



There are number of new developments here at St Catherine's College. You will have read last week of the excellent opportunities that Combined Cadet Forces provides and we look forward to our first 'troop' forming. The Duke of Edinburgh Award is now well established and we love to read on our twitter page about the various expeditions taking place. The Mandarin Excellence Programme has started and we welcomed parents/carers into school last term to hear more about the programme their son/daughter is undertaking in Year 7.

In College Worship this week, Mr Jewell has used the season of Lent and a short clip from the Noah story themed film *Evan Almighty* to get pupils to reflect upon the number 40. While 40, contrary to popular belief, is not the number of days in Lent, pupils were challenged to think about what ARK (Acts of Random Kindness) could they perform for others?

In other news, our Options Evening for our Year 8 pupils takes place on Tuesday 13 March with staggered start times from 4.00pm. We are committed to giving pupils the best possible curriculum. The three years of our KS4 gives pupils the opportunity to study the depth required by the new GCSE syllabi, while also allowing us to maintain a breadth in the options choices. This commitment to doing what is best for the pupils means that, for last year's Year 11, we took the decision not unpick their options from Year 8 in order to chase league table measures for the sake of what was subsequently announced would count for the school. Therefore, a significant proportion of the year group sat qualifications from their options which counted for them, but not for the school. We are pleased to share with you that the Progress 8 score of the pupils with a Performance Table eligible curriculum was actually a very creditable +0.25. We are also delighted to hear all the good news stories about our former pupils and to share in the successes they are enjoying. Please keep in touch!

Mark Talbot
Principal

STUDENTS FROM PERU VISIT COLLEGE

Before half-term, we were privileged to host a third language and cultural exchange visit by students from Peru. They visited our Year 10 Spanish students and enjoyed making conversation and getting to know each other.



DRAMA TRIP TO WAR HORSE

A report from Mrs Farrier:

On Tuesday 6 February, over 50 KS4 Drama pupils went to The Brighton Centre to see the critically acclaimed production of *Warhorse*. The story follows the relationship between a young boy named Albert and his beloved horse, Joey, who are separated when Joey is requisitioned for WW1. The play explores Albert's yearning to be reunited with Joey and the lengths he goes to achieve this whilst also reinforcing the brutality that existed for men and their horses in WW1.

The spectacular use of puppetry in this production was breath-taking. The audience was captivated by the life-like quality and experienced the horrors through the horse's perspective. This, combined with an imaginative use of set, atmospheric folk music, and effective use of lighting and projection, ensured that all of us understood the enthusiasm and success of this award winning show.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

February

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)

GET REVISING

A report from Mrs O'Connor:

Get Revising is a website that helps students revise and learn. Its aim is to involve students actively in their own learning and revision. All Year 11 students have been issued with a login for this site: <https://getrevising.co.uk/>

THE BRAIN TUMOUR CHARITY

A report from Rev'd David:

A number of pupils have recently raised money for charities by organising events at the school. On Friday 2 March, Hannah and Hollie Cheeseman will be holding a cake sale to raise money for The Brain Tumour Charity. Their mum, Sarah, will also be doing a Skydive later in the year to raise money. If you would like to support this excellent cause and learn about the family's story, details can be found at: <https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/sarahcheeseman2018>

TRIPLE P COURSES FOR PARENTS OF TEENS

Positive Parenting Programme

24 April, 1, 8, 15 May and 5 June

6.30pm - 8.30pm

Tesco Community Room, Lottbridge Drove, Eastbourne,
BN23 6QD.

Discussion groups for families on the following:

Reducing Family Conflict
Coping with Teenagers' Emotions
Getting Teenagers to co-operate
Building Teenagers Survival Skills

To book your free place, call or text Jane on
07834171525 or email jane.witts@eastsussex.gov.uk.

NOTICE FROM EAST SUSSEX HIGHWAYS

On Saturday 10 March, road repairs will start on Langney Rise, Eastbourne. These repairs will include carriageway recycling and carriageway jointing. Carriageway recycling involves digging up the existing road surface and re-laying it.

These works are scheduled to last for two weeks. Works will be carried out in phases to minimise disruption.

Phase 1: Starts Saturday 10 March Langney Roundabout to Pembury Road

Carriageway recycling, iron works and surfacing for four days. Due to the nature of these works, the road will be closed 24 hours a day during this time. **On Tuesday 13 March, the whole of Langney Rise will be closed to through traffic.**

Phase 2: Starts Wednesday 14 March Langney Roundabout to Pembury Road

Carriageway jointing works for five days (now weekend working). Road closed 7.00pm - 5.00am.

Phase 3: Starts Wednesday 21 March Pembury Road to the Rising

Carriageway jointing works for one night. Road closed 7.00pm - 5.00am.

Phase 4: Starts Thursday 22 March The Rising to Hide Hollow

Carriageway jointing works for two nights. Road closed 7.00pm - 5.00am.

CONGRATULATIONS!!

Last term, Mr Talbot was pleased to meet with the top house point achievers in Years 9, 10 and 11 to congratulate them on their success.

Each meeting took place with pupils, their respective Head of Year and Mrs Inch. They all enjoyed a drink of hot chocolate (naturally with squirty cream and marshmallows!) and biscuits. Well done to all!

