



We are preparing our students to stand shoulder to shoulder with their peers: locally, nationally and globally. We want every child to meet their God-given potential. This means that we encourage our students to be ambitious and work hard so that they can go on to live a rich and full life after they leave us.

Learning does not stop at 3.05pm at our school. If students are to do their very best, they need to study outside of school hours too. We believe that homework is a vital part of the learning journey and that is why we place emphasis on the students completing it to the very best of their ability. Extensive research has proven that completing homework makes a significant difference to progress. We value homework and that is why there are a number of places where students can go to complete it with a member of staff after school hours. Homework Club takes place every day until 4.30pm in the Library with access to our computer Suite, IT5. We also have a number of after school revision and catch-up lessons going on and we encourage students to attend these. In addition to this, there are classes taking place in some subjects before school starts in the morning. Our café is also open as a place to study from 7:30am and, if they choose to, students can purchase a variety of hot and cold breakfast items from the café staff too.

If your child tells you that they have finished all of their homework, please encourage them to do their own independent reading. This can be from fiction or non-fiction texts. We would also recommend that they read widely around the topics that they are studying in lessons. We have a vast range of fiction books which pupils can borrow from the Library.

Finally, we would like to thank you for your ongoing support. We understand how important it is for parents to be working alongside us to ensure that the children do amazing things now and in the future!

Sophie Thomas, Deputy Headteacher

INSET DAYS 2019-20

Monday 9 December 2019  
Friday 31 January 2020  
Monday 20 July 2020

AWARDS EVENING 2019



Awards Evening will take place on Thursday 14 November, from 7.30pm, at the De La Warr Pavilion in Bexhill. Prize and Gold Award winner letters have now been sent to parents/carers and reply slips should be returned to Student Services by Friday 26 October.

YEAR 7 PARENTS' EVENING  
Wednesday 16 October

An Edulink message has been sent to all Year 7 parents regarding bookings for Parents' Evening. If you have not received this message (please check your junk mail), please contact Mrs Blackburn on 01323 465437 who will help you book appointments with teachers.

We look forward to seeing as many parents as possible during the evening.

WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY

A report from Mrs Poston  
This week, worships at school have been about mental health to mark World Mental Health day on Thursday 10 October.



We also launched the recently developed Wellbeing and Mental Health area on the student section of our school website. This includes the Survivors Guide to Study (planning revision, methods of study, looking after wellbeing); where to go for help; online resources; how to access counselling; recommended apps and home grown self help videos. Students were invited to pass their ideas of anything else they feel should be on the website. Feedback from parents and carers is also welcome to Mrs Poston.



## EASTBOURNE SCHOOLS PARTNERSHIP BEACH CLEAN

On Friday 27 September, ten students from our ECO Group, together with students from other schools in Eastbourne, took part in a very blustery beach clean along the seafront. Starting at the Sovereign Water Works building, students walked the 2.6 mile stretch of beach to the The Birley Centre, Eastbourne College, collecting rubbish along the way. Once safely in the warmth of the building, they put their passions to the test and discussed ideas for a 'Car Free Eastbourne Day' in September 2020.

Following this, students were treated to a presentation by Jolyon Brewiss about the making of the Eden Project in Cornwall and the future projects that are being developed for other locations around the world. They are very keen to get Eastbourne on that map!



## STAR IN THE MAKING



Year 11 student, Mykee-D, is set for a major UK Christmas tour with his pop group VLTGE. The three-piece boyband will visit four cities across the UK including London, Manchester, Glasgow and Birmingham. Tickets went on sale on 29 September after their first ever live performance supporting Nathan Gurd on his 'Kick it wit ya' tour.

Mykee-D first appeared on The Voice in 2018 and was invited back again to The Voice Kids UK in 2019 where he managed to get judge Danny Jones to 'turn around' for his rendition of 'Ain't Nobody'.

## CHANGE OF UNIFORM SUPPLIER



As you know, KB Schoolwear will cease trading as of 31 December 2019. We have met with five potential uniform suppliers and will have a new one in place by 1 January 2020. We would like to include our parents in the decision making process and would love to hear your views. If you would like to be involved, please email Madeleine Maynard at [mcollett@stcatherines.college](mailto:mcollett@stcatherines.college) by Friday 18 October. We will then aim to have a meeting, after school, before the end of October.

