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Harvest tours Biddenden Vineyard

Wed & Sat 12 Sept to 27 Oct
 (Excluding Sat 15 September
 and Wed 24 October.)
 Savour the opportunity for
 a free guided tour around
 Kent's oldest and family-
 owned vineyard and discover
 the grapes journey from vine
 to wine, finding out how the
 wine is made and sampling the
 award-winning tastes after the
 tour. Observe the process, as
 the grapes are hand-picked and
 transported to the winery in

**The Marlowe
 Young Musician
 of the Year**

String, brass, woodwind or
 piano players aged 18 or under
 at the time of the auditions,
 which are to be held in the
 theatre on **Sunday 7 October**,
 and who have reached *Grade*
 8 standard or higher, can apply
 by **Friday 21 September**.

The final of the competition
 will be held at *The Marlowe
 Theatre on Tuesday 26
 February*. The musicians
 will be accompanied by the
Kent Concert Orchestra,
 conducted by John Perkins.
 He said: "This is the premier
 competition for young
 musicians who study or
 have a family connection
 with the county of Kent. It
 is a major stepping-stone for
 the winner and a positive
 experience for all who take
 part. Former winners have
 gone on to be principals with
 London orchestras and leading
 soloists."

The winner will receive the
Kent Messenger trophy and a
 three-hour recording session
 at the *New Eden Studio*. All
 finalists are awarded a prize,
 donated by sponsors.
 For more details and to find out
 how to enter the competition,
 go to www.marlowetheatre.com

Ten Rainy Day Activities to Entertain the Whole Family

- With an unprecedented amount
 of rain this summer, most
 children are starting to feel
 bored having played most
 of their computer games and
 completed their puzzles. So
 in collaboration with mums
 and dads across the country,
Galt Toys has put together
 ten creative ideas to cheer up
 the whole family and spur the
 imagination.
- Cooking** - Children
 love cooking and eating pizza,
 from kneading the dough to
 making creative faces with
 the toppings! It is also a great
 opportunity for children to
 practise counting, measuring
 and weighing. For extra
 fun give prizes for the most
 creative pizza toppings.
 - Cardboard boxes**
 - Are great for the imagination
 and provide hours of
 entertainment for creative
 minds. They make dens,
 cars and castles, which can
 be decorated in all sorts of
 fantastic ways. Small boxes
 can become spooky disguises
 - cutting out holes for eyes and
 mouth and painting on a scary
 face!
 - Indoor picnic** - You
 don't have to be outdoors
 to have a picnic. Gather the
 dolls and teddies for a creative
 mock outdoor picnic with a
 - Blanket, hamper** packed with
 food, paper plates and plastic
 utensils. You could even get
 the children making a giant paper
 sun to hang from the ceiling.
 - Reading** - Spend
 some quality time together
 snuggled up on the sofa with
 your child's favourite book
 taking it in turns to read aloud,
 adding silly voices and actions
 for the characters in the story to
 keep it fun and exciting.
 - Indoor Disco** - If
 you're up for something a little
 more energetic, raid the fancy
 dress box for your best dancing
 queen outfits and have a dance-
 off in the living room. See who
 can make the wackiest shapes!
 - Pasta Jewellery**
 - There is nearly always some
 left over pasta in the cupboard
 so why not put it to good use
 by making some pretty pasta
 jewellery. All you need is
 some string, glitter and glue
 and penne pasta - beautiful
 bracelets for everybody.
 - Treasure Hunt**
 - Agree on the treasures you
 are going to hide around the
 house, small toys, wrapped
 sweets, stickers etc. Create a
 series of clues leading to the
 treasure - older children often
 enjoy doing these and the
 younger ones finding it.
 - Board Games**
 - Everyone loves traditional
 board games, which are great
 fun and also help to develop
 important social skills, such as
 communicating, sharing, and
 taking turns.
 - Make Slime** - Yuck!
 But children will love it. Fill
 a bowl with water, add a few
 drops of food colouring (green
 if possible) and then gradually
 stir in cornflour until the slime
 is the right thickness. Children
 under six should be supervised
 at all times.
 - Singing in the rain**
 - Pull on your wellies and
 waterproofs and go splashing
 through the puddles singing
 as you go! Then come inside
 and warm up with some hot
 chocolate and marshmallows.
 -Ends-

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2012-13 Autumn-Winter Collection Primigi: The Shoes that Tell Stories of Adventures

For the Autumn-Winter of
 2012-13, *Primigi* presents
 a collection inspired by
 the magical, adventurous
 and dreamy world of the
 greatest tales. Romanticism
 and elegance, exploration
 and initiative are the themes
 of the classic stories that
Primigi has reinterpreted.

