



# ST CATHERINE'S COLLEGE

A CHURCH OF ENGLAND ACADEMY

5 September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers

It has been lovely to see the students back in college this week; we have had an incredibly positive start to the new term.

## Examination Results

We are delighted with our students' superb achievements. St Catherine's College is now one of the top performing secondary schools in the County and that is thanks to the hard work and dedication of our whole school community.

English and maths had grade 9-4 pass rates of around 80%. With 75% of our students achieving a good pass in both English and maths (this compares very favourably to the East Sussex average of 61%). A significant number of other subjects had pass rates over 90%. These include biology, chemistry and physics; French; art and music; and design technology. We are proud to report that our students performed strongly across the board, achieving outstanding results which are significantly above national outcomes.

Several students secured generous scholarships to leading independent schools. We wish all our leavers and their families the very best for their futures and we continue to pray for their ongoing success. We hope our class of 2024 will always feel part of the St Catherine's College community and would love them to keep in touch to share their successes.

## Homework

One of the key reasons that our students can achieve such excellent results is because of the hard work they do both in college and at home.

Research shows that homework can add an extra five months of learning to each academic year. We will continue to have a real focus on homework this year and into the future. We would value your ongoing support in this area. You can see all your child's homework on Arbor.

For children who prefer to stay at college to complete their homework, or for those who would like additional support, we offer a staffed homework club in the library or CS1, Monday – Thursday, until 4.15pm. This is on top of the support which our departments offer.

## Open Evening – Early Closure

St Catherine's College Open Evening for prospective families is taking place on Tuesday 10 September from 4.30pm. Our Open Evenings have proved to be hugely popular in the past and we have attracted large numbers of visitors into the College. To prepare for the evening effectively, we will need to close the college early to all year groups. This early closure also allows our many student helpers to have adequate time for a break before the evening commences. We are so very grateful to the huge numbers of children who have kindly volunteered to help.

The timings for this early closure day are below:

Timing	Session
Tutor – Lesson 2	As per normal
11.10am - 11.40am	Extended breaktime
11.45am - 12.30pm	Lesson 3
	<b>All students leave college at 12.30pm</b>

We will offer a slightly reduced menu on this day and students will be able to collect their lunch during the extended breaktime. We are sorry for any inconvenience that this early closure may cause to you as parents and carers. As always, please do let us know if you require a space in college for your child during that afternoon by completing this [Form](#).

### Wednesday 11 September

In recognition of the late evening for many of our students, there is the option for all students to have a slightly later start to the day on Wednesday, when they can choose to come into school in time for lesson one at 9:10am. We will not be marking any child as late if they arrive up until 9:10am. The students will not be missing any of their lesson time and hopefully they will be able to focus more effectively in lessons, as they may not be as tired. School will be open as usual for those students wishing to come in for breakfast from 8am in the cafe.

### Whole College Photos

Student photographs for this academic year are taking place on Friday 13 September. More information on this will follow shortly.

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support. Please contact us if you have any questions regarding any of the above.

Yours faithfully



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*"Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." Proverbs 3:5-6*