



Welcome once again to the new term at St Catherine's College.

It has been a busy start to the year, as always. Last week we had Open Evening for our Year 6 prospective parents and pupils. There was lots on offer, from food tasting in the café to exciting experiments in the science department and poetry writing in the English department....to name a few! We had over 150 guides showing people around and many more pupils helping out in departments. They did the College proud, once again demonstrating that 'We are St Catherine's.'

Can you believe that Year 7 students were in that position a little over a year ago? Now, here they are, having completed a whole cycle of their new timetable. We have seen Year 7 confidently settle in to our community. Work has been continuing on 'Wonder', the book all our Year 7s read over the summer. Students have engaged with Auggie Pullman and have thoroughly enjoyed reading the novel. If you haven't read it...give it a go; it's definitely worth it!

Our summer reading challenge was a great success, with a number of our students completing all sections. We can't emphasise enough how important reading is for all our students, so, watch this space...more challenges are on their way!

Susan Williams
Assistant Headteacher

INSET DAYS 2019-20

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

SOCIAL MEDIA



Would you like live updates of what is happening in school? To get the latest news and photos from St Catherine's College and keep in touch with what's going on, follow us on Instagram, Facebook and Twitter.

OPEN MONTH

Monday 23 September - Friday 25 October

Tours of the School will take place in small groups during the school day. Please contact the School to make an appointment: admin@stcatherines.college or 01323 465400.

YEAR 9 DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE AWARD

A report from Miss Haggart:



The Duke of Edinburgh Bronze Award has been launched to our Year 9 students. Those wishing to participate should email or write to Miss Haggart, by Tuesday 1 October, stating why they would like to do the award and what they hope to gain from it. The first DofE session is after school on Thursday 3 October in Sc3.

There will be a parent information evening in the School Hall on Thursday 3 October at 5.00pm.

OUTSTANDING SPORTING ACHIEVEMENT



Huge congratulations to Year 10 student, Lara, who has won an award for Outstanding Sporting Achievement at the Eastbourne and District Community Awards.

Lara began weightlifting a few months ago and after just four training sessions, competed in her first contest and set new records.

The two under 18 competitions she has taken part in so far are the International All Round Weightlifting Association British Grip Championship, where she received the award for the best junior lifter, and the Postal League Competition, where she achieved two British records and five junior world records.

Lara obviously has a natural flair as she's broken records so early in her weightlifting career. We'll be keeping a close eye on her progress in future competitions and wish her continued success.



YEAR 8 BUSHCRAFT RESIDENTIAL TRIP Monday 15 June - Friday 19 June 2020

This is an exciting opportunity for Year 8 students to partake in a five-day residential trip to Bushcraft, Penshurst Place, Kent, in June 2020.



Living in the wild, sleeping under canvas and cooking over open fires, will take students on an unforgettable journey of self-discovery. The trip includes a wide range of activities, designed to enhance social and personal development, whilst having fun and

learning new skills. From bushcraft, shelter-building and wilderness cookery, to archery and orienteering, no two days are ever the same!

Places are limited and are on a first-come, first-serve basis. To secure a place for your child, please pay a £55 non-refundable deposit via ParentPay. The total cost is £385 and can be paid in instalments. Letters and consent forms are available from Miss Haggart in Sc3.

LOST PROPERTY



If your child has lost anything in school, please send him/her to Student Services. Items unclaimed will be disposed of on 6 October 2019.

YEAR 7 COMPETITION WINNERS

Congratulations to Year 7 pupils, Callum and Marissa, who were both winners in The Plastic Prevention Competition which they entered when they were Year 6 pupils at The Haven.



CHANGE OF UNIFORM SUPPLIER



Our uniform suppliers, KB Schoolwear, will cease trading on 31 December 2019. A new supplier will be in place by 1 January; details to follow after half term. If you have any queries, please contact mcollett@stcatherines.college.

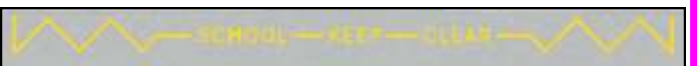
YOUNG GEOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR COMPETITION

Well done to all those who entered the Royal Geographical Society Young Geographer of the Year Competition. Students had to design an A3 poster to include the following: describe two or more ideas as to where geography can take you; discuss the skills that geography can provide you with; use at least two annotated diagrams, charts, maps or images.

There were some amazing pieces and it was really difficult to choose ten to send off. Congratulations to the following who were selected for entry: Elizabeth Bedford; Jessica Langley; Tara Maunga; Elizabeth Finn; James Jewell; Hanna Siddique; Alicia Watson; Alysia Evans; Phoebe Pawley; and Naomi Frais.



POLITE REQUEST



Please be reminded that, when dropping off or collecting your child from school, cars are not to park on the zigzag lines. Members of the Senior Leadership Team will be patrolling the area immediately outside school and will be politely asking people to move on from these areas in order to safeguard our students. Thank you for your support.

REUNION VISIT

Last Friday, students who went on The Gambia trip earlier this year, were delighted to welcome Alagi into the School for a reunion visit. He updated them on the eye project and sponsorship of primary school children. More info to follow in the next edition of Contact.



SWIMMING SUCCESS



Congratulations to Izzy, Year 8 student, who has been chosen to represent Sussex in the National Inter-County Relays in October. This comes after a successful year in which Izzy came second in the 50 metre backstroke in the Regional Championships and then went on to represent Sussex in the Nationals where she came an impressive seventh! Well done Izzy and good luck in October.

YEAR 11 STUDENT ON TV

Congratulations to Year 11 student, Olivia, who recently made her tv debut. She starred in 'The Real Patrick Swayze: In His Own Words', a documentary revealing the inside story of his struggle for acceptance.

Olivia works extremely hard, alongside her academic work, to continue to develop her talent in dance.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September

23-18 Open Month Tours, 09.15 - 11.00

October

3 Post 16 and Beyond Event
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
5 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
10 Sports Day
17 Last Day of Term 6
20 INSET Day

