



ST CATHERINE'S
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STUDENT LEADERSHIP

At St Catherine's College, we have amazing and innovative students who have a strong vision for the development of all areas of their education. Each year we appoint two Head Students from Year 11, as well as Deputy Head Students, plus 12 Student Leaders, who form our Student Leadership Committee. Our process for appointing is transparent, as well as democratic, and combines the views of both students and staff. The role of our Student Leadership Committee is to come up with ideas for the future, as well as offer guidance and suggestions on whole school plans. Student led developments have included:

- Our picnic area facilities, which have been an amazing resource for all of our students to use
- The input into the design and style of the new uniform
- Shaping our House System
- Producing pupil friendly e-safety guidelines
- Development of Mission: Responsible – tasking students to be responsible at home and in the community
- Revamping our rewards system

Each year, we welcome students from Year 11 to become Student Leaders and encourage other year groups to be part of our future leaders programme. This allows us to ensure that we always have a good understanding of what our children need in order to achieve and become resilient learners.



Pictured above: Head Students with Mr Berhane, Headteacher



DUKE OF EDINBURGH AWARD

At St Catherine's College we are proud to have a large and successful Duke of Edinburgh (DofE) Award group. The DofE Award is internationally renowned, requiring students to demonstrate a range of skills and attributes across different extra-curricular areas. These include community service; skills or hobbies; sport; and the most memorable section of all, the expedition. We currently have cohorts working towards their Bronze and Silver Awards and some of our former students progress to the prestigious Gold Award when they reach sixth form. We are very grateful to our volunteer staff team for providing our students with these opportunities and are proud to share the certificate on the following slide, recognising the achievements of our DofE group, most especially the over £1000 value of their community service hours.

We have recently launched the Bronze Award to our current Year 9 students and we have a couple of spaces left. Please see Miss Haggart for more details.



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WELL DONE TO ST CATHERINE'S COLLEGE DUKE OF EDINBURGH!

Congratulations to everyone who did the Duke of Edinburgh Award at St Catherine's College last year. Participants donated 234 hours of voluntary service to the local community. The social value of these hours is £1,017.90! The School is incredibly proud to play a meaningful and active part in the local community.

Well done and keep up the good work!





3D PRINTER

Last week, we had an exciting delivery of a 3D printer. This piece of equipment will benefit pupils in the Art, Design and Technology and Computing Departments.

We are really grateful to parent Andy Brinkley who donated the printer. Mr Brinkley crowd funded the printer during lockdown to print PPE and now that the supply chains for PPE have stabilised, he kindly passed it on to us to use in school.





GOLFING STAR

Year 8 pupil, Max, has been playing golf for a number of years. He always works hard on his game, mentally and physically, with outstanding enthusiasm, passion and tenacity. Max is a member at East Sussex National Golf Club and Royal Eastbourne Golf Club, where he plays and practises regularly.

Over the summer holidays, Max played in Sussex County junior events run by the Sussex County Golf Union. He came fourth in the U12s at Cuckfield Golf Club and in the U13s at Lindfield Golf Club. The day before his 12th birthday, Max won the Sussex County Boys U15 Handicap Championships. This is a huge achievement as he played against golfers much older than him! Max then went on to win The Royal Eastbourne Junior Club Championships Handicap Trophy.

Well done Max and good luck with future events!



ROAD SAFETY

St Catherine's College has the highest regard for the safety of the children in our care, from the moment they arrive to the moment they depart at the end of the school day. It is imperative that when parents drop off or pick up their child from school, they do so with due care and attention and do not put others at risk.

We would like to politely remind you of the following:

- Please drive slowly and with consideration at all times. The speed limit outside school is 5mph.
- Please do not drive into the school grounds when dropping your child off in the morning.
- When dropping off or collecting your child from school, please do not stop on the zigzag lines.
- Please do not park in front of the Bedewell gates at the end of the day. Access is needed to and from the building at all times.

Thank you for your support.



COVID 19 V COLD SYMPTOMS

If your child has symptoms of a cold which are a sore throat, runny or blocked nose, then they do not need a Covid 19 test and are able to attend school.

If your child has any of the main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) which are:

- a high temperature – this means they feel hot to touch on the chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if they usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- a loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means things smell or taste different to normal or they cannot smell or taste anything

then they must not come to school and should self-isolate. Please let us know immediately. Try to get a test to check if you have coronavirus and stay at home until you get your result.

Please **[CLICK HERE](#)** for BBC News' 'A cold, flu or Coronavirus – which one do I have?'



LEARNING DOESN'T HAVE TO STOP AT SCHOOL!

Learning Curve Group offers a wide range of courses to help craft new skills or build on existing ones. By utilising available government pots of money which is specifically budgeted for learning, they are able to provide a number of different training options. Most of the courses have no cost and are nationally accredited qualifications. As social distancing continues, Learning Curve Group has opened up online enrolment and induction processes for flexible learning courses. This means that anyone can access the courses, whether they've studied with them before or not. These courses are a great opportunity, allowing you to gain a nationally recognised qualification:

- **No cost at all to the learner or the company**
- **Nationally recognised Level 2 qualifications by NCFE/CACHE**
- **Complete in as little as 6 weeks**
- **Study online**
- **Study in own time - no need to attend college**
- **Full support from a dedicated tutor**

Please [CLICK HERE](#) for a list of courses on offer.

To register online [CLICK HERE](#).

If you would like more information, please contact Prabhat Patel at prabhat.patel@learningcurvegroup.co.uk



A MESSAGE FROM PRICE AND BUCKLAND, OUR UNIFORM SUPPLIERS:

This year has been truly unprecedented, and we are writing to thank you for your patience and understanding and to give you a bit more detail and information on what we have been doing to try and reduce the impact of Covid-19 and lockdown.

Price & Buckland (India) Ltd, as well as most other suppliers, shut down very abruptly in March and remained in lockdown until mid-May. The consequence of this pause was that we effectively “lost” two months of production and all delivery schedules were pushed back.

We looked at the option of using air freight to improve the delivery times, but flights remained virtually non-existent, leaving sea freight as the only option. Whilst most schedules have been met, we have experienced shipments that have been diverted, as well as delays at ports, which has led to lead times being highly unreliable and extended.

With delays in the stock, we have part-delivered a significant number of orders to ensure that parents/carers receive whatever is available, and we have kept them informed as much as possible. Since the end of July, we have worked every weekend, as well as August Bank Holiday Monday, to try and dispatch as many orders as possible, and to provide as good a service as we can.

The customer service team has responded to all incoming emails the very same day, and in some case within an hour, even at weekends. All returned garments have been refunded within two days of receiving the item back. The volume of incoming telephone calls this summer has been exceptionally high and, whilst there has been some queuing, the team has responded accordingly and answered any queries.

We fully appreciate and share with you the disappointment that you and your parents/carers may feel. We had the very best laid plans in place and were looking forward to an exceptional year, but we will pick ourselves up; learn from the experience; and plan even better for next year.

We thank you again for your support and wish you a safe and successful term.