



At our last Church School inspection, the report included the comment: "The school has a well-developed social conscience". This is really important to us and we are working hard together on thinking beyond ourselves and how we can help others. Jesus taught us, best expressed in the traditional King James version, "Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself".

Recently, a group of Year 7 pupils came to see me with an 'urgent concern'. I dropped everything and met with them. They started with their important news that they really needed to share. I was relieved when I realised that their urgent concern was, in fact, a proposal to raise money for a diabetes charity as a friend they know has been suffering from this illness. Often I get knocks at my door from pupils coming up with new ideas to raise money or help those less fortunate. Our House system supports local charities (Children with Cancer Fund, Chestnut Tree House, Make a Wish, St Wilfrid's Hospice) and our whole school has been engaged with collecting food for Eastbourne Food Bank. Last term, Mrs Baker held school worships challenging pupils to collect food and a gift for Eastbourne Food Bank. She asked each tutor group to collectively fill a bag for life with food items and one gift that could be donated to a family in need at Christmas. So far, 27 tutor groups have donated!



Two of our Year 11 pupils came to see me to ask if they could dress in their cadet uniforms to sell poppies at St Catherine's. This is happening from next week and they are also helping me with our remembrance worships.

We look forward to a productive term and applaud our excellent pupils for their well-developed social conscience.

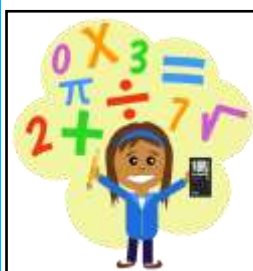
Mark Talbot
Principal

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

We currently have a parent governor vacancy at St Catherine's College. If you wish to stand for election as a parent governor, please see the attached letter and complete the nomination form. Closing date for receipt of nominations is 3.30pm on Friday 17 November.

NOVEMBER'S MATHS CHALLENGE

A report from Miss Tinkl:



Congratulations to Ollie Robson, 7CY, who correctly inserted brackets into last month's BIDMAS challenge; five house points coming your way. Well done to Mr Slaughter, parent of Luke Slaughter, 8TL, who also completed the challenge correctly.

Last term, KS3 Maths covered topics on Algebra which this month's challenge is based on. Please hand your answers to your maths teacher, or email stinkl@stcatherines.college (full workings expected) by 24 November 2017.

$$\text{If } a + b - c = b + c - a = c + d - b = d + a - b = 6$$

Find the value of $a + b + c + 2d$

A huge well done to October's Mathematician of the Month:

Year 7: Luca Bates; Mekkah Akedo; Benjamin Manners; Matthew Simons; Elysia Cutcliffe; Rosey Robbins; Alyshia Walker; and Summer Harman.

Year 8: Ailsa Cameron; Ellen Curtis; Rocco Bates; Alexander Bovill; Farrah Robio El Makrai; Hannah Siddique; and Mya Courtney.

Year 9: Hayley Long; Luke Palmer; Zak Kebbati; Victor Nobreyga; Johnny Lindsay; and Mia Lozinski.

Year 10: Ciara Blake; Robert Archibold; David Lister; Evie Gardner; Mohammad Mirza; Daniel Finn; Jack Eade; and Alfie Craig.

Year 11: Emily Wood; Michael Gomes; Jaxon Firmin; Mehreen Husain; Sam McGuinness; Oliver Warner; Chloe Frost; and Halima Dob.

CHRISTMAS LUNCH TICKETS



This year, Christmas lunch is on Wednesday 13 December for Years 7 and 8 and on Thursday 14 December for Years 9, 10 and 11. Tickets are on sale from Monday 20 November in the area outside the Café at breaktime. Tickets are £3 which includes a full Christmas meal plus pudding, a drink and a cracker. There might even be an extra little gift from the Café Team. Bargain!! Everyone with a ticket will also be entered into a raffle for a Christmas hamper.

FANTASTIC SCIENCE HOMEWORK



A report from Mrs Crilly:

A huge well done to Year 7 pupil, Mia, who did a super science homework on showing the particle model during changes of state of matter (solids, liquids, gases).

