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18 December 2020

# CONTACT

## CHRISTMAS EDITION



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This has been a year of challenge and change for everyone in our community at St Catherine's College, and also nationally. Our staff, families and children have been through periods of fear and anxiety; loss and isolation; and at times a sense of hopelessness that this situation may never end.

I am privileged to work within welfare and safeguarding and have been overwhelmed with the care, compassion, creativity and resilience that our children, families and staff have shown. We have seen families giving support to other families; looking out for each other; and reaching out to them. We have watched our children take care of and protect each other by wearing masks and making each other feel safe. Staff have worked tirelessly to help and support those who are most vulnerable and in need. With the help of our staff

and students, we have been able to provide support as well as Christmas hampers (pictured below) for a number of our families who have had extreme challenges this year. A huge thank you to Tesco who donated Christmas bags for our hampers. We have also donated a large quantity of food to the local food bank for wider distribution.

I know that, for some, Christmas may bring additional worries and pressures. Please can I ask that we all continue to look out for each other. If you are worried about your own son or daughter, we have a new wellbeing team in place to provide care and counselling. If you feel this would help, please [CLICK HERE](#) to complete our online form.

We are aware that children may be facing higher levels of risk due to the need to be online more now or they may be needing to self-isolate for periods of time on their own. It might be that some families are facing a Christmas with reduced or no income. If you are worried about families, the link for the NSPCC provides a lot of useful help and support on mental health and online safety as well as guidance on how to raise concerns if you are worried about a child - [CLICK HERE](#).

The key messages for safeguarding really do remain the same as always. Please be vigilant; look out for each other; and raise concerns if you have them. Thank you for your support and care. Stay safe and have a lovely Christmas.

Kerry Guppy, Assistant Headteacher



A message from Rev David:

At the close of 2019, I am sure that whatever we were planning for 2020, did not turn out quite as we imagined. It reminds us that the world can often be an unpredictable place to live in. Just as parents, carers and students have had to adapt to the new circumstances, we have had to do the same here at St Catherine's College.

What has been amazing to see is that, in the face of the global pandemic, many of the best qualities we find in human nature have been in evidence. NHS staff; care workers; scientists searching for a vaccine; and many others have shown us the compassion, hard work and ambition for good that exists in the best of human nature. This has been an incredible response to illness, bereavement and economic difficulty, and these attitudes will continue to be needed in the future, in order to respond to those affected over this last year.

This year we saw in other circumstances how a collective ambition to do the right thing can bring change. Racism can and must be resisted, and justice can prevail where we all work together to achieve it. Where there is a collective desire to see a change, and where this remains a constant attitude to see things done, a better version of our society can be created.

At St Catherine's College, we hope to instil in each pupil a vision of what is possible in a world that is often in need of compassion and justice. Through education, encouraging ambition, hard work, resilience and responsibility, we have seen how these things can change our society. By bringing before our students the important issues of the day and giving them an understanding of their own responsibilities, our hope is that their horizons can be broadened, and they can see themselves realising their ambitions so they can contribute to a better future.

The Christmas message is that Jesus was God himself, born as a human being, entering a world of difficulty to bring the possibility of hope and change into human lives. It is a vision for us to receive love and hope and then a call for us to go and live in the same way.





## YEAR 7 VOICES MAKE A VERY WELCOME RETURN!

It's been such a difficult year for musicians all over the country – especially not being able to sing loudly and in big groups. Luckily at St Catherine's College, an exciting new **Year 7 Voices** group has formed to rehearse and perform the beautiful Christmas carol, 'O Holy Night'.

See the full video of the choir performing or listen to the audio (and more songs) by clicking on the links below.

