



As we look back on the academic year, it has been a pleasure to report the many successes of our community. Pupils have excelled in all areas of school life: academic success; sporting achievement; Drama, Dance and Musical performances; Duke of Edinburgh Award; community activities and charitable fundraising to name but a few. We are also proud of the fact that, as a Christian community, we care for each other and the strengthening of moral values is integral to our approach.

A crucial aspect of school life is the recognition of success. It has been a pleasure this week to have had several piles of letters cross my desk for signing: most House points; highest rates of progress in Year 10; zero behaviour points and most positive attitude to learning grades on reports. All of these letters represent the positive contribution which the majority of pupils make to school life and to their education. We have also presented prizes in the end of year worships to the pupils with most House Points. I look forward to the evolution of this approach to recognising success next year; we are already in discussion with Pupil Leaders about the different approaches to rewards which could be linked to this. More details are in Mrs Williams' article.

Can I take this opportunity to wish everybody a peaceful and restful summer, and we look forward to building and sharing further successes in the next academic year.

Nigel Jewell, Acting Headteacher

SINGING STAR



Congratulations and well done to Year 9 pupil, Mykee-D. Mykee-D appeared on 'The Voice Kids UK' on Tuesday evening and gave a phenomenal performance of Sia's 'Opportunity'. He's certainly one to watch in the future!

REWARDING PUPIL EXCELLENCE

A report from Mrs Williams:

Just like us, excellence comes in a variety of shapes and sizes, which is why we need to recognise the merits of all our pupils in a variety of different ways. Some will excel on the running track, some will sing their hearts out and others will quietly, but consistently, demonstrate their skills, be that in their attitude towards their learning, homework or behaviour.

St Catherine's College are launching their 'Rewarding Pupil Excellence' initiative to widen the number of our pupils who are recognised for their everyday achievements. This week, a number of parents have received a letter congratulating their child on their achievements with house points, their good behaviour and excellence in their academic reports this year.

This is just the start. Next year, after consulting pupil voice, parents will hear from us on a more regular basis about what their child has achieved.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

August

23 Exam Results: Y11 - 10.00am until 11.00am
Y10 - 11.00am until 12.00 noon

September

3 INSET Day
4 INSET Day
5 First day of Term 1 for pupils, 8.40am start

ICE CREAM FOR 100% ATTENDANCE

A report from Mrs Wenham, Attendance Officer:

Pupils who have achieved 100% attendance for this academic year, enjoyed a free ice-cream this week. Well done and keep it up!



THANK YOU AND FAREWELL

At the end of a school year, we sadly have to say goodbye to some colleagues.

Mrs Alff joined St Catherine's College in 2012 and has worked tirelessly to plan the most varied and engaging French lessons possible. She joins Battle Abbey School and will no doubt relish the opportunity to teach A level in their Sixth Form. Also leaving the Modern Foreign Languages' Department is Dr Lynn. He has taught Spanish with us since 2006, more recently adding Media and Music to his portfolio. I have always likened his dry humour to Jack Dee, and my most abiding memory is when Dr Lynn, while leading a worship, held up a book and said "you may have seen one of these? It's like the Internet, only on paper." I wish him well as he takes up a new post at Chailey School.

Mr Hunt joined us last September and has had a considerable impact with Year 11 tracking, catch-up and intervention. I suspect, from the manner in which he updated staff on the World Cup Sweepstake he organised, that he is a frustrated Sports Journalist at heart. In the meantime though, he has secured a promotion to Head of Science at Brighton Academy.

Mr Clarke leaves us after two years to start a new role at Cavendish school. The Mathematics Department will miss him, most especially his ability to unpick the most complex of maths problems.

Miss Murray joined the PE Department back in 2012 and has never ceased to inspire with her incredible levels of energy. Every PE lesson doubles up as a personal work-out, and she still finds the reserves to take on challenges such as the London to Brighton cycle ride, for which she was recently the fastest lady finisher. We wish her every success in her future career; Miss Murray has secured a promoted position to teach PE and, head up alternative provision at Oathall Community College, Haywards Heath.

It is with particular sadness that we say 'farewell' to Mrs Mines. She has been the Head's PA here for 28 years and has served six Headteachers. I am relieved that Mrs Mines is not actually leaving, but is instead reducing her hours and will continue to be PA to Mr Talbot, based in the DCAT Office at St Catherine's. I would like to say a personal thank you for all the invaluable support Mrs Mines gave me during my two spells as Acting Head.

Finally, we say an official farewell to Mr Talbot. He joined the school as an ambitious young Deputy back in 2010 and had an immediate impact as he led a review of the exceptionally complicated behaviour system of the day. Upon Mr Boatwright's retirement, Mr Talbot successfully applied for the position of Headteacher of Bishop Bell School and has led the school through a period of considerable change. As such, Mr Talbot will leave quite a legacy, not least of which is the conversion to Academy status and the associated launch of St Catherine's College. I look forward to continuing to work with Mr Talbot in his new role as CEO of DCAT, a post in which he has been thriving these last few months.

Mr Jewell, Acting Headteacher

'MAKE IT COUNT'

A report from Miss Tinkl:

On Thursday 12 July, 35 Year 9 pupils took part in a Maths 'Make it Count Day' at Bexhill College. The pupils were tasked with planning a Year 11 prom using scale drawings and making decisions about costs. After they had calculated their finances, they had to decide what price they would sell tickets for. The session then developed into the pupils calculating their break-even point, using real life business formulas, and also calculating with safety margins. The pupils gained a lot from the day, as well as feeling inspired by being in a college environment.



BUSHCRAFT 2018

Last week, some of our Year 8 pupils embarked on a five-day residential bushcraft adventure.

Pupils soon settled into camp with the week pushing them out of their comfort zone, experiencing new activities and trying new food. It was great to see the pupils enjoying the wonderful outdoors and working together as a team.