COSI FAN TUTTE

A report from Mr Woozley:

On Wednesday 11 October, around 20 pupils visited Glyndebourne Opera House, to watch a matinee performance of Mozart's *Cosi Fan Tutte*. Roughly translated as 'They all do that...', the comic opera dealt with the mercurial nature of young love, setting up two pairs of young lovers as their fidelity to each other is tested. Lots of humorous moments ensue, involving disguises, poison, a fake wedding and ultimately a happy ending! There were wonderful performances from the cast, particularly Despina the maid, whose energy and scheming stole several scenes.

For many of our pupils, this was their first experience of an opera, and all were agreed on how expressively the music helped convey the emotions of the story, and how enjoyable the experience was.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November

7 Y7 Welcome Evening, 3.45pm - 6.15pm
16 Awards Eve, 7.30pm, De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill
23-6 Dec: Y11 Mock Exams

December

11 Non-uniform Day (Christmas jumpers)
14 Carol Service at St Andrew's Church, 6.30pm
15 Last Day of Term 2 for pupils

January

2 First Day of Term 3
2 Y8 Assessment Fortnight begins
8 Y10 Assessment Fortnight begins
11 Y11 Parents' Evening, 3.45pm-5.45pm
29 Y7 Assessment Fortnight begins

February

1 School Show, Matinee and Evening Performances
2 School Show, Matinee and Evening Performances
7 Y8 Parents' Evening, 3.45pm-5.45pm

COLLEGE OPEN DAYS/EVENINGS

SUSSEX COAST COLLEGE – HASTINGS

9 November, 5.00pm - 8.00pm, Station Plaza
23 November, 5.00pm - 8.00pm, Ore Valley
7 December, 5.00pm - 7.00pm, Station Plaza

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15 November 2017

PLUMPTON COLLEGE

Saturday 11 November, 9.00am - 12.00 noon

TRIPLE P COURSES FOR PARENTS OF TEENS

Positive Parenting Programme

Because parents of teenagers have different needs, Triple P has many different ways to provide positive parenting help. It's about giving you just the right amount of help you need; enough, but not too much!

On Wednesday 22 November, 10.00am - 12.00 noon, at The Archery Youth Centre, Willoughby Crescent, Seaside Road, Eastbourne, BN22 7RR, there will be discussion groups for families on the following:

- Reducing Family Conflict
- Coping with Teenagers' Emotions
- Getting Teenagers to co-operate
- Building Teenagers Survival Skills

To book your free place, call or text 07834171526 or email julieann.evans@eastsussex.gov.uk.

1 November 2017

Dear Parent/Guardian

Parent Governor Vacancy

There is currently one vacancy for a parent governor appointment at St Catherine's College. If you wish to stand for election as a parent governor, please complete the nomination form overleaf and **return to Visitor Reception by 3:30pm on Friday 17 November 2017.**

Please be aware of the following:

In accordance with the School Governance (Constitution) Regulations 2003 a person is disqualified from election as a parent governor if:

- They work at the school for more than 500 hours in any school year (ie for more than one third of the hours of a full time equivalent)
- They are an elected member of the Local Authority

Parent governors play a very important role in keeping the Governing Body aware of the views of parents and the local community. They are a vital part of our team and I hope that there are parents willing to give their time and commitment to this important role. The Governing Body is ideally looking for nominees with expertise in the area of teaching and learning, although this is not essential.

If two or more nominations are received, I shall arrange for parents to receive ballot papers which will include the candidates' election statements. Once a successful candidate has been elected the appointment receives ratification from the DCAT Board of Directors, with the new Parent Governor commencing office at the first Board meeting on 22 January 2018.

Yours sincerely



Mr David Jeffries
Chair of Governors

PARENT GOVERNOR NOMINATION

(Mr/Mrs/Miss/Ms) (full name) _____

Full address _____

Telephone Number Home _____ Work _____ Mobile _____

Parent/Legal Guardian of _____ (child's name)

I wish to stand for election as a Parent Governor of St Catherine's College. The following two parents or legal guardians of children attending the school support my nomination:

1. Name _____ Signature _____

Address _____

2. Name _____ Signature _____

Address _____

Brief election statement:

Signature of Candidate: _____