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I would like to take this opportunity to share with you what I have learnt personally over the past year. I have worked with families who have experienced some very challenging, sad or worrying times, and I have been inspired by the resilience, love and care that the people who struggle the most have shown to others. I cannot express my thanks to all those who so kindly donated food and gifts to others at Christmas and the parents who volunteered to join our Covid testing team. Participating in Covid testing both at school and at home, shows how much we care for each other as we all pull together to beat this pandemic. Our children amaze me with the love and care that they show to each other.

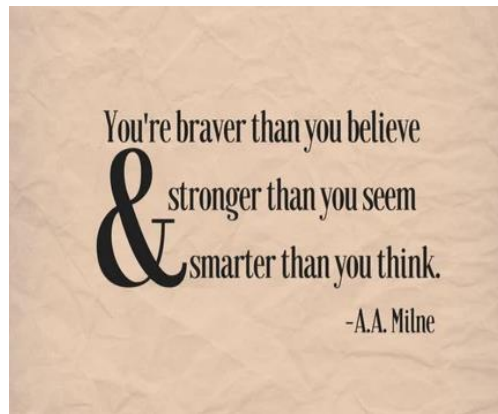
I often get asked why I choose to do the job that I do, but I can always honestly respond by saying that it gives me a chance to work alongside parents, children and staff who want to make the lives of others better. Thank you.

As we head on through the summer term and the holidays approach, please can I remind parents of some support that is available for the children both in and out of school.

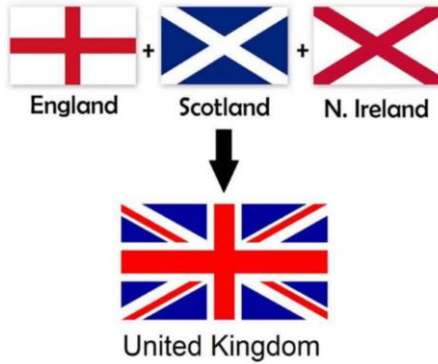
- St Catherine's College Wellbeing team. If you are worried about your own son or daughter, we have a new wellbeing team in place to provide care and counselling. If you feel this would help, please complete the form online by [CLICKING HERE](#).
- Nationally, there has been an increase in online issues such as bullying or abusive behaviour. If you have any concerns, the NSPCC website has lots of information, advice and guidance - [CLICK HERE](#).

Please be vigilant, look out for each other and raise concerns if you have them. Thank you for your support and care.

Kerry Guppy, Assistant Headteacher



## COLLEGE WORSHIP



It's June and summer seems to have arrived! College Worship this week had the theme of flags connected to summer celebrations in June.

Firstly, flags feature heavily in the celebration of football that is the Euros. 24 nations are competing in the postponed Euro 2020 competition with fans displaying, waving and wearing the flags of their countries. We considered why the countries of the UK have their own flags and how they were combined in the 18th and 19th centuries to create the 'Union Jack'. We concluded that flags can provide an identity; unite people; have histories; and often symbolise power.

A second celebration held in June is LGBT+ Pride, and associated with this is the Rainbow Flag. This flag was commissioned in 1978 by the US politician and LGBT+ activist, Harvey Milk. The Oscar winning 2008 film 'Milk', starring Sean Penn, is a dramatic retelling of that time in US and LGBT+ history (with a 15 certification, the film is only suitable for our older students). Gilbert Baker, who designed the Pride Rainbow Flag said, "We needed something to express our joy, our beauty, our power. The rainbow did that".

This quote by Rev Jesse Jackson, US civil rights activist, reminds us that flags are simple in design but unite diverse communities: **'Our flag is red, white and blue, but our nation is a rainbow'**.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to watch this week's worship.



## COVID CONTROL MEASURES

A message from Mr Jewell:

I suspect we all heard Monday's announcements from the Government with a mix of emotions. As a school, it serves as a reminder that, although children usually suffer no more than mild symptoms, they may serve as carriers and transmitters of the virus. It is important, therefore, that as a school community we manage the transmission risk but also, crucially, that we try to keep everything as normal as possible. Children have paid too high a price already during this pandemic.

