



Newsletter

July 2026

Headteacher's End of Term Message



The end of the academic year always seems to come around so quickly. It is a valuable opportunity to pause, reflect and recognise all that has taken place across our Academy over the past 12 months.

From engaging classroom learning and extracurricular opportunities in school, to trips and visits off site, alongside the vital work of support staff in learning support, pastoral care, technicians, administration, exam invigilation, student supervision, catering and site management- there is a great deal to celebrate.

Above all, our students continue to make us immensely proud. Our Victory values—Be Kind, Work Hard and Celebrate All—are demonstrated consistently, day in and day out. Hearing positive stories about our students, both within school and beyond, remains one of the greatest highlights of our work.

The end of the year is also a time for both celebration and farewell. Our Year 11 and Year 13 students showed real commitment throughout their exams, and it was a pleasure to celebrate with them at their leavers' events. We look forward to welcoming them back on results days to recognise their achievements. We also say goodbye to several members of staff at the end of this term. I would like to extend my sincere thanks and best wishes to Miss Sugar, Mr Pugsley, Ms Planella, Miss Casey, Ms Humphrey, Mr Whittaker, Mr Catto and Mr Handley. Their contributions to the Academy have been greatly valued, and we wish them every success in their next ventures.

Our ambition to be 'first-rate' remains unwavering, as does our vision for all students to Belong and Achieve. This year, we have been excited to relaunch our House system, strengthening its alignment with our pastoral structure. We look forward to its continued development next year.

In the classroom, staff have been working exceptionally hard to ensure that all students benefit from a curriculum that:

- Provides high academic challenge
- Develops cultural capital
- Recognises and celebrates diversity

Looking ahead, we will also be introducing mobile phone pouches to further support student learning and wellbeing. This decision has been made carefully, and with the support of parents and carers, we believe it will have a positive impact.

As an Academy, we are proud of our place within the community. I would like to acknowledge and thank all those who generously give their time, including our Governors and the many others who support us in so many ways. We are fortunate to have such a committed network advocating for our Academy and our students. A special thank you also goes to our parents and carers for your continued support throughout the year. Working in partnership is essential in helping our students achieve their very best.

I wish you all a happy and restful summer break and look forward to welcoming students back to Victory in September.



Key Dates

Term 1

Thursday 3rd (years 7, 11 and 12 only) and Friday 4th (all year groups) September 2026

Inset Days:

Tuesday 1st September 2026,
Wednesday 2nd September 2026
(no students in school)

Autumn Break:

Monday 19th October 2026 to
Friday 30th October 2026

Term 2

Tuesday 3rd November 2026
to Friday 18th December 2026
(students leave at 12.30pm)

Inset Day:

Monday 2nd November 2026
(no students in school)

Christmas Break:

Monday 21st December 2026 to
Friday 1st January 2027

Term 3

Monday 4th (years 11 and 13 only) and Tuesday 5th (all year groups) January 2027 to Friday 12th February 2027

February Break:

Monday 15th February 2027 to
Friday 19th February 2027

Updates and News

Uniform

Ahead of the new term, we ask for your support in ensuring students have the correct uniform. As part of our Victory Values, we take pride in ensuring a high standard of uniform and appearance. Items marked * can be purchased from our uniform suppliers Monkhouse and School Time.

Our School Uniform:

- Academy blazer*
- Academy tie (House colour)*
- Plain black V-neck jumper (optional item in addition to a blazer)
- White shirt either short or long sleeved
- Plain black straight leg trousers (no skinny fit, flared or denim) or plain black knee-length pleated skirt (skirts not to be rolled up)
- Plain black or white ankle socks (no logos, stripes or colours) or plain black or skin-colour tights
- Plain black flat formal enclosed shoes (no boots, canvas shoes or trainers)
- Black headscarf (to be worn for religious reasons only)

Performing Arts & PE Kit

- Academy PE top*
- Academy half-zip long sleeve top (optional)*
- Plain navy shorts, plain navy PE skirt or plain navy cycling shorts
- Plain navy jogging bottoms or plain navy leggings
- Trainers (for Performing Arts, grip socks can be worn as an alternative)
- Navy football socks (desirable)
- Football boots (desirable)
- Shin pads (desirable)

General Appearance

- One small plain gold or silver stud in the lower lobe with no other visible piercings including tongue and nose piercings. If clear studs are to be used as an alternative, they should be discreet and as minimal as possible. No other clear piercings permitted. Students taking part in practical subjects (including PE and Performing Arts) will need to remove any piercings before participating.
- No other visible jewellery other than a wrist watch
- No make-up including false eyelashes
- Nail polish including false nails should not be worn and will have to be removed before entering the Academy
- Hairstyles should be appropriate and of a natural colour and not contain exaggerated colours or styles. Patterns or tramlines should not be shaved into the hair or eyebrows.
- Hair bands should be plain and either black or navy and of discreet size
- Not hats, caps, hoods or durags other than for religious purposes
- Hoodies, tracksuit tops, scarfs, denim and leather jackers are not permitted
- If belts are to be worn they must be plain black, discreet buckle or fastening with no logo



Exam results

We look forward to celebrating with students as they receive their results in August.

