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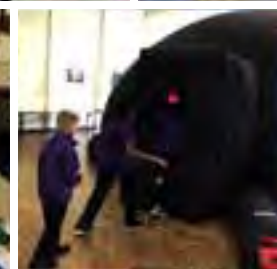
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News and Events Academic



Coming up

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January

- Careers talks - Medway and Kent Medical school, Finance and Engineering
- Writing days with Stewart Ross - Year 7
- Maths Enrichment Week
- A Level History Conference

February

- STEM Week
- Oxford University Trip - Year 10 and Year 12
- Year 12 Canterbury Christ Church University visits

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Girl power at the Polls

In keeping with the mood of the nation, Canterbury Academy Trust students have spent the last few weeks reading manifestos and deciding whom they feel should be their next representatives. Building on the excellent Kent County Council initiative of having an elected Youth Council that mirrors the formally elected council, Canterbury Academy Trust students have participated fully in the democratic process. Following on from the success of last year of having two of the eight elected representatives from Canterbury, we have the opportunity of taking half the seats in the Canterbury district this year. If successful we will buck the national trend of having a disproportionate number of male elected representatives as this year we have an all-female ballot paper! By the 25th of November over 1800 students from Years 6-13 will have had the opportunity to participate in one of the key elements of a democratic society. We have candidates in Years 12, 11 and two from Year 8. Well done to these candidates for being fully engaged in trying to improve our society. In our next publication we will update you on some of the issues that they are championing across schools in the county.

The Canterbury Academy have four Kent County Youth Candidates. The results of the KYCC Elections was announced online at midday on Wednesday 5th December on our website and our social media pages. For more information visit: www.kent.gov.uk/kycc



Year 12 and 10 Aim High

In our last issue we were delighted to report the success of a group of our Year 10 students in gaining places on prestigious university summer courses. These included Oxford, Kent and Canterbury Christ Church universities. Building on our increasingly close and strong relationship with the university sector, in November 40 students attended a workshop on university admissions and outreach opportunities. Our new cohort of aspirational students have now been invited to visit St Hugh's College (The Canterbury Academy's link college at Oxford University) to prepare for the UCAS application process (Year 12s) and apply for the next round of summer courses (Year 10s). Again we are delighted with the enthusiasm and desire shown by our students to engage in the exciting academic opportunities that are available to them.



Stop Press - Canterbury keeps on publishing

Last term we were delighted to report the continuation of our collaboration with Stewart Ross, our author in residence. In Term Two Stewart's insatiable desire to engage with our pupils and improve their literacy and interest in reading and writing has continued. In a new format Years 5, 6 and 8 have had two 'writing' days. These are days which are given over to working with Stewart to hone their writing skills and collaborate on their production of a short novel. To date we have had six 'writing' days which have been even more productive than last year as the new format has allowed total dedication to the book project rather than revisiting the novel over a whole term. We look forward to publication of the new novels and in the next issue we will bring you details of presentation evenings. These will be an opportunity for pupils to perform readings for their parents and teachers.

Not satisfied with merely writing novels, we have embarked on two more literacy projects with the University of Kent. In Year 8 Kent University undergraduates are working with a class to explore their literary creativity. Over a six-week period, students will produce a short story as a class. This will be celebrated by a campus visit at the end of term to launch the short story. In a similar vein Year 10s have a 12-week programme of working with Kent undergraduates in preparation for their early entry English Literature exam this summer. This is an opportunity to examine unseen texts critically and hone their evaluation skills.



Year 11 Debaters bag the public oratory prize

In keeping with The Canterbury Academy's tradition of winning prizes, two of our most eloquent Year 11 students walked away with the second place and prize in the annual Historical Association's Public Speaking competition. Up against Year 12 and Year 13 students from public and grammar schools, Iona Bolton and Rory Bean spoke on the topic of 'Should we judge our historical heroes on the morals of today?' On allocating the prize, the judges commented that it was impossible to note any difference in the maturity of the speeches despite there being a school gap of one and two years between our students and the other contestants.



STEM Science, Technology,
Engineering, Mathematics



Term Two's STEM week was a celebration of everything exciting and intriguing about science. The STEM team were able to provide the entire lower school with a week of enrichment. Year 9 started their first of three dedicated days from the outreach team at Pfizer. Year 7 and The Canterbury Primary School took to the stars and were treated to the Kent University astrodome. Our Year 8s had a day of 'Connect Physics' and again, courtesy of Kent University, the pillars forensics club members were invited on campus to experience the Forensics Laboratory, a DNA workshop and a tour of the university campus.