With the above in mind, we would like to remind everyone of our main control measures:



- **Hands:** there are additional sinks and soap dispensers in every year group's outdoor area. We encourage everyone to use them! Hand sanitiser is also available in every classroom for those who want to use it.
- **Face:** we continue to monitor the case numbers. It is possible that we may have to return to the position we had in April and May where students are expected to wear face masks in areas where social distancing cannot be guaranteed (e.g. in corridors and toilets), and that masks may also be strongly encouraged (N.B. but not required) in classrooms.
- **Space:** Year groups continue to be kept as separate 'bubbles', owing to effective social distancing being impossible in school. Shared areas and resources benefit from extra cleaning.
- **Fresh air:** classroom windows are always open. The improved weather means this is thankfully met with less grumbles that it was back in March!
- **Home testing:** thank you for your continued support with twice weekly testing. This remains in place for the foreseeable future.

If we can all continue to be vigilant with these control measures, then we are in a position to provide the fullest possible education and experience for our children. As part of this positive experience for the students, we are delighted that our extra-curricular activities are getting back up and running. We would encourage everyone to explore what is available and to get involved where they can.





## YEAR 7 AWARDS

A report from Mr Wenham:

At the end of term 5, we held an awards worship for our Year 7 pupils. Over 150 pupils received awards for different areas such as 100% attendance; a perfect behaviour record; house points; and outstanding effort and work. This was followed on the last day of term 5 by a rewards breakfast. The top 15 house point holders enjoyed croissants and juice with the Year 7 team, Mr Berhane and other members of the senior leadership team. A special mention to Rebecca who is the first student to achieve over 1000 house points! She received an Amazon Kindle for her outstanding achievement.





## YEAR 7 PUPIL LEADERS

A report from Mr Wenham:

This week, the Year 7 Pupil Leaders had their first meeting. The group represents each of the eight Year 7 tutor groups. Some brilliant ideas were put forward and discussed. One of the ideas was to create a wellbeing group to be held at lunchtimes. They are now in the process of setting this up. This will allow students to drop in and discuss any worries that they may have in or out of school.





## YEAR 11 SEMINARS

On Wednesday, a group of Year 11 students came into school to take part in the first of three seminars designed to prepare them for the world of work and life after St Catherine's College.

The session covered different types of CV, application forms, covering letters, personal statements and preparing for an interview. At the end of the session, they were offered a mock (practice) interview for a Teaching Assistant position to give them the opportunity to experience an actual interview. Mrs Vickers and Miss Tinkl gave up their time to be the "interviewers".



## ATHLETICS

Congratulations to Ilja, Year 8 student. He came fourth in the 1500m race in the Sussex Schools Athletics Championships held at the K2 Arena in Crawley last week. Well done, Ilja!



## DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD SCHEME

A report from Mr Jewell:

The Award scheme, now in its 65th year, is thriving at St Catherine's College despite the challenges which 2020 and 2021 have thrown at it. With assistance from our staff leaders, participants select and set objectives in each of the following areas:

- **Volunteering:** undertaking service to individuals or the community.
- **Physical:** improving in an area of sport, dance or fitness activities.
- **Skills:** developing practical and social skills and personal interests.
- **Expedition:** planning, training for, and completion of an adventurous journey in the UK or abroad.

Lockdown has inevitably restricted our students' freedom and ability to complete certain sections of the award, but we were never-the-less proud to receive the certificate pictured left, acknowledging the **volunteering** which our students have been able to undertake and sign off. These hours of service will rocket as lockdown eases. Thank you to the students involved.

The **expedition** season is in full swing. A Silver Award practice expedition (Year 11) and a Bronze Award training walk (Year 10) have taken place in recent weekends, with assessment expeditions all scheduled for later this term.

The Award scheme has the ability to transform lives and to create some of the most memorable and formative experiences in young people. We are very grateful to all our Duke of Edinburgh Award leaders, and to Ms Haggart in particular, who leads the St Catherine's College D of E team.







