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**BROMPTON ACADEMY****NEWSLETTER**

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TERM 3/FEBRUARY 2024

## MINI SCHOOL UPDATE

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The ePraise rewards system has seen a large increase in REACH points being rewarded in lessons, during competitions, and attending sports clubs.

This term, we have opened the school shop on two extra days so students can now spend their points on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday lunchtimes.

Over 200 students spent their points on the raffle prizes available and there has been over 500 purchases in the school shop since it has been restocked with new items at the start of term.

Each term, we congratulate Mini School students for achieving the highest amounts of points in a single term (Term 3). The winning Mini School this term received a large bag of Haribo's.

Congratulations to **Darwin Mini School** for winning Term 3!

## MINI SCHOOL LEADER BOARD RESULTS

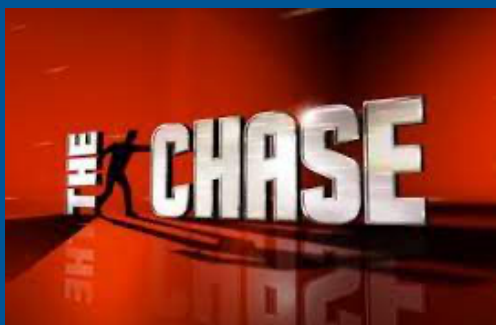
MINI SCHOOL	POSITION
DARWIN	1ST
RUTHERFORD	2ND
TURING	3RD

<b>KEYNES</b>	<b>4TH</b>
<b>WOOLF</b>	<b>5TH</b>

## MINI SCHOOL COMPETITIONS

### THE CHASE

On Tuesday 30th January 2024, the Heads of Mini Schools organised a competition based around the TV show 'The Chase'.



The Chase is a quiz with a difference. Mini School teams must pit their wits against the Chaser (Heads of Mini Schools), a ruthless quiz genius determined to stop them winning the REACH points prize of 100 points for their Mini School.

It was a brilliant game show hosted by Mr May and led by Mr Willders. There were up to 8 students representing their Mini School to beat the Chasers.

It was a close competition amongst the mini schools.

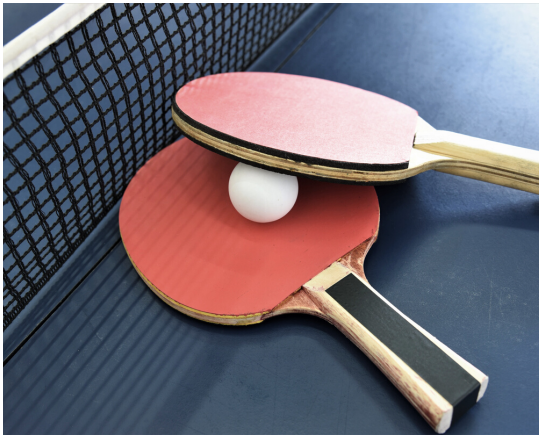
### THE RESULTS

<b>1st</b>	<b>Rutherford</b>
<b>2nd</b>	<b>Woolf</b>
<b>3rd</b>	<b>Keynes</b>
<b>4th</b>	<b>Turing</b>
<b>5th</b>	<b>Darwin</b>

## MINI SCHOOL TABLE TENNIS COMPETITION

On Tuesday 16th January 2024, students from Year 7 and Year 8 competed in a very entertaining afternoon of table tennis. Students were keen to score more Mini School points to win this term. It was a very close competition and it was apparent that students were applying their skills they have learned in their PE lessons into the competition.

The event was very well attended with around 50 students participating.



On Thursday 18th January 2024, Year 9, Year 10, and Year 11 students participated in the tournament. It was an exciting event, with some experienced table tennis players across all Mini Schools. The tactical knowledge was being applied into games with students clearly thinking about placements of serves and shots.

It was great to see students applying spin to try and outwit their opponent.

Congratulations to all students who took part.