News and Events Excellence in Sport



Coming up

**The Canterbury Academy
Sports Awards 2020**
Tuesday 11th February



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The Canterbury Academy Named in National Top 100 Schools for Cricket



After a successful summer which saw the under 13 cricket team become county champions and our Sixth Form East Kent Cricket Academy compete in the prestigious Tonbridge Festival, The Canterbury Academy has been named in the top 100 senior schools for cricket in The Cricketer Magazine.

The Cricketer Magazine editor Simon Hughes said: "The Schools Guide is, as ever, a fantastic publication that celebrates schools' cricket and gives deserved praise to all those teachers and coaches who put in the hard work to develop our future club, county and international cricketers. Having watched many school matches this summer I am pleased to report that the standard of cricket programmes and the level of passion for the game is as high as ever."

The Canterbury Academy are one of the very few state comprehensive schools in the guide. The overwhelming majority of schools are independent schools with fantastic tradition and excellent facilities.

Places on the Sixth Form East Kent Cricket Academy are still available and students interested in studying for their Sixth Form at The Canterbury Academy whilst being involved in high quality training and competition should contact Director of Sport, Phil Relf on:
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Skating and Trampolining Success for Canterbury Academy Students

Canterbury Primary School student, Ashley Hatton-Browne came first in a county trampoline competition in Gillingham for the under 9 age group recently. Ashley trains at the Aire Trampoline Centre in Canterbury.

Melissa Bielby, who is currently in Year 7 at The Canterbury Academy, is currently doing artistic roller skating and recently came third in her solo national competition.

These are fantastic achievements for students of such a young age and we look forward to seeing how their sporting journeys develop.





Golf Recognition for Tom Paterson

Congratulations to Year 9 student, Tom Paterson. Tom is a member at Boughton Golf Club and recently won the award for The Most Improved Player at the club. Tom has also just won the Autumn league competition at Boughton. The Canterbury Academy have a specialist partnership with Boughton Golf Club and have a Sixth Form Golf Academy. Please contact our Director of Sport, Phil Relf, on: prelf@canterbury.kent.sch.uk if you would like more information.



Anthony Halsall attends Karate Training Camp in Japan

Year 13 student, Anthony Halsall, recently spent a few days in Japan at a specialist training camp to develop his karate. Anthony has been identified by national coaches as an athlete with tremendous potential and this trip was designed to develop his experience with there being the possibility of an internship in the future. Anthony is part of our specialist Sixth Form Athletics Academy which provides students with personalised training programmes to meet the unique demands of their selected sport.

Ex-Student Ross Johnstone selected for England Colleges Football Squad

Ross Johnstone was one of our hardest working sports students when he was here. Ross has been selected to represent The England Colleges Football Team. Ross is currently studying at Hartpury College and is captain of the first team this year. He is in the process of looking at USA scholarships for next year.

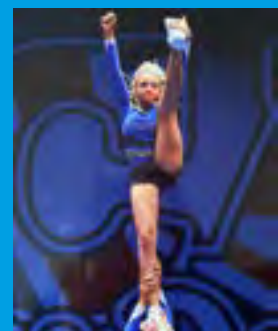
Vista Twisters Cheerleading Academy Launch

Cheerleading at The Canterbury Academy is set to grow even more in the next year. The after-school clubs for Key Stage 3 and 4 students have been extremely popular and we are now going to run a Sixth Form Cheerleading Academy in partnership with Vista Twisters Cheerleading Club.

Students on The Vista Twisters Cheerleading Academy will benefit from three sessions per week dedicated to developing their skills and fitness. Furthermore, students will also benefit from top class sports science support and get preferential access to the state-of-the-art fitness gym in Lifestyle Fitness.



The Vista Twisters Cheerleading Academy is open to students of all abilities and the content of training will be designed to meet the needs of every individual on the programme. The Canterbury Academy is placing extra emphasis on developing exciting opportunities for girls to follow sports pathways in its Sixth Form and this programme will seek to build upon recent successes in our Athletics Academy. Please contact Rebecca Standing on: rstanding@canterbury.kent.sch.uk for more information.