## TOP HOUSE POINT ACHIEVERS



YEAR 7	YEAR 8	YEAR 9	YEAR 10
Rebecca C <b>1063</b>	Jack D <b>920</b>	Lauren D <b>931</b>	Jade D <b>765</b>
Isla C <b>974</b>	Logan A <b>915</b>	Caedmon M <b>801</b>	Solen S <b>750</b>
Sophie C <b>935</b>	Eva B <b>871</b>	Millie B <b>791</b>	Isabelle W <b>652</b>
Archie M <b>891</b>	Jasmine G <b>828</b>	Daniella B <b>790</b>	Cyrine E <b>650</b>
Max T <b>889</b>	Teriza W <b>823</b>	Amberley C <b>772</b>	Ellise M <b>640</b>



## WHO ARE WE?

## STAFF PEN PORTRAITS

Mrs Newnham Reeve is Head of PE and has worked at the School for many years. This is Mrs Newnham Reeve .....



I have taught in a number of departments including PE, early years, dance, ICT and history.

I did my forth year teacher training at this school in 1999. I was offered a job within the first couple of weeks and have loved it ever since!

I have two beautiful children, one is 14 years old and the other is 11 years old.

I have been married to my husband for 18 years. We met at a school football fixture.

My favourite film ever is Mary Poppins - 'practically perfect in every way!'

My favourite book is 'The Little Princess' by Frances Hodgson Burnett.

My favourite holidays are when we go skiing as a family. I love the snow!

My dream job as a child was to be a PE teacher. I wanted to be like my primary school netball teacher, Miss Hopkins

I went to Chichester University where I did a four year degree in BA Hons of QTS PE.

I am a trained aerobics instructor.



## SELF IMAGE AND BODY IMAGE

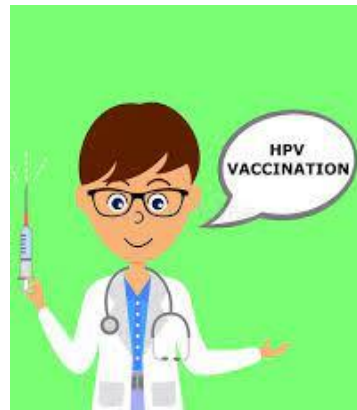
At times, we can struggle with our self-esteem and body image and it can be hard to know how to feel better about yourself. Young Minds have worked with young people who know what that is like and have come up with lots of new tips and advice. Please click [HERE](#) to read some excellent articles.

## PARENT GOVERNOR

As a result of the recent school governor nomination process, Christopher Chapman has been re-elected as a parent governor. Chris has been a governor since July 2019 and has two children currently attending St Catherine's College, with a third joining in September. The governing board wish Chris every success in his continued role.



## YEAR 8 AND YEAR 9 HPV VACCINATIONS



Year 8 and Year 9 vaccinations will take place on Wednesday 7 July. It is the first of two vaccinations for Year 8 and the second for Year 9.

Year 8 parents have been sent a reminder about consent forms. We already have consent for Year 9 students.

On the morning of the vaccination, please ensure your child has had breakfast and has a bottle of water with them.

If you have any queries, please contact Mrs Poston at [aposton@stcatherines.college](mailto:aposton@stcatherines.college)

## UNIFORM DONATIONS

At St Catherine's College, we have a store of 'pre-loved' uniform where students donate their old school uniform when they leave the School or simply outgrow it.

If you have any unwanted school uniform items that you would like to donate, please drop into Visitor Reception. We would be delighted to receive donations of any good condition uniform and are particularly short of larger blazers and trousers, ties, and the new St Catherine's College PE kit. Thank you for your support.

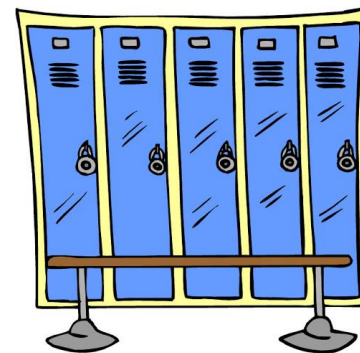


## LOCKERS

Locker bookings are now available for 2021/2022 from [locker.rentals](https://locker.rentals) at a cost of £18 per year. Parents will not be sent a renewal email as unfortunately, students are unable to rebook the same number locker next year. However, lockers available will be in the same year group bubble location. Please book by 1 August to avoid disappointment. Lockers will be installed according to demand by this date.

