



Welcome back to everyone connected to St Catherine's College.

We return to a busy term that includes our Open Evening on Tuesday 19 September and the Open Month that follows. Please encourage your son/daughter to help out during the evening, remembering it is also a good way of fulfilling the 'whole school contribution' requirement of the 'Gold Award'. Most importantly, our children are the best advert for the College; we are proud of them and hope they want to show off the best of their school.

Rewarding our pupils is always our mission and we do this in a range of ways. As parents you can track your son's/daughter's house points using our school gateway app (for those that haven't yet signed up, a step-by-step guide will be in next week's Contact). New for this year, you can also track your child's 'conduct' points. This is the net value from their achievement points (rewards) vs their behaviour points (sanctions). These will be important in terms of accessing privileges as well as our intervention and contact home when thresholds are reached.

Congratulations to our Year 11 pupils who just left on their examination results. As always there are many fantastic individual performances. We wish them all well in their respective next steps.

Finally, I have been asked to provide some additional, temporary, educational leadership to the Trust we are part of, DCAT (Diocese of Chichester Academy Trust). I will be based at St Catherine's each day so there should be no perceivable change. A letter is on our website which explains a little more.

I hope that you and your family had a restful holiday and we look forward to the new academic year.

Mark Talbot, Principal

EARLY CLOSURE - TUESDAY 19 SEPTEMBER

School will be closing at 2.00pm on Tuesday 19 September for staff to prepare for Open Evening. If this causes problems, please let us know and arrangements will be made to supervise your child until 3.25pm. Many thanks for your support.

A VERY WARM WELCOME TO OUR NEW YEAR 7 STUDENTS

Our new school year brings with it 226 new students into Year 7. Everyone seems to have settled in really well, having spent much of the morning with their tutor and tutor group before going to lessons after break. Below is a selection of photos from their first day.



PUPIL MEDICINES

If you wish your child to carry his/her own medication (including paracetamol, asthma inhalers, epipens or any other non-prescription medication), please complete a Parental Consent Form for 'pupils to carry their own medication'. If your child is taking prescribed medication that requires supervision by Student Services, please complete an 'Administration of Medicines' Parent Consent Form. Both forms are available on the College website or from Student Services.

All medicines must be brought to Student Services in their original container (with pharmacy label) with the patient advice leaflet and completed consent form.

UNIFORM AND EQUIPMENT

Please could parents ensure that uniform, coats, PE kit (including footwear and bags) and other equipment are all labelled in a permanent manner with either secure labels or a thin permanent marker stating at least first initial and full last name.

It's sad to have to dispose of unclaimed lost property at the end of a term when we cannot trace the owner due to items being unnamed. That said, we will hold onto all outdoor coats until October half-term to give pupils a chance to realise they have lost them when the cold weather arrives!

CAFÉ NEWS

Our talented and enthusiastic catering team is facing another exciting year ahead. The Café serving area has been extended to incorporate a dedicated pasta and noodle hot bar as well as a fresh salad bar, and is now 'nut free' and vegan friendly.

Home-cooked food and fresh ingredients are always used when possible; healthy food choices of all kinds! Research shows that healthy nutrition radically improves children's cognitive function and measurable academic achievement.

The Café's tasty and exciting menus are available to view on the College website where you will find a different weekly menu throughout the year.

If you would like further information, please contact the Catering Manager at rrusso@stcatherines.college or 01323 465435.

CHURCH SCHOOLS' ART COMPETITION

A report from Rev'd David:



A huge well done to Lydia Dixon and Joseph Agrela who attended a prize giving ceremony at St John the Evangelist Church in St Leonards before the summer holidays. Lydia was presented with first and second prize in the KS4 section of the Church Schools' Art Competition and Joseph Agrela was commended for his work in KS3.

The Diocese ran the competition to encourage pupils to produce artwork linked to the stories and themes of the bible. The competition was open to whole classes and individuals in primary and secondary schools.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September

- 12 Individual School Photos
- 19 Open Evening, school closes at 2.00pm for pupils
- 20 Y11 Careers Information Eve, 6.00pm—7.30pm
- 26 Y8 HPV Vaccinations
- 27 Y7 Theatre Group 'Streetwise'

October

- 11 Y10/11 Music Trip to Glyndebourne Opera House
- 20 Last Day of Term 1
- 30 First Day of Term 2

November

- 2 St Catherine's College Firework Event, 6.00pm
- 7 Y7 Welcome Evening
- 16 Awards Evening
- 23-6 Dec Y11 Mock Exams

December

- 11 Non-uniform Day (Christmas jumpers)
- 15 Last Day of Term 2 for pupils

January

- 2 First Day of Term 3
- 11 Y11 Parents' Evening, 3.45pm—5.45pm

February

- 1&2 School Show, Matinee and Evening Performances

YEAR 10 BRITISH CROSSFIT CHAMPION!

A report from Mrs Newnham-Reeve:



Huge congratulations to Nellie, Year 10 pupil, who recently competed in the British Teen CrossFit Championships and was crowned winner!

She participated in three workouts which included weightlifting, gymnastics and cardiovascular fitness. Well done, Nellie!

SPONSORED WALK

A report from Miss Murray:

I am delighted to report that pupils raised a fantastic £2525.40 at the sponsored walk which took place at the end of last year. A huge well done to Josh Palmer, Year 8, who raised £810! The money is being split between our four house charities: Make a Wish Foundation; Chestnut Tree House; Children with Cancer Fund; and St Wilfrid's hospice. Well done!

SCHOOL FUND DONATIONS 2017-18

The Government continues to make cuts to school funding which impacts on all schools in the UK. In order for us to continue to improve our broad and exciting curriculum and to ensure that your children have access to the very best resources needed, we invite all parents to make a voluntary school fund donation. Donations will be used to purchase additional new equipment to benefit our students.



It is interesting to note that:

- If every parent donates £5 we will be able to buy 1,000 new books for the library
- If every parent donates £10 we will be able to refresh one IT room with new PCs and monitors
- If every parent donates £15 it will enable us to buy 40 tablets or laptops

All donations, however large or small, are gratefully received. If you feel you are able to make a contribution, it can be made in one of the following ways:

- **ParentPay** - log onto ParentPay to make your one-off donation.
- **Cash or Cheque** - please complete and return the tear-off slip below to your child's tutor with your payment. Cheques should be made payable to St Catherine's College.

Gift Aid: St Catherine's College is part of the Diocese of Chichester Multi Academy Trust who are a registered charity (243134). If you are a UK taxpayer and have paid an equal or greater amount of tax than your donation in the current tax year, we will be able to claim Gift Aid (25%) on your donation.

If you have any questions, please email mcollett@stcatherines.college.



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I would like to make a donation of £..... to St Catherine's College.

Please tick if you are a UK tax payer and would like this to be a Gift Aid donation.

Title: Forename: Surname:

Address:

..... Post Code:

Signed: Date:

Please return slip and payment to your child's tutor.