



My name is Natalie Hatch and I am the Examinations Officer at St Catherine's College.

Next week will see the start of the busy exam season. Some of our pupils have already sat their French and Spanish speaking , Art, Photography, Dance and Drama exams. All

examination information, along with revision times, can be found on our College website.

Exam season can be a stressful time for the whole family. I would encourage pupils to stick to personal revision timetables and attend timetabled revision sessions; making the best use of the extra revision which is still running after school, at break and lunch times. And, of course, it is just as important to find time to relax in between!

Our Year 10 pupils will soon be sitting the English Literature GCSE examination and I wish them every success with that. It will be good for them to get one exam completed this year!

Finally, I would like to wish all pupils taking exams this summer the very best of luck!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

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, 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
- 17 Uniform for Sale at College, 3.30pm - 5.30pm
- 20 Last Day of Term 6

ATTENDANCE

A report from Mrs Wenham, Attendance officer: Encouraging regular school attendance is one of the most powerful ways you can prepare your child for success, both in school and in everyday life. With good school attendance, your child will achieve better attainment levels, develop healthy lifestyle habits, be less likely to be involved in anti-social behaviour and have a better chance of success when leaving school. Research shows that students who attend well, achieve well!

Education is important. Students should be in school on time and ready to learn every day unless the reason for absence is unavoidable.

Well done to our latest winners of the Term 4 'In to Win' 100% attendance competition: Caitlyn; Josh; Casey; Ashleigh; Tiana; and Eliza. Enjoy your cinema trip!

BLAZERS FOR SALE

We have a number of small girls' and boys' blazers, sizes 28" and 30" chest, for sale at £15.00. They are plain black and come with an iron-on embroidered St Catherine's badge. If you would like to purchase one, please contact Mrs Dolan at Visitors Reception.

GET CREATIVE

FREE SUMMER PROGRAMME FOR YEAR 11 PUPILS

Get Creative is an exciting new free summer programme open to Year 11 pupils. It will take place in August at both the Brighton and Bexhill Dv8 campuses. There will be two weeks of music, media and digital workshops, events and experiences. During the first week, participants will build and develop creative skills across music and media, culminating in a whole group project in the second week, to produce a music video which will be showcased to an audience at the end of the programme. You will meet like-minded people, attend a gig and a creative industry trip with your class.

If you would like to get involved, please call 01273 550432 or 01424 213890 or email [apply@dv8sussex.com](mailto:apply@dv8sussex.com). Hurry, as places are limited!

## SAFEGUARDING UPDATE

A report from Mrs Guppy:

As we know, most of us, including our children, now use mobiles, iPads and tablets to communicate as part of our everyday lives. If we ensure that our children are following safety guidelines in their online lives, the use of IT can be amazing. Unfortunately, not everyone using IT is as sensible or kind as they should be. I wanted to share a recent East Sussex Police update called 'bait out.' This is a worrying new trend where children are sharing nude images of their peers in an attempt to bully them.

Teenagers use a 'bait out' strategy where they launch a social media page and only allow access once a sexual image has been shared. This is more frequently aimed at girls who tend to be more vulnerable.

If you have a concern about the online life of your child, or another, please report this on <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/>. The CEOPS site also has a wealth of information to help keep children safe online. If you have any concerns or questions, I'm always happy to hear from you. Please contact me on 01323 465438 or [kguppy@stcatherines.college](mailto:kguppy@stcatherines.college).

## YOUNG ENTERPRISE

A report by Miss Trenaman

Last week, St Catherine's College Year 10 Young Enterprise company, Prestige, took part in the Sussex Finals. Pupils got to showcase their products and give a formal presentation covering what they have achieved, including the highs and lows. They also got the opportunity to listen to some expert business advice from Kevin Byrne, founder of Checkatrade.com. There was some tough competition and, whilst Prestige showed commitment throughout, they didn't get through to the regional finals. However, they did us proud and have all been on a learning journey in terms of key business skills. Well done, Team Prestige!



## MAY'S MATHS CHALLENGE

Hand your answers to your Maths teacher or email [stinkl@stcatherines.college](mailto:stinkl@stcatherines.college) (full workings expected) by Friday 25 May:

**Beth bought 5 bananas and 3 peaches  
If she bought 5 peaches and 3 bananas it would  
cost 8p more**

**How much more expensive is a peach than a  
banana?**

Well done to April's Mathematicians of the Month:

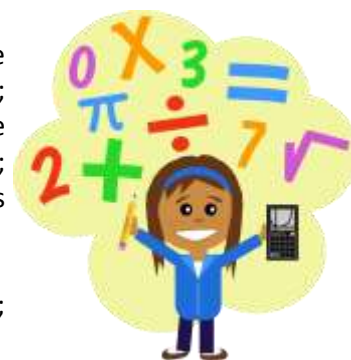
**Year 7:** Harry Bridge; Nancie Francis; Blaze West; Hannah Jeanes; Jorja Boundy; and Luke Latham-Barnes.

**Year 8:** Holly Putland; Kacey Saunders; Bethan Clark; and Marni Chaytor-Grubb.

**Year 9:** Jasmine Ramazannejad; Michael Easter; Sean Adach; Helena Mercer; and Daniel Cracknell.

**Year 10:** Erin Burt; Leonie Tompsett; Saffron Power; Melody Abi-Haider; Kyle Andrews; George Connor; Liam Kelly; and Jess Browne.

**Year 11:** Samuel Lawrance; and Emily Jackson.



## 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.

## TENNIS STAR



Congratulations to Lola, Year 7 pupil, who represented the 12 and Under and 14 and Under County Cup Teams over a 3-day weekend competition.

Playing against various counties, Lola won all her single and doubles matches. Well done, Lola!