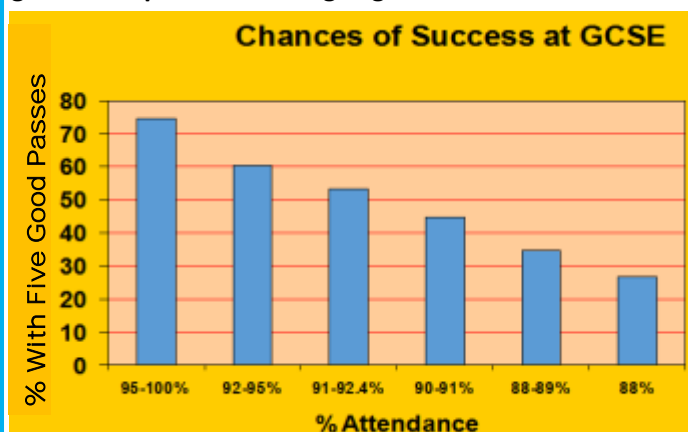




Hello, my name is Mrs Zoe Wenham and I am the new Attendance Officer at St Catherine's College. I have lived in Eastbourne all my life and enjoy spending quality family time with my husband and children. Additionally, I have been very fortunate to have worked in education for 17 years and I am passionate about helping every child make progress and reach their God-given potential.

I would like to thank parents for their support in ensuring full attendance. Whole school attendance is well above 95% and approximately 800 pupils have recently received a chocolate bar for full attendance.

Did you know that if your child has an attendance rate of 95% that is **10 school days or 50 lessons missed**? An 80% attendance result is **40 days or 200 lessons missed**. Statistics show that students with an attendance rate of **less than 90%** have only a **35% chance of achieving five good GCSE passes including English and Maths**.



So far this year, we have set up the St Catherine's College Attendance Champions League and the 'In to Win' competition to encourage good school attendance. Both incentives have caused quite a buzz of excitement and inquisitiveness amongst the pupils; it is great to see them taking ownership of their attendance!

If you have any concerns about your child's school attendance, please do not hesitate to contact me: 01323 465439 / zwenham@stcatherines.college.

LAST DAY OF TERM

School finishes at 1.45pm on Friday 15 December 2017.

FIRST DAY OF NEXT TERM

Term 3 will start on Tuesday 2 January 2018 at 8.40am.

DECEMBER'S MATHS CHALLENGE

This term, our KS3 Maths pupils have covered topics on algebra, decimals and angles. This month's challenge is based on angles:



What size is the smaller angle between the minute and hour hands of a clock at 18:15? Hand your answers to your Maths teacher or email stinkl@stcatherines.college (full workings expected) by Friday 29 December 2017.

Congratulations to Anna Willmoth, 11CL/FA, who correctly answered last month's algebraic challenge as 30; 5 house points coming your way.

Well done to November's Mathematicians of the Month: **Year 7:** Lola Dutton; Alfie Phillips; Cyrine Elamin; Mia Coney; Luke Blackmore; Faith Mathiot; Jack Davis; and Mekka Akedo.

Year 8: Tia Hasler; Keagon Grandhaie; Annie Allport; Harvey Collins; AJ Toms; Isla Geraghty; Sam Burkill; and Ibrahim Miah.

Year 9: Arantxa Rengifo Saavedra; Lois Hilton; Lacey Wait; Alice King; Nathan Harris; and Aine Field.

Year 10: Matthew Burfield; Levi Herring; Claydon Holyoake; Ryley McAndrew; Harry Benge; Jacob Stenton; Eleanor Ovens; and Alex Gilbert.

Year 11: Caitlin Handford; Nina Williams; Jack Hilton; Amy McWilliams; Molly Thompson; Michael Gomes; Luke Baldock; and Willow Hoise Martin.

NON-UNIFORM DAYS

WEAR SOMETHING CHRISTMASSY

This year, our non-uniform 'wear something Christmassy days' fall on the same days as Christmas lunch:

Wednesday 13 December

Thursday 14 December

As always, a donation of £1.00 is requested, which will go to the school's charities and sponsor the education of a student in Uganda. **Please note the above dates are INSTEAD of Monday 11 December, which was previously advertised as non-uniform day.**

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

December

- 13 Christmas Lunch: Y7 and Y8
- 13 Non-uniform Day (Christmas jumpers)
- 14 Christmas Lunch: Y9; Y10; and Y11
- 14 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&2 School Show, Matinee and Evening Performances

FUNDRAISING FOR ST WILFRID'S HOSPICE

Last academic year, Megan, Year 11 pupil, completed her work experience at St Wilfrid's Hospice with the Fundraising and Events Team. During this time, she was involved in the planning, costing and research of the 'Reindeer Rush'. Megan really enjoyed the experience and the team were very impressed with her. The Festive Obstacle Run is on Saturday 9 December at Hampden Park, at 10.00am, and Megan is looking forward to taking part. She is hoping to raise much needed funds for the Hospice; every penny raised will go directly towards the care of the patients and their families. If you would like to make a donation, please follow the link to Megan's JustGiving Page:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/megan-taylor-collison1>



St Wilfrid's Hospice @stwilfridstweet
 @StCCEastbourne student
 Megan joined our fundraising team this week for work experience! Smart, fun and a dab hand at presentations. 🙌



VIVALDI ORCHESTRA

Thank you to Sam's parents for sending us this photo of him playing the double bass.

Sam (Y8) has played in the Hastings and Rother Area Music Service Vivaldi Orchestra for two and a half years. Well done Sam!

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			£37.50
			£45