"*Cinderella*" with its natural
 romanticism, beauty and
 elegance is the inspiration for
 a luxurious line in classic,
 sophisticated colours. The
 colours intertwine: from
 everlasting pink, blue and
 black, to lilac and plum, they
 are the authentic must-have
 shades for the new season.

The shoes feature clean styles
 and soft, quality materials.
 From classic ballerina flats
 to laced shoes, the details
 are bright, sparkly and full
 of charm. Embroidery and

sequins add a special touch to
 a distinctly "fabulous" collection
 to make every little girl's dream
 of being a princess every day
 a reality.

For the boldest characters with
 a restless spirit, the perfect
 story is "*Around the World
 in Eighty Days*". With shoes
 perfect for every occasion
 (sporty and elegant, casual
 and metropolitan ... even
 breathable and water-repellent),
 the little *Primigi* explorer defies
 time, distance and every type
 of adversity! *Goretex* technology
 and *Primigi* comfort blend
 effortlessly into minimal
 lines and uppers, for the most
 adventurous journeys.

Along with a modern
 reinterpretation of the Nordic
 look, with soft leathers and
 faux shearing and furs, *Primigi*
 launches the new *Path Goretex*
 hiking line with an aggressive
 design and well-defined styles.
 Sneakers in the classic tones
 of black and blue appear
 alongside comfortable, edgy
 and trendy half-boots in the
 softest colours.

"*Puss in Boots*", with his no-
 nonsense personality, is always
 ready for action, just like
Primigi shoes. Practical and
 feisty with a vintage flair, they
 are the perfect combination
 of traditional classic styles
 and natural, warm materials,
 artisan detailing and manual
 treatments.

There are laced sneakers with
 a lived-in look and boots
 inspired by the horse riding
 world, enhanced with metallic
 accessories including buckles

and horsebits, to always be
 ready and ready for every
 situation.

From the novel "*The Pirates
 of Malaysia*", bold, courageous
 children and their *Primigi*
 shoes face every adventure to
 reach their goal, just like the
 valiant warriors of *Sandakan*.
 Dynamism, speed and quality
 materials give space to
 imagination and creativity,
 for children who are fearless
 when it comes to limits. High-
 performance sneakers with
 two Velcro closures complete
 a genuinely sophisticated and
 innovative collection.

Finally, *Primigi* proposes an
 exclusive renewal of the Baby
 Fun and *Primigino* lines.

The *Baby Fun* line stands
 apart for its uppers made
 with cutting-edge technical
 solutions, easy fit and comfort.
 For little girls, there are
 combinations of mums and
 flowers in nubuck leather with
 a powdery effect, while for
 him a "worm" effect provides a
 sporty and casual style.

The *Primigi* line, on the
 other hand, features first step
 shoes that have been studied
 in every detail. They are easy
 to put on thanks to the new
 quick fastening system with
 a handy "stop and go" cordlock.
 The "wave effect" tread sole
 ensures non-slip grip and
 the anti-shock heel cushion
 provides maximum comfort.

The *Primigi* System, guarantee
 of quality and technological
 innovation

For more than 30 years
 children's well-being has been

the guiding principle behind
 every pair of *Primigi* shoes.
 More and more mothers are
 turning to *Primigi* for the
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 of creating products for
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 the shoes, the materials used,
 the meticulous attention to
 detail, the unrivalled quality-
 price ratio and attention to the
 season's trends make *Primigi*'s
 shoes a guarantee of quality
 that mothers demand.

