this wonderful exchange possible - it has left us with special memories to last a life time.

The Carnegie Medal Balloon Debate – Lottie Ryder 8I

On Tuesday 18th June, the book group from TWGGS joined up with the book groups from Skinners' Kent Academy, Skinners' School and Tunbridge Wells' Boys Grammar School. We were split into eight mixed groups, one for each shortlisted book; after a welcome and introduction, we went off to plan our presentations for our selected book. Each presentation had to be a maximum of three minutes long. We could present them however we wanted—it didn't just have to be line after line of detailed description of the book. And the presentations were certainly very creative! There were a panel of judges watching us very carefully and assessing us on the style of how we presented ours and how efficient we were—after all, we had to fit everything into three minutes! Afterwards, there were

prizes for the book cover and book review competitions; Lottie Ryder 8I came second in the book reviews. The prizes were a book voucher each and a solid chocolate gold medal—which was much tastier than a real medal would've been! *The Poet X* presentation came first, unsurprisingly—they finished off with a beautiful recital of one of the poems in the book. *Things A Bright Girl Can Do* and *The Land of Neverendings* came joint second place. Congratulations to everyone who took part: you all did an amazing job!

CCF Annual Camp – Cdt. Evie Trueman 9I

On Saturday 29th June we set off to Folkestone for the 2019 Annual Camp. Some people were nervous, but everyone was looking forward to the week ahead. When we got there, we found out who was in our sections and who we would be sharing a room with. That night we had a few friendly competitions and it's safe to say everyone's performances were pretty impressive. Over the week we took part in range days, where some shot rounds and blanks for the first time, obstacle courses, navigation tasks and AT day where I'm sure many memories were made. Finally, at the end of the week some of the higher cadets got well deserved promotions. But my personal highlight of the week was our first day where we learnt how to take control of buildings and corridors. Overall, I think this camp was a very memorable experience, many new friendships were made, and lots of new skills were learnt.

CCF Annual Camp – LCpl Kate De Putter 10G

Annual Camp this year has been such a tremendously enriching experience; I have gained many valuable skills, such as leadership and team work skills, as well as seeing others gain knowledge and confidence throughout the week. We participated in a range of different activities, such as live shooting on a range, adventure training- including activities such as kayaking, canoeing and archery- as well as close quarter battle training. All of these were very enjoyable, and we had a chance to showcase our new found skills learnt over the week in a competition day at the end of the week, with a section in Platoon 3 having won the overall prize, with SSM Elena Trebino U6G having led the section very well. There were also a large number of evening activities, including the obstacle course, in which courage and teamwork were shown by many cadets. Overall, Annual Camp has been a thoroughly exciting and enjoyable week, where I got to know many new cadets and more senior cadets, as well as learning new skills and developing my leadership and teamwork abilities.

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh expedition – Cdt. Samira Ahmed 9W

On Friday the 14th June all the year 9 cadets arrived at Crowborough Camp, where we were all taught how to read a map, take a bearing, measure the distance on a map and how to use the radio. All these skills were required and ensured everyone knew what to do whilst on the expedition. On Saturday morning each group split off to plan their route. This was fun as we all got to take part and make our own plan. At midday each group left camp, the start of our expedition! The plan was to walk from Crowborough to Pippingford Park where we would stay the night. During our journey our groups encountered many difficulties along the way, including getting lost and encounters with cows. Our aim was SOLID C (selfless commitment, respect for others, loyalty, integrity, discipline and courage). Whenever someone in the group had any concern, their team was sure to support them even though we weren't all familiar with each other. By the time we reached Pippingford Park on Saturday evening we were all so pleased with ourselves. Reaching camp had taken a long time and a lot of energy but it was definitely worth it! At camp we set up our bashes and cooked dinner in the rain.

On Sunday morning we all set off early, taking a different route from Saturday. By this point we had all become very close to our groups and had made lots of memories. Even now we were all still happy and knew we were almost home. The weather wasn't the best over the weekend, which was a shame however, that wouldn't stop us! On Sunday my group got especially lost and arrived back several hours late, but we learnt lots of new skills and if anything, we got to know each other better. Overall, it is fair to say we all got a little lost at times and we all had our own struggles. However, all our hard work came through as everyone passed. I am so pleased we all did it and came back smiling! The effort was worth it, and I cannot wait to do my Silver DofE.

CCF D Day Trip to Normandy – Cdt. Evie Trueman 9I

On 27th May we, with some Scottish cadets, set off to Normandy to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the WW2 D Day landings. After a long drive we arrived at the campsite where we would be staying for the next couple of days. During the journey we made lots of new friends which we hope to stay in contact with. We had lots of new experiences including trying our first ration packs. The next morning, we woke up early and went to some of the beaches the soldiers landed on at D Day 75 years prior. We re-enacted the soldiers running up the beach which

really opened our eyes to the huge number of soldiers that were injured or died. It was hard to believe or understand the devastation suffered to achieve such a minor triumph. We later visited some memorials of soldiers who had died during the war and were told some heart-wrenching stories of soldiers who had passed away more recently and how it had affected others around them. To finish the day, we took part in a memorable parade on the cliff top with hundreds of other cadets. Overall the trip to Normandy was very interesting and enjoyable, and we all learnt a lot from the experience.

MFL Volunteers – Ms Rodriguez

We would like to express our gratitude to all our volunteers who give up their time to help our Sixth Form linguists and groups of pupils in KS4. They provide an invaluable opportunity for pupils to practise their speaking and allow them to feel more confident in their oral assessments. A huge thank you to Natacha Roscoe, Alice Flaender and Lisa Pereira for helping out in French, to Catherine Sleep-Thomas and Rachel Vines in German and Maggie Tune, Susan Adam and Caroline Bowring who have helped out with Spanish.

Arriva Student Travel 2019-20 – Student Ticket Team, Arriva Southern Counties

The new academic year is fast approaching. This is the perfect time to find out what travel options are available to you. At Arriva, there are many options for travelling by bus, and many ways to pay. Arriva would like to take this opportunity to inform you about our Direct Debit payment scheme for Student & Child Scholar Saver tickets – a simple, easy way to pay for travel across local zones and networks. The Direct Debit scheme allows parents or guardians to pay for the annual cost of a bus ticket, spread over affordable monthly payments. Once this is set up this will keep on rolling for as long as the DD is active with no need to renew year after year. There is also no contract and you can cancel at any time if circumstances change. Not only does the ticket allow travel during school times, but can be used for your child to travel at evenings and weekends too.

It's a simple process to apply, to arrange your Direct Debit & for further information please follow the link below: arrivabus.co.uk/ss-kentsurrey

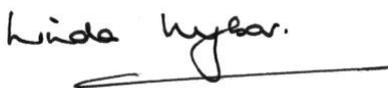
To ensure delivery of tickets in time for the start of the new school year, we recommend registering by the end of July. Once registered you can select either to receive your monthly pass by post or sent to your child's mobile phone. For any queries regarding the scheme, please email: talktous@arriva.co.uk

West Kent Youth Voices

Details of a new youth choir to be launched in West Kent, starting in September are attached to this newsletter. Anyone interested should contact the group direct to arrange auditions.

It only remains for me to thank you very much for your ongoing support of the school, and to wish you and your families a very pleasant, relaxing summer.

With best wishes,



Mrs L Wybar, Headteacher