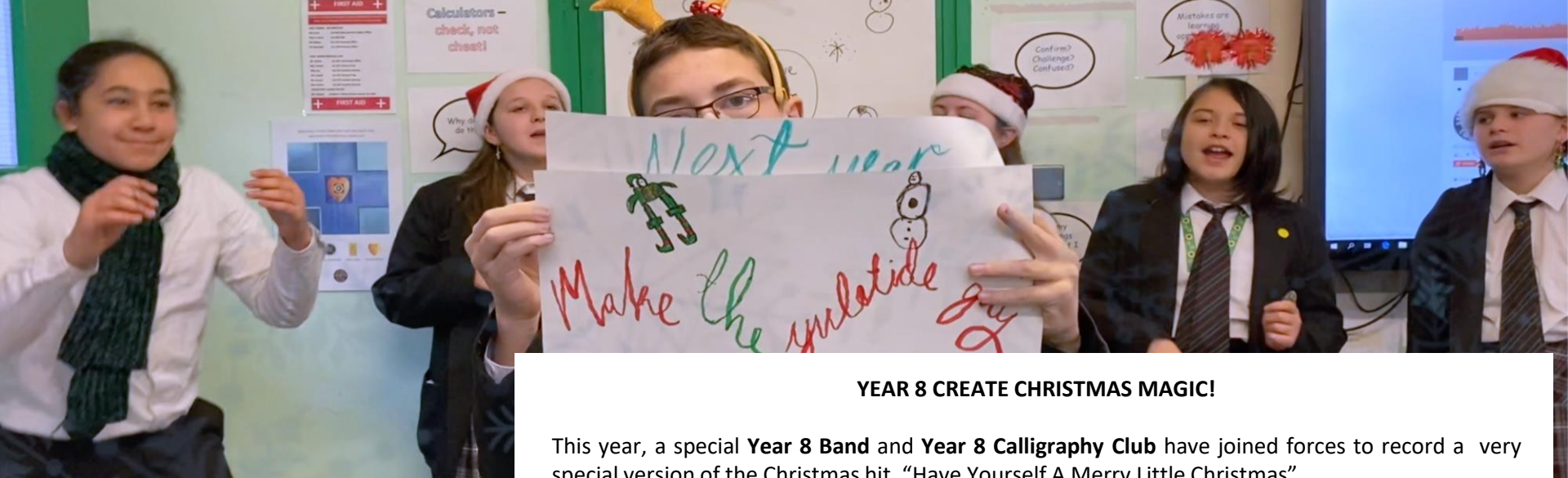
[FULL MUSIC VIDEO - Click Here](#)

[AUDIO - Click Here](#)



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### YEAR 8 CREATE CHRISTMAS MAGIC!

This year, a special **Year 8 Band** and **Year 8 Calligraphy Club** have joined forces to record a very special version of the Christmas hit, "Have Yourself A Merry Little Christmas".

The band have worked so hard to learn their individual parts and bring the whole thing together.

In Calligraphy Club, students have been learning modern calligraphy and how to use fountain pens with chiselled nibs.

Finally, the groups got together to film this excellent music video. Enjoy!!!

[Click HERE to hear all our Christmas songs](#)



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# YEAR 10 GCSE STUDENTS RECREATE POP PERFECTION!

In the lead up to Christmas, several GCSE musicians decided to cover one of the finest Christmas pop songs. Dedicating their lunch times to completing the project, the band have recorded all the parts themselves and mixed the final project together. And it sounds amazing!

[CLICK HERE](#) watch the music video, featuring **Year 9 Artwork**

[CLICK HERE](#) to hear Last Christmas



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## 2020 Year 9 Dance Music

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# Dance & EDM

This term, **Year 9** have been creating their own dance music using Logic Pro X. They have worked in pairs to understand and create tracks, which include:

- 4 to the floor drum beats which evolve over time
- Arpeggiated Bass Lines
- Creating Melodic Riffs
- Structure (including Breakdowns / Drops)
- Applying Effects

**[Listen to their music on Soundcloud now!](#)**



Year 9

# DANCE

# MUSIC

**More tracks will be added soon!**



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## YEAR 9 AND YEAR 10 DRAMA

Some of our Year 9 and Year 10 Drama students have enjoyed exploring how Christmas song lyrics can be interpreted, we hope you enjoy it:

[Dance Video - CLICK HERE](#)

[Drama Video - CLICK HERE](#)





## MERRY 'CHRISTMATHS' FROM THE MATHS DEPARTMENT

Pupils have been working very hard this term in their maths lessons. We are very proud of all their work!

A huge well done to the following thirteen pupils who achieved 100% on every My Maths homework task for the Autumn term:

- Year 7: Harry D (7JMA) and Daisy C (7DHA)
- Year 8: Joshua P (8SRI)
- Year 9: Daniella B (9JCL/HPE); Niki T (9NBA); and Stephanie B (9MCL/KFA)
- Year 10: Naomi F (10MTE); June M (10MTE); Bethany T (10MTE); and Kezia L (10MDA)
- Year 11: Ailsa C (11KWA/MHA); Hanna S (11STN/EBR); and Andreas M (11LME)

A prize is on its way to you all! Who will achieve 100% on each homework task in the next term?