## THE RESULTS

### Year 7

<b>1st</b>	<b>Darwin</b>
<b>2nd</b>	<b>Woolf</b>
<b>3rd</b>	<b>Rutherford</b>
<b>4th</b>	<b>Turing</b>
<b>5th</b>	<b>Keynes</b>

### Year 8

<b>1st</b>	<b>Keynes</b>
<b>2nd</b>	<b>Darwin</b>
<b>3rd</b>	<b>Turing</b>
<b>4th</b>	<b>Woolf</b>
<b>5th</b>	<b>Rutherford</b>

### Year 9

<b>1st</b>	<b>Darwin</b>
<b>2nd</b>	<b>Turing</b>
<b>3rd</b>	<b>Keynes</b>
<b>4th</b>	<b>Woolf</b>
<b>5th</b>	<b>Rutherford</b>

### Year 10 and Year 11

<b>1st</b>	<b>Rutherford</b>
<b>2nd</b>	<b>Turing</b>
<b>3rd</b>	<b>Woolf</b>
<b>4th</b>	<b>Keynes</b>
<b>5th</b>	<b>Darwin</b>

All students were a credit to their Mini School and achieved three community points for participation.

# MINI SCHOOL ELIOT CENTRE BADMINTON COMPETITION

Each term, the Academy holds a Mini School competition for Eliot Centre students. This term the event was badminton!

Students from Year 7 to Year 11 represented their Mini School fantastically, competing in a series of games to see who could be crowned the Badminton Mini School Champions!

A huge congratulations to all students who participated in the event.



## THE RESULTS

<b>1st</b>	<b>Darwin</b>	<b>100 points</b>
<b>1st</b>	<b>Keynes</b>	<b>100 points</b>
<b>3rd</b>	<b>Woolf</b>	<b>80 points</b>
<b>4th</b>	<b>Turning</b>	<b>70 points</b>
<b>5th</b>	<b>Rutherford</b>	<b>60 points</b>

## RUTHERFORD MINI SCHOOL FUNDRAISING EVENT

On Thursday 8th February 2024, Rutherford Mini School students raised money for the amazing charity 'My Shining Star', a children's cancer charity based in Medway that supports families through incredibly tough times.

The students planned and organised ten stalls selling various items, which also included some fun activities for the rest of the Academy community to take part in during lunchtime.

The charity project included the following topics to focus on in the build-up to the event:

- Fundraiser - planning the event step by step and budgeting to make a profit.

- Gathering fundraising ideas.
- Making a decision on the best idea to lead with.
- Providing roles and responsibilities to individuals in the group.
- Budget for costing and make items for the stalls.
- Stall and fundraising preparation – design, create, advertise, posters etc.

Students have learnt many valuable skills on this journey:

- Gratification.
- Leadership.
- Teamwork.
- Resilience.
- Financial skills.
- Entrepreneurial (business skills).

Well done to all the students and thank you to those who contributed to the event.

Special thank you to Mr Webster and Rutherford Mini School Tutors for supporting the students on this journey.

To find out further information on My Shining Star, please visit the following link:  
<https://myshiningstar.co.uk/>



## TERM 3 MINI SCHOOL REWARD ASSEMBLIES

During the last week of term, we held our termly Mini School assemblies that recognise students that have gone above and beyond to support their peers or have done something that requires extra recognition.

Each Mini School had a separate celebration assembly which consisted of all year groups within the Mini School to come together and celebrate the success and achievements of individuals, groups, and classes for both in school and out of school activities.

Assemblies included:

- Overall update of the current winning Mini School leaderboard (Terms 1, 2, and 3) – all ePraise points added up.
- Termly winning Mini School leaderboard – **Darwin are our winners** – all students received a large bag of Haribo's.

- Termly Mini School tutor group of the term – Five Mini School groups will be awarded with a pizza party next term.
- Termly Tutees of the Term Award – All Mini School tutor groups nominated a student who has gone above and beyond supporting their Mini School – students were awarded chocolates.
- Raffle winners and prizes presented to students with gift cards – There were over £200 worth of prizes won!
- Attendance prizes – The top five students from each Mini School will be entered into a raffle. The winners will receive a £10 voucher each.
- Summary of the Mini School competition results for the term.



All assemblies were extremely vibrant recognising students success and achievements, with many awards being given out this term.

## REWARDS - EPRAISE SYSTEM

All students have access to the reward app called ePraise which is personalised for the Academy. The app is easily accessible and available to all students and staff. Within the ePraise system, students can view REACH points, achievement badges, leader boards, virtual certificates, timetables, their student bio, after school clubs, activities, raffle rewards and donations towards local charities.

