



I am delighted to inform you that Mr Solomon Berhane has been appointed as new Principal of St Catherine's College; he will be taking up the position in September following Mr Talbot's promotion to the Trust's CEO. We were pleased to attract a strong field of candidates and Mr Berhane came through a rigorous process demonstrating a commitment to the very best Church School education for our young people.

Mr Berhane started his teaching career in Eastbourne as a Maths teacher. He has an impressive track record of working with staff to enable children to learn and make exceptional progress.



This success was enjoyed at Willingdon Community School before he secured promotion to Beacon Academy, Crowborough where he is currently the Deputy Headteacher. Beacon Academy is widely considered the most improved school in East Sussex and is now placed in the top 3% of schools nationally for student progress.

As a practising Christian, Mr Berhane will bring many skills and much expertise to St Catherine's College. He cares deeply for young people and has a determination that every child must succeed. We look forward to working with him on our journey to becoming an outstanding school.

D V Jeffries  
Chair of Governors

PLUMPTON COLLEGE  
OPEN DAY AND SPRING FAIR

SATURDAY 12 MAY, 10.00am—5.00pm

Entry: £7.50 per adult; free entry for under 16s

Open Day at Plumpton College is a great day out to experience all courses in action, with the opportunity to discuss courses and careers.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

May

- 7 Bank Holiday Monday, College closed
- 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, 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
- 9-13 Y8 Bushcraft Residential Trip
- 11 Performing Arts Evening, 6.30pm-8.30pm
- 16 Non-uniform Day
- 20 Last Day of Term 6

YOUNG ENTERPRISE  
SUSSEX FINALS

A huge well done to team Prestige, pictured below at the Young Enterprise Sussex finals. Sadly, Prestige didn't win but each and everyone on the team did us proud!

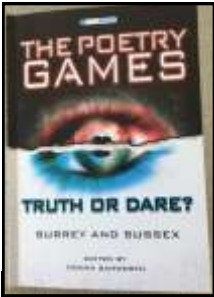
The team created eco friendly products to sell, which included a range of colourful Americano cups, black thermos mugs and packs of straws.



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Together we listen, learn, achieve



### CONGRATULATIONS!!

This week, the English Department is delighted to announce that twelve pupils from Year 9 and Year 10 have been published in the latest edition of The Poetry Games; Truth or Dare.



### COLLEGE BLAZERS FOR SALE

We have a small stock of new St Catherine's girls' blazers for sale at £20.00. We also have a limited number of new plain black blazers, which come with a St Catherine's iron on badge, available at £15.00 each.

If you are interested in purchasing any of the above, please contact Mrs Dolan at Visitor Reception.

### EMPLOYABILITY WORKSHOP

A report from Mrs O'Connor:

Year 9 pupils recently took part in an Employability Workshop run by Future First as part of the IGD's Feeding Britain's Future programme. IGD is a charity which channels its expertise into initiatives designed to help the food and grocery industry deliver the needs of the public. IGD's programmes in secondary schools bring to life the world of work, highlight the skills required to succeed in the workplace and showcase the variety of roles available in the food and grocery industry.

Year 9 pupils looked at industry professionals throughout the food and grocery supply chain, with the opportunity to connect with young people and share their passion for work. This workshop helped them with guidance on the skills needed in the workplace and insight into the variety of jobs available in the food and grocery supply chain.

### HERB AND FLOWER GARDEN

A report from Miss Susek:

A huge thank you to all those who have donated herbs, flowers and garden accessories to our flourishing garden. Our pupils are looking forward to using all the freshly grown herbs in their cooking.



A huge thank you to Anna Aiken and Athena, from our local Asda supermarket, who worked with pupils. We are now planning a visit to Asda to see what goes on behind the scenes.

