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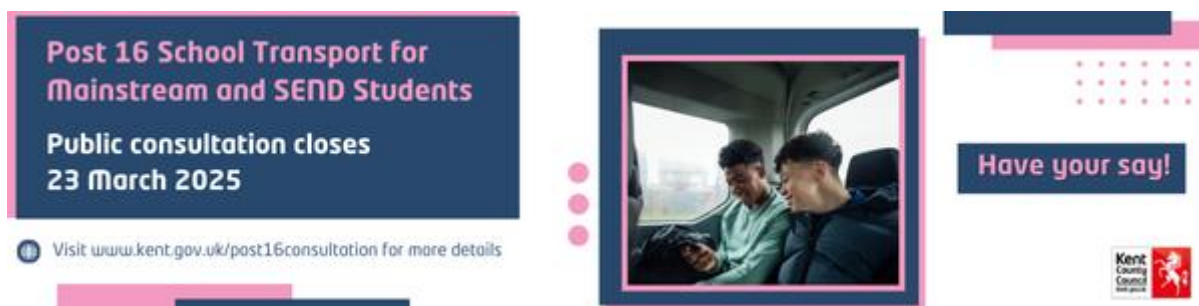
Dear Parents

A couple of items for your consideration, both relate to external agencies.

Post 16 School Transport Consultation

KCC are inviting comments on draft Post 16 Transport Policy Statements for 2025-26 and 2026-27 academic years. The Statement for 2026-27, which includes support for 19+ learners with SEND proposes a number of changes and we want learning providers, parents and students to be able to consider these and tell us their views.

More information can be found on the consultation webpage www.kent.gov.uk/post16consultation
Consultation closes 23 March.



Department for Education study Growing Up in the 2020s

“Knole Academy has been notified that one or more pupils in Year 8 have been selected to take part in a new national study of young people in England attending secondary school, and their families. By following young people and their families over time, the study aims to provide a contemporary understanding of how young people’s school, home life and relationships shape their attainment, wellbeing, and post-16 destinations. The study focuses on the opportunities and challenges facing young people during an important time in their lives and when the effects of the pandemic are still being felt by some.”

“For the first stage of the study, the research organisation Ipsos will be sending letters to the parents or guardians of the selected young people at their home address, from January 2025. Ipsos interviewers will arrange interviews with parents and young people at their home address, if they agree to take part. The information posted to families will list the various ways to get in touch with the study team, should they have questions about participating or opting out.

With permission from the young person and their parent/carer, we will ask a pupil’s form tutor or nominated teacher to complete a short online survey to get a more detailed picture about how they are getting on at your school. Ipsos will get in touch with the teachers directly later this year, explaining how they can take part in the teacher survey.”



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Knole Academy is not involved in the organisation of this research and the chosen students will be contacted directly. We have been asked to provide reassurance that this is an official DfE study.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David Collins", written in a cursive style.

David Collins