



Our theme for much of this academic year has been centred around acts of kindness, and the power of our words to build each other up. This term in particular, we have focused on manners, respect, kindness and compassion.

These are, of course, the qualities of character that we expect others to show to each other. So, as Jesus said, treating others as we want to be treated ourselves is an important part of learning how we choose to relate to others. We have talked about these things in school worships; in tutor times; and during lessons and it is hugely encouraging to see how pupils are behaving well around the School; giving to our House charities; and contributing to local charities such as the Eastbourne Foodbank where students gave generously to those less fortunate than themselves.

It will soon be Christmas, and this is a time to focus on generous giving. The Bible describes how God gives his Son to the world, to love, to guide, to save and to inspire. God is generous in love and we are never more effective and fulfilled, than when we behave in the same way.

So here lies the challenge. Can we choose to be like this in our own homes, where people know us best? Kindness and compassion are practical: they involve doing things for others. This will lead us into our next week's focus - encouraging children to help out more at home. We would like our students to understand that households do not run themselves. Chores need to be done and it is in these everyday things that we can show real kindness to others.

For now, we would like to ask you to have a conversation with your children about the different ways they could help out around the home. We are very conscious that many students already help out significantly and it may be they identify a neighbour or relative who needs additional help or a visit over the Christmas season. We believe that by being responsible and helping others, children also learn about what they need to do to care for themselves, a home and a family. They learn skills that they can use in their adult lives, like preparing meals, cleaning, organising and other activities that contribute to the home.

Wishing you the very best for Christmas. May the holiday season fill your home with joy and your heart with love and generosity for others.

Solomon Berhane
Headteacher



THANK YOU AND FAREWELL

At the end of this term, we are saying thank you and good bye to a few of our colleagues. Vickie Browning joined our SEND team in January as an apprentice. We are very grateful for her work supporting our pupils and SEND team. We wish Vickie well as she completes her apprenticeship and re-locates to Suffolk. Tim Lewis joined St Catherine's College's technician team in November 2015 and we have benefited greatly from his work on design, lighting and hall audio-visuals and IT support. We wish him well as he relocates to Northamptonshire.

Debbie Holroyd joined St Catherine's as SENCO in April 2018 and has overseen the re-building of the SEND team during her time with us. Alongside this work, Debbie has led numerous staff training sessions and briefings as she champions the needs of pupils with SEND. We wish Debbie well as she seeks a new challenge within the world of SEND education.

Chris Akister joined St Catherine's in January 2009. She has been a popular tutor and maths teacher, bringing additional expertise to transition and assessment from her work as a KS2 and GCSE examiner. Chris is a passionate explorer and traveller. We will miss her greatly, but hope to be kept in touch with her future adventures.

Ray Lau joined St Catherine's in September 2012 as a Computer Science / ICT teacher. His enthusiasm and ambition has seen Ray rise rapidly through the ranks, taking on the role of Head of Year and, more recently, Assistant Headteacher. Ray has been the school's Pupil Premium lead for several years and has also worked tirelessly with external agencies to secure extra funding in order to run various breakfast clubs, mentoring schemes and other pupil support initiatives. Ray has secured a well deserved promotion to Deputy Head in a Special School where we are confident he will be a great success.



OFSTED

We would like to say a heartfelt thank you to every member of the St Catherine's Community, especially to our pupils. As you all know, we recently had an Ofsted Inspection. Inspectors visited lessons; looked at work; interviewed staff and pupils; and looked at surveys from pupils, staff and parents. The process was tough, and we know that some pupils found it quite difficult. In true St Catherine's style though, pupils demonstrated how proud they are to be members of the School Community and shared their excellent work. We are pleased to let you know that the Ofsted Report is now published and it says many wonderful things about our pupils. Some of the highlights include:

