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News and Events Academic

Coming up

February
STEM enrichment week

March
Practical Learning
enrichment week
Higher Education Fair

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Jamie and Ella bag the votes



The school was delighted in the last week of December to succeed in having two of its student candidates elected to represent Canterbury in the Kent Youth Parliament.

Jamie Watson, Year 13, and Ella Scarr, Year 10, will work with the official Kent County Council Councillors on youth policy for Kent. Both of our elected members have identified mental health, transport and resources as issues that they want to see prioritised in 2019 for young people. Jamie and Ella were successful in becoming two of the eight Canterbury candidates and we were very pleased to achieve the highest turnout in votes for the Canterbury district. Over eight hundred students voted in the Academy.

Keep on reading, writing and slamming!

As part of the school's ongoing promotion of reading and the love of writing the school has continued to organise literacy programmes in and out of the classroom.

- In terms one and two, sixty of our Year 8 students completed a literacy project with Kent University which involved an intensive six week programme culminating with the published stories being celebrated and read out.
- Since September Years 5, 6, 7 and 8 have worked on a monthly basis with Stewart Ross our author in residence. This is an ongoing project with each class working on the production of a class reader which again will be published at the end of the academic year.
- In term 3 Year 7s have been working with the University of Kent on the Quest Literacy project. This involves exploring different types of writing and again a class producing their own story.
- Finally Year 10 students have been involved in a world renowned Slam Poetry workshop. Again, through the school's close relationship with the University of Kent fifteen Year 10s have been invited in February to experience a Slam competition. Slam is a competition in which poets perform spoken word poetry. Performances will be judged by a panel of judges, typically five, and usually selected from the audience, or sometimes judged by audience response.

The Canterbury Primary School

- This term Stewart Ross, our author in residence, will be working with Years 5 and 6 on their story creation.
- The next STEM week (science, technology, engineering and maths) will include the primary school making paper chairs and we will be visiting Canterbury Christ Church University.
- Waterstones bookshop will be again providing two more author visits following on from the very successful visit of Cressida Cowell in September.



Educational Visits

As a school we understand the importance of learning both in and out of the classroom. On a weekly basis we offer educational visits in all the pillars areas. This is important for a number of reasons; it allows students to link their subject to the real world, inspire and stretch the students' imagination and expose students to new learning opportunities. Below is coverage of one exciting trip to illustrate our commitment to learning and to students testing themselves in a new and demanding environment.

Parliament Trip-Year 9, 10 and 12-Politics, Law and Criminology

In the last week of term two thirtyfive of our students became part of the Brexit story when they were taken off to the Houses of Parliament and the Ministry of Justice to get to grips with how the county is governed. They participated in an excellent tour of the two Houses of Parliament and then on to the Ministry of Justice to have the court system explained to them. The highlight was to be invited to hear the Lords' debate on the Brexit vote. Despite one or two of the Lords appearing to need to catch up on their sleep in the chamber, the debate was passionate and wide ranging.



As part of the school's commitment to promoting science related careers our term two STEM week targeted engineering- related activities. There were challenges to work on flood protection and creating furniture from paper! The pictures below document the wide range of activities and creativity that took place.



We will be following this up with a STEM week focusing on space.

Moving on and up to University



The school is again delighted with the level of commitment shown by our final year students (Year 13) and their applications for UCAS for 2019. The deadline of January was met by over one hundred and sixty students. Many students have received excellent offers from a wide variety of institutions over a very expansive range of courses. At this stage we have offers from Oxford for Linguistics, Law at Southampton, Music at BIMM in Brighton and Animal Sciences at Nottingham. Well done to all our applicants for being aspirational and resilient in their studies.

The Great Debate 2019



Canterbury Academy student Rachael Punyer was one of three winners.

Local heats for our Great Debate 2019 national competition have been taking place over the winter. Twenty history student finalists from across the country will be making their way to Windsor Castle in March for the final, each with their own answer to this year's question: What was the greatest failure in the Age of Revolutions?

All of our local heats are organised by volunteers among our branches and schools, without who this competition couldn't take place - thank you to everyone who has helped out and taken part this year!

If you would be interested in getting involved in the 2020 competition, you can get in touch at: greatdebate@history.org.uk

News and Events Excellence in Sport



Coming up

Sixth Form Open Evening
27th February at 6.30 pm.



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and/or visit please contact:
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Linford Christie presents students with prizes at Sports Awards

On Tuesday 12th February, we welcomed a true British sporting legend to our Sports Awards. Linford Christie won gold medals across the four major international athletics competitions and was our guest speaker for this year. He presented a selection of students with prizes and spoke about his international achievements and the hard work needed to become an elite athlete. Last year's guest speaker, John McAvoy, also made an appearance and helped present Year 11 student, Jordan Gillmore, with the overall sports personality of the year award.

The event received generous support from some of our partners including Lifestyle Fitness, Marathon Sports Foundation, Canterbury Christ Church University, Canterbury Gymnastics Club, Canterbury Rugby Club and Invicta East Kent Athletics Club.