Driving the technological
 innovation of *Primigi* products
 is the continuously improved
Primigi System: in addition to
 the footwear's unmistakable
 lightness, flexibility and
 amazing fit, *Primigi*'s shoes
 are made with additional
 performance features such
 as the anti-shock system, to
 protect the heel from impact,
 and removable insoles for
 maximum hygiene. To prevent
 allergy-related problems, the
 metal parts are nickel-free
 while the insole contains no
 chrome VI, for products that
 are even more health-conscious
 and natural.

www.primigi.com

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Soft shock	Quick laces	Soft shock	Puffing machine	Lamp

antishock: Rear foot cushioning
 soft comfort: soft well-being
 easy fitting: relaxed feel
 ergonomic shape: rounded tip and
 comfortable fit
lightness: Featherweight comfort
 sky effect: Breathable, anatomical, leather
 insole
flexible action: follows the movement of the
 foot
removable insole: maximum hygiene
nickel-free: metal parts contain no nickel
Chrome VI-free lining: worry-free wear



**Blowing the Whistle on the
 General Dental Council.**

Traditional train tracks create flat faces, big noses and tired looking eyes: if you doubt
 this, just look at those who have been treated in the past. They also routinely damage
 the enamel and roots of the teeth and worse still the teeth go crooked again unless the
 patient wears a brace for the rest of their life. Extractions of sound teeth are almost
 always required although patients may not be told about this until near the end of
 treatment. Newer treatments can achieve better and more permanent results without
 extractions but orthodontists avoid comparative research as they don't want the
 damage they do to faces to be exposed.
 Worst of all the General Dental Council allows orthodontists to withhold information
 about some newer methods. This leaves many patients accepting extractions and even
 major surgery unaware that improved techniques can render them unnecessary. If you
 have suffered you are entitled to compensation.

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 secure your place now. See our website for full details of workshops.

**Create Art & Craft
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 Our experienced art practitioner, Julia Thomas, will lead these
 exciting themed workshops to develop and stretch your child's
 creative skills and imagination. **Fridays, 3.45 - 5.15pm**

Little Dance Workshops
 for 3-6 year olds
 Our experienced dance practitioner, Anna Henry,
 will take your little ones on a dance journey of
 exploration in this series of workshops. Each
 workshop has a different theme and will include
 the use of props to make them even more fun!
Fridays, 3.45 - 4.45pm

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**2012-13
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 COLLECTION**

Changing Lives Through Colour

To **Sally Webb of Connect 2 Colour** it doesn't matter if you are a two year old child, teenager, group of friends or are severely disabled, she believes all of us can benefit from an amazing new creative art process which is captured on canvas.

Webb says: "In the children's workshops everyone learns the new skills together which encourages them to communicate with each other as they all learn something completely new and find a connection with the paint that is fulfilling and positive. It is also the perfect solution for a completely different sort of birthday party!"

One happy participant **Linsey Marriot** said: "The whole family had a squirry, squeezey, swirly wirly, sprinkly, sparkly time. The result...a fab work of art for our dining room wall - made with love and laughter!"

During its pilot stage for the last year workshops for autistic children showed improvements in the children's fine motor and social skills, using the unique technique with paint, glitter, stones and other embellishments with not a paintbrush in sight. More poignantly in the initial public workshops, with a mixed age and ability group including both special educational needs (SEN) and mainstream children, observers were unable to distinguish two out of three children with SEN from the overall group and were also unable to distinguish between artwork produced by mainstream children versus children with SEN.

Webb says: "I have a brother with severe learning difficulties and a daughter with special needs, so at first I started the company really to be able to help the special needs community access art and communication in a completely new and unique way. I soon realized that actually the process was appealing to all sorts of different people including typical children and families and hence the business has taken off beyond my wildest dreams!"

Whilst the special needs community will always be dear to her heart, the key to the workshops for all children is her development of a technique that means you don't need a creative bone in your body or a huge amount of physical ability to create a true masterpiece. On most occasions the children each work on their own piece of art to take home as a keepsake and where appropriate a collaborative piece.

