



A huge thank you to parents/carers for helping us to have an excellent start to the year. Pupils look smart and have responded really well to the revised behaviour systems. I'm delighted that so many children helped at our Open Evening and they have received their well-deserved house points. We are also keen to reward pupils for other contributions to school, including taking part in a club or activity and representing the school. Do let the Head of Year know if you feel your child has not been rewarded for an activity/event.

Our winners of gold and subject awards for last year will come together at the De La Warr Pavilion in Bexhill this year on Thursday 16 November, starting at 7.30pm. As mentioned previously, with the refurbishment of the Winter Gardens, a large enough alternative venue had to be found. We do hope that you will be able to make the journey to Bexhill as we have Alastair McKean, Paralympian, as our guest speaker. Letters to parents of award winners will be sent home this week.

Finally, with assessment fortnight well underway for Years 8, 10 and 11, it has been heartening to see pupils revising and trying their best in the important first assessments of the year. The results will be reported to parents/carers through the first round of reports in November. Years 7 and 9 have their first assessments after half-term. As always, if you have any subject related queries please do make contact with the class teacher, ideally copied to the Head of Department. All teachers' email addresses are on our website.

Mark Talbot, Principal

HARVEST AT ST CATHERINE'S



A report from Rev'd David:

As we think about Harvest this year, pupils are invited to bring in contributions for the Eastbourne Food Bank. Please see the following list of contributions that would be particularly useful to the Food Bank: Tins of meat; tins of fish; UHT milk (1 litre); tomato based pasta and rice sauces; rice; coffee; jam and marmalade; tins of fruit; tins of tomatoes; shampoo; shower gel; toothpaste; and toilet rolls (nothing perishable please). We would be very grateful for any donations, which should be taken to the chapel anytime over the next fortnight.

OCTOBER'S MATHS CHALLENGE

A report from Miss Tinkl:

Welcome to our new Year 7 Mathematicians. Each month, a Maths challenge question is set through Contact to all pupils of all years. Teachers and parents are also invited to solve this challenge. All correct pupil entries will receive three house points and a certificate. From the correct entries, a name will be pulled out of a hat and that pupil will be rewarded with five house points.

Topics covered so far this term in KS3 Maths are: The four operations; Negative numbers; Prime numbers; HCF and LCM and BIDMAS. This month's challenge is based on BIDMAS:

$$2 \times 1 + 2 \times 3 - 2 \times 2 - 1 = 12$$

$$2 \times 1 + 2 \times 3 - 2 \times 2 - 1 = 6$$

$$2 \times 1 + 2 \times 3 - 2 \times 2 - 1 = 4$$

Insert brackets to make the above expressions true. You may use more than one set of brackets for each one.

Hand your answers to your Maths teacher or email stinkl@stcatherines.college (full workings expected) by Friday 20 October.

Well done to September's Mathematicians of the Month:

Year 7: George Jones; Freya Franklin; Lily Peck; Alex Dadgostar; Elizabeth Finn; Nicola Turner; and Isabelle Wyse.

Year 8: Skye Hollands; Lara Bennett; Aaron Adams; Sophia Pawley; Maya Smith; and Katie Steer.

Year 9: Jamie King; Lilli Wren; Mackenzie Newbury; Jayke Gliddon; Katherine Pawley; Daisy Allen; Kira Cornford; and Lily Dale.

Year 10: Joseph Errington; Kyle Andrews; Charlotte Beams; James Cordingly; Jessica Browne; Florence Snashall; Mollie-Eve Connelly; and Jack Singleton.

Year 11: Anya Slaughter; Hannah Frais; Toby Wixon-Boyd; Samuel Brett; Eliza Golubova; Liarna Pope; Emily-Jane Palfreyman; Tom Dowding; and Aisha Janneh.

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Together we listen, learn, achieve

FOREST SCHOOL

A report from Miss Murray:

Last week, pupils attending Forest School enjoyed learning how to make fires from scratch. They collected wood, assembled it, and then cooked their lunch on the fire. Pupils showed fantastic team work and made some amazing shelters in the woods.



YEAR 11 CAREERS

A report from Mrs O'Connor:

A huge thank you to the Year 11 pupils and their parents/carers who attended the Post-16 Careers Event last week. Our training providers and employers were very complimentary about our pupils, commenting on how polite they were and the relevant questions they were asking.

Pupils will now be working on their college applications during PSHE lessons. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me: goconnor@stcatherines.college

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

October

- 25 Sept - 20 Oct: Open Month for Y6 Parents/Carers
- 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, 5.30pm
- 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

March

- 13 Y8 Options Evening, 4.00pm-6.30pm
- 21 Y7 Parents' Evening, 3.45pm-5.45pm
- 23 Non-uniform Day
- 29 Last Day of Term 4

April

- 16 First Day of Term 5
- 18 Performing Arts Evening, 6.30pm-8.30pm

YEAR 11 COLLEGE OPEN EVENINGS

Sussex Downs - Lewes

- Friday 6 October: 4.30pm - 7.30pm
- Saturday 7 October: 10.00am - 1.00pm

Sussex Downs - Eastbourne

- Friday 13 October: 4.30pm - 7.30pm
- Saturday 14 October: 10.00am - 1.00pm

Plumpton College

- Saturday 30 September: 9.00am - 12.00 noon
- Saturday 14 October: 9.00am - 12.00 noon (Netherfield)
- Saturday 11 November: 9.00am - 12.00noon

Gildredge House

- Thursday 5 October: 6.00pm - 8.00pm