Per our tradition, we will have an ice-cream van on site and all students who took exams with us will receive one free ice cream or lolly!

The dates are:

GCSE - Thursday 13th August

A Level - Thursday 20th August

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Updates and News

Student Achievements and Recognition - Emma L

In June, our Year 11 student Emma L's' parents sent us this lovely message regarding her football achievements and we just had to share it:

"As the season comes to a close I thought I would give you an update on Emma's season. So this year Millwall played her up in the U18's. This was a big step up in standard and physicality but Emma has really stepped up and played every game this season in league and cups and has performed really well going unbeaten all season. She has been offered a new contract for next year (26/27) which is very well deserved.

Millwall U18's play in the top ranked league in the JPL (Junior Premier league) so the standard has been really high, but despite this they won their league unbeaten against teams such as Tottenham, Charlton, Westham etc. The also won both the U18 London Cup, and JPL National Cup at Worcester Warriors stadium, beating teams such as Fulham along the way. So they have done the treble this year which has been amazing. I have attached some photos of her with the three trophies.



With England, Emma has now been moved up to "Top Talent" classification, which is as high as you can go before being called up to the full squad, which hopefully is the next step.

So as she comes to the end of her time at Victory, I just wanted to say thank you to school, and specifically yourself for all of the help and assistance you have given Emma along the way. I really feel Mr Cass and the school have gone above and beyond for Emma, and we thank you very much."



Derry A

A proud moment for The Victory Academy! A message from a member of the public praising one of our students, Derry A:

"Ms Dadson has just visited the Jubilee Stores and wanted to call in and let us know she would like to highly praise the conduct of Derry A.

Ms Dadson stated that he was the politest boy she had ever met and said that he is a credit to his parents and the school and that he deserves so much recognition for how he interacted both with her and other customers in the shop.

He encouraged Ms Dadson to go ahead of him in the queue and also took it upon himself to speak to other students when they began raising their voices and asked them to speak in a respectful manner.

Ms Dadson could not speak of Derry highly enough and we are extremely proud!

Updates and News

Food Influencer Competition Winner - Hikmah A

As a Trust, we ran the School Influencer Competition, where Year 10 students were challenged to create a three-item offer to help prepare students for their exams.

This included a breakfast option, a hydrating drink, and a handheld snack to eat just before the exam — all designed within a set budget and in line with school food standards.

Hikmah was the winner for The Victory Academy, and she had the opportunity to work with the IFG food team to produce her meal on a larger scale, giving students the chance to sample her creations. She made vegetable wraps, strawberry, banana and mint smoothies and pumpkin seed, sultana, cinnamon with honey flapjacks.



We interviewed the Hikmah who said she thought of the idea for the wrap as she makes them at home for her family, as well as being tasty and within budget. The mint really gave the smoothie a kick and the cinnamon in the flapjacks was just delicious!

Riley, one of TVA's Food Ambassadors, tried the food and commented: *"It's tastes really good — and is healthy too!"*

Hikmah said *"I really enjoyed the whole experience and loved my personalised chef whites!"* Fantastic work Hikmah, we are so proud of you!





Term 5 and 6 Events

Year 11 Leavers

On Tuesday 16th June, we officially said 'goodbye' to Year 11 by celebrating achievements at the Leaver's Assembly, followed by a BBQ and shirt signing. We look forward to congratulating students on their GCSE results in August.



Year 11 Prom

On Monday 22nd of June, we had our last celebration with Year 11 at their Prom, held at The Rochester Corn Exchange. It was wonderful to see all our students arrive in style and elegance.

A lot of student-led awards were won and well-deserved. Congratulations to our Prom King, Amir Ojuolape and Prom Queen, Amina Hussin. Both staff and students gave it their all on the dance floor, making it an unforgettable night!

Now, we look forward to congratulating them on their GCSE results in August. We wish them a restful summer break and all the best for the future!





Term 5 and 6 Events

Awards Celebration Evening

Thank you to everyone who attended our Awards Celebration on Monday 14th July.

It was wonderful to come together and recognise the achievements, hard work, and dedication of so many talented students! Thank you for making the evening such a memorable success.

Congratulations to all of our nominees and winners, and we look forward to celebrating even more successes together next year.



Culture Day

We were so impressed with the range of cultural dress within the Sixth Form on 15th July. Thank you all so much for showing such pride and being role models to the rest of the school to have this pride!



Term 5 and 6 Events

The Victory Academy Sports Day 2026

What a fantastic day of sport, teamwork and school spirit! Our students from Years 7–12 showed incredible determination, resilience and sportsmanship across a range of track and field events, proudly representing their houses throughout the day.

