



It never ceases to amaze me just how quickly time passes – this week is absolutely no exception. It does not seem possible that our new Year 7 students have completed their first full week. I am delighted with their seamless transition to St Catherine's College. They have

conducted themselves so responsibly. They wear our uniform with pride; they are immaculate and so mature. They are confident and happy students who are quickly integrating into our school, along with our other wonderful students in Years 8 to 11.

You may have noticed some enhancements to our site recently. These have been carefully planned and budgeted for, as part of the ongoing rollout of our new branding in and around the school. These are all contributing to the tangible feeling of pride that we have in being part of St Catherine's College.

We want all of our children to feel safe and happy at school, in order for them to really achieve their best. At the beginning of this academic year we renewed our Behaviour Policy and made some slight amendments. The Behaviour Policy details the praise and reward system that we have in place at St Catherine's College. Our students make many great choices in their learning and behaviour every day and it is fantastic to be able to celebrate these.

The policy also covers what happens when students' choices are not as positive. You may have heard that we have tightened up on behaviour here at St Catherine's College – please be assured that any behavioural incidents and concerns are dealt with in line with our Behaviour Policy. We always investigate issues thoroughly, putting the appropriate sanctions into place. We also contact parents when required.

On this note, I have to say that the support we have received from you as parents and carers has been overwhelming. Supporting our students' learning, whether this be academic, social or personal, always works best when both the school and home are working in partnership. We recognise that every parent/carers wants the absolute best for their child and likewise we want the very best for our students. I am incredibly

grateful for your ongoing support and I look forward to getting to meet as many of you as possible during our various school events.

Solomon Berhane, Headteacher

#### THE FUTURE OF CONTACT

In this era of live interactive news, we have taken the decision to move more of our communication to social media. Contact will still be used to celebrate significant events and stories, but will typically be published termly. Please keep up-to-date with daily news and events at St Catherine's through our Twitter and Facebook pages, and see additional photos on Instagram. The school calendar and links to social media can all be found on our website.

For the time being, direct communication will continue through Schoolcomms, although look out for guidance soon on our imminent transition to the 'Edulink' platform.

#### EARLY FINISH ON OPEN EVENING TUESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER

We look forward to welcoming Year 6s and their parents to our Open Evening on Tuesday 18 September. **School will be closing at 2.05pm** on this day for staff to prepare, and to give the pupils that are helping a proper rest before returning in the evening. If this causes problems, please let us know and arrangements will be made to supervise your child until 3.05pm.

We are very grateful to the large number of pupils who are helping at this event.

#### FREE MEALS IN OUR CAFÉ

Our Cafe Team at St Catherine's work hard everyday to provide our pupils with nutritious meals, sandwiches and snacks. Did you know that your child could be entitled to a **free meal everyday** if your family income is below £7,400 per year? To register please complete the form using the following link below:

<https://www.eastsussex.gov.uk/educationandlearning/schools/school-life/meals/free/>

## YOUNG ENTERPRISE YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARD

A report from Mr Williams:



Last academic year, Sayed, Year 11 student, was chosen for the prestigious Young Achiever Award for his excellent work on the Young Enterprise project.

Sayed received this award for going above and beyond in the running of 'Prestige'. Prestige, our Young Enterprise Company, designed and sold re-usable drinks cups and paper straws - something to make David

Attenborough smile! Sayed showed great teamwork and support for his colleagues and grew in confidence and ability, making a huge contribution to the performance of the company. Well done, Sayed!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### September

- 25 Y8 HPV Immunisations
- 26 Y11 Post-16 Information Evening

### October

- 19 Last Day of Term 1
- 29 First Day of Term 2

### November

- 1 St Catherine's Firework Display, 5.30pm-9.00pm
- 15 Awards Evening, 7.30pm-9.30pm

### December

- 19 Last Day of Term 2

### January

- 3 First Day of Term 3
- 30 Y9 Booster Vaccinations

### February

- 14-20 Gambia Trip
- 15 Last Day of Term 3
- 25 First Day of Term 4

### April

- 4 Y11 Photos
- 5 Last Day of Term 4
- 23 First Day of Term 5

### May

- 20 Y8 HPV Immunisations
- 24 Last Day of Term 5

### June

- 3 First Day of Term 6
- 14 Town Sports

### July

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

## SITUATIONS VACANT

### Teaching Assistant - English

Single Status Grade 3: £16,755 - £17,007 pa pro rata  
30 hours per week, term time only  
Closing date: 12 noon, Monday 1 October 2018

### Teacher of English

Salary: TMS / UPS  
Full time permanent post  
Required November 2018 or January 2019  
Closing date: 12 noon, Friday 28 September 2018

### Teacher of Science

Salary: TMS / UPS  
Full time permanent post  
Required January 2019  
Closing date: 12 noon, Friday 28 September 2018

For further information please see our website or contact Mrs Sandie Windsor, Head of Personnel, Tel: 465469.

## MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES NEWS

Milly Dahmoune, last academic year's winner of the Preston Cup for Achievement in Languages, explains why learning languages is so important. She has just started studying French A Level at Bexhill College:



Languages are extremely important in modern society because we need to be able to communicate with the rest of the world. Communication leads to understanding, which is essential to maintain good international relations. Not only this, speaking a second language is a skill which universities and employers look out for, to give you the edge over other candidates. Personally, one of my favourite things about learning another language is the ability to speak to others in front of those who haven't had the good sense to pursue languages, and have entirely secret conversations right in front of them.

*Quand j'avais treize ans, je suis allée en France pendant un mois pour étudier le français. Je suis restée avec une famille française, et je suis allée à l'école avec la fille. C'était difficile mais je m'y suis amusée.*



## CHAMPION ARCHER!

Congratulations to Stevie, Year 8 student, who won the best overall archer at England's Medieval Festival in August.

Well done, Stevie!

## SCHOOL FUND DONATIONS 2018-19

The Government continues to make cuts to school funding which impacts on all schools in the UK. In order for us to continue to improve our broad and exciting curriculum and to ensure that your children have access to the very best resources needed, we invite all parents to make a voluntary school fund donation. Donations will be used to purchase additional new equipment to benefit our students.



It is interesting to note that:

- If every parent donates £5 we will be able to buy 1,000 new books for the library
- If every parent donates £10 we will be able to refresh one IT room with new PCs and monitors
- If every parent donates £15 it will enable us to buy 40 tablets or laptops

All donations, however large or small, are gratefully received. If you feel you are able to make a contribution, it can be made in one of the following ways:

- **ParentPay** - log onto ParentPay to make your one-off donation.
- **Cash or Cheque** - please complete the tear-off slip below and return to your child's tutor with your payment. Cheques should be made payable to St Catherine's College.

**Gift Aid:** St Catherine's College is part of the Diocese of Chichester Multi Academy Trust which is a registered charity (243134). If you are a UK taxpayer and have paid an equal or greater amount of tax than your donation in the current tax year, we will be able to claim Gift Aid (25%) on your donation.

If you have any questions, please email [mcollett@stcatherines.college](mailto:mcollett@stcatherines.college).



### SCHOOL FUND DONATION 2018-19

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Title: ..... Forename: ..... Surname: .....

Address: .....

..... Post Code: .....

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Please return slip and payment to your child's tutor.