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## EXECUTIVE NEWS

We are delighted that the number of Swale Academies Trust schools continues to grow within Eastbourne and beyond. Shinewater Primary School and The Parkland Federation (which consists of Parkland Infant School and Parkland Junior Schools) were joined by Langney Primary Academy in September 2018 making our multi-academy trust one of the largest and strongest locally.

The Eastbourne Academy is also a Swale Secondary School. In addition we also have a growing partnership with The Causeway Secondary School. As most of our Swale primary pupils attend either The Eastbourne Academy or The Causeway Secondary from Year 7 onwards, these links are important to us to ensure smooth transition and progression in learning.

Swale Academies Trust is known for being visionary, innovative and providing investment in its schools. Some of the areas where we are leading the way is in our newly developed **'Computing'** and **'Scholarship Pathway'** programmes.

Swale Academies Trust has recently supported the ongoing development of Computing Suites at all of our Primary Schools and Internet Cafe at Shinewater Primary. A Computing Specialist Leader of Education originally from Langney Primary Academy, is now also teaching at The Parkland Federation. Being the only group of schools to heavily invest in the subject of Computing, the curriculum and use of advanced technology by pupils has been externally recognised as 'cutting edge.'

In addition to the exciting developments in Computing, we have been working strategically behind the scenes to develop a 'Primary Scholars Pathway' which will continue into our Swale Secondary Schools.

In Years 4 and 5, Scholars will be identified in given subject areas. Students may be selected because they excel in Mathematics, English and Science. Alternatively, students may be selected because they demonstrate aptitude in other subjects such as Drama, Music, Dance, Physical Education, History, Languages, Outdoor Education, Public Speaking, Leadership



and more. All Scholars must be on trajectory to show high attainment, within the given subject, at the end of Year 6 and then Year 11 GCSE.

Working with our secondary school colleagues, exciting programmes have been developed for our primary scholars. Selected pupils will be invited to attend either The Eastbourne Academy or The Causeway Secondary on a weekly basis. At the end of the term, parents will be invited to a presentation where pupils' work will be showcased. Twice a year, Scholars Award Ceremonies will also take place to recognise Scholars' achievements and efforts. The vision is that Year 6 Scholars will be able to continue with the Secondary Scholars Pathway, should they choose to attend a Swale Secondary School.

In response to end of key stage data and next steps from school inspections, the 'Primary Scholars Pathway' has been developed to ensure our highest attaining children are suitably challenged and achieve their potential. Please remember that all pupils, regardless of ability, already receive wide-ranging experiences and opportunity as part of each school's existing rich curriculum. **Every** child is always fully supported to achieve their maximum potential.

Thank you for your continued support with these exciting new initiatives. We are proud that your child is part of our Swale family of schools.

Best Wishes,

**Mrs. J.G. Prentice**

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