News and Events Practical Learning and Enterprise Education



Coming up

Erasmus Partner Schools visit
9th December – 13th December
2019

Visit to Revolution Skatepark
17th December 2019

Visit to Dragon Coworking event
Amelix Students

16th January 2020

Peter Jones Academy Students'
Pitches for Investment
16th January 2020

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Child Development Day at Canterbury Christ Church University

The CACHE Level 3 girls attended a primary education taster day at CCCU. The degree programme, along with the experiences of student life, were explained to them and a tour of the university undertaken in the morning. They then took part in a variety of activities in the afternoon to determine what makes a good teacher and a good primary lesson.



Travel and Tourism experience University Life

The Year 12 Travel and Tourism students visited Canterbury Christ Church University to participate in a workshop around careers within Tourism and Hospitality. They took part in lectures and seminars and had tours around the campus.

Amelix Academy support from Natwest

The students recently had a visit from Paul Radley, Relationship Manager of NatWest. They learnt about the basics of business banking and how to work on their business plans to ensure that they can work out how much funding they need.



Girls' Skating Event

In October The Canterbury Skate Project teamed up with Sk8side from Ashford to host the first Girls' Skate Project event. This event was open to all female skateboarders in the area and was taken full advantage of by the ever-growing cohort of girl skaters here at the school. The session provided a chance for females to experience skateboarding without any pressure from their male peers. Girls from Canterbury, Ashford, Whitstable and Herne Bay attended. The level of skateboarding that was on show was amazing to witness and it was great to see skateboarding catching the imagination of so many.

Manchester Skate Trip

We took 13 students and 3 members of staff to Graystone Action Sports in Manchester.



After an early start at 3.30am, we arrived on time and begun our six-hour skate of this new Olympic-standard skate park. The trip was a massive success and the students have been invited back.



News and Events Extended Services

The Children's Achievement Award

Year 12 student Megan Parker tirelessly gives up her time to promote emotional wellbeing and resilience in Kent for other young people. A young carer who helps look after six younger siblings, some with special educational needs, Megan already has a lot on her plate. However, this has not stopped her becoming a key member of Headstart Kent, an organisation that helps young people learn to cope better with difficult situations in their lives.

For the past 18 months, Megan has been an active participant in Headstart Kent's activities, not least in helping develop resources for schools to be more aware of how to deal with mental health challenges among pupils. Megan has been heavily involved in designing and delivering training, which is then fed down to the schools and community settings participating in the programme. Headstart Kent is in 42 secondary schools and 85 primary schools promoting resilience and emotional wellbeing.

Every month Megan takes part in a Kent-wide anti-bullying campaign. She has grown in confidence, co-hosting a wellbeing event for more than 200 young people and mental health professionals in March, something she would have struggled with just last year.



As a key member of Headstart Kent, Megan is also involved in a lot of decision making, participating in interview panels, getting involved in commissioning services for young people, and helping assess grants and services.

Although very busy at home as a young carer, Megan sat her English Literature GCSE a year early and received a grade A. She even finds time to be part of the SENSational choir, Canterbury's only choir for disabled children and their siblings. She is a remarkable young person.



The Canterbury Academy has been working with **Student Life**, a multi-award-winning charity, run for and by young people, focusing on the themes that are important to them.

After an assembly delivered by Student Life for year 10 students, pupils had the chance to contribute to and participate in the production of their periodic lifestyle publication.

Emma Wright was dedicated and determined to produce some pictures for the magazine, so she sent a selection of her photographs to them.

When the November addition arrived at school, Emma Wright's picture was in fact the front cover image.

Once we opened the magazine, we also discovered that an article and opinion piece that had been contributed by Joshua Emptoz, that helps readers reflect on the power of artificial intelligence had been included. A big well done to both, for their hard work and contribution to this charity.

Youth Team Activities

Thorpe Park Fright Night brought Key Stage 3, 4 and 5, having fun on the major rides late into the evening, but with scary Halloween surprises along the way.

Key Stage 3 students went to Manston Golf Driving Range, and had the chance to test out the most up-to-date ball tracking technology, improving both their swing and distance.

Key Stage 3 students were rewarded with a trip to Vue Cinema in Westwood, after completing their Salus family focused transition mentoring programme.

October half-term Youth Team activities involved fifty-three young people, across all school years.



