



# SIX VILLAGES

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Here at Six Villages Academy, we are privileged to have been accepted onto the Biteback 2030 campaign that is working nationally to improve the food provision and food culture in schools and their local communities. They believe, and we agree, that every child deserves access to healthy, nutritious food at school — but right now, that's not always happening. 'School Food Champions' was created to change this! We are lucky at Six Villages in that we have a superb canteen full of healthy goodies, however we have noticed that action needs to be taken to support young people in making healthier choices when they eat and to ensure healthy food is accessible for all. English teacher Mrs. Pegram is leading the project and has already recruited a team of key stage 3 students to become school food champions for the academy. They will work

with their lead teacher, school leaders, caterers and governors to review the food culture in the academy. Together they will choose and lead two social action projects that will directly positively impact the school and wider community. I am pleased to report that the team have already had their first meetings and there are so many exciting ideas that they cannot wait to get off the ground. Watch this space for more details on the projects that the school food champions will be running and how they will be forging local links to support not just the school but the local community as well. The programme is open to KS3 students—to sign up contact [kpm@ormistonsixvillagesacademy](mailto:kpm@ormistonsixvillagesacademy) or pop along to Eng 1 on Thursday lunchtimes.



## Open for Business! - Open evening 2022

The start of the academic year always heralds open evenings and mornings across the county whereby schools have the

opportunity to show off all the wonderful things they can offer to prospective students. Here at Six Villages, we have so much to offer, and this year's open evening was bigger and better than ever. With a hundred plus students offering tours around the academy and two ticketed principal



talks, parents were treated to a whole array of subject specific activities around the site. In English there was fun and games galore with word games, anagrams and story blocks, over in science there were exciting experiments on offer as well as mask design over in drama. There was even a campfire in the courtyard where you could toast marshmallows and learn more about some of our extracurricular activities including the Duke of Edinburgh award. The feedback from parents and the (hopefully) future students was wholeheartedly positive. High praise was given to the tour guides,

one parent said 'our tour guide was amazing!'. Several parents also commented on how 'friendly' and 'informative' their guides were. Prospective



parents were excited about what the school has to offer with comments praising 'the layout of the school and the helpful staff', the 'atmosphere' as well as the welcome they received. Students helped out around the academy welcoming parents and future students. One of our year 10 students Ellie has reported on her experience of open evening. 'I think open evening was a big success. I spent the evening in science, and we had lots of people coming in who were eager to touch the organs, look through the microscopes and use the Bunsen burners. Everyone had a really nice evening and enjoyed all the different activities in the subjects. Overall, I think it was a really successful evening and we can't wait to see all the new people starting in September.'



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Competing against the best!

In an update from a previous newsletter there is more swimming success to be celebrated for Katie O, now in year 10. Over the summer Katie spent the first 2 weeks in Sheffield competing in the British Swimming Championships and the National Swimming Championships.

Katie spent her time racing against the fastest swimmers in England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland in her age group. This culminated in Katie becoming the fastest 14-year-old female in 50m Freestyle in England.

This has resulted in Katie being selected for the Commonwealth GB pathway, where she will have access to Team GB coaches, online learning, advice and training sessions. What a fantastic opportunity for this budding swimming superstar!

Katie has also earned a place to compete on a County level after being selected to represent Sussex at Inter County competitions.



## Back in business. Year 10 work experience.

At the end of last term, during the week from Monday 4th July until Friday 8th July, we ran our first full year 10 work experience since 2009. Students and families worked hard to get placements with some students getting their dream placement and others trying something completely different.



Mr Marsh contacted employers to get some feedback on how our students did. Here is a sample of the positive comments we got:

Arundel festival office reported that both their students 'were outstanding and way beyond their years. They used their own initiative and engaged superbly with all residents, businesses, and visitors'.

One student working in a school was recognised as being the best work experience student they had ever had!

A student working on a farm was told she was 'nothing less than an absolute star and in a

short period of time, became quite an asset to the team here (and) if she enters into this field of work in the future, can rest assured that if she still possesses the same positive, hard-working attitude, we would happily employ her in a heartbeat'

One student worked in a hair salon in Chichester which reported that she 'was a pleasure to have in the salon she worked extremely hard and gave 100% to every task she showed commitment and enthusiasm every day and was wonderful around our clients in the salon. We thoroughly enjoyed having her work with us and would like to thank her for a great week'

All in all, the first post covid work experience cohort were outstanding and the week was a huge success. We are looking forward to the next work experience week already!

## Sculpture Collaboration!

We were invited to take part in Sculpture/Public Art project by ArtsWork. Our students worked along side sculptor Richard Janes to create the sculpture that

was unveiled in Oliver's Meadow on Friday 14th October Students loved being involved in the project, especially when they could see their drawings within the sculpture.



## WeWill be Cybersafe

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October we visited Eastergate Primary school completing a community event for our #WeWill be cybersafe project. Our aim was to educate parents, grandparents, and carers about E-safety and in particular how they can keep themselves and their child safe on the internet. Our WeWill committee members were great and Everyone was very keen to know about current trends. We can't wait to empower more people about our exciting project.

