



As this is the first Contact in January, may I wish all our readers a Happy New Year! As we enter a new year (and a new decade), I'm sure that many of us will have dreams and aspirations for our futures; maybe you have made a resolution to make your life better in this coming year.

In worship this week, Mr Berhane challenged our students to reflect on the year ahead and consider what their New Year resolution might be. He suggested that they might resolve to be more helpful at home; improve their lifestyle, or try harder at school.

The pupils were reminded that every summer, before the start of new academic year, the staff reflect on the previous year and make a sort of list of new school year resolutions. The plan for the next academic year is called the School Improvement Plan with the aim of making St Catherine's College the best school possible.

One area under improvement is the College environment. We have benefitted already from newly carpeted areas, freshly painted walls; and more outdoor space. With this in mind, our pupils have been encouraged to support the College's 'New Year Resolution' of becoming a litter-free and gum-free school. By acting responsibly and eradicating litter and chewing gum from the site, the environment will be improved, damage to property will be reduced and precious funding will be redirected to improve the pupils' school experience and education.

Our pupils have already responded positively. Litter has noticeably reduced and many pupils have offered to be involved with making our environment a better place.

Neil Pittman, Assistant Headteacher

MOTOR RACING STAR

Congratulations to motorsport star, Will Martin, who finished third in the Ginetta Junior Motor Racing Championship. Will left St Catherine's last year and has had a hugely successful 2019 motor racing season. He has now been signed to drive in the Porsche Championship, which is a huge achievement and opportunity. Well done, Will!

WELL DONE!

A huge well done to the students pictured below. They recently received a certificate on behalf of the Pupil Leadership Team, for their hard work and behaviour around the School.



PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SHOP

Thank you to everyone who came to the pre-loved uniform sale on Wednesday. This was run by our PTA and Pupil Leaders and was extremely successful. The next sale will take place at Year 8 Parents' Evening on Wednesday 15 January from 3.30pm.



If you have any unwanted uniform items that you would like to donate, please drop into Visitor Reception or Student Services. We do ask that all donations are washed and of a reasonable quality. We are particularly short of 32" and 34" blazers and PE kit. Thank you.

ELECTED FOR YOUTH PARLIAMENT



Huge congratulations to Tom, Year 11 student, who has recently been elected as a member of Youth Parliament.

Tom is also part of our school ECO group and is determined to help with sustainability. His role in the Youth Parliament will be crucial and he will definitely be a great ambassador for all the young people in Eastbourne! Well done, Tom!

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

The Governing Body at St Catherine's College currently has a vacancy for a Parent Governor. If you are interested in helping with this important role, then please complete the attached nomination form. Applications from parents and carers with an interest in teaching and learning would be beneficial.

If you would like more information, you might like to talk to one of our Governors. This can be arranged by emailing Paula Palmer, our Clerk to Governors, at ppalmer@stcatherines.college

Nomination forms need to be completed and returned in a sealed envelope, marked for the attention of the Clerk to Governors, by 9am on Friday 24 January 2020. A ballot will be arranged if more than one nomination is received. This will include the election statement required on the attached form.

TOP HOUSE POINT ACHIEVERS

Year 7

Logan Adams **370**
Erin Cameron **327**
Nikitas Tarasidis **311**
Eva Bramley **304**
Phoebe Gaskell **300**

Year 8

Asha Reid-Wills **288**
Jasmine Adsett **284**
Amberley Connor **266**
Eve Ward **250**
Reuben Thornett **248**

Year 9

Naomi Fraiss **307**
Grace Boyd **284**
Elizabeth Finn **280**
Emily Duckett **271**
Louis Paviour **258**

Year 10

Ailsa Cameron **408**
Seth Archibald **393**
Berrie Robertson **390**
Amber Matthews **343**
Amber Davies **316**

Year 11

Katherine Pawley **409**
Hannah Cheeseman **327**
Jasmine Ramazannejad **313**
Grace Crawford **296**
Lois Hilton **289**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

January

13 Y9 Assessment Fortnight begins
15 Y8 Parents' Evening, 3.30pm - 7.00pm
27 Y7 Assessment Fortnight begins
31 INSET Day

February

3 Y10 Assessment Fortnight begins
6 School Production
7 School Production
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
24 Y11 Assessment Fortnight begins

March

2 Y8 Assessment Fortnight begins
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
24-26 DofE Silver Practice Expedition
25-26 DofE Bronze Practice Expedition
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
15 Y10 Assessment Fortnight begins
15-19 Y8 Bushcraft Residential Trip
19 Town Sports
21-25 CCF Summer Camp
26-29 Y9 French Immersion Trip
29 Y10 Work Experience Week starts
30 Y6 Induction Evening

July

3 Y10 Work Experience Week ends
4-5 DofE Bronze Qualifying Expedition
7 Y6 Taster Day
8 Y6 Taster Day
10 Sports Day
17 Last Day of Term 6
20 INSET Day



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NOMINATION FORM FOR PARENT GOVERNOR

Full Name:

Address:

..... Postcode:

Preferred Contact Telephone Number:

Preferred Contact Email Address:

Parent/Legal Guardian of (name and class):

I wish to stand for election as a Parent Governor at St Catherine's College. The following two parents or legal guardians of pupils attending the School support my nomination:

1. Name:

Address:

Parent/Legal Guardian of (name and class):

2. Name:

Address:

Parent/Legal Guardian of (name and class):

ELECTION STATEMENT - please use additional sheet (no more than 100 words).

Signature: Date:

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