



During Term 6, pupils at St Catherine's College are given the opportunity to complete our Happy and Safe Survey. This provides them with an opportunity to describe their experiences about feeling happy, feeling safe and anti-bullying at school.

At St Catherine's College, it is important that children should be able to learn in a supportive, friendly and safe environment based on Christian care, without fear of being bullied, so that they can develop to their full potential. Sadly, pupils may experience unpleasant situations at some time in their school years. We acknowledge that both friendship problems and bullying behaviour can be extremely upsetting for our pupils. It is important to distinguish between the two as the responses to friendship problems are likely to be different to strategies used to address bullying behaviour. At St Catherine's College we use the Anti-Bullying Alliance definition of bullying as 'the repetitive, intentional hurting of one person or group by another person or group, where the relationship involves an imbalance of power.' Bullying can be physical, verbal or psychological. It can happen face-to-face or through cyberspace.

Young people often feel they must deal with bullying alone, and they may worry that telling a parent/carer will make the parent/carer angry or upset. It's important that parents/carers have the tools to keep their child safe, happy and free from bullying.

The Diana Award Anti-Bullying Campaign has a useful guide for helping parents/carers should they believe that bullying is happening at school. It is called 'Supporting Your Child If They're Being Bullied: A Guide for Parents & Carers'. A copy can be found on the Advice for Parents section of the Anti-Bullying Alliance website. In the guide, it encourages parents to, 'ring up and ask to speak to someone and stress your concern. Don't let your own experience of school get in the way of your child's experience. Try not to take your child out of school or keep them off. This can often make it harder to get them back to school and doesn't give the school the chance to sort out the problem.' At St Catherine's, we encourage you to call Student Services and ask your child's Assistant Head of Year for support or advice.

Neil Pittman, Assistant Headteacher

YEAR 11 FAREWELL

A report from Mr Williams:

Our Year 11 pupils concluded their time at St Catherine's College on Friday 14 June, having sat their final exam in the morning before celebrating with their friends, tutors and teachers. After the exam, pupils enjoyed ice creams, book/shirt signing and photos on the field before going into the hall for their leavers' worship which included some lovely and funny photos as well as messages from tutors and saying thank you to some key people. An early finish was organised for the rest of the school so that the Year 11 pupils could enjoy a BBQ with their teachers. The attitude and behaviour of Year 11 was impeccable with so many making an effort to speak to and thank the staff who have worked with them during their time at the school. I feel privileged to have worked with this fantastic group of young people and will miss them a lot. On behalf of all the staff, I would like to wish them well for the future.



ATHLETIC NEWS



Ellie, Year 8 pupil, recently represented St Catherine's in the Inter Counties Schools Championships at Erith Sports Centre, Bexley Heath. She had a tough race, competing against the best athletes in her age group across the counties. It was a fantastic experience for her!



It was great to see so many of our pupils taking part in Race for Life last weekend. Well done Ellie for winning the 10K!

YEAR 8 PUPIL ACHIEVES BLACK BELT IN KARATE



Hannah, Year 8 pupil, has recently achieved her Black Belt in Karate after seven years of dedication, hard-work and commitment. She also holds a high belt in Kick Boxing and regularly competes in local and inter-county competitions. Well done, Hannah!

EARLY CLOSURES

Monday 24 June: There is training and 2019-20 development planning for staff from 2.30pm until 5.30pm. School will be closing at 2.15pm for pupils.

Tuesday 23 July—Last Day of Term: School will finish at 1.30pm on this day.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June

- 23-27 CCF Summer Camp
- 24 Early Closure, 2.15pm

July

- 1-5 Y8 Bushcraft Camp Trip
- 1 Y6 Familiarisation Day
- 2 Y6 Taster Day
- 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



YEAR 10 SINGING STAR



Huge congratulations to Mykee-D, Year 10 pupil, who wowed a judge on ITV's The Voice Kids, last Saturday. Viewers watched as judge, Danny Jones, turned around during the blind auditions to put Mykee-D through to the next round of the competition. Well done and good luck, Mykee-D!

YEAR 9 GEOGRAPHY FIELD TRIP

A report from Mrs Pavey:

This week, 120 Year 9 pupils carried out fieldwork at the River Cuckmere. These are important skills for their GCSE paper 3 exam and this trip gave them an opportunity to practise those skills. We carried out a traffic and pedestrian survey; an environmental quality survey and completed a land use map, field sketch and public questionnaire. We also looked at the impact of tourists on footpath erosion and recorded vegetation cover and infiltration rates. Pupils worked incredibly hard and were very polite when talking to the public. I'm very proud of all our young geographers!





We are aware that there are times in our lives that we struggle and might need support. We are delighted to report that we are working in partnership with Eastbourne Foodbank who provide food and support for people in crisis. If you feel that you or your family need food bank vouchers and/or support, please call us on 01323 465476 or email studentservices@stcatherines.college. Eastbourne Foodbank also offer advice and support around debt, benefits and budgeting and can be contacted on 01323 409925.

TOP HOUSE POINT ACHIEVERS

Year 7

Amberley Connor **651**
Chiamaka Nnamuka **530**
Isabelle Steer **528**
Imogen Forward **512**
Laurenio De Freitas-Jones **495**

Year 8

Elizabeth Finn **727**
June Maunga **576**
Naomi Frais **570**
Ethan Tasker-Taylor **529**
Louis Paviour **523**

Year 9

Naomi Barrett **622**
Mia Warren **615**
Berrie Robertson **609**
Amber Davies **587**
Joshua Capper **561**

Year 10

Lois Hilton **701**
Hannah Cheeseman **633**
Alice King **571**
Katherine Pawley **545**
Theodora Redmill **536**

Year 11

Millie-Louise Thomas **794**
Philippa Jewell **777**
Evie Loose **753**
Daniel Finn **721**
Matthew Finn **680**

DofE QUALIFYING EXPEDITION

A report from Miss Haggart:

For the DofE qualifying expedition, participants started at Ditchling Beacon and made their way to Chantry Farm - an eco friendly campsite in Pyecombe. Unfortunately, the weather was not in our favour and we arrived rather soggy! The cheerful resilience of pupils was impressive as they put their tents up and cooked in the rain.

The following morning saw more rain and everyone was packed and ready to depart earlier than planned. Spirits were high as we walked over the South Downs, in the rain, towards the end point at Devils Dyke.

Pupils were all a real credit to themselves and we are so very proud of their determination and positive outlook throughout the weekend. Needless to say, they all passed with flying colours!