Students can earn individual REACH points for personal efforts and team points for competing and/or supporting the Academy community.

Staff reward students that demonstrate our Academy ethos: Resilience, Equality, Aspiration, Community and Happiness. Points are extremely valuable and are only distributed to students that staff feel have gone above and beyond in their learning.

Students can spend points on items from the Academy reward shop, enter raffles for larger termly items (such as Apple AirPods, and this term, a £100 Love to Shop voucher), or donate a proportion of their points to a cash value for charity. Students can also suggest other prizes and items too. Raffle prizes can be viewed on students iPads.

## RAFFLE PRIZES TERMS 1 - 6

### INDIVIDUAL REWARDS

#### SCHOOL SHOP - EPRAISE



#### DONATE TO YOUR CHARITY



#### LARGE RAFFLE ENTRIES - 15POINTS

- T1** APPLE AIRPODS 
- T2** £100 LOVE TO SHOP VOUCHER 
- T3** £100 WORTH OF ITEMS OF YOUR CHOICE
- T4** 1 YEAR SUBSCRIPTION SPOTIFY 
- T5** X10 CHOICE (WORTH £300) 
- T6** £100 LOVE TO SHOP VOUCHER 

#### SMALL RAFFLE EVERY TERM - 10POINTS

- £10 LOVE TO SHOP VOUCHER 
- NINJA WARRIOR 
- FLIPOUT CENTRE 
- ODEON TICKETS 
- PIZZA PARTY YOU + 3 FRIENDS 
- ICE RINK - YOU + FRIEND 
- CHATHAM BOWL £20 VOUCHER 
- £20 Nandos's 



# MINI SCHOOL COMPETITION CALENDAR

TERM 1	TERM 2	TERM 3
<b>SPELLING BEE</b> Tuesday 10th October ALL	<b>XMAS MINI SCHOOL FORTUNES</b> Tuesday 5th December ALL	<b>THE CHASE</b> Tuesday 30th January ALL
<b>NETBALL</b> Year 7&8 Tuesday 3rd October Year 9-11 Thursday 5th October	<b>BADMINTON</b> Year 9-11 Tuesday 12th December Year 7&8 Thursday 14th December	<b>TABLE TENNIS</b> Year 7&8 Tuesday 23rd January Year 9-11 Thursday 25th January
TERM 4	TERM 5	TERM 6
<b>BROMPTON'S MASTERCHEF</b> Year 7&8 Tuesday 5th March Year 9-11 Tuesday 12th March	<b>PUBLIC SPEAKING</b> Tuesday 14th May ALL	<b>SPORTS DAY</b> Year 7&8 July 16th July Year 9-11 July 17th July
<b>DODGEBALL</b> Year 9-11 Tuesday 19th March Year 7&8 Thursday 23st March	<b>FOOTBALL</b> Year 7&8 Tuesday 7th May Year 9-11 Thursday 9th May	

MINI SCHOOL EVENTS CALENDER 2023-2024

# ELIOT CENTRE COMPETITION CALENDAR

TERM 1	TERM 2	TERM 3
<b>FOOTBALL</b> TUESDAY 3RD OCTOBER (P6 - ASTROTURF)	<b>BENCHBALL</b> WEDNESDAY 6TH DECEMBER (P6 - SPORTS HALL)	<b>BADMINTON</b> WEDNESDAY 31ST JANUARY (P6 - SPORTS HALL)
		
TERM 4	TERM 5	TERM 6
<b>BROMPTON'S BAKE OFF</b> TUESDAY 5TH MARCH P5 & 6 (FOOD TECH)	<b>DODGEBALL</b> WEDNESDAY 15TH MAY (P6 - SPORTS HALL)	<b>SPORTS DAY</b> Year 7&8 July 16th July Year 9-11 July 17th July
		

ELIOT MINI SCHOOL EVENTS CALENDER 2023-2024

All students can sign up to Term 4 competitions by speaking to their Head of Mini School during Mini School tutoring (period 4).