The relay races provided plenty of excitement, while the traditional staff relay was once again a crowd favourite and a brilliant way to finish the event.

A huge thank you to our PE Department for their outstanding organisation, and congratulations to every student who took part, supported their house or cheered on their peers. You were a credit to The Victory Academy!



Colour Run

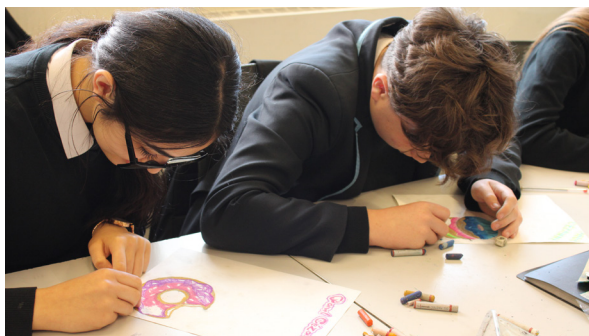
On Thursday 16th July we held our Colour Run event. It was a fun-filled event enjoyed by both students and staff, and embodied the sense of community here at The Victory Academy.

A big thank you to everyone who took part!



Year 9 Oil Techniques

Our Year 9 students have been experimenting with oil pastel techniques inspired by the work of Paul Cézanne to create their own doughnut art work.



GCSE Artwork



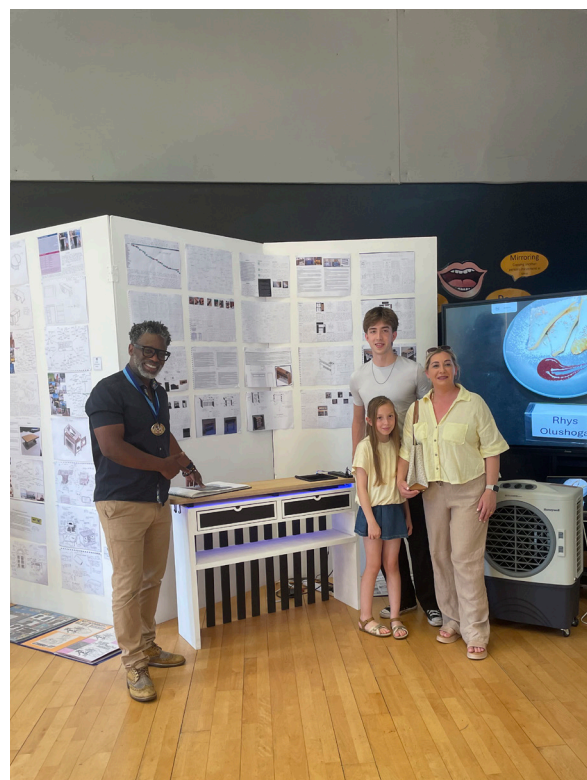


Studio VA Exhibition

The Victory Academy's annual exhibition, Studio VA launched on Monday 6th July, with a visit from Mayor of Medway, Cllr Douglas Hamandishe. It showcased the creative work of our Year 11 and 13 Art and DT students, including:

- A Level Art and Design
- A Level Product Design
- BTEC Art and Design Level 3
- GCSE Art and Design – Fine Art and Graphics
- GCSE Design & Technology
- GCSE Food Preparation & Nutrition
- Level 2 Engineering

The exhibition showcased the sketchbooks, folders and final pieces that our students have created over the last two years. It was a great event celebrating our students' artistic achievements. Fantastic work!





Performing Arts

Shrek the Musical Jr

The entire school community could not be prouder of every student who took part in Shrek the Musical Jr., performed on 25th, 26th and 27th June.

From the very first rehearsal to the final curtain call, the dedication, resilience and enthusiasm shown by our cast, crew and musicians was truly exceptional. Despite rehearsing and performing during an exceptionally hot week, our students demonstrated remarkable professionalism, supporting one another, maintaining high standards and giving every performance their all. Their commitment, teamwork and determination shone through on stage, creating a production that entertained audiences and showcased the incredible talent within our school.

Every member of staff involved is immensely proud of what the students achieved. Their hard work, perseverance and passion made Shrek the Musical Jr. a memorable success, and every student should be incredibly proud of the outstanding performances they delivered across all three evenings.



Royal Shakespeare Company

Fourteen of our talented students recently had the incredible opportunity to perform at the Marlowe Theatre as part of the Royal Shakespeare Company programme, presenting an inspiring performance of King Lear. Performing on such a prestigious stage was a fantastic achievement and a testament to the students' dedication, commitment and passion for the performing arts. They represented the school with confidence, professionalism and outstanding teamwork, delivering a performance that they should all be immensely proud of.