## POST-16 AND CAREERS



At St Catherine's College we aim to make sure our students are well prepared for the world of work.

Last Thursday, we held our Post-16 and Beyond Event. The atmosphere was great and students were able to talk to training providers, as well as local businesses, about all the opportunities available to them once they leave school.

If you have any questions regarding careers or Post-16, please do not hesitate to contact our Careers Leader, Mrs O'Connor, at [goconnor@stcatherines.college](mailto:goconnor@stcatherines.college).

## 'REGISTER AND READ'

As part of the Peer Reader Scheme, Year 10 mentors help Year 7 students with reading, every Wednesday during tutor time in the Library, whilst the rest of the school is doing 'Register and Read'.



## YEAR 10 BOYS' FOOTBALL TEAM

A report from Mr Williams:



Last week, the Year 10 Boys' Football Team played its first game of the season and won 14-1 away at Ringmer. The boys played really well, showing great teamwork with good communication and vision.

Keontez Armstrong scored a rapid hat-trick and Liam James and Buster Atkins got a brace each. There were further goals from Andrew Agrela Cornwall, Saad Saif, Carlo De Retuerto, Matthew Finbow, Alfie Starkie, Shay Hollobone and one from a strike by Ed Lynch that went in off a defender. Well done, boys!

## YEAR 7 FOOTBALL AND RUGBY

A report from Mr Williams:

The Year 7 Boys' Rugby and Football Teams recently played their first fixtures with three seeming to be the fashionable number! On Friday 27 September, the rugby team played against The Eastbourne Academy and, having gone three tries down, the boys showed excellent determination to mount a comeback and score three tries of their own! The final score was 15-15 (three tries apiece).

On Tuesday 1 October, the Football Team opened their season at home to Ratton. The boys played positive football with good first-half pressure resulting in a 3-0 lead. Unfortunately, despite more positive play and the creation of some further chances, the boys were unable to capitalise on their good start and Ratton fought back for a 3-3 draw.

## NEW PLAY EQUIPMENT

It is lovely to see our Year 7 and Year 8 pupils enjoying the new play equipment in the playground.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### October

- 16 Y7 Parents' Evening, 3.30pm - 7.00pm
- 23-28 Y10 Geography Trip to Morocco
- 24-27 Y10 & Y11 French Immersion Trip
- 25 End of Term 1



### November

- 4 Start of Term 2
- 6 Y11 Parents' Evening, 3.30pm - 7.00pm
- 13 Y11 Mock Interviews
- 14 Awards Evening

### December

- 9 INSET Day
- 10 Y10 Parents' Evening, 3.30pm - 7.00pm
- 13 Christmas Jumper Day
- 20 End of Term 2

### January

- 6 Start of Term 3
- 7 Y9 Parents' Evening, 3.30pm - 7.00pm
- 15 Y8 Parents' Evening, 3.30pm - 7.00pm
- 31 INSET Day

### February

- 7 Mufti Day
- 12 Y11 Parents' Evening, 3.30pm - 7.00pm
- 14 End of Term 3
- 22-25 Y8 & Y9 Spanish trip to Andalucia
- 24 Start of Term 4

### March

- 6 Y9 Booster Vaccinations
- 24 Y7 Parents' Evening, 3.30pm - 7.00pm

### April

- 3 Mufti Day
- 3 Last Day of Term 4
- 20 First Day of Term 5
- 21 Y9 Parents' Evening, 3.30pm - 7.00pm
- 29 Y8 HPV Vaccinations
- 30 Y8 Parents' Evening, 3.30pm - 7.00pm

### May

- 6 Y10 Parents' Evening, 3.30pm - 7.00pm
- 8 Bank Holiday
- 22 Last Day of Term 5
- 23-27 Y8 & Y9 Italy Cultural Trip

### June

- 1 First Day of Term 6
- 19 Town Sports
- 26-29 Y9 French Immersion Trip
- 29 Y10 Work Experience Week starts
- 30 Y6 Induction Evening

### July

- 3 Y10 Work Experience Week ends
- 7 Y6 Taster Day
- 8 Y6 Taster Day