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{Tree} + \text{Tree} + \text{Tree} = 21 \\ \text{Wheel} + \text{Wheel} + \text{Tree} = 19 \\ \text{Star} + \text{Wheel} + \text{Tree} = 15 \\ \text{Tree} + \text{Star} \times \text{Wheel} = ? \end{array}$$

Can you solve this Christmas maths puzzle? Pupils, staff, parents and carers are all welcome to enter. Send your answers to [stinkl@stcatherines.college](mailto:stinkl@stcatherines.college). All correct entries will be entered into a prize draw. Deadline: Monday 4 January 2021. (Look very carefully at the finer details!)



## GEOGRAPHY

### Year 7

Year 7 have made a fantastic start in geography at St Catherine's College. They have been learning all about map skills, the UK and Kenya.

### Year 8

Year 8 have completed some fantastic work on Russia, and some have started looking at India. They have practised their skills by drawing climate graphs

### Year 9

Year 9 have been working on learning about development and have been looking at some of the misconceptions about our world by discussing some of the points in the book 'Factfulness' by Hans Rosling. We have enjoyed some very deep discussions about the influence of the media on our perception of other countries.

### Year 10

Year 10 have worked incredibly hard and made an outstanding start to their GCSE course. Most of the students have already completed their first exercise book. We are making excellent progress through the course and have covered ecosystems, tropical rainforests, hot deserts, tectonics, earthquakes in Nepal and Japan, global atmospheric circulation, tropical storms and typhoon Haiyan.

### Year 11

Year 11 have now completed the course and have been working very hard in preparation for their mock exams. Good luck, Year 11!



## TERM 2 STAR GEOGRAPHERS

Congratulations to the following students who are our Term 2 star geographers:

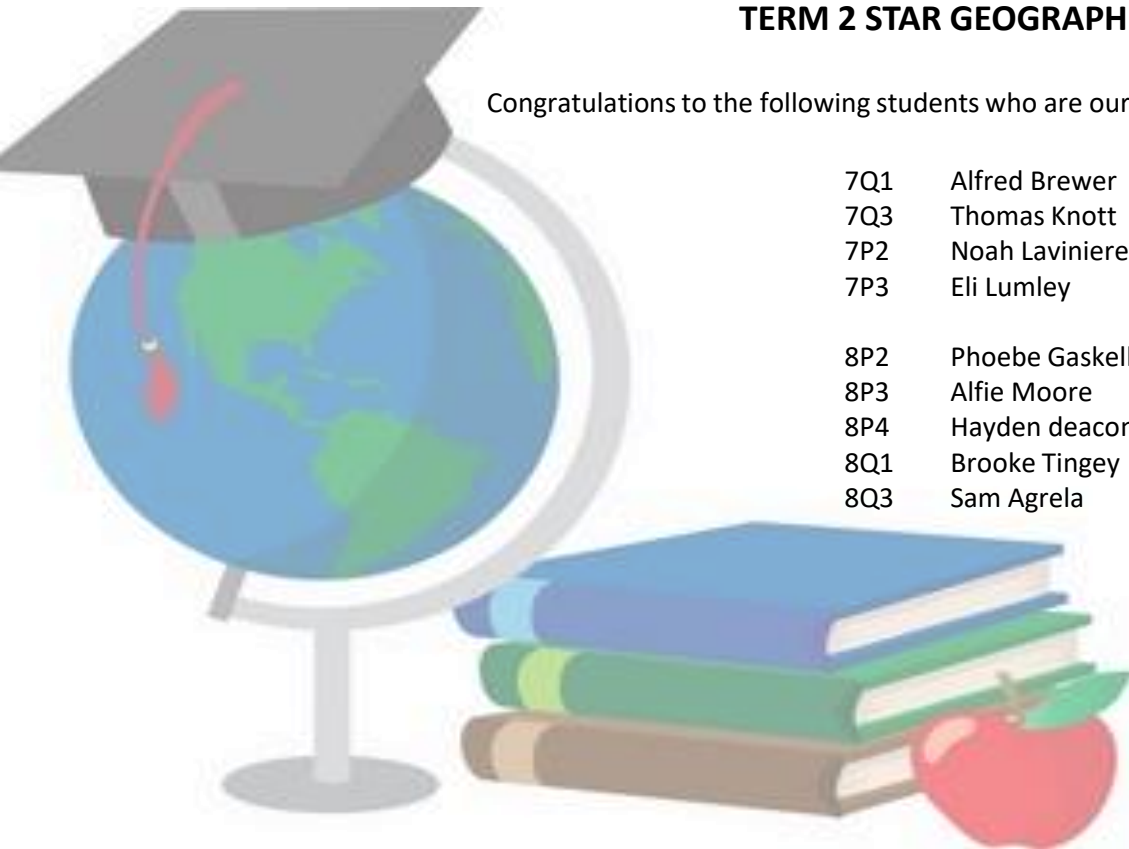
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7Q3 Thomas Knott  
7P2 Noah Lavinieri-friend  
7P3 Eli Lumley