A special thank you goes to Mr Best, whose hard work, guidance and encouragement throughout the rehearsal process made this opportunity possible. Mr Best is incredibly proud of each and every student for their determination, resilience and the high standard of performance they achieved, making the experience one they will remember for years to come.





Performing Arts

Year 10 Abbey Road Studios

Miss Wallis took our Year 10 Music students to Abbey Road Institute at Angel Studios, Islington, to enhance their understanding of Components 2 and 3 of the BTEC Music Practice qualification. The visit gave students a valuable insight into the professional music industry, including a guided tour of the world-class recording studio facilities, a presentation about the opportunities available through Abbey Road Institute, and a two-hour Pro Tools mixing workshop led by industry professional Charlie Thomas.

The experience allowed students to develop practical skills while gaining first-hand knowledge of careers in music production and audio engineering. Throughout the trip, our students were exemplary ambassadors for the school, demonstrating outstanding behaviour, enthusiasm and maturity.

Their engagement and professionalism were praised throughout the day, making the visit both enjoyable and highly beneficial to their studies.



National Singing Competition

Five talented students from Years 8, 9 and 10 recently represented the school by taking part in a national singing competition, showcasing their creativity, musicianship and performance skills.

As part of the competition, the students visited RGS to professionally record their own original compositions, giving them a fantastic opportunity to experience the recording process while developing their confidence as young artists.

We are eagerly awaiting the competition results, but regardless of the outcome, the students have already achieved something they should be incredibly proud of. Their dedication, creativity and outstanding performances have been exceptional throughout the project.





A special thank you goes to Miss Wallis, Mr Taplin and Mr L for their guidance, encouragement and commitment in supporting the students every step of the way. The Performing Arts department is immensely proud of all five students and wishes them the very best of luck in the competition.

Medway Sings Opportunity

On 15th July, fifteen Key Stage 3 students had the wonderful opportunity to perform at Rochester Cathedral as part of a collaborative production of The Magic Flute, alongside students from schools across Medway. Performing at such a magnificent venue was an unforgettable experience and allowed our students to develop their musical and performance skills while working with other young performers from the local community.

Throughout the project, they demonstrated outstanding commitment, confidence and professionalism, representing the school with pride. We are incredibly proud of everything they achieved and are grateful for the fantastic partnership between our Performing Arts department and the Royal Ballet and Opera. Opportunities such as these inspire our students, broaden their experiences and help nurture the next generation of performers.



Year 11 Dance, Drama & Music

Congratulations to all of our Year 11 Dance, Drama and Music students, who have now successfully completed their courses. We are incredibly proud of the commitment, resilience and determination they have shown throughout their studies and the outstanding effort they have put into preparing for their final assessments.

Legally Blonde Trip

Students recently enjoyed an exciting trip to the Marlowe Theatre to watch the West End touring production of Legally Blonde, starring Amber Davies. The visit provided an excellent opportunity for students to experience high-quality live musical theatre and supported their learning in Unit 27: Musical Theatre, allowing them to observe professional acting, singing, dancing and stagecraft in performance.

The production was both inspiring and educational, giving students valuable ideas to apply to their own work. Throughout the trip, our students were exemplary ambassadors for the school, demonstrating exceptional behaviour, respect and maturity.



We are incredibly proud of the way they represented the school and hope the experience has inspired the next generation of performers. Drama students completed their final written examination, demonstrating their knowledge and understanding of theatre and performance. Dance students showcased their creativity in their final practical assessment, creating and performing original work inspired by a chosen stimulus and music.

Music students completed their final composition project, creatively transforming an existing song into a different musical genre using the skills they have developed throughout the course. We would like to thank every student for their hard work and dedication over the past few years and wish them every success as they move on to the next stage of their education or careers.

We look forward to celebrating their achievements when the results are released and know they have bright futures ahead.

Year 10 Drama Performance

Our Year 10 Performing Arts students recently completed the first component of their course, marking an important milestone in their qualification. Throughout the assessment day, students worked tirelessly to refine and perfect their performances, demonstrating excellent commitment, resilience and professionalism.

They performed their final pieces live before recording them as part of their assessment, showcasing the skills and confidence they have developed throughout the year. The quality of the performances reflected the students' dedication and hard work, and we are incredibly proud of the effort and determination shown by every student. We wish them the very best of luck as they await their results and look forward to seeing them continue to develop throughout the remainder of the course.





Performing Arts

Ballet Boyz Trip

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Battle of the Bands

Our talented musicians recently represented the school at the Battle of the Bands competition at Rochester Grammar School, where we proudly entered two student bands.

Together, they delivered outstanding performances, including an original composition and an energetic rendition of Purple Rain by Prince. Both bands impressed the audience and judges with their musical ability, creativity and confidence, and we are delighted that one of our bands was awarded first place in the competition.

This fantastic achievement is a testament to the countless hours of rehearsal, dedication and teamwork shown by every student involved. We are incredibly proud of all of the musicians who performed and the professionalism they demonstrated throughout the event.