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News and Events Excellence in Performing Arts

Christmas Cabaret

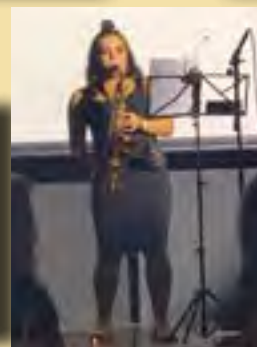


The 10th and 11th December saw The Canterbury Academy Trust's annual Christmas cabaret and it was an extravaganza!

A record breaking 300 performers took part over the two days, including appearances from the primary phase, the secondary school and the sixth form. Alongside this, we had performances from SENSational choir and Lyrical Hands - thanks to their musical director CJ Jones.

Both evenings were sell-outs and the audiences brought amazing energy and reception to all the performances; even giving the performers standing ovations on both nights - the students were so grateful and touched by this! Performances ranged from beautiful, soulful solos to daring duets to wonderfully effective group pieces; including classical music, musical theatre and orchestral pieces - there really was something for everyone!

On behalf of everyone in Performing Arts, thank you for all of your support and have a wonderful Christmas with your families.



Coming up

'1984'

The academy's acting students interpretation of George Orwell's classic story will be performed at The Gulbenkian Theatre on Tuesday 4th February. Tickets will be available from The Gulbenkian's website from 2nd January. A performance suitable for audiences of 14+

'Chicago'

The sixth form Musical Theatre students present this timeless classic from 5th - 7th February at The Canterbury Academy. Tickets are available from Ticketsource.co.uk in the new year. A performance suitable for audiences of 13+

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News and Events Remembrance Day



War Girls by Jessie Pope

There's the girl who clips your ticket
for the train,
And the girl who speeds the lift from
floor to floor,
There's the girl who does a milk-
round in the rain,
And the girl who calls for orders at
your door.
Strong, sensible, and fit,
They're out to show their grit,
And tackle jobs with energy and
knack.
No longer caged and penned up,
They're going to keep their end up
'Til the khaki soldier boys come
marching back.

There's the motor girl who drives a
heavy van,
There's the butcher girl who brings
your joint of meat,
There's the girl who calls 'All fares
please!' like a man,
And the girl who whistles taxi's up
the street.
Beneath each uniform
Beats a heart that's soft and warm,
Though of canny mother-wit they
show no lack;
But a solemn statement this is,
They've no time for love and kisses
Till the khaki soldier boys come
marching back.

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Lest we forget

REMEMBRANCE 2019 – THE ROLE OF WOMEN

Canterbury Academy Trust school council pupils took part in our onsite remembrance ceremony on 11th November. Pupils from The Canterbury Primary School also came to participate in the ceremony and wreaths were laid on behalf of each school.



Canterbury Academy pupils gave readings of poems; a minutes' silence was held across the school and all classes explored the idea of remembrance. Red and white poppies were sold throughout the week before, raising £103.64 for the Royal British Legion and £86 for the Peace Pledge Union.

Assemblies were held at the Academy with a particular focus on the impact on women of war, the roles women have played during times of conflict and how they've contributed to building peaceful societies.

All of the poems and material included in the assemblies were written by women to provide an alternative view on the way we talk about war. The lives of particular women whose stories are not familiar were highlighted, including Edith Cavell and the codebreakers at Bletchley Park. We finished with a video by performance poet, Kate Tempest of her poem War Music.

Poems we heard during our assemblies:

Pluck – Eva Dobell
Munition Wages – Madeline Ida Bedford
War Girls – Jessie Pope
Listen – Gillian Clarke
Perhaps – Vera Brittain
The Falling Leaves - Margaret Postgate Cole



Edith Louisa Cavell

4 December 1865 – 12th October 1915) was a British nurse. She is celebrated for saving the lives of soldiers from both sides without discrimination and in helping some 200 Allied soldiers escape from German-occupied Belgium during the First World War, for which she was arrested. She was accused of treason, found guilty by a court-martial and sentenced to death.

Despite international pressure for mercy, she was shot by a German firing squad. Her execution received worldwide condemnation and extensive press coverage.

The night before her execution, she said, "Patriotism is not enough. I must have no hatred or bitterness towards anyone." These words were later inscribed on a memorial to her near Trafalgar Square. Her strong Anglican beliefs propelled her to help all those who needed it, both German and Allied soldiers. She was quoted as saying, "I can't stop while there are lives to be saved." [1] The Church of England commemorates her in its Calendar of Saints on 12 October.

Cavell, who was 49 at the time of her execution, was already notable as a pioneer of modern nursing in Belgium.

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