8P2 Phoebe Gaskell  
8P3 Alfie Moore  
8P4 Hayden deacon  
8Q1 Brooke Tingey  
8Q3 Sam Agrela

9P1 Frankie Flood  
9P3 Eden Greenwood  
9Q1 Grace Phelps  
9Q2 Isla Darchez  
9Q3 Alexandra Ryan

10A1 Aaron Croft  
10B1 Ludovica Knight  
10B3 Riley Kitcher  
10C1 Kezia Lozinski

11B1 Annya Omer  
11B2 Mia Warren  
11C1A Lizzie Bedford  
11C1A James Jewell  
11C1B Hanna Siddique  
11C2 Khateib Elamin





## ECO COMMITTEE NEWS

We have had a huge number of volunteers join the eco committee this year. We are trying to work on projects in bubbles, but our main focus is the two big projects open to all.

### CRISP PACKET BLANKET PROJECT

We are collecting empty crisp packets. Please put your crisp packets in the box provided in your bubble area. The eco group will wash them and they will be taken to the ART HOUSE in Grove Road where they will be ironed together to make warm/waterproof blankets for the homeless this winter. Thank you for your help.



### ST CATHERINE'S COLLEGE HAS ADOPTED A BEACH!

We are now officially responsible for BEACH 79. The numbers for the beach are found on the groyne. It would be great if it was the cleanest beach along the seafront. Please be careful when doing a beach clean and follow the Health and Safety guidance in Teams. There is also a map to show where our beach is. When you have completed a beach clean please complete the survey form found in Teams and email it to Mrs Pavey, along with a photo of what you found.



