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## News and Events Academic

### Slam Poetry - Literacy always on the Academy's front page

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 students' 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 a class reader which again will be published at the end of the academic year.
- In term 3 Year 7 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 15 Year 10s have been invited in February to experience a Slam competition.





15 of our Year 10 students work on a weekly basis with University of Kent English Undergraduates to improve their skills around comprehension and critical analysis.

### **Academy Hits National Press**

We are always delighted with the impact that the Academy's enrichment events have on the aspirations and desire to aim high of our students. It is particularly rewarding when events and examples of students excelling reach the national stage. Recently two of our events were covered in national journals. Rachael Punyer, as reported in last term's newsletter, was commended by the Historical Association for her award at the Canterbury Historical Association's debate. Now our astronomy group have been mentioned in a national website that links different astronomy clubs in the country.



A news article focused on the collaborative research that The Canterbury Academy Astronomy Club took part in last year. It shows a picture of David and Eddie Buxton using balloons to demonstrate what they were studying. Matiss Sijambalapitija, Lucas Groves and James Haddad also used large remote controlled telescopes in Australia, South Africa and Chile generously funded through the Faulkes Telescope Project.

Faulkes Telescope user Andre Debackere joined up with two teachers, John Murphy at Regina Mundi College Cork and Conrad Stevens at The Canterbury Academy. Along with their students, the team took 1049 images of the eclipsing binary system over 6 months, to capture several eclipses of the system, which happen every 34 days. Along with taking the images, the students also learnt about how eclipsing binaries work and why the brightness changes, through classroom activities.

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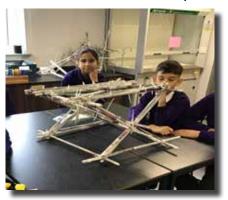




To continue to inform our students on what is happening in the world of politics we were delighted to invite in to the school two Canterbury Christ Church university experts on Brexit. Two lecturers delivered an excellent 15 minute talk on Brexit... What next? This was followed by an excellent discussion and questions from our audience of over 45 students.

**Year 5** — Paper toys and the world of astronomy- Led by Mr Pout and Dr Stevens, this half day event involved a lot of waste paper and modelling. The focus was to introduce Year 5 pupils to different aspects of the science curriculum. Particularly impressive was that the two events were led by Year 7 and Year 10 students. Everyday objects were designed and constructed out of paper. The highlight of the day was the groups' production of chairs that are strong enough to be used in everyday situations. The Year 10 students introduced the Primary school pupils to some of the work they undertake in their astronomy club.







### Kent University - Rewards Trip Years 7 and 8

Mr Palmer and Mrs Cox took 40 students to The University of Kent On Tuesday to reward them for their achievements so far this year. They all behaved impeccably and found the day very interesting and enjoyable with the ambassadors! Thanks to Carolyn and Sarah M for taking us!







## Dungeness Nuclear power station

**Year 9** - Year 9 girls visited the Dungeness Nuclear power station to encourage even more participation from female scientists as we, as a nation, are particularly poor at encouraging female students to go on to study and pursue careers in the world of science. Our students were commended for their concentration and enthusiasm.



**Year 10** - Year 10 students had the opportunity to tour the medical suite at the Canterbury Christ Church science department. This was a great day of allowing students to begin to understand the different career opportunities within the world of medicine. This will be particularly exciting as the University of Kent and Canterbury Christ Church will be starting their first year of medical school intake next year. We, as a Trust, have already been invited as a Kent school to start to send students to the first medical school in Kent.

## News and Events Excellence in Sport

## County representatives in a range of sports

A number of our students are now representing their county or trialling for Kent in several sports. Year 8 students, Archie Hatcher and Freddie Marsh have football trials in Thamesmead for Kent later this month. Year 9 student, Daniel Oni, has been granted a place on Charlton Athletic's academy development programme.



Ex-student, Ross Johnstone, represented England Schools at football earlier this month. Some of our Sixth Form students have been invited to support Kent Cricket professional pre-season training this Easter. Harrison Pack, Harry Mawson and Bradley Goldsack have all impressed county coaches this winter. Freddie Fulton and Will Cook have been training with the county cricket under 14 squad. Aidan Demery, Charlie Barker and Ethan Bailey have all been involved in Kent Rugby trials and squads. Two of our golfers have been training with county squads through the winter. Josh Marsh and Tom Paterson are both members at our partner golf club, Boughton. Year 12 student, Erin Payten, has continued to be involved with national touch rugby squads over the winter.



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### **Cricket World Cup Trophy**

as part of the ICC Cricket World Cup Trophy Tour, driven by Nissan. During the morning, the trophy will visit The Canterbury Academy. Working alongside Kent Cricket, we will invite children from schools across the district to get involved in some cricket activities before getting within touching distance of the trophy.