Congratulations to both bands for representing the school with such pride and excellence, and to our winning band on a truly well-deserved victory.



Science

Events this Year

Many events have taken place this year for our #VictoryScientists and are very proud of our students for taking part:

- Year 10 trip to Natural History Museum
- Year 7 trip to the Science Museum
- BAE Systems trip for BIG STEM Challenge winners
- Amgen Biotech Experience for year 12 Biology students
- Science week celebrations both with our students and with outreach activities in Primary schools
- #VictoryScientists Challenge Days

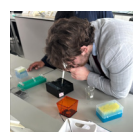


Virgin Atlantic STEAM Club

Our Virgin Atlantic Club members have been hard at work over the past two terms. They have undertaken a variety of practical's designed by Virgin Atlantic's sustainability department.

They have:

- Designed their own layout for plan with solutions to make travel more accessible to the needs of flyers.
- Investigate practically how different Biofuels act when used and selecting the best for the Aviation field.
- Creating the perfect lighting in a cabin based on the needs of both staff and customers through the different stages of a flight.
- Testing fabrics to determine the best material for airline staff uniform based on durability, flammability, comfort and water resistance.
- Designing a pod for pets, to make their journey in a plane safe and comfortable.



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Personal Development

Year 8 Students Build Their Own University

University of Kent's Build a University workshop, delivered in school by a team of the university's student ambassadors.

The workshop gave students the opportunity to learn more about what happens in and around a university campus. Working in small groups, students were challenged to design their own university, considering the different facilities, opportunities and support that students may need.

Students showed excellent creativity, teamwork and communication skills throughout the session. They were able to ask questions, share ideas and think carefully about what makes a successful and welcoming university environment.

The workshop was a fantastic opportunity for students to develop their understanding of higher education and begin thinking about the range of possibilities available to them in the future.



Year 10 Loudspeaker Workshop

This term, all Year 10 students had the opportunity to take part in Loud Speaker's For Love or Money workshop. Loud Speaker's workshop focuses on developing public speaking, confidence and communication skills, helping young people understand how they can use their voice both to make a positive difference and to support their future career journeys.

The workshop was very well received by students, who actively participated throughout the sessions. As part of the creative challenge, students worked in teams to act out an advert for a brand-new product, using their communication, teamwork and presentation skills. Each session ended with a winning group being selected, celebrating the students' creativity, confidence and enthusiasm.

The workshop provided a fun and engaging opportunity for students to build confidence, develop employability skills and practise speaking in front of others in a supportive environment.





Year 7 Cricketers Impress at SSG Tournament

Our Year 7 boys' and girls' cricket teams recently represented The Victory Academy at the SSG Cricket Tournament, showcasing excellent teamwork, determination, and sportsmanship throughout the day.

Boys' Team

Eight of our Year 7 boys proudly represented the academy and showed great resilience from start to finish. Despite a slow start to the competition, they remained positive and worked hard for one another. Outstanding catches in the field and strong partnerships at the crease helped the team build momentum as the day progressed.

Their teamwork, communication, and perseverance resulted in a fantastic 4th-place finish overall, a brilliant achievement against strong opposition.

Girls' Team

Eight of our Year 7 girls also enjoyed a fantastic day representing The Victory Academy. After a slow start, the girls grew in confidence and began to showcase their hidden talents. There were some excellent catches from Grace and Taylor Hallett, while brilliant teamwork between the batting pairs helped the team build valuable runs.

Their determination and improvement throughout the day paid off, with the girls securing three well-earned victories. The progress they made over the course of the tournament was fantastic to see.

Congratulations to all of our Year 7 cricketers for representing the academy so well and demonstrating our school values throughout the day.

Great attitude, great teamwork, great progress!



Success at the District Athletics Championships

On Monday 6th July, The Victory Academy proudly took a team of athletes to compete in the annual District Athletics Championships at Medway Park. Despite the challenging heat, all of our students represented the Academy with determination, resilience, and outstanding sportsmanship throughout the day.

Girls' Team Highlights

A special congratulations to the following students for their medal-winning performances:

- Summer N – Silver in the Year 7 100m
- Maisie S C – Bronze in the Year 7 Javelin
- Daisy K – Bronze in the Year 8 300m (New School Record)

All 27 female athletes should be incredibly proud of their achievements and the way they represented the Academy. Their effort, commitment and support for one another made it a fantastic day of competition.



Boys' Team Highlights

Well done to all the boys who attended the athletics training sessions and competed at the District Championships. Every athlete performed excellently, demonstrating great effort and dedication throughout the season.