Connect 2 Colour is already proving so popular that Webb has had to employ an additional four people and has plans to take the business nationwide in the future. First though, in true Webb style, she is launching her charity, **'Connect 2 Colour Community Fund'**, to ensure low income families and groups can access the **Connect 2 Colour** experience.

Webb continues: "Our motto is 'transforming lives, one canvas at a time' and we are so fortunate to have seen this time and time again. The future is bright and extremely colourful!"

www.connect2colour.com

Free Running Sessions across Kent

Women and men of all ages and abilities are putting on their trainers and jogging the streets and parks of Kent. This is part of a county-wide campaign to get people running, to feel fitter, healthier and happier!

In Kent, Leaders have been trained to set up local running groups and they are keen to welcome new runners.

New runner, **Elizabeth Billingham**, states: "I couldn't believe how far I was able to run taking into account my age of starting (47) and my lack of belief in my personal ability. I knew as soon as I started training slowly and steadily with great coaching from

Sevenoaks Ladies Joggers that I would be able to conquer certain milestones (5k and 10k distances). At nearly 50 I am far more fit and healthy than I was at 40 and have also made some wonderful friends!"

Get your first running session free at your local group when you mention **PARENTS NEWS**.

All groups are led by qualified, enthusiastic, friendly leaders. To find a local group visit www.kentsport.org/rungroups or contact Lucy Tomlinson, **Kent Running Activator on 07730 870696**

WWII Falconry



Dover Castle Castle Hill, Dover, Kent, CT16 1HU

Sat 6 & Sun 7 Oct 2012 10am-5pm

secret **Falcon Unit** - this is the enchanting tale of birds at war. Prices: Adult: £16.50 / Concession: £14.90 / Child: £9.90 / Family: £42.90

This is the remarkable story of how falconers and birds had to do their bit for king and country during the Second World War. From parachuting pigeons, peregrines inspiring aircraft design and the top

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School Made Easy by STABLO

STABLO knows that school isn't always easy for kids which is why it has developed a pen to take at least one thing out of your mind - handwriting. The **EASyOriginal** ergonomic pen will encourage your child to pick it up and learn with its colourful exterior and built in finger grips that make writing comfortable, fun and easy! Why choosing **STABLO**s as easy as ABC.

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T is for Trust: **STABLO** is a trusted brand which is praised by teachers, approved by parents and loved by children. **STABLO** believes in giving children the best possible start in education starting with the tools they need.

The RRP of the **EASyOriginal** is £6.99. For more information www.stablo.co.uk or follow on **Twitter @stabloUK**



Get training for the Lewisham 5km fun run!

It's that time of year again for the annual **Lewisham 5km fun run** at **Beckenham Place Park** on **Sunday 7 October**. All proceeds raised go toward the Mayor's chosen charity **The Lavender Trust at Breast Cancer Care**. There will be a 5km run for adults and teenagers at 11am (£8 for adults and £3 for 13-17 year olds); and a FREE 1km run for under 12s at 10.30am.

So get your running shoes on and bring the whole family for a great morning in the park! To sign up visit www.lewisham.gov.uk/funrun

020 8314 9274. Closing date: **Friday 28 September 2012**.

Dance Auditions for Cinderella

The Harlequin Theatre & Cinema.

Auditions will be held on **Sunday 23 September 2012**. Registration: Juniors: 1:00pm Seniors: 3:00pm Junior dancers aged 8 - 12 years (should not exceed 4' 6") Senior dancers aged 13+ years - school leaving age (should be over 4'6") All dancers must be local to the theatre (within 30 mins travel distance) and be able to commit to rehearsals and performances from Tuesday 4 December 2012 until Sunday 6 January 2013. All dancers must attend regular dance lessons in Ballet, Tap and Jazz, following a recognised examination syllabus e.g. **ISTD/RAD** or **IDTA**.

01737 276500.