- *"Pupils are happy and optimistic."* The process of growing up has never been easy, but our pupils were recognised as being positive and well supported. *"A pupil spoke for many when they said, 'I like everything about this school.'"*
- *"Pupils feel safe"*. A school's primary responsibility is the safety of its pupils and this permeates all that we do. The report goes on to recognise the support provided to ensure children's safety and welfare.
- Visitors to St Catherine's always comment on how calm and quiet the School is. Ofsted was no exception and wrote that the School *"sets very high standards for pupils' behaviour. Pupils respect these expectations. As a result, behaviour is good in this school and classrooms are calm and purposeful."* The inspectors commented verbally that they had not seen a single incident of inappropriate behaviour.
- Recognition that the pupils are working hard, and harder than ever before. Ofsted commented that *"Pupils are achieving better"* and that *"Staff work very well together to help pupils fulfil their potential."* They saw pupils and staff working effectively together in *"interesting lessons planned to engage and challenge pupils to learn and remember more."*

The full report is attached with this newsletter. We are pleased that developments in the School have been recognised and validated, with Ofsted describing improvements as *"rapid"* and that there is a *"culture of high ambition and success."* They have made some helpful suggestions for the School's next steps; namely to complete our curriculum design work and to ensure this curriculum is adapted for pupils with SEND so their needs are met more fully.

Ofsted saw the strength of our church school community as they reported upon the *"powerful team camaraderie present in this school"*. St Catherine's continues to look forward with confidence and determination as we inspire and support our pupils to achieve their God-given potential.

We are very grateful for the on-going support of everyone in the St Catherine's College Community.

Thank you.

PRICE AND BUCKLAND - NEW UNIFORM SUPPLIER

As you will be aware, KB Schoolwear will cease trading on 31 December 2019. We are pleased to inform you that, as of 1 January 2020, our uniform supplier will be Price and Buckland. I would like to take this opportunity to thank parents/carers who attended the consultation meeting regarding uniform.

Price and Buckland have been established for sixty years and are a leading UK uniform supplier, working with thousands of schools across the UK, selling uniform at hugely competitive prices (prices on next page). They have a strong, user friendly website where parents/carers can order uniform and have it delivered to any UK address. There is a free delivery service for orders over £50 and a small charge of £3.95 for orders less than £50. Delivery is within 2-5 working days.

Price and Buckland will be in school for our Year 7 Induction Evening in June and parents/carers with pupils in other year groups will be welcome to come along, to an earlier slot on this day, to purchase uniform. The company will offer free delivery for two weeks following Induction Evening. Uniform will also be available to try on after school in Student Services prior to placing an order with Price and Buckland.

Additionally, we are also pleased to announce that as of 1 January 2020 we will be phasing in a new, more competitively priced PE kit. It will be phased as follows:

- All pupils - available from 1 January 2020
- Current Year 6 (new intake 2020) - new kit only
- Current Years 7-8 - current PE kit may be worn until July 2021
- Current Years 9-11 - new kit available but no obligation to change

Photos of the new kit will be available on the Price and Buckland website from 1 January 2020.

<https://www.price-buckland.co.uk/>

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Madeleine Maynard at mcollett@stcatherines.college

PRE-LOVED UNIFORM SHOP



The St Catherine's PTA have formed a preloved uniform shop. There will be a pop-up shop in the foyer selling preloved uniform items at every Parents' Evening event. Parents and pupils, in any year group, are welcome to attend any Parents' Evening to view or make a purchase of preloved uniform. Pupils will decide at the end of the year how the money raised will be spent.

Would you like to donate any unwanted uniform items?

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. Thank you.

UNIFORM SALE

KB Schoolwear are holding a closing down sale and are selling skirts and ties at half price. Please visit their website to make a purchase.

<http://www.kbschoolwear.co.uk/>

LAST DAY OF TERM

School finishes at **1.30pm** on Friday 20 December 2019.

STEPHEN LLOYD VISITS SCHOOL

We were thrilled to have Stephen Lloyd visit us last week. Some of our students enjoyed a question and answer session with Stephen, with questions around a wide range of subjects including tackling climate change, current affairs; life as a politician; and much more.



ROAD SAFETY

Please could I ask parents to consider the following points when dropping off and collecting children from school.

- Please drop your child off on the main road and avoid dropping off in the school grounds.
- Please park in an area without zig zags to ensure the safety of our pupils and yourselves.