Congratulations to our medal winners:

- Daniel A (Year 7) – Bronze in the Discus
- Jeremey C (Year 7)-Bronze in the Shot putt
- Derron A (Year 8)-Bronze in the Shot putt
- David O (Year 8)-Bronze in the 800m
- Ephraim A (Year 10) – Silver in the 100m
- Carvel M (Year 10) – Silver in the 200m
- Emmanuel O (Year 10)-Silver in the Long jump

A Fantastic Day for Team Victory

These individual successes are just part of what made this year's athletics season so special. Every student who competed played their part in making the day a success, demonstrating commitment, perseverance and pride in representing The Victory Academy.

We are incredibly proud of all our athletes and look forward to building on this momentum in the seasons ahead.

Well done to everyone who took part and represented The Victory Academy so brilliantly!



Football Teams Crowned League Champions!

The Victory Academy is proud to celebrate an outstanding achievement by our football programme, with our Year 8, Year 9, and Year 10 football teams all being crowned league champions for the 2025–2026 season.

This remarkable success is a testament to the hard work, dedication, and resilience shown by our players throughout the year. Across all three age groups, the teams consistently delivered impressive performances, demonstrating excellent teamwork, determination, and a commitment to achieving success.

The players have represented The Victory Academy with pride, not only through their performances on the pitch but also through the positive attitude, sportsmanship, and professionalism they have shown throughout the season. Their achievements reflect the strong culture of commitment and excellence that continues to grow within our PE and sports programme.

We are incredibly proud of every pupil who has contributed to this success and would like to thank all staff involved for their support and guidance throughout the campaign.

This is a fantastic achievement for the Academy and one that all players should be extremely proud of.

Congratulations to our Year 8, Year 9, and Year 10 League Champions – a truly outstanding season for The Victory Academy!

PE



CORE PE Curriculum

As the summer term has progressed and the weather has improved, the PE Department has taken full advantage of our outdoor facilities, providing pupils across all year groups with a broad, engaging, and challenging curriculum.

During Term 5, pupils participated in a wide range of athletics events, developing both their skills and confidence in competition. Students took part in track events including the 100m, 200m, 300m, 400m, and 800m, while also experiencing a variety of field events such as the javelin, discus, and shot put.

In Term 6, pupils have enjoyed a range of striking and fielding activities, including rounders, softball, kwik cricket, and tennis. It has been fantastic to see students embracing these opportunities, demonstrating teamwork, resilience, and a willingness to challenge themselves in new sporting environments.

A special mention must go to the growing number of pupils arriving at lessons fully equipped with the correct PE kit. This has had a significant positive impact on participation levels, lesson engagement, and overall enjoyment. We would like to thank parents and carers for their continued support in ensuring pupils are prepared for their PE lessons.



We would also like to congratulate all pupils who have continued to participate enthusiastically during some very warm weather conditions. Their effort, commitment, and positive attitude have been greatly appreciated by the PE staff.

The PE Department is incredibly proud of the progress, enthusiasm, and dedication shown by our pupils throughout the summer term. Well done to everyone who has taken part—you have set a fantastic standard, and we look forward to building on this success in the new academic year.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

Terms 5 and 6 have seen excellent engagement across our extracurricular sports programme at The Victory Academy, with particularly strong participation from pupils in Years 7, 8 and 10. A wide variety of clubs has been on offer, providing students with opportunities to develop new skills, improve their fitness, and enjoy being active alongside their peers.

Our Fitness Club continues to be a popular choice, with pupils demonstrating great commitment as they work to build their strength, endurance, and overall fitness. It has been fantastic to see so many students setting personal goals and challenging themselves each week.

PE



The Striking and Fielding Club and Tennis Club have also attracted enthusiastic participation throughout the summer term. Pupils have shown excellent dedication to improving their skills, with clear progress evident in both their performance and confidence.

Athletics Club has been particularly popular over the last two terms. Students have worked incredibly hard to improve their personal bests across a range of track and field events, displaying determination and resilience in every session. Their commitment was rewarded at the District Athletics Championships on 6th July, where many pupils produced outstanding performances and represented the Academy with pride.

It has been wonderful to see so many students taking advantage of the opportunities available, staying active, and supporting one another. The enthusiasm, effort, and positive attitude shown across all clubs have been outstanding, and we look forward to seeing even more pupils get involved in the next academic year.

Well done to all students who have attended our sports clubs this term and represented The Victory Academy so positively.



Sports Ambassadors

Congratulations to all our Sports Ambassadors for their amazing help over the course of this academic year. They were an essential part of the running and organisation of this year's Sports Day.

The students have been responsible for supporting and leading a variety of activities, encouraging participation, and helping younger pupils have a positive and enjoyable experience.

We are incredibly proud of our Sports Ambassadors for volunteering their time and representing The Victory Academy so positively.

Well done to all of our Sports Ambassadors involved!





Sports Day 2026

The Victory Academy's Sports Day, held on 14th July 2026, was a fantastic celebration of athletic achievement, determination, and school spirit, bringing together pupils from Years 7 to 12 for one of the most eagerly anticipated events of the academic year.