DYNAMIC THEATRE ARTS ACADEMY

PRE-SCHOOL DANCE CLASS OPEN DAYS

Thurs 20th Sep 1.30 - 2.15pm Sat 22nd Sep 12.15 - 1.00pm St. Antony's Church, Wentworth Way, Sanderstead. Call to book a space. Street Dance & Musical Theatre I.S.T.D. Ballet, Modern, Tap 5-18 yrs 100% pass rate since 2001. Standard fee entry to full-time vocational training. **07971 687719** lisa@dynamictheatreartsacademy.com

The Marlowe Theatre EVERYONE has the chance to be creative in a series of workshops at **The Marlowe Theatre**.

From music, movement and fun for pre-school children (**The Marlowe Diddies**), to a session for adults exploring the different styles of theatre through play readings and creative scriptwriting (**The Marlowe Speakeasy**), these give people the opportunity to try something new.

Those over the age of 18 can learn about, and take part in, the various acting techniques and practices in **The Marlowe's Anyone Can Act!**, and different ages are catered for in several **Marlowe Youth Theatre** sessions: **The Marlowe Junior Company** (six to 10 years), **The Marlowe Apprentice Company** (11 to 14 years) and **The Marlowe Senior Company** (15 to 21 years).

Learning and Participation Officer **Daniel Lipman** said: "There are some amazing opportunities here, and as well as learning something new, gaining confidence and discovering your own potential, it's all about having fun as well!"

To find out more, including dates, times and prices, call the Box Office on **01227 787787**

www.marlowetheatre.com info@marlowetheatre.com

Country Life at Hever Castle 14 to 16 Sept

Following last year's success, a variety of talented craftspeople and producers will once again set up stall on **Half Moon Pond Lawn** demonstrating country crafts ranging from rug making, wood turning and wood carving to ceramics, felt-making and aromatherapy.

Spinners, weavers and dyers explain how to produce textiles, plus advice on keeping hens and bees from the experts and local produce stalls.

Besides learning a new skill, there'll be plenty of opportunities for visitors to ask questions while they have fun discovering age-old techniques.

Throughout the weekend a full programme of demonstrations on patchwork and quilting techniques, lacemaking, and a selection of trade stalls selling designs, equipment, fabrics and haberdashery and other country craft stalls.

Adults £12, Senior Citizen £10.50, Children (5-15) £7.50, Family ticket £31.80.

www.hevercastle.co.uk **01732 865224**

Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs

Junior Chorus Auditions Two teams of juniors aged 10yrs to 17yrs to take part in this year's pantomime at the **Granville Theatre**.

Applicants must have previous stage experience and training, and be able to sing and dance. Auditions will take place on **Saturday 29 September** at 1pm at the **Granville Theatre**. They need to bring a photograph and CV outlining all experience and training.

There is no pre-registration required, just turn up! To be considered but cannot attend the audition for any reason, contact **Trudi Kingham**. Successful children will need to provide proof of identity and age, as well as 2 passport size photographs for their **Performing Arts Licence**. They must also be available for the whole of the pantomime season and able to attend all rehearsals. A rehearsal schedule will be set once junior cast has been confirmed. Adults interested in main cast roles should email/post their CV and Photo to: **Trudi Kingham** Granville Theatre Victoria Parade Ramsgate Kent, CT11 8DG trudi.granville@gmail.com **01843 855000**

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Dyslexia East Kent Support

Evening Talk

'Think-a-link

A fun & easy way to remember things'. How to use Linking as a Memory Technique to help with Learning dates, historical facts, the meanings of words & spelling

Speaker: Andy Salmon www.thinkalink.co.uk Tuesday 25th September 7.45pm for 8 pm start until 9.15 pm

Venue: The Spires Academy, Bredlands Lane, Westbere, Sturry, Canterbury, CT2 OHD (just off the A28)

The new school is on the right hand side of Bredlands Lane. There's no need to book a seat. A £3 donation from non-members would be appreciated. For further information phone 0845 0038 979 or see website www.dyslexia-east-kent.org.uk

Saturday morning Drop-in Centre on the first Saturday in every month in school term time, 12 - 2 pm

Members can borrow books for all ages, from our library of over a thousand books. Next Drop-in 6th October. Venue: Kingsmead Leisure Centre, Kingsmead Road, Canterbury, CT2 7PH (next door to Sainsbury's)

HMS CAVALIER

The Historic Dockyard Chatham's very own Second World War destroyer, will mark her own **'Salute to the '40s'** by firing a 'broadside' using all three of her 4.5" guns at 12.00 noon on **Saturday 15th September**, the first day of the **Salute to the '40s** event.