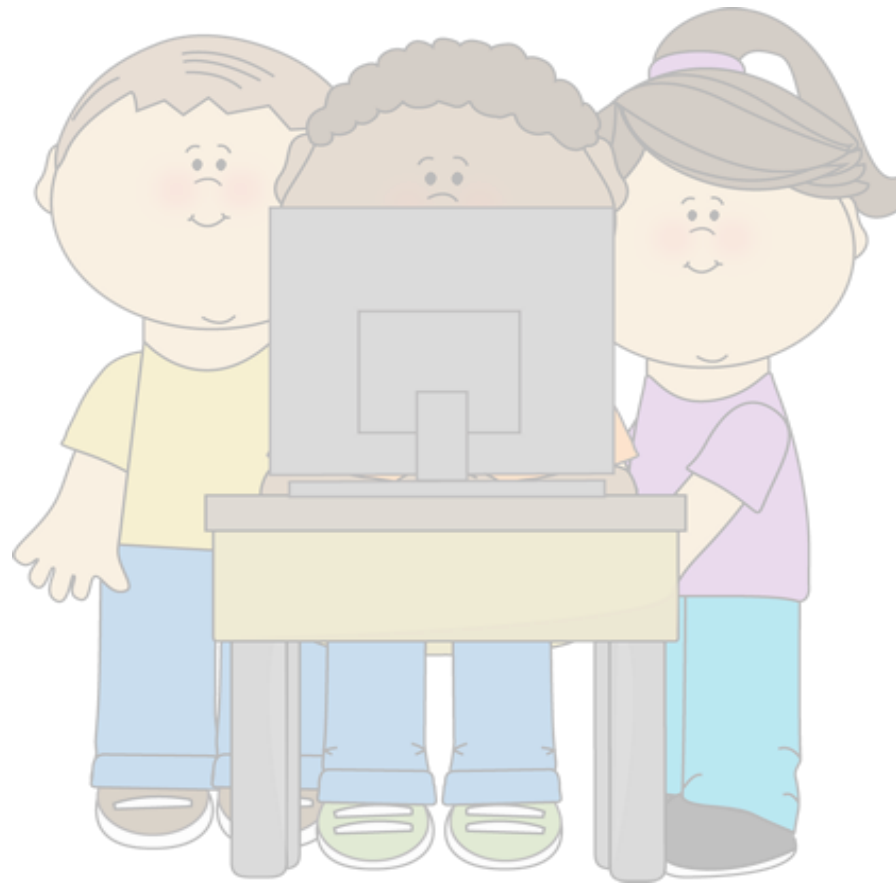
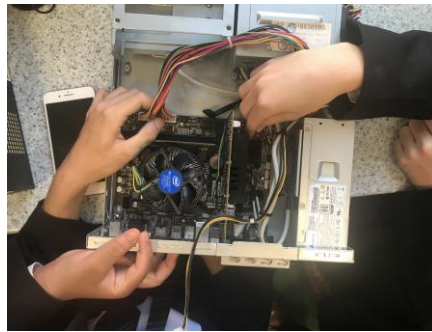
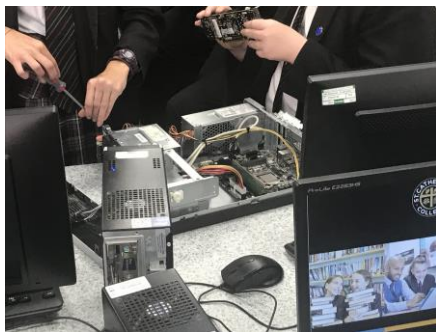
## YEAR 10 COMPUTER SCIENCE

### EXPLORING HARDWARE AND TESTING WHAT WE HAVE LEARNT

The new cohort of Year 10 computer science students have had an excellent term. They have rebuilt PCs which they took apart and they are back up and running on our school network.

They had great fun with lots of hands-on experience. Every component and screw was removed and replaced, in order to get the PCs working again.

After the fun part, we tested what students had learnt. The results were amazing! Fourteen students achieved a grade 9 and four got an 8+! Not to mention all the others who equalled or bettered their indicated grade. Well done!



## YEAR 10 IT STUDENT TECHNICIANS

In September, we accepted applications from Year 10 computer science students for the position of Student IT Technician. We are delighted to announce that Jesse, Coby, Gurleen, Nelson and Ollie were successful.

Since then, they have been responsible for booting up the machines in all our IT rooms each morning; making running repairs; and reporting any issues they cannot resolve to our IT Support team.

Their dedication, especially on these darker, colder mornings, has been commendable!

Well done team and a huge thank you for all your effort and support - Mr Wilson and Mrs Parker.



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## YEAR 7 E-SAFETY POSTERS

The focus has been e-safety for Year 7 in IT this term. We have an excellent selection of powerful e-safety posters displayed in the classroom which have helped convey the message of online safety. Well done, Year 7!

It affects real lives.  
Affects real people.

**CYBERBULLYING**  
RUMORS, teasing, gossiping, threats, invites, lies, name-calling, harassment, mean words.

It will show on your digital footprint.

**Cyberbullying**  
Cyberbullies are bullies online

Don't be a bully behind screen.

Remember whatever you have put online you can't get it back.

Abigail Hotton

**STOP CYBERBULLYING NOW!!!!!!**

**STOP cyber bullying**

What it does to you and reasons not to bully: **Stop**

Advice for when you are being cyberbullied:

It affects everyone's life, even the bully's life because it will be on their digital footprint and it will never go!

Print screen anything so you have proof.

Tell someone you know and trust about it before it's too late.

Cyberbullying is the same as bullying but online!

Don't just hide your feelings it will do damage to your brain because you will start to believe whatever the bully is saying.

**CAUTION** Remember that whatever you put online stays there.

Roxy Bethune

**T**hink before you send.

**H**elp is there for you.

**I**f you see something bad, report it.

**N**ever delete evidence.

**K**now what's right and wrong.

Jacob Barrett

**Think** about how it could offend or upset others.

Talk to an adult you **trust and know**.