# HEADS OF MINI SCHOOL



Jacqueline  
Joseph-Brown

Derek  
Swan

Josh  
Webster

Emma  
Waterman

Jason  
Willders

If you require any support regarding the Mini School system or tutoring, please contact Robert Denness, Associate Assistant Principal, by emailing [robertdenness@universityofkentacademiustrust.org.uk](mailto:robertdenness@universityofkentacademiustrust.org.uk) or alternatively by emailing one of the above Heads of Mini School.

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## SPORTS LEADERS

This year, Brompton Academy have created a sports leaders program that celebrates students who go above and beyond in their PE lessons and show a potential to be future leaders in sport.

We currently have nine sports leaders on the program at the Acaemy and they have received their own PE top to celebrate their commitment. This PE top has sports leader printed on the back and their initials on the front to mirror uniform that coaches wear in sports.

Sports leaders are responsible for supporting their peers in lessons through our ten core values that we have practiced in our training sessions after school. This includes understanding how we can support others, the barriers we may face, and how to overcome them so that everyone in the lesson experiences success.

We also have had the opportunity to send two of our sports leaders on to a volunteer training course to further improve their skills and to help with sporting events outside of the Academy, which is an excellent responsibility.



For the programme to progress, the PE team are always looking to recruit new sports leaders through promoting what it takes to be a sports leader in lessons and the values that need to be demonstrated. We are currently looking for new sports leaders to join the program in Term 4. If this is something that students are keen to be a part of, they must ensure they have strong work ethic and positive attitude in lessons!

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# LIBRARY NEWS

## BUILDING OUR READING CULTURE

During Term 3, staff have been sharing what they are reading with students. Students are encouraged to ask staff for their recommendations and to look out for posters around the Academy.

Mrs Baker Moss is reading  
**The Way of Dog**  
by Zana Fraillon



[imreading.link/y7wj](https://imreading.link/y7wj)



## JOURNALLING GROUP

Our journalling group has proven to be a welcome addition to the fabulous after-school activities in the Library. Students are creating some amazing personal journals featuring doodles, writing, drawings, photos, tickets, washi tape, poetry, jokes, cards, sweet wrappers, leaves and stickers. Each one is completely unique. A great alternative to online scrolling!

Materials are provided and everyone enjoys adding their own special touch.

The group meet on Mondays at the end of the Academy day and welcome new journalers. Pop along and join in!



# BOOK TRUST - BOOKBUZZ

Our Librarian, Mrs Baker Moss, has been supporting on the Book Trust Bookbuzz panels to help read and select hundreds of books to chose from in academic year 2024/2025.

Mrs Baker Moss commented, "This has been an amazing experience to learn and help shape the programme for future readers".



# READING FORCE



The Brompton Academy Library is working with Reading Force, which supplies FREE books to children from forces families to create Book Clubs, to help students new to the Academy to settle in and be a part of the community.

Established students can also benefit from socialising and connecting with other students with shared experiences.

Reading Force also offer journals and scrap books for younger family members.

If students are interested in taking part, please contact our Librarian by emailing [Office@universityofkentacademiustrust.org.uk](mailto:Office@universityofkentacademiustrust.org.uk) - the more the merrier!

We cannot wait to host our first Forces Families Book Club!

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# CAREERS CORNER

The Careers Hub has had a busy term with a number of events and planning for future events.

The Careers Business Networking Breakfasts are as popular as ever, with students from all year groups attending. In January's breakfast meeting, the students had the opportunity to engage with a Finance Manager, an Orthopaedic Surgeon, and a Senior Manager from a scaffolding company. The students were all engaged and interested in listening to the speakers and asked relevant questions. The speakers were all impressed with the maturity the students showed when interacting with them.



## CAREER OF THE MONTH

Our Career of the Month for February is a quantity surveyor. Each month, posters and information are displayed around the Academy, with information about different careers. The key skills required are highlighted, along with available apprenticeships and local job opportunities.

## CAREERS FAIR

During National Apprenticeship Week, the Academy held their annual Careers Fair.

It was an amazing event with over 30 employers, higher education establishments, and training providers attending to make the day a great success. All students across the Academy got the opportunity to attend and engage in meaningful conversations with the guests, whilst being able to explore the options open to them post 16.

