



We are aware that, for parents, online safety can be a daunting prospect. Children are learning how to navigate a virtual world and often manage their relationships and social lives through the Internet. We have put together some links to resources to help parents

to understand how to ensure that children are as safe as possible online:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/globalassets/documents/advice-and-info/share-aware.pdf>

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/whatsapp>

You may have also seen a new and disturbing trend called the Momo. Below is a link to guidance and information from National Online Safety about this disturbing challenge:

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/resources/platform-guides/momo-online-safety-guide-for-parents>

This term we are going to be working with some of our student leaders on developing support for children and parents around online safety. If you are interested in joining us in this important project, or have any expertise in this area that you would like to share please contact me at kguppy@stcatherines.college or call 01323 465438.

Kerry Guppy
Head of Safeguarding

TOP HOUSE POINT ACHIEVERS

Year 7

- Amberley Connor **387**
- Chiamaka Nnamuka **364**
- Isabelle Steer **357**
- Emily Dicker **340**
- Ella Kendall **330**



Year 8

- Gurleen Kaur **411**
- Elizabeth Finn **389**
- Naomi Frais **385**
- Hannah Jeanes **376**
- June Maunga **372**

Year 9

- Berrie Robertson **343**
- Aaron Adams **313**
- James Jewell **313**
- Amber Matthews **311**
- Joshua Capper **308**

Year 10

- Lois Hilton **380**
- Katherine Pawley **340**
- Alice King **329**
- Hannah Cheeseman **315**
- Mia Lozinski **302**

Year 11

- Millie-Louise Thomas **559**
- Philippa Jewell **488**
- Evie Loose **473**
- Hannah Payne **455**
- Jessie Oliver **438**

YEAR 7 PUPIL SELECTED TO PLAY FOR CHELSEA ACADEMY

Congratulations to Ola, Year 7 pupil, who recently competed in a football tournament in Dubai with the Chelsea Academy. The tournament was hosted by Spanish Soccer Schools Dubai and twenty teams from all over the world participated. It took place over three days and Ola's team did extremely well reaching the quarter-finals. Well done!



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GOD'S CHILDREN AT THE HEART OF EVERYTHING WE DO

Together we listen, learn, achieve

TRIP TO THE GAMBIA 2019

A report from Mrs Dolan:

During half-term, a group of St Catherine's College pupils enjoyed an amazing action-packed trip to The Gambia in West Africa.

Pupils explored the local area visiting a nature reserve, fishing village and local families. They spent time in schools teaching new activities to the children as well as meeting members of the Women's Literacy Group. With the support of 'Football for Peace', our pupils hosted a football festival for the local village children. Everyone had a fantastic time enjoying the activities, dancing to the drums and watching the Scouts Brass Band.

Money raised by fundraising events, together with donations from parents, paid for blood pressure monitors and stethoscopes for the local student nurses who run voluntary clinics in the poorest of villages. Pupils were also delighted to donate a computer to Kajabang school. The Headteacher, Mr Bojang, was immensely grateful and enjoyed his first ever IT lesson from Mr Newnham-Bentley. The newly formed sports committee were thrilled to receive football kits and balls and pupils took sacks of rice and cooking oil to deprived families. Pupils were hugely touched by the gratitude shown and it was a very emotional experience for all.

This was St Catherine's second very successful visit to The Gambia. It has enabled pupils to understand how difficult life can be living in a developing country. It was an experience that will never be forgotten.

We plan to visit The Gambia again in 2021 and look forward to seeing the differences our donations have made to improving life and education of the children who live in this amazing community. Family values and respect for each other give them the strength to move forward and enjoy each day.



CAN YOU HELP?

We encourage all our students to do charitable work. Please find below a letter from one of our Year 9 pupils who you may wish to support:

Hello, my name is Naomi Barrett and I am in Year 9. During the Easter holidays, I am going on a trip to Malawi with my church. I am really excited to have the opportunity to serve God and others in this way. We are going to help at Thanthwe Christian Mission Primary School in Chiwaya. The school opened in September 2018 and fulfilled a specific need for education in the area. For many years the only school was 5km away and across a river which made it difficult to get to. Whilst we are there, our team will be assisting in the school, helping to build a playground and working with different groups within the community. We will be based with YWAM (a Christian organisation); they installed the only water pump that is used by the whole village and is located within the school grounds. However, as the school is so new, it is still in need of some equipment and resources. The things that I am collecting include glue sticks, board pens, educational posters, footballs and netballs (not pumped up) or a small donation towards one of these items.

If you feel you can contribute in any way, please pop your donations in the collection box in reception. Thank you.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

March

- 12 Y8 Parents' Evening, 3.30pm - 7.00pm
- 13 Y9 Booster Vaccinations
- 19 Y7 Parents' Evening, 3.30pm - 7.00pm

April

- 4 Y11 Photos
- 4 Y9 Parents' Evening, 3.30pm - 7.00pm
- 5 Last Day of Term 4
- 23 First Day of Term 5
- 24 Y10 Parents' Evening, 3.30pm - 7.00pm
- 29 Y8 & Y10 Assessment Fortnight begins

May

- 13 Y7 & Y9 Assessment Fortnight begins
- 20 Y8 HPV Immunisations
- 24 Last Day of Term 5

June

- 3 First Day of Term 6
- 14 Town Sports
- 17-21 Y10 Work Experience Week

July

- 1-4 Y8 Bushcraft Camp Trip
- 1 Y6 Familiarisation Day
- 2 Y6 Taster Day
- 12 Sports Day
- 23 Last Day of Term 6

BERLIN STUDY TOUR

As part of their GCSE History course, 40 Year 10 and Year 11 pupils visited Berlin during half-term. The trip included a visit to a vast Russian memorial; a sobering morning at Sachsenhausen concentration camp where pupils reflected on life in Nazi Germany and a trip to the Berlin Wall Memorial. The final day included a visit to the Olympic Stadium; a fantastic way to round off a great trip! The pupils' behaviour was a credit to the school. They were fully engaged on a trip that forced them to consider a period of history that is uncomfortable in its content, reflecting the cruel and evil nature of mankind at its worst.