If you see anything offensive or rude, **Report it!**

Take **screenshots** as evidence.

Be a **responsible digital citizen** and spread awareness about good and bad things.



## Be smart on the internet

Childnet  
International  
www.childnet.com

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### SAFE

Keep safe by being careful not to give out personal information – such as your full name, email address, phone number, home address, photos or school name – to people you are chatting with online.

M

### MEETING

Meeting someone you have only been in touch with online can be dangerous. Only do so with your parents' or carers' permission and even then only when they can be present.

A

### ACCEPTING

Accepting emails, IM messages, or opening files, pictures or texts from people you don't know or trust can lead to problems – they may contain viruses or nasty messages!

R

### RELIABLE

Information you find on the internet may not be true, or someone online may be lying about who they are.

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### TELL

Tell your parent, carer or a trusted adult if someone or something makes you feel uncomfortable or worried, or if you or someone you know is being bullied online.

THINK  
U  
KNOW

You can report online abuse to the police at [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

[www.kidsmart.org.uk](http://www.kidsmart.org.uk)

KidSMART

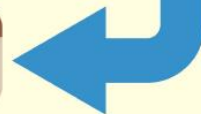
Visit Childnet's Kidsmart website to play interactive games and test your online safety knowledge. You can also share your favourite websites and online safety tips by Joining Hands with people all around the world.

## Be smart on the internet

### E-SAFETY

Social networking is hugely popular. Many young people are sophisticated in the way they use social media and websites, tailoring their communication for different audiences and accessing them from a range of devices including smartphones, tablets and games consoles. But social media, like all forms of public communication, comes with some risks. Could we please encourage all students to read the images pictured. It is important to keep safe on the Internet!

## BEFORE YOU...



### STOP

and

# THINK!

Is it...

True  
Helpful  
Inspiring  
Necessary  
Kind



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## **A MESSAGE FOR YEAR 11 STUDENTS from Mr Minall, Mr Howe and Mrs Filsell**

Firstly, we would like to say well done for all the hard work and preparation you have put into your mock examinations. Your teachers and staff at the School have been overwhelmed by the behaviour and hard work that has been shown during this time. It is really important that you rest and recharge over the Christmas break and be proactive in organising your revision for the final week of mock exams in January. Remember you have been provided with resources on revision techniques and blank revision timetables in the support pack given out at the start of December.

One important change for the mock exams in January, is that you will be expected to bring your equipment for your exams. This will no longer be provided. This is to prepare you for your summer exams and to give you as real an experience as possible. To support you in doing this you will be able to take with you the pen, pencil, ruler, protractor, rubber, pencil sharpener as well as the transparent pencil case, after your last exam this week. It will now be your responsibility to come to all mock exams with the equipment you need. If you have any questions, please do get in touch with the Year 11 team.

Good luck for the rest of your exams and have a Merry Christmas!





## WHO ARE WE?

## STAFF PEN PORTRAITS

This week we introduce Mr Pittman. Mr Pittman is Assistant Headteacher and a Science Teacher. This is Mr Pittman.....



I was born in Warwickshire. My childhood was spent in a village between Birmingham and Coventry.

In the 1990s, I taught science in a rural high school in Brown's Town, Jamaica; probably the most influential experience of my life.

I studied Biological Sciences at Plymouth University in Devon, where I learned to scuba dive. During my degree, I studied the ecology of spiders.

Before teaching, I worked as a nature conservationist. I managed the habitats of nature reserves in the care of the Warwickshire Wildlife Trust.

In 1987, my teaching career began as a science teacher at The Bishop Bell CE School (now St Catherine's College). For 20 years, I was a Head of Year.

I love music and have an eclectic taste; I particularly enjoy folk and reggae. My music teacher at school gave good advice: don't be a music snob.

At primary school, my career aspiration was to be an archaeologist. As a hobby, I now travel the country visiting sites with Early Medieval stone sculpture.

I have a season ticket to watch Brighton & Hove Albion FC.

I am fortunate to be have had opportunities to travel. I get great pleasure exploring wildlife and cultures in different parts of the world.

In 1977, I had lunch with the Queen. It wasn't a private meal! I represented the Scouting movement at her Silver Jubilee celebrations.

To keep fit, I fence. My preferred weapon is the foil sword and I coach young people at the Eastbourne Fencing Club.