Thank you for your support

ORDER FORM

Product	Description	Size	Price	Size Required
Compulsory				
9000A13960	Girls Blazer With Logo Black	28", 30", 32", 34", 36"	£26.45	
		38", 40", 42", 44", 46"	£31.95	
9400A13960	Boys Blazer With Logo Black	28", 30", 32", 34", 36"	£26.45	
		38", 40", 42", 44", 46", 48"	£31.95	
33056PSTCA0007	Girls Tartan Pleated Skirt Auld Lang Syne Lengths: Short, Regular & Long	20", 22", 24", 26"	£18.50	
		28", 30", 32", 34", 36", 38", 40"	£21.95	
TBC	School House Tie Four Colours Available	52"	£6.00	
33189A13962	Girls Junior Trousers With Logo Black	9/10yrs, 11/12yrs, 13yrs	£15.50	
33181A13962	Girls Slimfit Trousers With Logo Black	22", 24", 26", 28"	£15.50	
		30", 32", 34", 36", 38"	£18.50	
33062A13962	Boys Flat Front Trousers With Logo Black	22", 24", 26", 28"	£15.50	
		30", 32", 34", 36", 38"	£18.50	
33064A13962	Boys Slimfit Trousers With Logo Black	22", 24", 26", 28"	£15.50	
		30", 32", 34", 36", 38"	£18.50	
31077A13961	Girl Fit Sports Polo With Logo Dark Grey/Maroon/White	28", 30", 32" XS, S	£11.50	
		M, L, XL, XXL	£13.80	
31076A13961	Unisex Sports Polo With Logo Dark Grey/Maroon/White	28", 30", 32" XS, S	£11.50	
		M, L, XL, XXL	£13.80	
32304PSTCA0007	Unisex Shorts Dark Grey/Maroon/White	9/10yrs, 11/12yrs, 13yrs	£8.50	
		S, M, L, XL, XXL	£10.25	
32110PSTCA0007	Sports Socks Black	3 to 6	£4.50	
		7 to 11	£5.50	
Optional				
4650PSTCA0007	V-Neck Sweater Grey	28", 30", 32", 34"	£14.95	
		36"S, 38", 40"M, 42", 44"L, 46"	£17.95	
33292PSTCA0007	Girls S/Sleeve Blouse 2pk White	28", 30", 32", 34", 36"	£13.00	
33233PSTCA0007	Girls L/Sleeve Bouse 2pk White	38", 40", 42", 44", 46", 48"	£16.00	
33342PSTCA0007	Boys S/Sleeve Shirt 2pk White	11", 11.5", 12", 12.5", 13", 13.5", 14"	£13.00	
33232PSTCA0007	Boys L/Sleeve Shirt 2pk White	14.5", 15", 15.5", 16", 16.5", 17", 17.5"	£16.00	
6756A13969	1/4 Zip Sports Sweatshirt With Logo Black/Maroon/White	30", 32", XS	£18.00	
		S, M, L, XL, XL	£21.00	
6902A13969	Showerproof Jacket With Logo Black/Maroon/White	11/12yrs, 13yrs	£21.50	
		S, M, L, XL, XL	£26.00	
34458PSTCA0007	Unisex Track Pants Black/White	24/26", 26/28", 28/30"	£18.50	
		30/32", 32/34", 36/38", 38/40"	£22.00	
6805PSTCA0007	Girls 3/4 Length Leggings Black	9/10yrs, 11/12yrs, 13yrs	£8.00	
		S/30", M/32", L/34", XL/36", XXL/38"	£9.85	
6806PSTCA0007	Girls Full Length Leggings Black	9/10yrs, 11/12yrs, 13yrs	£8.50	
		S/30", M/32", L/34", XL/36", XXL/38"	£10.25	
32312PSTCA0007	Girls Skort Dark Grey/Maroon/White	22", 24", 26"	£12.00	
		28", 30", 32", 34", 36"	£14.40	

To view your online shop log on to:-
www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/stcatherinescollege

Empowering Talks



These talks allow families and professionals to gain access to specialist trainers from all over the country



13th January, 6pm - 8pm 2020
Different Behaviour Between Home & School
 with Tracy Chadwick, Education Consultant

20th January, 6pm - 8pm 2020
Understanding Pathological Demand Avoidance
 with Author Extraordinaire, Harry Thompson

27th January, 6pm - 8pm 2020
Speech, Language and Communication in ASC & PDA
 with Award Winning S&L Therapist, Libby Hill



"We attended a very informative training session as parents to help us better understand what is happening for our son. It was really useful for myself and my husband. We will certainly look out for future events."

