



Next week is **Anti-Bullying Week 2017** with the theme 'All Different, All Equal'. During the week, we will be encouraging all students, staff and parents to take action against bullying throughout the year as well as celebrating difference and equality. Our aim is to create a safe environment where children can be themselves and where students are empowered to report bullying and not be bystanders.

Staff and students are encouraged to be individual, celebrate difference and show support for Anti-Bullying Week by **wearing odd socks at school next week!**

Recently in College Worship, I made reference to a number of historical drama movies that have influenced my thinking. Through the medium of film, I can gain a better understanding of people who have very different experiences to my own. In the 'Danish Girl', Eddie Redmayne plays Einar Wegener, whose voyage of self-discovery ultimately leads to the first ever sex-change operation, and, in 'The Imitation Game', the autistic and gay mathematician, Alan Turing (Benedict Cumberbatch), tries to crack the enigma code used by the Nazis in World War II. The films' taglines are 'Find the courage to be yourself' and 'The true enigma was the man who cracked the code'.

During Worship, I also showed two film clips. 'Suffragette' showed the fight for equality by radicalised women in 1921 and 'Hidden Figures', set at NASA in 1961, depicted a talented group of African-American female mathematicians who served as 'human computers' calculating the launch of the first US astronaut into space. 'Genius has no race. Strength has no gender. Courage has no limit' (Hidden Figures).

The theme of Worship was one of equality for all regardless of gender, race, religion, disability, sexuality or gender identity, and the Worship provided an opportunity to invite students to our new equality group. **The E-Team** meets every Monday lunchtime with the aim to discuss equality issues and celebrate the diversity of identities found in our school community.

Neil Pittman
Acting Director, Personal Development and Pastoral Support

MARKING REMEMBRANCE

As mentioned last week, two pupils helped Mr Talbot lead our Remembrance Worships. James Jones, with support from Jevon Caldeira, was outstanding in the way he helped us all reflect upon why we wear poppies and the importance of all they represent.



WORSHIPS TO CELEBRATE 100% ATTENDANCE

A report from Mrs Wenham:



Congratulations to all our students who achieved 100% attendance in Term 1. I have had the pleasure of leading worship for KS3 and was really impressed with the volume of students who received a certificate for 100% attendance. These students then took part in a raffle ticket draw and the lucky 15 winners came

away with an additional prize. Pictured above is a small snapshot of some of our achievers.

KS4 worships are happening over the next few weeks and I am looking forward to celebrating good attendance with these year groups too.

Furthermore, we will be running additional attendance reward incentives this term. Students with 100% attendance will have the opportunity of achieving up to three raffle ticket entries for the prize draw in January, along with a Christmas chocolate bar.

Thank you for supporting your child's attendance. It is good for us to remember that research has shown that an attendance above 96% leads to a whole grade increase in the student's GCSE final results.



PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

Last week, we advertised a Parent Governor vacancy. **Please be aware that this vacancy is open to parents, guardians and carers.** If you wish to stand for election as a parent governor, please complete the nomination form which was in last week's Contact (available on the school website). Closing date for receipt of nominations is 3.30pm on Friday 17 November.

SCHOOL FUND DONATIONS

A huge thank you to all those who have donated to our school. If you haven't donated and would like to do so, please see the attached school fund donation form.

DRAMA TRIP TO THEATRE

A report from Mrs Farrier:

On Wednesday 18 October, over 50 KS4 Drama pupils enjoyed a trip to The Devonshire Park Theatre to see Blackeyed productions, Jekyll and Hyde. This innovative company used a range of theatrical techniques to intrigue the audience throughout this insightful and highly creative production.

Afterwards, it was great to see pupils so engaged as they excitedly discussed the various devices they recognised from their own drama lessons.



YEAR 7 TENNIS STAR

A report from Mrs Newnham-Reeve:

Congratulations to Lola, Year 7 pupil, who recently competed in, and won, a 12 and Under Regional Tennis Tournament. Well done and good luck in your next competition, Lola!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

November

16 Awards Eve, 7.30pm, De La Warr Pavilion, Bexhill
23-6 Dec: Y11 Mock Exams

December

11 Non-uniform Day (Christmas jumpers)
13 Christmas Lunch; Y7 and Y8
14 Christmas Lunch; Y9, Y10 and Y11
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

MUSIC LEADERS

A report from Mr Woozley:

Congratulations to our new Music Leaders! Chosen for their musical ability, their commitment to music within the school, and their willingness to help others, 17 KS4 pupils were successful at interview. Part of their responsibility is to help plan, organise and present musical activities throughout the school year. Later this year they will also be mentoring promising musicians in KS3, to help them on their musical journey.



FIREWORK SPECTACULAR

A report from Miss Collett:



A huge thank you to everyone who supported our Firework Spectacular last week. It was an amazing event with over 1000 people attending. Children enjoyed fairground rides, there were burgers, pizza and candy floss for sale, a bar (for the adults) and, of course, a fantastic firework display! Funds raised from this event will be used on facilities to benefit our pupils. We look forward to a bigger and better event next year! Pictured left is a fabulous photo taken by Cameron Alpine, 9CB.



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.



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.