Held in glorious weather, the day featured an exciting programme of track and field events, with pupils showcasing their talents across a variety of disciplines. From the power and precision displayed in the discus, shot put and javelin competitions to the speed and endurance demonstrated in the 100m, 200m, 300m and 400m races, students gave their all and represented their houses with pride.

Throughout the day, competitors displayed outstanding commitment, resilience and sportsmanship, encouraging one another and celebrating each other's successes. The atmosphere was electric, with pupils and staff creating a sea of support around the track and field areas, inspiring participants to perform at their very best.



One of the standout moments of the day was the relay races. These events highlighted the importance of teamwork, communication and trust, as pupils worked together to secure valuable points for their houses. The excitement and energy from spectators made for a memorable spectacle and demonstrated the strong sense of community that exists across the academy.

The traditional staff relay once again proved to be a crowd favourite. Filled with enthusiasm, friendly competition and plenty of laughter, staff members took to the track to the delight of pupils, providing the perfect finale to a brilliant day of sport.

A special thank you goes to the PE Department for their exceptional organisation and dedication. Their hard work behind the scenes ensured the event ran smoothly from start to finish, creating an enjoyable and rewarding experience for everyone involved.

Geography



Microclimates Fieldwork

Some Geography classes have been undertaking some fieldwork about microclimates around the school site. Microclimates are unique places where their conditions are different to those of the surrounding area. Students have looked at aspect (the direction the area is facing), physical features, shelter and buildings, as well as surface colour to compare different locations to answer the enquiry question: is TVA a suitable place for more wind turbines and solar panels?

In class, they have then been completing radar graphs to accurately present their data and then completed the fieldwork process with a conclusion and evaluation.





Geography

Year 10

Year 10 have had a busy and exciting end to the academic year, taking part in two successful fieldwork visits. Their first trip to Herne Bay focused on coastal geography, where students investigated longshore drift, beach characteristics and the effectiveness of coastal management strategies through a range of practical data collection techniques.

They then travelled to Stratford, London, to examine urban regeneration and sustainability, investigating how the legacy of the 2012 Olympic Games has transformed the area. Students represented the school brilliantly on both visits, demonstrating excellent enthusiasm, teamwork and maturity while collecting valuable data that will support their GCSE studies next year.



Year 11

Congratulations to our Year 11 Geographers, who have now completed their GCSE Geography journey. We are incredibly proud of the commitment, resilience and hard work they have shown throughout the course and wish them every success as they await their results this summer.

It has been a pleasure to watch them grow into confident Geographers, and we are especially excited that many of them will be continuing their geographical studies with us at A Level in September.

Year 12

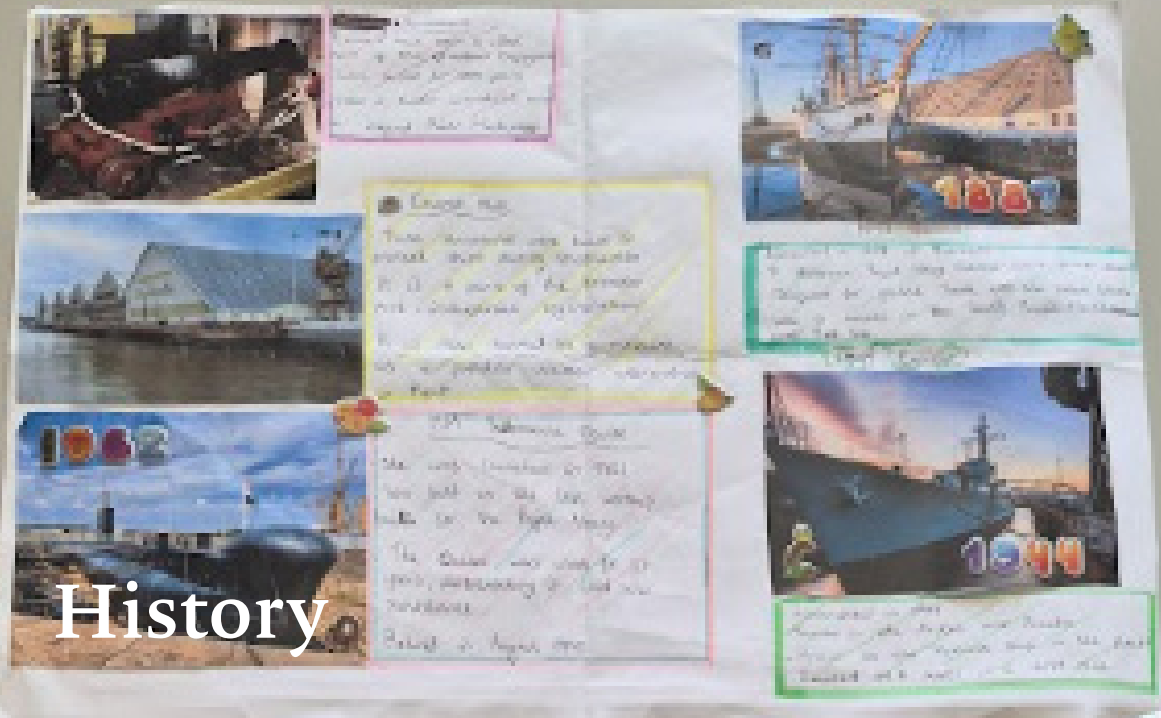
Year 12 students have successfully completed the physical fieldwork element of their OCR A Level Geography course with visits to Camber Sands and Dungeness. During the trips, students investigated dryland landscape systems by collecting a wide range of primary data, including vegetation succession, soil characteristics, sediment analysis and environmental change.

