

New Offers

Kent's Big Writing Challenge

Primary and Secondary Offer

We want children and young people to tell us about their local heroes, of all shapes and sizes, in entries of up to 500 words. Entries can be co-written with another child or young person, or individual, with a maximum of 3 writers for every entry. Stories can be about real local heroes or can be fictional. There are three different age categories: key stage 1, key stage 2, and key stages 3 and 4. The deadline for entries is **31st May 2022**.

There will be district winners for each category and three overall category winners. Winners will be presented with awards at a ceremony at Canterbury Cathedral on 30th August 2022, where all will receive a framed certificate and a commemorative book with all the winning entries. In addition to this, the three overall winners will receive a specially designed glass trophy and KCC will be funding a trip for the individuals' classes. Nick Butterworth, nationally renowned author of the Percy the Park Keeper children's books, will also be attending the awards ceremony.

This may be something that your child will be entered into through their school, but if they would like to take part outside of this, you can submit on their behalf. This is a great opportunity to expand learning in English and Literacy. For more information on how to submit entries, please click here: [KM Charity Team » Kent's BIG Writing Challenge!](#)

Easter Revision Sessions

Secondary Offer

As further support for Year 11 students, Invicta National Academy will be running revision sessions from 11th – 14th April to help young people get some support ahead of their exams.

The subjects and timings are as follows:

- French – 9am
- English – 10am
- Maths – 11am
- Spanish – 12 noon
- History – 1pm
- Chemistry – 2pm
- Biology – 3pm
- Physics – 4pm
- Exam study skills – 5pm

Invicta's teachers and lesson facilitators are qualified professionals and highly experienced in delivering safe, effective interactive teaching. The revision sessions are skills-based and are not specific to any single examination board, however, Invicta's teachers have taken into consideration the advanced information published by the major examination boards relating to this summer's GCSEs.

Pupils can book at: <https://www.invictaacademy.com/eastergcserevision>

For any queries, please contact admin@invictaacademy.com

Design a Natural History Visitor Centre

Secondary Offer

Is your child interested in a career in architecture, engineering, or construction? Do they have a passion for protecting the environment? Then we have a great competition for them to get involved with!

Reconnect have been working with Design Engineer Construct, an organisation helping young people to discover unique pathways into architecture, engineering, and construction careers with the award-winning 'Design Engineer Construct!' (DEC) Learning Programme.

As part of the Reconnect offer, DEC is running a competition to design an exciting Natural History Visitor centre that celebrates the true nature of the Garden of England – a building where everyone can learn about local biodiversity and see how it can shape a greener Built Environment.

This challenge is being run through schools, but if you work in architecture, engineering, or construction you can volunteer and support a local school near your office or project. Register [here](#) if you would like to get involved.

MyPocketSkill – 'Earn, Save, and Learn'

Secondary Offer

Does your teenager want to earn some money around their studies?

MyPocketSkill is an award-winning UK technology company. The vision is to enable young people to financially capable by enabling them to 'Earn, Save, and Learn' about money. This is achieved through a platform that connects young people to skills-building, money-earning opportunities with households and businesses, and supports savings goals using behavioural science-backed nudges to build financial capability. With support from Reconnect, MyPocketSkill is helping to connect young people (13-21) with households and businesses in three different ways:

1. Digital Teens – connecting teens with businesses who require help with digital tasks such as social media management, graphic design, content creation, photography, and website creation.



2. Teen Tutors – connecting teens with households who need coaching for their children. Teen Tutors can tutor in both academic subjects, music coaching, or in things like chess and coding.
3. Teen Sitters – Teens are also able to do babysitting tasks in their local area on weekends or during school holidays.

Access to this platform is being offered to all schools across Kent. If your child would like to sign up, please visit the website: [MyPocketSkill](#).

Kent Children's University Family Membership – 50% Discount

12 months' Kent Children's University family membership – 50% discount until the beginning of September 2022!

Children's University used to be solely a school-based programme but has been opened to families where a child's school is not involved or if the child is electively home educated. With funding from Reconnect, KCU is offering a discounted enrolment fee of £12.50 for the year.

Children and families use Children's University Online to search for fun and enjoyable learning activities that take place outside normal school time. Activities range from trips to tourist destinations, music lessons, sessions in sports clubs, learning a language, and much more. Families can also access a range of free or low-cost materials to complete at home. The list of learning activities is growing so the opportunities are endless.

Learning outside school plays a vital role in helping a child's development as a young learner, confident individual, and a responsible citizen – as well as being vital to their wider wellbeing. That is why KCU work hard to bring together a network of high-quality learning providers to engage children to take part.

[Click here to find out more.](#)



In case you missed it

Home Study Support

Primary and Secondary Offer

Do you think your child would benefit from additional study support from home? Invicta National Academy is running a Home Study Support offer, which provides access to support from a qualified teacher virtually from home. The offer accessible to all pupils in Years 5 and 6 (upper KS2 offer) and all KS4 pupils. Since its launch on 28th February, over 1,000 pupils have registered, with a high attendance across the sessions. Feedback so far has been very positive.

Home Study Support gives virtual access to a qualified teacher two evenings a week for Upper KS2 and KS4 pupils. The sessions next term will start again week commencing 18th April:

- Upper KS2 Maths 5-6pm Tuesday and Thursday
- Upper KS2 English 6-7pm Tuesday and Thursday
- KS4 Maths 5-6pm Tuesday and Thursday
- KS4 Science 6-7pm Tuesday
- KS4 English 6-7pm Thursday

What's On Guide

Reconnect has funded a range of local activities and events for children and young people. Organisations are regularly uploading information about their activities to our What's On Guide. The guide can be found here: [What's On | Local Kent Directory](#) and you can filter it by area, district, date, and type of activity.

Discover more, visit:
kent.gov.uk/reconnect