The last broadsides fired from operational Royal Navy ships were by HMS LONDON as she returned to the UK before paying off in February 1982 and HMS ZULU on paying off in 1984. Three rounds will be fired from A, B and Y guns on board HMS CAVALIER by the Historic Naval Gun Crew, a group of re-enactor volunteers who have assisted in restoring the ship's guns and who will also re-create Captain's Defaulters and bring the ship to life over the weekend of the **Salute to the '40s** event.

HMS CAVALIER was one of ninety-six war emergency destroyers built for the Royal Navy during the Second World War. Awarded the Battle Honour **'Arctic 1945'** for operations off northern Norway and in support of the homebound-wood Russian convoy RA64,

CAVALIER later operated in the Western Approaches, undertaking duties which included the high-speed escort of the liners-turned-troopships RMS Queen Mary and RMS Queen Elizabeth. HMS CAVALIER, together with an adjacent bronze monument is now the **National Destroyer Memorial 1939-1945** marking the very special contribution made by these ships and the men who served in them

Tickets are now on sale with discounts for advanced purchases and **Historic Dockyard** 12 month ticket holders. The new two-day tickets offer exceptional value for money. Go to www.thedockyard.co.uk/salutetothef40s for details. Salute to the '40s is sponsored by **BAE Systems** and supported by **Best of British Magazine** and **Kent Messenger Group**.



CANTERBURY cathedral

VOICE TRIALS for boys aged 7 & 8 10th November 2012

Substantial scholarships are awarded and choristers enjoy the superb and extensive facilities of St Edmund's School. The Master of Chorists, David Flood, is always pleased to meet and advise parents and their sons.

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Miss Ophelia by **Het Fillaal** 31 Oct - 7 Nov ★★★★★ *The Herald*

Through lively storytelling, imaginative puppetry and a beautiful score, this show brings to life the book **Ophelia's Shadow** Theatre by **Michael Ende** (author of **The Never Ending Story**). For children aged 6+

All tickets £8.50 barbican.org.uk

Welcome to the new term and Open Day Season!

St Lawrence College October Open Days are a great opportunity for families to take an informal look around and see what the School has to offer:
Friday 5th October
 Nursery & Junior School Open

Day (3-11 years)
Saturday 6th October
 Senior School Open Day (11-18 years)

From 'ABC' to A Levels **St Lawrence College** can offer continuity of education from 3-18 years, or the flexibility for you to choose independent education for just part of your child's schooling. *ISI Inspection Report, November 2011:*

Nursery: "Outcomes for children in the Early Years Foundation Stage are outstanding."

Junior School: "Pupils of all abilities achieve highly, in all aspects of their learning, at all stages of the school."

Senior School: "The quality of the teaching throughout the school is excellent".

If you have never been inside an independent school or think 'it's not for my family' - why not take a look at what you're missing? Everyone is welcome.

Junior School:
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Bromley High Girls aiming higher!

It felt like an Olympic medal ceremony at **Bromley High School** as the U6th opened their envelopes to find out whether all their hard work and determination had paid off when they received their A level results. They need not have worried - the results were fantastic and testament to the hard work, commitment and enthusiasm for their studies that has been the hallmark of this U6th year. 21% of all grades were at A*, some three times the national average for 2011. 42% of girls scored only A and A* grades, with the total of A and A* grades numbering 63% across all the subjects and 85% A* to B. Subjects as diverse as Art, Physics, Economics, Music, Photography and the Extended Project Qualification gained 100% A* and A grades, assuring that the U6th leavers will be enjoying success in a wide range of university subjects on some prestigious courses from Law, to English and physics, when they begin their degree courses in the autumn.