## TOP HOUSE POINT ACHIEVERS

YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10	YEAR 11
Rebecca Carter <b>381</b>	Jack Davies <b>413</b>	Sophie Sultan <b>331</b>	Jade Durrant <b>302</b>	Aaron Adams <b>389</b>
Daisy Denness <b>365</b>	Jasmine Gallop <b>353</b>	Caedmon Myeni <b>329</b>	Grace Boyd <b>286</b>	Berrie Robertson <b>346</b>
Abigail Sellings <b>356</b>	Teriza Waithaka <b>333</b>	Samuel Smedley <b>324</b>	Sydney Colman <b>285</b>	Ailsa Cameron <b>326</b>
Daisy Connor <b>338</b>	Logan Adams <b>326</b>	Lauren Didsbury <b>322</b>	Emilie Sharp <b>278</b>	Oliver Venn <b>297</b>
Sophie Carter <b>335</b>	Eva Bramley <b>324</b>	Shakira Halliwell <b>320</b>	Elizabeth Finn <b>277</b>	Samuel Hotton <b>289</b>



## FREE SCHOOL MEALS

East Sussex County Council will be sending out a supermarket voucher for £30 to all students who are eligible for free school meals. The voucher will be emailed from a sender called hello@hugg... and can be spent on food items only. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Maynard at [mmaynard@stcatherines.college](mailto:mmaynard@stcatherines.college).

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## CONSULTATION ON OUR ADMISSION ARRANGEMENTS FOR SEPTEMBER 2022

We are proposing a change to our Admissions Policy for all applications made for the September 2022 intake and in-year applications thereafter. We have increased the number of places available to 146, in the foundation criteria, and decreased the place available to 62 in the community criteria.

For more information, please click on the following links [Admissions Consultation](#) and [Admission Policy 2022](#) or alternatively, visit the St Catherine's College website where you can view the new proposed policy highlighting the changes. These changes will not take effect until September 2022. Until then, admission arrangements remain the same. If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Divall at [sdivall@stcatherines.college](mailto:sdivall@stcatherines.college).





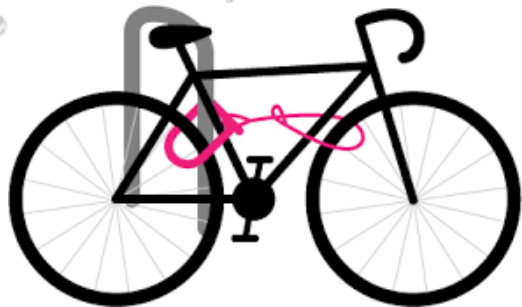
## PE: WARM CLOTHING AND APPROPRIATE FOOTWEAR

A message from Mrs Newnham-Reeve:

Please be aware that at times throughout the winter months, PE will take place outside. To keep your child warm, a base layer (must be black or white) can be worn under the St Catherine's College t-shirt. A St Catherine's College jumper or jacket is also recommended. In extreme conditions, students can also wear gloves and hats, but scarves are not allowed. Students are not permitted to wear their own coats for PE lessons. PE items can be purchased from our website [CLICK HERE](#).

Please ensure that your child has a pair of football boots which are part of the St Catherine's College compulsory kit.

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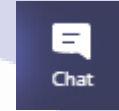
### LOCK IT UP!

If your child cycles or scoots to school, please remind them to lock up their bike or scooter in their designated bike rack. Unfortunately, there has been an increase in theft of such items in the area.



## TEAMS TIPS

### Did you know.....



If you need help from a teacher or would like to request work if you are self-isolating, you can use the 'chat' function on Teams. It works like many social media platforms. For example, if you type @ and then someone's name, it will notify them that you have sent them a message. You can even add files, pictures, gifs and emojis.





## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 18 December 2020 – Last day of Term 2 (**school closes at 12.45pm**)

Monday 4 January 2021 – INSET DAY

Tuesday 5 January 2021 – First day of Term 3 for pupils





## CHRISTMAS PRAYER AND WORSHIP

Dear Lord

When you entered the world you had made on that first Christmas day,

You brought with you a future of forgiveness, hope and peace.

So, at St Catherine's College,

Help us learn and live by your example,

So our lives joined with yours,

Create the future world in which we would all hope to live.

Amen

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for this week's Worship led by Mr Jewell.