All students will be asked to clear their lockers before the summer holiday as they will be emptied and cleaned during the summer.

Please contact Mrs Poston with any queries: [aposton@stcatherines.college](mailto:aposton@stcatherines.college)







# Love Netball? Come and Join Us!

## Eastbourne Netball Club Junior Division

ENC Juniors offer a fantastic club training environment for young netballers. We have training only opportunities, league competitions and performance level training.

Train for fun, play in a team, increase your confidence and skills.

Whatever the level, the club is friendly and inclusive.

We welcome new players who would like to have fun and improve their skills with our experienced and qualified coaching team.

**Training Night - Monday**

**U12 - U14 5.30 – 6.30pm**

**U15 – U17 6.30pm – 7.30pm**

**Hampden Park Sports Centre, Outdoor Courts**

**Brodrick Rd, Eastbourne BN22 9RQ**

**(car park entrance is via Eastbourne Academy School, blue gates)**

We offer 1 x free taster session to interested players

Please contact Roz Hannan or Samantha Kennerson

[Eastbournejuniornetballclub@gmail.com](mailto:Eastbournejuniornetballclub@gmail.com)

Tel: 07790 804665



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# FIND YOUR CALLING: VOLUNTEER WITH FAMILIES!

**Next virtual induction course: Wednesdays & Thursdays, 10:00 - 11:30,  
30th June & 1st July, 7th & 8th July, 14th & 15th July 2021**

Our popular and FREE 6 session volunteer course is fun and relaxed, providing you with a fantastic opportunity to learn about what it takes to become a volunteer and how the Early Help 0-19 service (Children's Centres) helps local families.

Claire Says: "After completing the volunteer course I feel happier, more confident & positive about my future. I also have lots of ideas of career paths I might like to choose. It has opened my mind up to lots of different opportunities that I could look into. Having the course to look forward to every week has been amazing. It has given me a routine & time away from being mum. I am really looking forward to volunteering."

Opportunities for our volunteers include:

- Buggy Walks
- Running a group for families in their local area
- Supporting staff in crèches
- Supporting Health Visitors during the Child Health Clinics
- Administrative roles
- Meeting new people

**LEARN NEW SKILLS \* MEET NEW FRIENDS\* FIND YOUR PATHWAY BACK TO WORK**

## VOLUNTEER INDUCTION COURSE

Virtual via Microsoft Teams

DATE	SESSION (subject to change)
Session 1	Introduction to the Volunteer Induction Course
Session 2	Health and Safety in the Workplace
Session 3	Equality and Diversity
Session 4	Safeguarding (Please note: This session must be attended in order to volunteer. If you not able to attend, another session will be offered to you.)
Session 5	Baby Friendly Initiative (BFI)
Session 6	Rights & Responsibilities of a Volunteer



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Saturday 19 – Wednesday 23 June

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Friday 25 June

Wednesday 30 June

Wednesday 7 July

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Friday 9 – Sunday 11 July

Wednesday 14 July

Thursday 15 July

Friday 16 July

Monday 19 July (tbc)

Wednesday 21 July

Thursday 22 July

Thursday 12 August

Wednesday 1 September

Thursday 2 September

CCF Summer Camp

Year 12 Reunion Event, School Hall, 6.00pm – 9.00pm

School Closed (re-arranged from 1 February)

Year 7 Virtual Parents' Evening

Year 8 HPV I Vaccinations and Year 9 HPV II Vaccinations

Year 8 Virtual Parents' Evening

Silver DofE Qualifying Expedition

Year 10 Virtual Parents' Evening

Sports Day

Sports Day

Year 11 Prom

Last Day of Term 6

First Day of Summer Holidays

GCSE Results Day

Inset Day

First Day of Term 1

