



It's been another excellent start to the year, with our pupils working hard and behaving brilliantly. It has been a real pleasure to see them return from their holiday with enthusiasm and determination to be the best that they can be.

We have been particularly impressed with how smart the pupils are looking in their college uniforms and I'd like to take this opportunity to thank parents for their ongoing support with this. A reminder that all shoes should be formal plain black leather (or leather type). In Years 7 to 10 either trousers embroidered with the school's initials or a tartan skirt must be worn. In Year 11 pupils are permitted to wear a plain black skirt or trousers. However, any skirts worn should not be shorter than 10cm from the middle of the knee. Information regarding correct school uniform can be found on page 13 onwards in the pupil diary. Please do contact Student Services if you have any additional queries around uniform.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you about the importance of excellent school attendance. Pupils with an attendance rate of over 98% can average over half a grade of progress more than national expectations in all subjects. Every pupil should be aiming for 100% attendance; any school time missed places children at risk of falling behind. We have a new attendance officer, Mrs Wenham, working with us full-time this year, and she will be more than happy to help with any questions regarding attendance. You can contact her on 01323 465439.



Sophie Thomas
Deputy Vice Principal

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.

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OPEN EVENING 2017



What an amazing Open Evening we had on Tuesday as we welcomed some 700 plus people to the College. The queue spread along Priory Road and out of sight at the brow of the hill as families waited patiently to tour the building and hear Mr Talbot speak. Tours commenced at 5.45pm and families were still arriving at 7.30pm to be shown around. Pupils and staff worked really hard to make all of our visitors welcome and to show the College at its very best. There was much to see: exciting scientific experiments; dance



and drama workshops; art displays; Mandarin; French and Spanish staff sharing their vision for the future as they served food from their country; and classrooms displaying outstanding work. A very special thank you must go to our wonderful pupils who acted as guides or assisted teachers in subject areas.



The deadline for applications for a place next September is 31 October 2017. Applications must be made by logging on to eastsussex.gov.uk and clicking on the 'education' tab at the top of the page, then following the links under 'find a school place - school admissions'. Those applying under the Foundation criteria (ie pupils who attend religious worship regularly - at least once a month for a year) also need, in addition to the County application, to complete our own supplementary application form to be found in the School Prospectus. Please note: if your child currently attends a church school (including Tollgate) but does not attend regular religious services, you do not need to complete the supplementary form.

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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.

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



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

September

25 Y8, 10 and 11 Assessment Fortnight begins
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
30 Y7 & 9 Assessment Fortnight begins

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 School Show, Matinee and Evening Performances
2 School Show, Matinee and Evening Performances
7 Y8 Parents' Evening, 3.45pm—5.45pm
9 Last Day of Term 3
19 First Day of Term 4
22 Y10 Parents' Evening, 3.45pm—5.45pm

GAMBIA SCHOOL TRIP REUNION

A report from Mrs Dolan:

Last Friday evening, students and staff enjoyed a visit from our friend, Alagi Bojang, who is currently visiting England from the Gunjur project in West Africa. Alagi had brought along a certificate to thank our parents and students for the £300 donation we made earlier this year to the eye project. We left him completely speechless when we surprised him with a cheque for another £795.00! This money will be used for cataract operations and other minor eye surgery to help people regain their sight.