## Staff basketball match raises money for

## COMIC RELIEF

A large crowd of students donated money towards Comic Relief and watched an entertaining game of basketball between a team of PE staff and a side made up of staff from across The Canterbury Academy Trust. The lead switched several times over a fluctuating match and it was a final second three point shot from Kent Crusader's Sixth Form Academy Head Coach, Adam Davies that sealed the win for the side representing the Rest of The Staff. The Sixth Form basketball players officiated the game really well and played their part in making this a memorable experience for all involved.

Cross Country and Hockey events for Canterbury Academy Sports Partnership Local primary schools have had another busy term of sport thanks to events supported by our Canterbury Academy Sports Partnership. The cross country competition attracted record numbers of competitors and took place in very blustery and challenging conditions. All of the schools and runners that took part did really well and Canterbury Primary School had two outstanding runners on the day. The year 3 girls' race was won by Lottie Martin and the Year 6 girls' race was won by Molly Martin. Thanks to Phil Cheetham and his team at Chartham Primary School for hosting and running the event.

A district hockey festival took place at Polo Farm on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March. Canterbury Academy students acted as umpires for the games. The Canterbury Academy Sports Partnership hosted their Kent School Games Quicksticks qualifier and a total of 24 teams entered. Our sports leaders were outstanding and received some fantastic feedback on their umpiring skills.

### **Equestrian success continues**

In week 4 of term 5, there was an outstanding performance from our equestrian team. The team took part in their second competition in the league. Olivia Legg of Year 7 competed for the first time in a school competition and came first. She beat riders from Kings School, Canterbury Christ Church University and



The Spires Academy in the 30 cm category. Ruby Forbister came third by riding a clear in the 40 cm round. She narrowly lost out in the jump off. Marla Schulze and Iona Reid both finished first in the 50 cm and 60 cm jump rounds.

This meant that we finished in first place overall. The results are part of an ongoing league and there are two rounds left to go.

Brooke Harrison and Lea Lintott were excellent team players on the day helping to support the other riders and looking after the horses in between rounds.

Equestrian is a sport that we are continuing to grow and excel in. It is also one of the more expensive sports that we compete in. Local businessman, Charles Harris has kindly supported this initiative and we are now currently looking for an annual sponsor to support the costs of lessons, kit and competition fees going into next year. We are keen to hear from anyone that may know of a business that would like to support us. Please contact Rebecca Standing on rstanding@canterbury.kent.sch.uk if you know of anyone that might be interested.

## News and Events Excellence in Performing Arts

## Coming up

### Oliver!

is on 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> July 2019 at The Gulbenkian Theatre. Tickets on sale after Easter.



Josh Turner, year 13 has been cast in a new feature film about the first world war, directed by Sam Mendes. Filming will take place later in 2019.



To arrange a professional discussion and/or visit please contact: Sarah Watson Director of Performing Arts swatson@canterbury.kent.sch.uk

## Royal Shakespeare Company performance of Romeo & Juliet at The Marlowe

Royal Shakespeare Company performance of Romeo & Juliet at The Marlowe Pupils from the primary and secondary phases performed in our cluster production of Romeo & Juliet: Sweet Sorrow at The Marlowe. 230 pupils from 11 schools performed in the joint production on 20<sup>th</sup> March, which was hugely successful and saw the Marlowe sell-out. Academy pupils on our Stage Door programme worked with the professional production crew at The Marlowe, assisting on sound, costume and stage management.

"I didn't expect to like or understand it but I loved it!" year 8 grandparent

"An incredible night that I am sure the children will never forget." year 8 parent



### Ava Goodman Year 7

You may have seen our very own model, year 7, Ava Goodman gracing the windows of Primark and most recently, the windows and social media of Clarks for their #FreetoBeMe campaign. In her latest work, she's choosing an outfit for George Ezra in the video to his new song, Pretty Shiny People.





Ava is the one with the distinctive short cropped hair, advising him to go with the leopard print tracksuit... Check it out here: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FjeJwWIBXNA

### **CHOscars**

The Canterbury Academy Trust held our annual CHOscars evening, celebrating success and achievement in the creative, visual and performing arts on the 26<sup>th</sup> March.



Pupils across the primary, secondary and sixth form phases were recognised and awarded with certificates and CHOscars trophies. Stunning artwork and photography was on display and the evening was a vibrant one to attend.









**Sweet Charity** Last month our Year 12 and 13 Musical Theatre students took to the professional stage at The Tower Theatre to perform in 'Sweet Charity'. They've worked since September to produce a show to such a quality standard.

Well done to all students for working so hard and thank you to all the staff who came along to support them. We hope you enjoyed watching, as much as the students enjoyed performing.