Some of the employers and training providers had live vacancies and apprenticeships that the students could apply for on the day, and some of the Year 11 and UKAT Sixth Form students applied and are waiting to hear back after submitting their applications.



## NEXT TERM

During Term 4, we have many more events planned, which includes a visit from The Army for our Year 9 students. Various colleges will be visiting for our Year 10 students and there will be a visit from an apprenticeship company to talk to our Year 11 students.

National Careers Week is coming up in March. Watch this space.....

## STEM COMPETITION - ROCHESTER BRIDGE TRUST

The Rochester Bridge Trust is pleased to offer a donation of £5,000 to support STEM learning to be granted to one school/academy in Medway, Maidstone or Tonbridge and Malling.

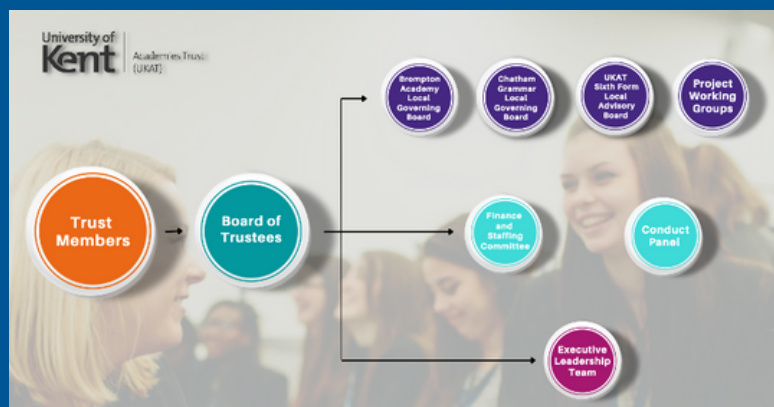
To vote for Brompton Academy, please visit the following link:  
<https://rbt.org.uk/2024/nominate-a-school-to-win-5000/>

## UKAT GOVERNING BOARD UPDATE

The Brompton Academy Governing Board is composed of dedicated individuals committed to ensuring the success and well-being of students at Brompton Academy. The Board works collaboratively with school leadership, teachers, parents, and the community to make informed decisions that contribute to the overall growth and excellence of the Academy.

In an effort to strengthen ties with the Brompton Academy community, the Governing Board are looking to actively work in the future to foster a closer connection with parents, carers, and the wider community. The Board members have demonstrated a commitment to transparency, collaboration, and communication, aiming to create a more inclusive and supportive educational environment for all.

One of the key focuses of the Governing Board is to participate in the day-to-day activities of the Academy. Board members have attended various school events, observed classes, and interacted with both students and staff to gain a first-hand understanding of the Academy's strengths and areas for improvement. This approach reflects the Board's commitment to being hands-on and responsive to the evolving needs of the Academy.



For more information about UKAT Governance, please visit our website  
<https://www.universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk/governance>

## Meet the Governor

### Robert Elms - Parent Governor



I have recently retired from the Regular Army, having been a sapper for 20 years and a training and educational specialist for a further 20 years. I was responsible for running multiple Army Education Centres and have been subject to Ofsted inspections, which I found to be an uncomfortable but ultimately beneficial experience. I was the Chair of the Board of Governors for Lister School in Germany for two years and have been a Governor for Castledown Junior School in Tidworth. I was a Teaching Fellow with Southampton University, teaching teachers to teach, so I understand how educational establishments work. I understand the pressures placed on them by Government, what outstanding classroom practice looks like, as well as the welfare wrap needed to set young people up for success.

I have the knowledge and credibility to be a critical friend to the Academy's Leadership Team, as well as the leadership, management, and business experience to offer sound and sensible advice to help improve things. I have time to invest and I cannot think of a better investment than the future of the young people that attend Brompton Academy.

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## Target Oxbridge Year 10 Programme

The Target Oxbridge Year 10 programme provides students of Black African and Caribbean heritage in Year 10 and Year 11 with an insight into life as an Oxbridge student and how to prepare to make an Oxbridge application. It also provides students with an insight into the A level subject combinations that will enable them to study the subjects they are interested in at university.

The programme consists of four online webinars in Year 10, taking place once a month between April and July.

Students are then invited to join two further webinars in Year 11.

