



What do we want for St Catherine's College? I sincerely hope that we are all united in wanting it to be a centre for academic excellence; a beacon of opportunity for developing the skills and life chances for tomorrow's generation and a place of safety and happiness for the growth and development of young people within a Christian, values-based culture. As Acting Principal in Term 6, I will be focusing on these qualities as I prepare the College for transition to Mr Berhane in September.

I value the opportunity to engage you, our parents, in the work of St Catherine's College. The discussion in the parent forum on Monday was lively and informative, and I am very grateful for the extensive responses which have been received in our consultation on the school day. Additionally, every pupil has had the opportunity to discuss and feedback on the proposals in tutor time this week. We will consider the feedback of pupils, parents and staff as we decide the best way forward for St Catherine's. The outcome will be announced in a future edition of Contact, probably in early July.

Finally, please look out for reports and progress flightpaths which will be sent home to all families this month. Can I ask that everyone sets aside some time with their children to talk through the attendance data; attitude to learning ratings; and attainment grades in the reports. The flightpath graphs are very easy to read. When looking at the progress journey in flightpaths, can I ask that praise and recognition is given where children are heading towards their potential and that questions about how to improve are asked where pupils are not on track? This simple act of engagement goes a long way towards building that success we are aiming for. Thank you in anticipation.

Nigel Jewell, Acting Principal

WATER BOTTLES



Please be reminded that the College does not supply cups for water and that pupils should bring their own water bottles, especially as the warmer weather approaches.

YEAR 11 CELEBRATION DAY

Before half term, the College held a Year 11 Celebration Day where students and staff came together to enjoy a day of fun and celebration. The day began with an assembly which looked back over the last five years and celebrated Year 11s time at the College. This was followed by a barbeque and a staff vs students rounders match. It was a great day with pupils saying their farewells, exchanging reminiscences and wishing one another good luck for the future.

We would like to wish Year 11s every success with their final lessons, revision and examinations and in their future endeavours. A fantastic year group who we will very much miss!



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GOD'S CHILDREN AT THE HEART OF EVERYTHING WE DO

Together we listen, learn, achieve

ITALY TRIP

A report from Mrs Bawden:

During half-term, 38 pupils accompanied four teachers on an RE, art and photography exploration of Rome, Florence and Siena.

Whilst in Rome we visited the Colosseum; climbed St Peter's Basilica; saw Michaelangelo's frescoes in the Sistine Chapel and spent time in Villa Borghese.



We also had a day in Siena which is our namesake's birth place. Whilst there, we saw where St Catherine lived and the teachers shared information about her life with the pupils. We then visited the church where her head is kept as a relic. I think the trip really helped to give a sense that St Catherine was a real person.

In Florence, the pupils had time to visit the Ponte Vecchio and saw breath-taking views of the city from Piazzale Michaelangelo. The architecture, art, religious venues and historically significant places that we visited on the trip will leave a lasting impression on all involved.



APPRENTICESHIPS AT THE MET

Greater Brighton Metropolitan College will be holding an event on Thursday 14 June, 4.00pm - 6.00pm, for school leavers and parents to find out more information about apprenticeships. There will be the opportunity to speak with advisors and current apprentices to find out what is on offer and how doing an apprenticeship can lead to a future career. There will also be complimentary food, pizza and candyfloss!

Any enquiries, please contact: apprenticeship-brighton@gbmc.ac.uk

SCHOOL UNIFORM



Blueprint, our school uniform supplier, has changed its name to KB Schoolwear. If you wish to purchase school uniform, please visit the KB Schoolwear website: www.kbschoolwear.co.uk. Online appointments can be made if you would like your child to try on uniform before you purchase. If you would prefer to come to the College to purchase uniform, you will have the opportunity do so on Tuesday 17 July between 3.30pm and 5.30pm.

A reminder to parents that, next academic year, Year 11 pupils are required to wear blazers as they have done so in Years 7-10.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

June

- 15 Town Sports
- 21 Y6 Induction Evening from 3.45pm
- 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 Visit from No.4 Middle School, Shanghai
- 9-13 Y8 Bushcraft Residential Trip
- 12 Performing Arts Evening 6.30pm-8.30pm
- 16 Non-uniform Day
- 17 Uniform for Sale at College 3.30pm - 5.30pm
- 20 Last Day of Term 6

September

- 3 INSET Day
- 4 INSET Day
- 5 First day of Term 1 for pupils