Academy's Tamara in national basketball triumph



Canterbury Academy's Tamara Fournillier-Onadeko has played a key role in Sevenoaks Suns' victory in the under-16s national cup. The talented basketball player helped her side to an 83-69 victory over Nottingham Wildcats at the University of Essex sport arena in Colchester, to claim the national title.

Fifteen-year-old Tamara was named as the Most Valuable Player after recording impressive statistics of 18 points, 14 rebounds, 7 assists and 7 steals. Her influence is having a positive impact on younger girls and our under 14 girls' basketball team have gone through the whole term undefeated.

Anthony Halsall selected in England Karate Squad



Year 12 student, Anthony, has been selected for the Japan Karate Shotorenmei England Senior Kumite squad following a two hour assessment in Leeds. He has been training regularly with our sixth form athletics academy since joining the school in September 2018. The athletics coaches have worked with Anthony's karate coaches to develop a personalised strength and conditioning programme to enhance his fighting skills.

Anthony's selection is well deserved as he has worked incredibly hard on his fitness and his ambition is to represent Great Britain at an Olympics. For more information on our range of advanced sport programmes for sixth form students, please come to our Sixth Form Open Evening on Wednesday 27th February at 6.30 pm or contact Director of Sport, Phil Relf, on prelf@canterbury.kent.sch.uk

Busy term for The Canterbury Academy Sports Partnership

The Canterbury Academy Sports Partnership hosted a 'New Young Competitors' dodgeball tournament this term and St. Stephens came first with The Canterbury Primary School finishing eighth overall. They also hosted the Kent School Games Infant Agility competition where Blean Primary School qualified for the county finals and The Canterbury Primary School came second. For further information on how our sports partnership can help provide bespoke PE packages for primary schools, please contact Gemma Edwards on gedwards@canterbury.kent.sch.uk

News and Events Practical Learning and Enterprise Education

Coming up

Practical Enrichment week
11th March - 15th March.

Key Stage 3 Careers Fair
14th March.

Entrepreneur Louis Hurst Visits the Sixth form



In January a local entrepreneur visited the school to talk to students about his own journey and how he has managed to become a successful entrepreneur. Louis is also working with the Peter Jones Academy students and mentoring them with their new business ventures.



Erasmus



A group of sixth form students went to Munich for a week in December as part of the Erasmus + European exchange programme, which will run over the next two years, working in collaboration with schools from Germany, Italy, the Czech Republic and Latvia.

The focus of their studies was cultural heritage and new media. They took part in a variety of workshops, ending the week making a film at The Bavarian Film Studios. All of the students were a credit to the school.

The students involved were Arnold Shirly, Tom Halliday, Johnnie Hobbs, Theo Dillon-Welch, Mark Sitton, Angel Uzunov, Scott Nolan, and Joshua Powell.

There is a **NEW COMPETITION** open for ages 11 - 19



The Tenner Challenge

Over four weeks students use £10 pledges to get their student business ideas off the ground and make as much profit as they can.

This will run as follows:

Students research and decide on a product or service to invest their money in.

Teams of no more than four need to source materials or products, prepare sales pitches, and plan selling events.

Students get their product or service ready and promote their selling events.

At end of the challenge students calculate their profit by repaying their original £10 pledge plus a £1 legacy contribution.

Any students that are interested please come and speak to Mrs Vinn in the SEEC.

The Canterbury Primary School

There are enrichment activities happening for students in years 5 and 6 on 14th February: students will be attending a workshop in the SEEC lecture theatre about careers and aspirations in preparation for the Careers Fair in March.

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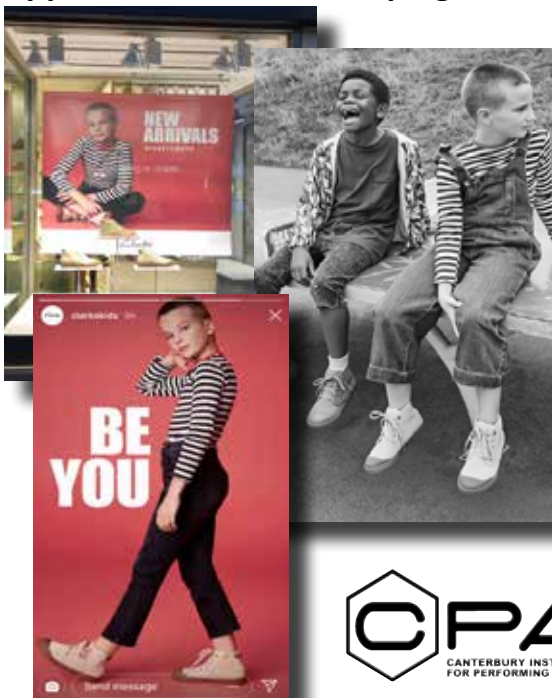
News and Events Excellence in Performing Arts

Coming up

CHOsars
Tuesday 26th March



Ava Goodman Appears in National Campaign for Clarke's Shoes



Success Stories

Following on from her international modelling campaign for Primark, Ava Goodman (Year 7) is now appearing in print and film ads for Clarke's Shoes.

