



# Gazette

November 24th 2017

This week we didn't welcome any new students. Everybody is getting ready for Christmas now and we expect to host a lot of groups in the new year. Roll on the school Christmas party!

We also sadly have to say goodbye to 3 students this week, Abdullah from Saudi Arabia, Estelle from Italy and Daniella from Italy. It still never gets easy to say goodbye to friends and colleagues.

## Academic News

We will be delighted to welcome two Italian students next week who will be doing our internship programme. As well as having English lessons in the morning, Alberto and Francesco will be doing a work placement in two local companies. We offer this programme all year round, so if you want to improve your English and acquire some work-related skills at the same time, this is the option for you!



## Some of our new students!

Just a reminder that our Self-Study room, Turner, is open at the following times:

Monday - Friday:  
8.45-9.30, 11.00-11.30,  
13.00-17.30.

## Picture of the week

Abdulaziz and Abdullah enjoying fish and chips night!



## Phrase of the Week

**“see for yourself”**

**Meaning:** We use this expression to tell someone to look at something so they will believe us

*Example: “Justin’s got a new car, it’s an Audi A3 convertible”*

*“never”*

*“Come to the car park and see for yourself”*

## Phrasal Verb of the Week

**“fire up”**

**Meaning:** to create enthusiasm or excitement, usually amongst a group of people or a crowd

*Example:*

*“The coach fired up his players with a half-time team talk and they tried much harder in the second half”*



## Cambridge 2017



This year saw Robin lead a number of different groups around Cambridge. If you didn't know, Robin is one of our brilliant teachers and is an expert historian. Highlights included Jack taking our two lovely Colombian students, Luis and Juan on a personal tour of Cambridge and Robin just generally being a brilliant tour guide as the student feedback always states!

## Oxford 2017



Again Robin took lots of groups of students to Oxford. Having grown up in the city Robin is also an expert on all things Oxford. The highlight was taking part in the Oxford Fun Run, thanks to Michael, Meshari, Weiqi, Beatriz, Rene and Ahmed. It was also great to see Ayoub in Oxford. Ayoub was a former student doing an internship in Oxford.

## Canterbury 2017



Every second Friday, Faizal or Jack took students to the historical city of Canterbury. With great shops, historical landmarks and a diverse and multi-cultural population Canterbury is always a winner. Highlights included Faizal explaining the conspiracy theory of how Marlowe and Shakespeare could have been the same person! Might have gone over a few heads that one! Another highlight was Faizal taking our good friend and group leader Annika on a boat tour!



## This Week's Trips:

### Friday-Sandwich



Take the minibus with Adam to the medieval town of Sandwich. The place where 'the sandwich was born' it is a must see for all those who like historical churches, cobbled streets and a quintessential British feel. Sandwich was known as a 'cinque port' and still has many original medieval buildings. Sandwich also gave its name to the bread snack by way of John Montagu, 4th Earl of Sandwich. The word Sandwich is now found in many languages. Sandwich also has many quaint and unique shops.

### Saturday trip - Unaccompanied

On Saturday there is no official school trip but students can speak to Faizal on reception who is happy to help them organise a trip of their choice—this could be London or Canterbury maybe.



## Upcoming Events in Thanet:

### Christmas Lights Switch on

@ Ramsgate Town Centre,  
26th November

Get in the Christmas spirit by watching the traditional turning on of the Christmas lights in Ramsgate. Attractions will include a children's choir, pantomime personalities, a snow machine, Santa's grotto for the kids and a craft fair and charity stalls. Don't miss out on what should be a special evening.



### The Nutcracker

@ Theatre Royal, Margate.  
30th November

One of Tchaikovsky's most famous compositions and a popular Christmas ballet presentation, The Nutcracker will be brought to life by the Ballet Theatre UK.



## Tracey Emin, My Bed and JMW Turner

@Dreamland, Margate,  
13th Oct-14th Jan



Tracey Emin's iconic and controversial installation *My Bed* will be on display alongside a collection of JMW Turner's seascapes and stormy skies, loaned from Tate's collection and chosen by the artist.

## What's on at the Hawley Club ?

On **Monday**, come to a table tennis tournament and games from 19:45.

On **Tuesday**, in the evening it's micro pub tour!

On **Wednesday**, we're going to dance salsa in the evening

On **Thursday**, tennis tournament and games and then to Karaoke

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#### SAFETY TIPS:

Below are some tips and hints from our local community police officer to help ensure a safe and enjoyable stay when you are abroad in a foreign country:

Use public transport to get around, especially at night. After midnight we recommend using a **taxi** for getting around. **01843 888888** is the phone number for a reliable taxi company called 'Central Cars'.

Please be careful when you are 'out and about' in Margate, the town is no more dangerous than any other in Europe and beyond but it pays to be sensible.

Walk on footpaths facing on-coming traffic. You can see what's coming & makes it harder for cars to drive up behind you unnoticed.

Never leave property unattended - property can be stolen. Make sure you don't carry large amounts of money with you. Try and keep cash in different pockets where possible.

Do not display your iPhones, stay on well-lit roads and keep together in groups.

Keep your pin code hidden when taking cash at an ATM or paying by card in shops. Do not feel obliged to stop and talk to people if approached.

If you're in trouble, phone the police AS SOON AS POSSIBLE on **999**. Say this may be an 'Op Columbus' incident.