For further information, please visit the link: <https://targetoxbridge.co.uk/year-10.html>

## Target Bath Year 12 Programme

Target Bath supports students of Black African and Caribbean heritage to gain places at the University of Bath. You may also have the opportunity to gain a guaranteed offer.

The programme is run in partnership with Rare, a leading organisation in diversity recruitment with a proven track record of supporting Black students to gain places at the UK's top universities.

Target Bath is free of charge and is open to UK-based students in Year 12. The programme provides support throughout Year 12 and Year 13, providing insight into life at Bath as a Black student. It will support you with subject choice and preparing for the UCAS process. Target Bath students will also be offered a place on Discover Bath, the free summer residential programme.

For further information, please visit the link: <https://www.bath.ac.uk/campaigns/target-bath/>

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# GARDENING CLUB

Brompton Academy's Gardening Club runs from Term 1 to Term 6 for all students.

Every Wednesday, students are invited to meet Miss Simmonds (who is qualified in Practical Horticulture at Hadlow College) in the Academy's garden. The Gardening Club, which is also part of the Academy's unique Electives programme, aims to encourage students to go outside in the fresh air and enjoy being with nature.

Activities range from growing plants, learning how to care for plants, how to produce more plants, how to create home-made seasonal decorations using natural foliage and decoupage shelves in the potting shed.

Students get the opportunity to grow fruit and vegetables, which they can take home to eat with their families. They have successfully grown green beans, potatoes, lettuce, tomatoes and pumpkins, as well as, strawberries and white currants. There are also a range of herbs in the garden.

This time of year, the students are starting to see the bulbs appear and wild seeds start to germinate.

Sometimes, students take the opportunity to grab a yoga mat, put on some music, and relax in the garden. A perfect end to a busy day!





# UPCOMING UKAT WELLBEING SESSIONS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

## Autistic Wellbeing

A two-part series for parents, carers, and  
relatives of autistic young people

**Monday 22nd April 2024, 6.30pm-9pm:**

Introductory session on autistic experience, gender, and  
sexuality.

**Monday 29th April 2024, 6.30pm-9pm:**

Autistic wellbeing: what works.

(How to support young people with general accessibility  
which will benefit learning will be included in this session).

Both sessions include a Q&A



The sessions will be delivered by Dr Chloe Farahar



The two-part series will be delivered by Dr Chloe Farahar, from Aucademy, on Monday 22nd and 29th April 2024 for parents, carers, and relatives of autistic young people. The sessions will take place at Brompton Academy.

**Monday 22nd April:** In this session, Dr Farahar demonstrates a critical perspective on what is presently called “autism spectrum disorder”, presenting the more tangible and varied Autistic experience perspective.

**Monday 29th April:** In this session, Dr Farahar discusses the evidence for the use of CBT with Autistic people, and asks attendees to consider the wellbeing of Autistic people and not how to change Autistic experience.

*Please note that the sessions contain real-life narratives about being Autistic.*

To sign up, please visit the link: <https://forms.office.com/e/L4DfLLNS0y>

# Facilities for Hire

We are pleased to advise that Brompton Academy's facilities are available to hire. For a full list of facilities available and to book, please visit <https://schoolhire.co.uk/>

## Lettings

 **Brompton**  
Academy



**Astroturf football pitch  
with floodlighting**

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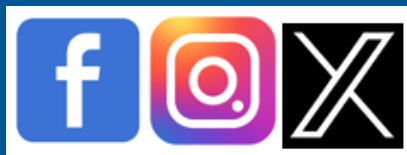
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## FREE TALK THERAPY FOR ADULTS

University of Kent  
**Kent** | Academies Trust  
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University of Kent Academies Trust  
**Counselling Service**

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**FREE Talk Therapy for Adults**  
**Monday to Thursday,**  
**4pm - 8pm**

**You may find yourself feeling anxious or stressed.**

**The dedicated team of volunteer Counsellors in training are able to offer you confidential and non-judgemental support.**

**Counselling offers opportunities to look at other ways to manage difficult situations.**

The poster features a background image of a person's face, partially obscured by a dark, textured overlay.

For further information or to book an appointment, please email [Counsellors@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk](mailto:Counsellors@universityofkentacademiestrust.org.uk)