"We attended a fantastic course. It was so informative with some great tools to take away. It was run in a friendly and relaxed way so we felt at ease while learning on a difficult subject."

All talks are held at **Gildredge House School, Eastbourne**
 Book on Eventbrite: <http://childtherapyservicecec.eventbrite.com/>



Empowering Workshops



These small workshops allow families to feel fully supported and for sensitive questions to be answered

22th January, 6pm - 8pm 2020
Survive & Thrive
 with Education Consultant, Tracy Chadwick

12th February, 6pm - 8pm 2020
Emotional Resilience & Zones of Regulation
 with Education Consultant, Tracy Chadwick

25th March, 6pm - 8pm 2020
Managing Demand Avoidance
 with Education Consultant, Tracy Chadwick



"I attended the Demand Avoidance course last night. It was an excellent workshop and I learnt so much. Tracy is an excellent presenter, who is obviously very knowledgeable and experienced, and I felt very at ease to ask any questions I had. Thank you very much Tracy."

"Got so much understanding out of this course. (Survive and Thrive) Look forward to attending more. So invaluable. Thank you!"

"We attended a fantastic course. It was so informative with some great tools to take away. It was run in a friendly and relaxed way so we felt at ease while learning on a difficult subject."

All workshops are held at **All Saints Church, Eastbourne**
 Book on Eventbrite: <http://childtherapyservicecec.eventbrite.com/>

Events for January 2020

Talks, workshops and free coffee mornings, booking is essential

Date	Time	Event	Venue
6 January	9.30am - 11.30am	Relaxing Coffee Morning for Families of Anxious Children	The Art House
13 January	6.00pm - 8.00pm	Different Behaviour Between Home and School	Gildredge House School
20 January	6.00pm - 8.00pm	Understanding Pathological Demand Avoidance (PDA)	Gildredge House School
22 January	6.00pm - 8.00pm	Survive and Thrive Workshop	All Saints Church
27 January	6.00pm - 8.00pm	Speech and Language Difficulties in Autism and PDA	Gildredge House School

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KARATE STARS

Congratulations to siblings, Hannah, Andrew and Oliver who recently competed in a Karate Tournament.

Hannah, who is a Blackbelt, won the under 16 highest ability category and truly out-skilled all competitors resulting in a clean score card, winning all five of her fights.

Andrew, 1st Ku level, won his ability level and the referees commented that he demonstrated skills and composure way above his age level. Andrew also recently obtained his Black Belt.

Oliver came in runner-up in his Brown Belt level despite facing some very difficult bouts against competitors much older and bigger than he is.



TOP HOUSE POINT ACHIEVERS

Year 7

Logan Adams **322**
Erin Cameron **276**
Nikitas Tarasidis **257**
Eva Bramley **247**
Melody Capehorn **245**

Year 8

Asha Reid-Wills **237**
Eve Ward **225**
Jasmine Adsett **224**
Amberley Connor **214**
Stephanie Brown **209**

Year 9

Naomi Frai **266**
Grace Boyd **263**
June Maunga **234**
Emily Duckett **232**
Elizabeth Finn **230**

Year 10

Ailsa Cameron **371**
Seth Archibald **369**
Berrie Robertson **341**
Amber Matthews **290**
Amber Davies **287**

Year 11

Katherine Pawley **333**
Hannah Cheeseman **296**
Jasmine Ramazannejad **265**
Grace Crawford **257**
Alice Crean **215**



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December

18 Christmas Festive Dinner Event
20 End of Term 2, school finishes at 1.30pm

January

6 Start of Term 3
7 Y9 Parents' Evening, 3.30pm - 7.00pm
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