



*"What you put into life is what you get out of it."* This quote from Clint Eastwood is very appropriate to the beginning of an Academic Year. Whether it's a new key stage, an options year or an examination year, every pupil will be building their future for tomorrow through their actions and choices today. I read an article by a serving Headteacher who wrote *"Pupils ultimately get what they deserve"* and it is true; hard work pays.

Returning to my opening quote, St Catherine's offers so much more than just an 08:40 until 15:25 timetable. I would encourage all pupils to consider what else they could do to try something new or to excel in something they're good at. We have a rich programme of clubs, teams and extra-curricular activities, the details of which can be found on our website and overleaf. You can keep in touch with these and, indeed, daily life at St Catherine's through our Twitter account @StCCEastbourne.

Whether professional, personal, academic or extra-curricular, I believe it's very important to have goals. My goal through 2017 was to complete a race described as 'Switzerland's toughest marathon', the Glacier 3000. I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to the parents, staff and Governors who sponsored me; it was of great encouragement as I completed the race and, with thanks to your generosity, raised £1400 for Chestnut Tree House. I wonder what is next for us all in 2017-18?

Nigel Jewell  
Vice Principal

### OPEN EVENING Tuesday 19 September

We look forward to welcoming Year 6s and their parents to our Open Evening on **Tuesday 19 September**. The Principal's speeches will be at 6.00pm and 7.30pm in the School Hall.

**School will be closing at 2.00pm on this day**, for staff to prepare. 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.

### ARE YOU USING OUR SCHOOL GATEWAY APP?



A report from Mrs Milligan:

Over 60% of our parents are using the new School Gateway App and they tell us how wonderful it is! It helps parents engage in and support their child's school life, giving live access to timetables, attendance, behaviour and achievement, student reports and lots more. This app is also a free messaging service for both parents and the College.

Parents without access to the app can register with School Gateway and view information online by visiting <https://login.schoolgateway.com>. You can register as a new user with the mobile telephone number and email you have provided to us.

The set-up process is simple and will take no more than a couple of minutes:

- Search for 'School Gateway' in the Apple App Store/Google Play
- Install the app and say yes to 'Allow Push Notifications'
- When you launch School Gateway for the first time, please select 'New User' and enter the main email address and mobile telephone number you have registered with the school
- You will receive a PIN code so that you can activate the system

If you have difficulty in registering, please ring 01323 465451 or 465411 and we will help you.

### OPEN MONTH Monday 25 September - Friday 20 October

Please contact the school to make an appointment. Tours of the school take place in small groups during the school day.

admin@stcatherines.college / 01323 465400

Priory Road  
Eastbourne  
East Sussex  
BN23 7BL  
Tel: 01323 465400  
Fax: 01323 465465  
Email: Admin@stcatherines.college  
Web: www.stcatherines.college

GOD'S CHILDREN AT THE HEART OF EVERYTHING WE DO

Together we *listen, learn, achieve*

### SCHOOL NURSE DROP-IN SERVICE

A report from Mrs Guppy:

We have a new school nurse joining us this term. Aisling Vanston-Rumney will be running a drop-in service in the Chapel on alternate Mondays from 1.00pm-1.40pm. If pupils have any health related concerns or worries they can pop in to see her. No appointment is needed.

If, as a parent, you would like to speak to one of the school's Health Team about any worries you may have about your child's health, please contact them on 01323 446983 or email on [kentcht.nhs.uk/schoolhealthservice](mailto:kentcht.nhs.uk/schoolhealthservice).

### TERM 1 EXTRA-CURRICULAR PE CLUBS

#### MONDAY:

No clubs



#### TUESDAY:

Football, Boys, Year 7  
Netball, Girls, Years 10 & 11  
Basketball, Boys, Years 9,10 & 11

#### WEDNESDAY:

Netball, Girls, Years 8 & 9  
Basketball, Girls, Years 9, 10 & 11  
Football, Girls  
Year 11 BTEC revision—PE3

#### THURSDAY:



Rugby, Years 7 & 8  
Netball, Girls, Year 7  
Football, Boys, Year 8  
Fitness, All Years  
GCSE revision, Years 10 & 11



#### FRIDAY:

Touch Rugby, All Years

### NEW HOMEWORK SYSTEM

A report from Mrs Bawden, Homework Leader:

Last year, I worked with pupils and parents to design a new homework system which will be introduced this term. The aim of this new system is to reward pupils who do homework and to support pupils when a homework has not been handed in. Teachers will continue to issue homework via Show My Homework.

Parents will receive a message via the School Gateway App, text or email, if a homework is incomplete. If you receive a message, could I please encourage you to discuss with your child why the homework was not completed. Page 18 in the College Diary has suggestions on how to support pupils with homework.

If a pupil continues to fail to complete homework for the same teacher, then the pupil will be put on 'Homework Support Report' and if the situation continues, the teacher will contact home. The teacher will work to put strategies in place to help any pupil who is finding homework difficult.

We also want to reward pupils who complete homework so teachers will be issuing 'homework house points', to a value of 1, 2 or 3, depending on how much effort the pupil has put in. Parents who use the School Gateway App will be informed when a homework house point has been issued.

If you experience any issues with homework that cannot be resolved via the class teacher or tutor, then please contact me. Similarly, if you have any feedback about the new system, I would love to hear from you: [cbawden@stcatherines.college](mailto:cbawden@stcatherines.college)

### MUSIC EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

A report from Mr Woosley:

Music Clubs are up and running! All clubs are free, just turn up at lunchtime or after school. You can keep up-to-date with Music Department news on Twitter: [@StCCMusic](https://twitter.com/StCCMusic)



	LUNCHTIME	AFTER SCHOOL
Monday	Samba Mu1	
Tuesday	Harmonix Mu1	GCSE drop-in Mu1
Wednesday		Noise Machine Mu1
Thursday	Brass Works Mu1	
Friday	Harmonix Mu1	

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

#### September

- 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

## 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](mailto:mcollett@stcatherines.college).



### SCHOOL FUND DONATION 2017-18

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.