More updates to follow from this amazing young model and actress.

Musical Theatre Students Perform Iconic Musical Sweet Charity at The Tower Theatre, Folkestone

From Tuesday 12th until Friday 15th February, the students from our Sixth Form Musical Theatre Programme performed the iconic 1960's musical Sweet Charity at The Tower Theatre, Folkestone.



With performances happening every day throughout the week, over 75 students took part (onstage and off) in this showcase of their stage talents.

Academy Performing Arts Students Spotlited in New Documentary - Made In Kent



On Sunday, 3rd March, a new Josephine Buchan documentary – Made In Kent - will be premiered at the Gulbenkian Theatre Cinema.

The documentary, shot largely at our Chaucer Campus for performing arts, and featuring Canterbury Academy performing arts students across the Key Stages, is an exposee into the transformative power that performing arts and music has on the young people of Kent.

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Canterbury Academy pupils to perform in RSC partnership at The Marlowe Theatre

A cast of pupils from The Canterbury Academy Trust will perform with ten other Kent schools in a joint production of *Romeo & Juliet: Sweet Sorrow* at The Marlowe Theatre on Wednesday 20th March.

The Canterbury Academy Trust leads a partnership with these schools, the Royal Shakespeare Company and The Marlowe to engage pupils in positive experiences of Shakespeare and this performance is an exciting highlight and public display of the work taking place in classrooms across our schools

Tickets are on sale in January from The Marlowe box office and online: <https://marlowetheatre.com/shows/romeo-and-juliet-sweet-sorrow/>



Romeo & Juliet: Sweet Sorrow
Wednesday 20th March 2019, 7pm-9pm
£5 each

Adelaide is pitch perfect for Cathedral choir

A pupil from The Canterbury Academy has won a place in the Canterbury Cathedral Girls' Choir – a first for us as an Academy Trust.

Twelve-year-old Adelaide Thorpe gained a highly sought-after place in the twenty five-strong girls' choir, which has performed in front the Queen and Duke of Edinburgh and on national television and radio.

The soprano, who started singing at the age of four, is also a member of the Faversham Youth Choir. Her musical career has included performances in *Godspell* at the Arden Theatre and in *The Armed Man*, a mass by Karl Jenkins, at the Old Bailey. She has also appeared on the stages of The Marlowe and Gulbenkian theatres.

Adelaide is part of Canterbury Academy's selective music school for gifted and talented pupils, who benefit from additional singing and instrument tuition.

The prestigious Cathedral choir for girls between the ages of twelve and eighteen, was formed in 2014 and has appeared on BBC's *The One Show* and ITV's *This Morning*, as well as recording a variety of material, including for Decca Records.

Adelaide attends weekly rehearsals and sings at Cathedral services, as well as special events and she will take part in the performance of Bach's *St John Passion* at the Cathedral on Saturday, March 9th.

She said: "It was my dream to get a place in the Cathedral choir so I was so pleased to be selected. Everyone is being very supportive and I'm really looking forward to performing in Bach's *St John Passion* in March."



News and Events Extended Services

The Canterbury Skate Project



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The Canterbury Bike Project



Over the last six weeks we have hosted five students from the Orchard School in Canterbury. We supported the Orchard School in writing five funding bids to help pay for a bicycle to improve their physical and emotional health via Head Start Kent. The students all received funding via Head Start and The Canterbury Bike Project offered a free six week course to support these students.



During their sessions they have learnt the basics in cycle maintenance and even stripped down and rebuilt their own bikes. The sessions finished with a trip down to Betteshanger Park to ride the bikes that they built.

A fantastic, valuable piece of work

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The Canterbury Academy at Parliament!



Two students from The Canterbury Academy Trust were invited to Parliament by Rt. Hon Norman Lamb MP to give feedback on HeadStart and help promote the good work that has been undertaken. HeadStart Kent is a preventative programme for 10-16 year olds to help improve emotional resilience. The students were a credit to the Academy and the thanks has been overwhelming.

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Your school lottery

Thank you to all of our School Lottery supporters. Since launching our lottery in May 2017, you have helped raise more than £5000 for projects to benefit our pupils. These funds have helped us refurbish our Chefs' Academy restaurant and we are currently working with a group of pupils to start up a Smoothie Kitchen enterprise, amongst other projects that are in the pipeline.

Our School Lottery costs the school nothing and everyone who buys a ticket is in with a chance of winning a weekly cash prize, which currently stands at £46 but increases as tickets are purchased. Each ticket you buy also gives you an entry to a national cash prize of £25,000!

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This will initially run as a trial for a limited number of places, so please call us for eligibility criteria, to arrange a tour of our settings or book your place.

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