

I enjoyed leading worship this week, where we started by asking the pupils what all these people have in common.



What do these people have in common?

Our children knew the answer: that all of these have posted something on social media that, to a greater or lesser degree, they had later regretted. The message included examples of everyday people who lost their jobs because of their past social media use. I reminded them of their digital footprint which includes 'Snap Chat', which young people often mistakenly use thinking that there will be no trace.

With Safer Internet Day next week, please can I ask you, as parents/carers, to do you part in making sure that your daughter/son stays safe online? Here is a link to some helpful advice: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk>

Finally, I shared with pupils the verse from the Bible that reflects the safer internet theme this year, which is around empathy and care for others.

"Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, think of others as better than yourself. Don't look out only for your own interest, but take an interest in others too."

Mark Talbot
Principal



Parents are politely requested not to 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 co-operation.



Hello, my name is Gisèle O'Connor and I am Head of Careers at St Catherine's College. At the end of last year, I semi-retired after working for more than 18 years in the Languages Department and am now enjoying working part-time as Head of Careers. One of my responsibilities is to give young people aspiration to improve their prospects for the future and also guide them towards future careers.

The Careers Department has lots of events planned this year which include trips to local universities; The Big Futures Show, and Careers Day for Year 10 pupils. Year 10 pupils will also be participating in Work Experience week at the end of June.

Year 11 pupils recently participated in 'Mock Interview Day'. It was an amazing experience for our pupils and we are very grateful to everyone who conducted interviews: Akro Valve Ltd; The Grand Hotel; NatWest Bank; Job Centre Plus; Metro Bank; and Churchill Retirement Living.



The college is very excited to be part of the Enterprise Advisor Project. The Project connects schools and colleges with employers and careers programme providers to work together to create meaningful encounters with the world of work. Our Enterprise Advisor, Sarah Hoyle, Personnel & Development Manager at The Grand Hotel, has been an integral part in our strategy to develop our careers provision; I can't thank her enough for her support and commitment.

I am currently in the process of creating an Alumni Database (names and details of all our ex-pupils who have been to university and/or are in successful careers). Once this is in place, I will be able to share success stories with our pupils. If you are a former student of Bishop Bell School/St Catherine's College, please sign up to our alumni community: <https://networks.futurefirst.org.uk/former-student/stcatherines>

DV8 SUSSEX OPEN EVENINGS

BRIGHTON: TUESDAY 27 FEBRUARY, 6.00pm-8.00pm

BEXHILL: WEDNESDAY 28 FEBRUARY, 6.00pm-8.00pm

Dv8 Sussex is a specialist creative college offering young people aged 16-24 personalised, industry-led training in the most exciting creative sectors. You will develop skills in a supportive and ambitious environment where there are continual opportunities to work and think differently.

Open Evening is an opportunity to see facilities, talk to tutors about the courses they teach and, ultimately, find out whether a course at Dv8 is the right decision for you!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February

- 7 Y8 Parents' Evening, 3.45pm-5.45pm
- 9 Last Day of Term 3
- 19 First Day of Term 4
- 22 Y10 Parents' Evening, 3.45pm-5.45pm
- 26 Y9 & Y11 Assessment Fortnight begins

March

- 13 Y8 Options Evening, 4.00pm-6.30pm
- 21 Y7 Parents' Evening, 3.45pm-5.45pm
- 23 Non-uniform Day
- 29 Last Day of Term 4

April

- 16 First Day of Term 5
- 18 Performing Arts Evening, 6.30pm-8.30pm
- 19 Y11 Photos
- 24 Y10 & Y11 Big Futures Show (SDC Sports Park)
- 25 Y9 Parents' Evening, 3.45pm-5.45pm
- 27 Non-uniform Day
- 30 Y8 & Y10 Assessment Fortnight begins

May

- 14 Y7 & Y9 Assessment Fortnight begins
- 21 Y8 HPV Vaccinations
- 25 Last Day of Term 5

June

- 4 First Day of Term 6
- 15 Town Sports
- 21 Y6 Induction Evening, 5.30pm-8.00pm
- 25-29 Y10 Work Experience

July

- 2 Y6 Familiarisation Day (selected pupils)
- 3 Y6 Taster Day (all new pupils)
- 5 Y11 Prom
- 6 St Catherine's Sports Day
- 9-13 Y8 Bushcraft Residential Trip
- 20 Last Day of Term 6



'IN TO WIN' ATTENDANCE COMPETITION HOW EGGCITING!



Pupils who achieve 100% attendance in Term 4 will be awarded with a certificate and a Cadburys Creme Egg. They will also be entered in the 'In to Win' prize draw for their year group where they could win one of three pairs of cinema tickets. Now that's eggciting! Good luck, everyone!

YEAR 8 PARENTS' EVENING ONLINE BOOKING SYSTEM

Parents/carers of Year 8 pupils should have received an email regarding Parents' Evening with a step-by-step guide on how to use the online booking system. If you have not received the email (remember to check your spam/junk mailbox), please contact Mrs Hanton on 01323 465437 or email jhanton@stcatherines.college. Similarly, if you experience any difficulties making online appointments, or you do not have internet access, please contact Mrs Hanton for assistance and, if necessary, she can book appointments on your behalf.

Also included in the email is a link to our College Survey (<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/9GZY9FY>) and a request to spare a few moments to complete this. We value your opinion as this enables us to reflect on, and maintain and improve standards where necessary. Once again, if you do not have access to the website, please contact Mrs Hanton.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN INVESTMENT BANKER, A LAWYER, A DOCTOR, A JOURNALIST, A YOUNG ENGINEER OR A YOUNG POLITICIAN?

University College London offers events for 15-18 year olds at no cost: <https://investineducation.co.uk/>. Events take place at the weekend in London. For further information, pop along and see Mrs O'Connor (office in the Library) or email goconnor@stcatherines.college.



FOREST SCHOOL

Our Forest School pupils have been enjoying the outside environment this week. They have displayed great teamwork whilst participating in lots of exciting things, which have included making trails, building fires, cooking lunch and spear making.