



My name is Harry and I am a Year 11 student at St Catherine's College. This week, I was very proud to lead school worship, in my Royal Air Force Cadet uniform, about Remembrance.

Remembrance Day marks the day World War One ended on 11 November 1918. The four year long war claimed the lives of over 15 million troops from 32 countries, 1.5 million were British. In total, 40 million people were killed both military and civilian. This was the 'war to end all wars' but 21 years later, a second, more traumatic war would rage over Europe like a black sheet covering all sights of freedom for the rest of the world.

In 1939, the Second World War broke out. Lasting over six years, this war would double the amount of lives the First World War claimed, taking the total up to over 80 million, as new, more powerful and destructive weapons of absolute destruction destroyed whole countries, and removed almost an entire generation of families.

Since the Second World War, over 7,000 personnel have been killed in action. We remember those who have been killed fighting, and those who have lost friends and family to the horrors of conflict. This week we had the Poppy Appeal to help support all veterans from whatever conflict with both their physical and mental health as PTSD now increases in its appearance from veterans of recent conflicts.

**"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning  
We will remember them."**

I am a proud member of the Royal Air Force Air Cadets, and regularly support charities such as Wings Appeal, Poppy Appeal and the Royal Air Force Association. To help raise awareness of our services, I encouraged all members of cadet forces to wear their service uniform to school on Monday 11 November. It was extremely encouraging to see how many students took pride in their uniformed service and I am deeply thankful to all those who took part.

### REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

On Remembrance Sunday, St Catherine's College Army Cadets Joined Eastbourne College for the Remembrance Parade.



### PARENT FORUM

THURSDAY 21 NOVEMBER, 3.30PM

- Would you like to know more about what is happening at St Catherine's College?
- Would you like the opportunity to share your ideas?
- Would you like to keep in touch with the Senior Leadership Team?

To maintain open channels of communication with parents/carers, we would like to invite you to attend a Parent Forum on Thursday 21 November at 3.30pm. If you would like to attend, please RSVP to Mrs Schaaf at [sschaaf@stcatherines.college](mailto:sschaaf@stcatherines.college).

## YEAR 11 AWARDED PRESTIGIOUS SCHOLARSHIP



Olivia, our Head Girl, successfully auditioned and has been awarded the prestigious Joanna Lumley Scholarship at Battle Abbey School. This is a performing Arts Scholarship for two years. Olivia is absolutely delighted to be continuing her love of drama and musical theatre in such beautiful surroundings.

## TOP HOUSE POINT ACHIEVERS



### Year 7

Logan Adams **225**  
Erin Cameron **190**  
Maddix Bowns **183**  
Isaac Lozinski **172**  
Nikitas Tarasidis **171**

### Year 8

Phoebe Pawley **164**  
Jasmine Adsett **164**  
Asha Reid-Wills **163**  
Millie Barrett **159**  
Eve Ward **158**

### Year 9

Naomi Frais **203**  
Elizabeth Finn **199**  
Grace Boyd **188**  
Alyshia Walker **186**  
Emily Duckett **184**

### Year 10

Seth Archibald **288**  
Ailsa Cameron **279**  
Berrie Robertson **248**  
Amber Davies **214**  
Joshua Capper **211**

### Year 11

Katherine Pawley **279**  
Hannah Cheeseman **221**  
Jasmine Ramazannejad **208**  
Mia Lozinski **194**  
Alice Crean **193**



## LIFE SKILLS AND ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

A report from Mr Pittman:

We have recently been busy with different aspects of our Life Skills curriculum. Last week, we had our first Life Skills Week of the year. Year 11 considered their post-16 choices and prepared for life after St Catherine's. Year 7 learned more about relationships, and the rest of the school learned about aspects of relationships and sexual health. Our very successful Life Skills Week will be featured further in future editions of Contact.



Life Skills also feature as part of our Tutor Time programme and this week's focus has been Anti-Bullying Week. The theme this year is 'Change Starts With Us' and our students have had discussions about whether it is possible to reduce bullying at St Catherine's College.

Sadly, bullying can be a problem in schools, online, in the lives of our children, but also in the lives of adults. We have been thinking about how the school can be made a happier and safer place, and who is responsible for making this a reality. Pupils have been challenged to consider their own mean behaviours including not helping someone when they witness unpleasant behaviour.

The pupils' conclusion from their discussions is that it is everyone's responsibility to help stop bullying. Change starts with us. It is important that we all try to be a little more kind, and report mean behaviour if we experience it or witness it. To report bullying, pupils can talk to a member of staff; complete a Yellow Form; leave a message in the Anti-Bullying box in Student Services or send an email to [bullying@stcatherines.college](mailto:bullying@stcatherines.college). Parents are encouraged to call their child's Assistant Head of Year should they have any concerns.

## YOUTH PARLIAMENT REPRESENTATIVE



A report from Mr Watts:  
Congratulations to Year 11 pupil Tom, who is St Catherine's representative for Youth Parliament.

Tom secured the position after a student and staff vote on his presentation on climate change.

Tom will now be part of the East Sussex Youth Cabinet to campaign on youth issues. Well done Tom!

## GEOGRAPHY TRIP TO MOROCCO

A report from Mrs Pavey:

Just before half-term, 18 geography students flew out to Morocco to study hot desert environments and water management. During our two days in Marrakech we



visited Majorelle Garden, a two and half acre botanical garden. We looked at the cacti and learnt how they adapt to the dry conditions. We also had a day in the souks and around the Medina. We saw a an array of different stalls and entertainment and tried our hand at bartering.

After the busyness of Marakesh, we headed to the village of Imlil in the Atlas Mountains, where it was much cooler and the scenery was stunning. We learnt about how homes are built into the mountains and how water is irrigated and managed.

Our next stop was the desert. Students had an amazing sunset camel ride and learnt how the camels have adapted to survive the hot dry conditions. We stayed in a very luxurious camp, geographers like to do things in style!



Students were amazing and I was incredibly proud of their behaviour and how they embraced a very different culture. A fantastic opportunity for all.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### November

21 Parent Forum, 3.30pm

### December

5 Y9 Options Evening, 3.30pm - 7.00pm  
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

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

### 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  
10 Sports Day  
17 Last Day of Term 6  
20 INSET Day