The fieldwork has provided an excellent opportunity to apply classroom theory in real-world environments and forms a vital part of their Non-Exam Assessment (NEA). We have been extremely impressed by their professionalism, independence and enthusiasm throughout the investigation process.

Year 13

Our Year 13 students have reached the end of their A Level Geography journey after two years of dedication, curiosity and hard work. From exploring global climate change and hazardous earth to investigating changing places and completing their independent NEA investigations, they have embraced every challenge the course has offered.

We wish them every success as they move on to university, apprenticeships or employment and thank them for their outstanding contribution to the Geography Department. They leave as knowledgeable, thoughtful and highly skilled geographers, and we are excited to see what the future holds for them.



Dockyard Competition

Well done to the three Year 8 students, Maja, Lewis and Ayobami, who won the Chatham Dockyard competition! The Victory History Department is incredibly proud and impressed by their hard work and independent research into our local history, which included a beautiful poem, an informative display, and a diary of their visit. The winners really took great care in ensuring that they followed the success criteria and tried their best to think outside of the box, making amazing creative pieces.

The competition was to encourage students to think of informative ways to present their own experiences of Chatham Dockyard, without creating a simple poster! We had many entries that informed us of students' rope making experiences, drawings/paintings of ships that the students saw and student photography, just to name a few.



With this in mind, the History Department would also like to congratulate all the Year 8 students who took part. It was a very difficult decision, and everyone should be proud of their entries. Well done, Year 8!

Our winners were gifted a certificate and won a cinema voucher each, to spend during their summer holiday!

Design & Technology



Year 10 Food and Nutrition

Our Year 10 Food and Nutrition students have been working hard in their Mock NEA's. They have learnt butchery skills portioning whole chickens and creating delicious BBQ chicken and coleslaw.

They will then be using the fillets to make a breaded chicken dish which we all cannot wait to see. It's lovely to see such great effort. Keep up the good work everyone!



Year 10 Chicken Goujons

Highlights of year 10 debone and portioned chicken breast to make home-made chicken nuggets and mayonnaise demonstrating an emulsion.



Year 7 MDF Puzzles

The Year 7 students have created MDF Puzzle, the students design them on CAD then laser cut them out and then colour them in. It's a great start using machinery to make products instead of hand tools! We look forward to seeing what they can do with their hand tools next year!



Improving Attendance

The Attendance Team here at The Victory Academy are always looking for ways to support student attendance and punctuality. We therefore sent questionnaires to parents of children with 96% or above attendance, to gain meaningful feedback on how to best to support other parents with their child's regular attendance to school. A huge thank you to the parents and carers that completed the survey.

Here are the top tips, suggested by Victory Academy parents.

1. Talk positively with your child about education, as parents play a crucial role in developing a positive mindset about school. As...

94% of parents felt that they (the parents) played a positive role in their child's attendance.

2. Talk to your children regularly about the importance of good attendance. As...

68% of parents had monthly conversations with their child about the importance of attendance. Better still, 51% of parents had weekly conversations with their child about the importance of attendance.

3. Encourage your children to catch up on missed work when they are absent. As...

88% of parents encouraged their child to catch up on missed work when their child was absent.

4. Consider whether your son or daughter is well enough to attend extra-curricular activities (i.e. Football club, Drama club) on days they are absent. This reinforces the importance or prioritising learning. As...

85% of parents never or rarely let their child participate in Extra Curricular activities if they had been absent from school that day.

5. Ensure that your child gets adequate sleep, especially on a school night. As...

66% of parents stated their child had at least 8 hours sleep each school night.

6. Consider restricting your child's access to technology in the evenings. As...

59% of parents restricted the use of technology in the evenings.

7. Ensure that your child stays at the family home on school nights. As...

98% of parents ensured that their child stayed at the family home on school nights as opposed to staying at a friend's house.

8. Ensure that your child prepares the items required for school the night before. As...

60% of parents ensure their child prepared their items the night before school.



Thank you for reading this edition of The Victory Academy Newsletter. Our next issue will be published at the end of term 2. On behalf of everyone at Victory we would like to wish you a lovely summer break!

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