

# THRIFTWOOD COLLEGE

## SUMMER NEWSLETTER

JULY 2025



### Message from Ms.Walker

#### **What an incredible year it's been!**

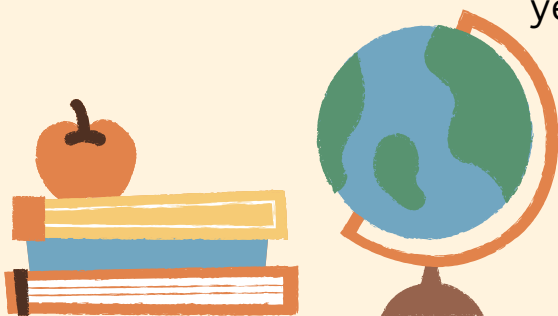
As we look back on the past months, it's clear that our staff and students have achieved so much together. It has been an absolute privilege to witness their growth, resilience, and success throughout the year.

None of this would be possible without the dedication of our brilliant staff team, the continued support of our parents and carers, and—above all—our fantastic students. Your collective commitment is what makes our college such a special and inspiring place to be. A personal highlight for me this year has been seeing our students push themselves beyond their comfort zone—whether through residential, Duke of Edinburgh expeditions, or work experience placements—and succeed. Watching their confidence grow and their pride in their own achievements has been truly memorable.

A big thank you as well for the thoughtful treats and gifts you've sent in—they've been very much enjoyed and appreciated by all.

As we head into the holidays, I wish you and your families a restful, joyful break. Enjoy the well-deserved time off, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for the exciting year ahead.

*L. Walker*



## Qualifications

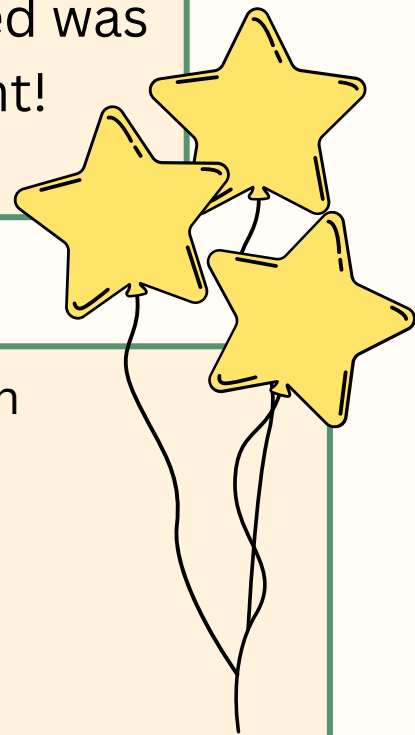
Our students have sat a variety of exams this year. This has included exams in English and Maths, ranging from entry level up to GCSE. Many students have also sat the Digital Functional Skills exams. A group of KS5 students have completed their Sports Leader award.

We are incredibly proud of them. Well done!



## Duke of Edinburgh

23 of our students completed the practical component of the DofE award on 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> July. It was on some of the hottest days of the year. The resilience and determination they displayed was immense. What a fantastic achievement!



## Events

It has been a busy term. Our students have taken part in many events, trips and visits. These have included:

- practice interviews
- summer ball
- leavers' day
- Kingswood
- visit to the air ambulance
- careers visit to Brentwood Community Hospital
- football tournament







# Thank you

A big thank you to the Sims family at Meatline for generously donating all the meat for the BBQ at the Summer Ball.  
It was delicious!




Billericay Mayflower Rotary Club have generously donated £2,500 to help us enrich our offer. We will be purchasing new audio equipment to enhance our amazing Open Mic night and the Performing Arts curriculum.



## OFSTED

Ofsted visited us on the 15th & 16th of July. Our students coped extremely well with the process and truly showed their best selves. We are incredibly proud of how they conducted themselves and interacted so positively with unfamiliar visitors, demonstrating confidence, kindness, and maturity throughout.



Students return  
to college on 2<sup>nd</sup>  
September.