## **News** and Events **Extended Services**

#### **CA YOUTH CLUB**

The Canterbury Academy Knight Avenue, Canterbury, Kent **CT2 8QA** 

Tel: 01227 463971

#### **RIVERSIDE YOUTH CLUB**

Kingsmead Road, Canterbury, Kent CT2 7PH Tel: 01227 455337



### The Canterbury Bike Project

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- Free bicycle safety checks
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- Low cost bicycle sales
- Free basic bicycle maintenance workshops
- Community bicycle rides
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Please contact: **Steve Sproston Project Manager** ssproston@canterbury.kent.sch.uk Telephone: 01227 286162

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## **Youth and Community Services**

**Youth Team Activities** 

**CA Youth Club** 

## Football Project

Fridays 19:00 - 21:00

Community based inclusive football project, placed in teams as you arrive, no teams allowed.

For more information contact: kmullins@canterbury.kent.sch.uk ssproston@canterbury.kent.sch.uk for 11 - 19 year olds

Duke of Edinburgh Wednesdays 18:00 - 20:00

# Riverside Youth Club Sessions

## Wednesdays

18:30 - 20:30 Open session general youth club activities, pool, football, arts and crafts, karaoke etc.

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For more information contact: ssproston@canterbury.kent.sch.uk

18:30 - 20:30 Inclusive Us

2nd and 4th weeks of the month. providing an inclusive youth club for young people aged 11 plus with additional needs, supported by youth volunteers.

For more Information contact: jhunt@canterbury.kent.sch.uk

18:30 - 20:30 Bright Chance

1st and 3rd weeks of the month. a follow on serviceproviding a social club for young adults

with additional needs.

jhunt@canterbury.kent.sch.uk



Cost £135 (£10 non refundable deposit to secure a place)

Confirmed activities whilst at camp:

Theme park visit, Treetop Challenge, Adventures with canoes A trip to Chessington Zoo, A day at the beach, The cinema, Riding on Mountain Bikes, Tides swimming pool, Camp fires and marshmallows

Email: senvis@canterbury.kent.sch.uk

## News and Events Practical Learning and Enterprise Education

## Coming up

Upcoming Events
5<sup>th</sup> May – 12<sup>th</sup> May
Erasmus visit to Italy
11<sup>th</sup> June
Practical Learning and
Enterprise Awards Evening.

### **Tenner Challenge**



Two students from year 7 made valentines gifts to sell as part of their enterprise challenge and made £21.00 profit after three days of promoting their product. They will now be investing their profits and creating another business venture. Well done to Chloe Murdoch and Sienna Roger.



## Lloyds Business Banking Peter Jones Academy

The Peter Jones Academy students visited the Canterbury Branch and met with the business manager to discuss business banking and their options when opening accounts for their future business ventures.

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### **The Canterbury Primary School**

The students in years 5 and 6 attended a Raising Aspirations workshop in the Lecture Theatre in the SEEC to look at career options, apprenticeships and university. The students also attended the Key Stage 3 Careers Fair to speak to the providers about career pathways and options for future GCSEs.



### F51 Development site for new Multi sports complex



The students had a chance to visit a working construction site of the new multi-story skate park located in Folkestone. This construction is the first of its kind in Europe and has presented many issues to get this far into the construction process. All students were engaged and asked relevant construction questions that will help their understanding for

their C&G course. Some of the questions asked concerned budget, completion, planning development holdups and materials used. The students did themselves and the school proud which has led to them being invited back at another stage of the construction.

### **Key Stage 3 Careers Fair**

The careers fair had over 30 providers and was visited by years 5 and 6 from The Canterbury Primary School. The students that attended felt they had gained more of an understanding of those different career pathways and asked relevant question to the providers. There were providers from NHS, BIMM and Hadlow College with their therapy dog.



### Wingham Bakery

The Chefs' Academy students visited Wingham Bakery to look at how they prepare and set up for the day, giving demonstrations into how they make the produce ready to sell that day .The students enjoyed this day and gained some valuable experience from this.

### **Mental Health Awareness talks**

The Year 12 Health and Social Care and CACHE students attended a talk from a visiting student ambassador from CCCU. This was regarding a career in mental health nursing, how to train, what it's like and where a career could lead. It was very well received by the students, with one deciding that a career as a therapist was for her.

### Bay Sixty 6 – Construction

As part of the enrichment week we have selected students making good progress within construction and they have visited Bay Sixty 6, which is a premier skate park in London. The students received a workshop on skating and how to be safe; they also learned some new skills. The students enjoyed the day and learnt a lot.





The second Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths week was held at the Academy with over 150 students involved across three year groups. The aim is to enthuse and introduce students to areas related to science that have been historically neglected in the school curriculum. We were particularly pleased to invite Year 5 up to the secondary school science classrooms.





































## News and Events School Lottery





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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 £6350 for projects to benefit our pupils.

The Primary School has painted new playground markings for break and lunch activities which students are now enjoying. At the Academy, a small student enterprise initiative is planning how we can provide healthy breakfasts options. Our eco council is exploring ways to make the Academy more environmentally responsible.

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 £49.50 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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For more information please contact: Rebecca Huckle rhuckle@canterbury.kent.sch.uk

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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.