Special congratulations to **Audrey Bellis**, who, after only one year of study in the UK secured two A* and an A grade, to **Ellen Cheetham** who, with her 4 A* grades will be taking up her places to read Geography at Oxford in the autumn, and to the outstanding musical duo of **Sarah Phillips** and **Amy Yule**, who between them achieved 6 A* and 2 A grades in subjects including maths, chemistry and, of course, music. Very well done also to Charlotte Adolpho, Lucy Botham, Emma Cochrane, Ashana Gupta, Mariha Hamid, Clare Skinner, Johanna Raghu and Leanna Ruprai, all of whom have secured places to study medicine, veterinary or dentistry courses at university. The school wishes them every success with their future study.

Head, **Louise Simpson** said; "We could not be happier with the girls' outstanding achievements. Achieving top scores at A level has many parallels with the world of success in sport; it takes enormous commitment and

dedication from the girls first and foremost, but also from their teachers, parents and friends who support and encourage them and help to make these successes reality. It is easy to forget just what a long haul the journey to success at A level is and we congratulate every one of the girls on their individual successes, wherever their destination in life, these grades will open the door to the next step for them and will allow them to pursue their dreams and ambitions, and we wish them luck as we wave them on their way!"

How many candidates took A levels 50
 How many entries for A levels 155
 Pass Rate A* to E 100%
 Pass Rate A* to C 99.4%
 % getting at least one A or A* 78%
 % getting at least two A or A* 60%
 % getting at least three A or A* 44%
 % getting at least four A or A* 12%

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Increasing numbers of children are being diagnosed with an autistic spectrum condition. Support and access to information tend to operate during the mornings or afternoons when most fathers are at work and this leaves father somewhat isolated. **The Fathers Club** have eve meeting contact John Franklin john_e_franklin@hotmail.com

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New tools for volunteers at community garden



Volunteers at Stream Walk Community Garden show off their new tools, thanks to an Awards for All lottery grant. Generous volunteers have donated large tools bought from boot fairs in the past, but the group was desperately short of small tools for weeding and planting, as well as cutting back the hedges and keeping...

the grass edges tidy. The group Transition Town Whitstable successfully got the Big Lottery grant earlier this year and works together with staff from Kent Enterprise Trust to run sessions at the garden.

Anyone can come along and join in the sessions and will

be shown how to grow veg, flowers and fruit and get fit at the same time. The grant will also be paying for volunteers to get first aid training, buy timber to build raised beds, build an outdoor classroom and a polytunnel.

Kent Enterprise Trust 01222 844475.

Back to school with a Bang!

Before they've even left the classroom for the summer holidays, kids will be dreaming of shiny shoes, freshly sharpened new pencils and the coolest backpack for the new term in September.

Stock up on back to school equipment and fashion essentials before the big rush.

At the premium shopping destination www.AlexandAlexa.com they've scoured the globe to bring parents and their kids the top trends and fashionable back to school finds that really make the grade, meaning little ones are preparing and raring to go for the new school year.

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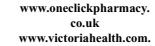
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Daily London Dungeon London 020 7403 7221 Vengeance: The UK's first 5D laser ride

Daily Tower of London Tower Hill London 0844 4822 7799 Fit for a King exhibition learn about the personalities, power & physical side of England's kings, from the Tudors, & the notorious Henry VIII to today's royal family.

Daily London Zoo Regent's Park London 020 7222 3333 Rainforest Life Exhibit, experience the sights, sounds, smells of the rainforest & come face to face with amazing rainforest species including monkeys, sloth, armadillo, tamandua plus there's a special Night Life area, where you'll discover bats, rats & other nocturnal creatures that dwell in the dark.

16 Sept London Zoo Stampede 10K charity run will take runners past some of the world's most amazing animals, including western lowland gorilla & a mob of meerkats & lots more, www.zsl.org/stampede

Daily National Army Museum 020 7730 0717 www.national-army-museum.ac.uk - Victorian Soldier Action Zone with quizzes, games & hands on activities to help your learn about life as a Victorian soldier, FREE. Daily The World's Army, Empire, Commonwealth & Dominion Soldiers 1914-45 Action Zone family interactive zone, FREE. Daily Kids Zone, interactive learning & play space for under 10's plus a soft play area for babies.

