

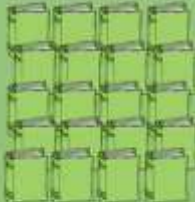




Over the past two weeks we have had some exciting events happening for the Year 6 pupils who will be joining us in September. Induction Evening saw over 200 pupils, along with parents and carers, come to St Catherine's to meet the Headteacher and their form tutors. We spoke about our vision for the future and how we are keen for our pupils, current and new, to embrace every opportunity we have at St Catherine's so that they will stand shoulder to shoulder with their peers.

On Tuesday we had our Taster Day for our new cohort. Pupils spent the day in their new tutor groups, making new friends and finding their way around the school, which is a huge challenge – I still get lost sometimes! There was a real buzz of energy throughout the day and we are excited about welcoming them all after the summer holiday.


As part of our mission to ensure that all pupils can reach their potential, we are going to further promote a culture of reading. The below demonstrates just how important reading is for pupils to be successful. Research shows that pupils with a more extensive vocabulary achieve higher grades across all subjects in their GCSEs. Have a look at the below to see the impact that just 20 minutes per night of reading can have... imagine if you read for longer!

**Want to read better? READ MORE!**

Student A	Student B	Student C
		
<b>20 MINUTES PER NIGHT</b> 3,600 MINUTES PER YEAR	<b>5 MINUTES PER NIGHT</b> 900 MINUTES PER YEAR	<b>1 MINUTE PER NIGHT</b> 180 MINUTES PER YEAR
<b>EXPOSED TO 1,800,000,000 WORDS</b>	<b>EXPOSED TO 282,000 WORDS</b>	<b>EXPOSED TO 8,000 WORDS</b>

Which student would you expect to...

- READ better?
- have a greater content KNOWLEDGE?
- WRITE better?
- have a better VOCABULARY?
- have a better SELF-CONFIDENCE towards learning?
- have a better chance at SUCCESS later in life?



Year 7 and their tutors were all given a gift of a brilliant novel called 'Wonder' by R. J. Palacio and did some work on the first chapter during their Taster Day session. They will be reading the book over the summer holidays and will be doing some work on the story in English and PSHE lessons. There will be reading activities for other year groups to complete too...watch this space. And if you haven't read 'Wonder', give it a go...it is amazing and, you've guessed it 'wonder'ful!

Susan Williams, Assistant Headteacher



All pupils will be participating in Sports Day at Eastbourne Sports Park, Cross Levels Way, on Friday 12 July. Pupils must arrive at the Sports Park by 8.40am, in full PE kit. Please ensure your child is equipped for a hot, sunny day, with plenty of fluids, a sun hat and sun cream. The café will be providing food and drink (cash only) but pupils can bring their own if they prefer. Pupils are not permitted to bring paints and glitters but face painting is available at one of the charity stalls. Parents/carers are welcome to watch but must sign in and stay within the parent area.

In the event of bad weather, Sports Day will be cancelled and school will run as normal. To ensure a smooth collection at the end of day, there will be a staggered finish: Year 7/8 at 3.00pm and Years 9/10 at 3.10pm. When collecting your child, please be aware that parking is very limited at the Sports Park so it may be easier to arrange to meet your child at another area such as Sainsbury's.

**TUESDAY 23 JULY  
LAST DAY OF TERM**

School will finish at 1.30pm on the last day of term.

**EXAM RESULTS  
THURSDAY 22 AUGUST 2018**

**YEAR 11: 10.00am - 11.00am**  
**YEAR 10: 11.00am - 12.00 noon**

### BUSHCRAFT 2018

This week, some of our Year 8 pupils have enjoyed a week's 'Bear Grylls/Ray Mears style' residential trip at Penhurst Place in Kent.

Pupils settled into camp life well with new experiences and activities pushing them well out of their comfort zones. It has been great to see pupils enjoying the wonderful outdoors and working together as a team.



### CCF CAMP

Last week, our Combined Cadet Force pupils enjoyed a week long camp, with four other schools, at Crowborough Training Camp. During the week, they enjoyed training and activities which included kayaking, mountain biking, and raft building and spent two days on exercise staying overnight in a field. On the final day,

two pupils were promoted to Cadet Non-Commissionary Officers and two were awarded 'Best Improved Cadet'.



### ECONOMICS MASTER CLASS

St Catherine's College recently collaborated with Bexhill College who provided Economics Master Classes to our Year 9 Mandarin pupils. Pupils learnt about topics such as comparative advantage, international trade, Chinese Foreign Direct Investment and the opportunities for UK firms resulting from China's economic growth.





## CRISP PACKET RECYCLING

Crisp packet recycling is going very well! Your used crisp packets will be turned into life-saving funds for Air Ambulance Kent Surrey and Sussex so keep them coming in! Collection boxes are in Reception and the Café.

## TOP HOUSE POINT ACHIEVERS

### Year 7

Amberley Connor **675**  
Chiamaka Nnamuka **569**  
Isabelle Steer **559**  
Imogen Forward **541**  
Lauren Didsbury **532**

### Year 8

Elizabeth Finn **822**  
Hannah Jeanes **631**  
Naomi Fraiss **617**  
June Maunga **614**  
Gurleen Kaur **602**

### Year 9

Naomi Barrett **734**  
Mia Warren **709**  
Berrie Robertson **642**  
Amber Davies **635**  
Sophia Pawley **605**

### Year 10

Lois Hilton **781**  
Hannah Cheeseman **737**  
Alice King **636**  
Theodora Redmill **588**  
Katherine Pawley **585**



A huge well done to our top five house point achievers in each year group. This week, as pictured below, they enjoyed ice lollies and cold drinks with Mr Berhane and governors.

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### July

9 Summer Concert, 6.30pm in the School Hall  
12 Sports Day  
23 Last Day of Term 6

### **New Academic Year 2019/20**

### September

3 INSET DAY  
4 INSET DAY  
5 First Day for Pupils



### July 2020

17 Last Day of Term 6

## STAR IN THE MAKING



This week, some Year 8 pupils were very excited to watch Nicola, Year 8 pupil, perform the leading role of Matilda, in Matilda The Musical, at the Mayflower Theatre, Southampton. The show was full of fabulous dancing and acting and Nicola was incredible!

