



At St Catherine's, we are very proud of our students. We are always looking at ways to acknowledge those who work hard and are a credit to our school. House Points are given out for excellent homework, classwork and for upholding the ethos of the School. This week, students in Year 7 and Year 8, who have achieved over 75 House Points, were presented with certificates in recognition of this achievement. More House Point certificates will be awarded at the end of Term 2.

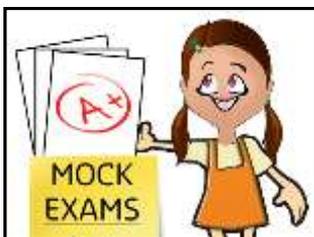
House Points also form part of our Gold Award scheme which students work towards throughout the year. The Gold Award is achieved by students who demonstrate excellent attendance and behaviour, work hard in all their lessons, complete homework, participate in extra-curricular activities and support the School ethos by representing the School as an ambassador. The full criteria is set out on page 36 of the Pupil Diary.

A copy of clubs offered to students is attached. There is a huge variety and students are welcome to join any club that may be of interest to them. In addition, there are many revision sessions being organised for Year 11 in preparation for their forthcoming GCSE exams.

Please encourage your child to take full advantage of all that is offered at the School.

Jenny Inch,  
Assistant Headteacher

### MOCK EXAMS



Year 11 mock Dance and Drama practical exams will take place week commencing 18 November. Written mock exams will take place from Monday 25 November until Thursday 5 December.

### INSET DAYS 2019-20

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



### DANCING STAR

Congratulations to Year 8 student, Sophie, who recently competed in a three-day dance festival and won an award for 'best endeavour'.

Well done, Sophie!

### TRIP TO GLYNDEBOURNE OPERA

A report from Mr Woozley:

GCSE music students recently visited the world-renowned Glyndebourne Opera House near Lewes, to see a special performance of Verdi's Rigoletto. The tragic story of the court jester had been cleverly updated to 1920s Hollywood, where the lead character was portrayed as a Charlie Chaplin-esque actor, plotting revenge on the capricious movie studio Director.

A wonderful cast and orchestra made the music sparkle, particularly the well-known 'La Donna e Mobile', which was very well received by an appreciative audience.

### YEAR 11 STUDY SKILLS EVENT

On Wednesday, we held a 'Maximise Your Potential' workshop for our Year 11 students. The event was designed to help equip our students with revision skills and exam 'know-how'. They were encouraged to have a clear idea of what they are aiming for, and the steps they need to take to get there.

We had some excellent feedback from students commenting on how beneficial and enjoyable the workshops were and the presenter remarked that they were absolutely excellent and totally engaged!



## GAMBIA NEWS



The School recently sent a donation to The Gambia Eye Project which helped pay for cataract surgery for a number of children. This has completely changed their lives and they feel so grateful to now have clear vision. There are still thousands of children living in developing

countries who are losing their vision because of cataracts.

We were delighted to recently receive photos of two of the children we are sponsoring in The Gambia (pictured below). Without our sponsorship, these children would not be able to attend school.



Mrs Clifton made two schoolgirls, pictured below, very happy when they received schoolbags which she donated to them.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### November

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

### December

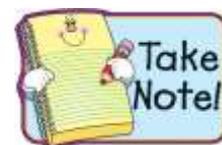
- 9 INSET Day
- 10 Y10 Parents' Evening, 3.30pm - 7.00pm
- 13 Christmas Jumper Day
- 20 End of Term 2

### 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

- 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

**EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS 2019 Term 1 and 2**

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Lunch:</b>	Homework: Library: All Years Science Catch Up: Te2: All Years	Homework: Library: All Years Science Catch Up: Te2: All Years Language club; French, Spanish or Mandarin: La1: Yr. 7 - 9	Homework: Library: All Years Science Catch Up: Te2: All Years	Homework: Library: All Years Science Catch Up: Te2: All Years Young Writers Club: En5: All Years	Homework: Library: All Years Science Catch Up: Te2: All Years
<b>After School:</b>	Homework: Library: All Years	Homework: Library: All Years	Homework: Library: All Years	Homework: Library: All Years	Homework: Library: All Years
		Maths Catch Up: IT3: All Years CCF (Combined Cadet Force) Sc3: Yr. 8 -11 Boys Football: Yr. 7 and 10	Maths Catch Up: IT3: All Years Noise Machine – School Band: Mu1: All Years Netball: Yr. 7 and 8	Maths Catch Up: IT3: All Years Duke of Edinburgh Bronze: Yr. 9 (apply by 1 Oct 2019) Harmonix Vocal group: Mu1: All Years Board Games: En3: All Years	Maths Catch Up: IT3: All Years St Catherine’s Chronicle; school newspaper: En7: All Years Art Club: Ar2: Yr. 7 - 9
		Netball: Yr. 9, 10 and 11 Girls Football: All Years	Ultimate Frisbee: All Years Science Club: Sc4: Yr. 7	Dance Club (Preparing for Let’s Dance): EA1: All Years Trampoline: All Years	Fitness: Boxercise: All Years Fitness: Jungle Body: All Years
			Eco Committee: Hu5: All Years	Football: Yr. 8 and 9	Football: Yr. 10 and 11 Rugby: All Years