Daily The Queen's Gallery Buckingham Palace 020 7766 7301 activity bags for families, find out which animals the adventurers shared the Antarctic and what early explorers wore to protect themselves from the cold.

Ongoing Royal Mews Buckingham Palace 020 7766 7302 Family groups may explore a range of self directed activities from the art trolley, 5-11yrs.

Ongoing Churchill War Rooms Clive Steps King Charles Street 020 7930 6961 Undercover, Life in Churchill's bunker, learn what life & conditions were like underground & experience the authenticity & emotional resonance of walking through the corridors where Churchill made history.

Every Sun Venn Street Market, Clapham Common 020 7202 8259 Now with new small independent producers taking part to include The Garlic Farm, Market Gourmet which produces Mitchella quality foods ready made, Seriously Italian & lots more, 10-4pm.

Every Sun National Gallery www.nationalgallery.org.uk 020 7747 2885 Family workshops for families bringing paintings alive & listening to a themed story on the magic carpet, plus FREE family trail.

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Every Wed Heaven at Nutfield www.heaven-nutfield.com. Science Shows interactive gallery which will allow visitors to launch a rocket, turn their head into a sound box & control a magnetic cloud for families, FREE. Daily Gallery Tours, families 13+yrs, FREE.

Every Thurs until 25 Oct London Imax Cinema South Bank Waterloo 020 7928 3555 Young Filmmakers After School Course, from stop motion animation to special effects & everything in between, 9-14yrs, 9 Sept Thames Festival Funday: Peppa Pig & Ben & Holly's Little Kingdom, available for fans of the shows to come & learn about how they are made & watch Peppa & her friends in the big screen plus Peppa Pig workshop in the foyer.

Every 2nd Sat of month National Geographic Store 83-97 Regent Street 020 7025 6960 Animal Man comes face to face with slithering snakes, slimy insects & smelly skunks. Meet a wide variety of animals to include owls, lizards, tortoises, armadillos, meerkats & lots more, hands led by AnimalMan Nick Spellman

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through touch, interaction & collaboration, all ages, FREE. Every weekend Art Trolley sessions encourages children to imagine & create collages & lots more, FREE. Every Weekend Children's Multimedia Guide fun & interactive a sensory experience for all the family to enjoy, 5+yrs. Daily Family Resources provides questions & activities which encourage children & families to explore art works, FREE. Daily Family Trails, under 5's, FREE.

Until 16 Sept Science Museum Exhibition Rd London 0870 870 4868 Last chance to see Animal Inside Out. 28 Sept Science Uncovered open evening & discover the science that goes on behind the scenes, families, 14+yrs. Until 31 Oct Wildlife Garden, FREE. Launched by Science Shows interactive gallery which will allow visitors to launch a rocket, turn their head into a sound box & control a magnetic cloud for families, FREE. Daily Gallery Tours, families 13+yrs, FREE.

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12-14,19-21,26-28 Sept The Scoop South Bank 020 7403 4866 Riverside amphitheatre screening a mix of classic, cult & contemporary films rarely shown elsewhere, no need to book, seats allocated on a first come first basis, FREE. Cushions are available for hire & you may bring your own food & drink (no glasses), www.morelondon.com/thescop

14-23 Sept Victoria & Albert Museum 020 7942 2000 Make it: Create A Fashion Collection, 10-12yrs, 14-23 Sept London Design Festival with workshops seminars & talks, FREE, 30 Sept Big Draw, Big Make, activities to include crown making workshops led by Mister Maker (as seen on CBeebies) talks by artists & designers such as Quentin Baker & pop up studios where visitors can take part in challenges from fashion illustration to designing fountains, FREE some events require advance booking via www.vam.ac.uk/whats-on

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16 Sept Royal Festival Hall Belvedere Road London 0870 380 4200 Planet Earth Live. 20-23 Sept Giffry Ceramics London 020 7739 9893 Ceramics in the City: A Selling Fair, browse & buy talk to the ceramists & watch FREE demonstrations.

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