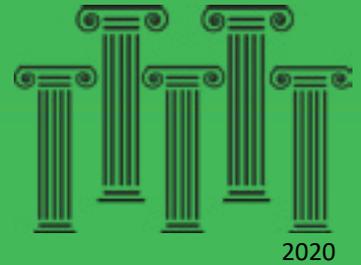


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News and Events Academic



Oxford University scheme for Year 10

During the summer holidays we have had an amazing collection of examples of students' academic perseverance. In some ways one might have felt many of our Year 10s would have found it more demanding to engage with academic work above and beyond the regular lessons and homework set for them by their teachers. In early August the High School had a fantastic example of student academic aspiration and going above and beyond.

Having gained a prestigious place on the St Hugh's College, Oxford University summer residential course four of our Year 10s attended a four-day course in school (virtually). This introduced them to new topics (Biomedicine, Law) as well as the process around university application. All told our students spent 25 hours engaging in demanding academic material and learning about next steps in their GCSE/A Level educational route. One of our students summed up the experience very well:

'The course was very informative about what university will be like and what alternatives there are. I really enjoyed all the games and activities. So far, the coaching is really helpful and has helped me set goals and learn about revision methods. It was nice to make some new friends and improve communication skills. The course has helped me decide what path I want to take after school and has helped me learn a lot about subjects I'm interested in. I'm excited to go to Oxford in Easter to learn more about revising for GCSES.'

Year 12 embrace the Oxbridge route

During the summer period we were delighted that a number of our students engaged in raising the bar for their university applications and preparation for these via University mentors and signing up for the Oxbridge entrance exams this autumn. Throughout the summer they connected with our partner college at Oxford, St Hugh's and worked with PhD and undergraduate mentors to hone their skills. As a consequence of their hard work and aspirations we now have five students who will be sitting the Oxbridge entrance exams in:

Classics, History, Medicine, Law and Psychology



Year 13 hit highest number of university places yet!

We are delighted to announce that this year we have reached the highest number of students being successful in their higher education applications. Despite the complications surrounding the final examinations for our Year 13s, 135 of them have now started their next educational adventure and are enrolled on a very varied range of courses at 45 universities.

Again, we would like to congratulate them on a very successful journey through the Trust and wish them all the best for their future studies and careers. Building on our well-established relationship with Kent University and Canterbury Christ Church University, we have 22 students at Christ Church and 13 at Kent. Six of our students at Kent have been awarded an academic bursary of £1000 for every year of their studies. Again, this is an outstanding achievement.



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Students step up to the challenge - Whole-School Stretch and Challenge Week

One of the ways in which we encourage students to push themselves at the Trust is the weekly challenge activity set by different faculties on a weekly rota. We are seeing increasing numbers of our students responding positively to these challenges and going above and beyond to illustrate their ability and desire to learn outside the lesson. Below are examples of a few already undertaken by pupils this term.

English Challenge Task

You're a villain who is on trial for the crime you have committed. It is your task to write your confession. You need to remember what makes a good villain: think of their morals and values. What is your reasoning for the crime? How do you justify what has happened? Really strong villains have the ability to evoke empathy. How might you manipulate the reader to be on your side?

Pupils' responses

"I sigh. It's over. The evidence is stacked against me like arrows in a quiver, pointing their incriminating tips towards me. The only option left before me is to tell the truth and hope the judge is sympathetic. Against all the odds, can I win my freedom?" -

Martha Lammas

"At first, it began as a whim, a foolish little plan that would never work" -

Sadie Lammas

"Another reason I acted without thought, is that this atrocious man threatened my girlfriend at gunpoint before becoming mayor. I have proof on this matter as well, images showing it was clearly him!" -

Louie Maynard Wallis

Science Challenge Task

Imagine that you are a scientist. Create an information leaflet for teenagers about coronavirus. How do diseases spread? What is a pandemic? What is a virus?

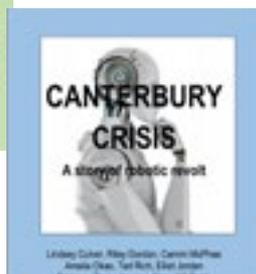
Pupils' responses



Canterbury Primary school- Develop speaking and listening skills

In terms two and three The Primary School will be paying special attention to developing speaking and listening skills with their pupils. Building on the successes of Stewart Ross, our author in residence, he will be working with Years 5 and 6 on the Book Project in Term 2.

A new development this year in Term 3 will be an oracy project. This will be targeting the public speaking and debating skills of the primary school pupils. At some point we hope to be able to share and showcase the excellent work the pupils do with the parents.



Some examples of the books published with Stewart Ross, whilst working with Years 5 and 6.

Term 2 Calendar of Events

- Stewart Ross- author in residence to work with Year 6 and 8 on writing a novel- mid November
- Oxford University introduction lecture for Year 10 and 12 to university life and UCAS applications- November 5th
- Year 10 literacy intervention with University of Kent ambassadors- November 12th and Terms 2 and 3
- Year 12 and Year 13 Volunteer work with Refugee organisations- December and Term 3
- STEM week- November 16th
- Academic Challenge weeks in all Departments

News and Events Excellence in Sport

Full Time Sport Science Support for Canterbury Academy Students

Tony Kesisoglou has been appointed as a full-time member of staff with responsibility for developing how we provide sport science support and guidance to our students.

Tony is an ex-Greek international basketball player who is in the final stages of a PhD with The University of Kent. He is well

known to a lot of our students having worked part time in our Sixth Form sport programmes for a number of years. Tony has also been an integral part of The Kent Crusaders basketball set up. He has worked closely with a number of professional sports clubs including Saracens Rugby and is currently supporting Italian sprinter, Gloria Hooper, in her Olympic preparation. Tony's role will be to develop the quality of sport science input across the schools and to support staff involved in delivering any form of physical activity to our students. This is an exciting development that highlights our commitment to supporting highly committed sport students.



In other staffing developments, our head cheerleading coach, Ruth McDade, has recently completed her practical exam renewal for Level 5 and 6 cheerleading and passed with flying colours!

For more information on our Vista Twisters cheerleading academy please contact Miss Standing on rstanding@canterbury.kent.sch.uk



Abi Hope in International Show Jumping Event

Year 12 student, Abi Hope, was successful in winning the open senior 1-metre class in late September at the prestigious Arena UK venue. This was her first affiliated championship show and to win the class as a newcomer is unheard of. Her dream is to be an international showjumper.

This now gives her the opportunity to jump at the upcoming international competition in Portugal with the Robert Smith team in a six-week programme across October and November. This is an excellent opportunity for Abi. She has been part of our athletics programme in the Sixth Form which doubles up as a specialist strength and conditioning academy for students from all sports. This year we have a number of sports represented alongside traditional athletics.

For more information on our highly acclaimed Sixth Form sport academies, please contact Phil Relf on prelf@canterbury.kent.sch.uk



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After-School Opportunities Continue

The Association for Physical Education recently highlighted that “denying children access to high quality PE in the current climate is NOT the way forward” and we have seen excellent numbers at our after-school sports clubs this term. PE staff and external coaches have followed strict government and national governing body guidance to ensure that sessions are Covid-19 compliant. We have provided a range of activities for our students with badminton, basketball, rugby and football being particularly popular. The Term 2 timetable is being prepared now and there will be opportunities for tennis at The Appeti Tennis Centre and some cricket sessions at Polo Farm for our junior academy and in our sports centre for Year 7 and 8 students. We are also now close to securing a partnership with Invicta Volleyball Club that will hopefully see additional volleyball after school. Regular physical activity is so important for maintaining physical and mental health. If you need more information on after-school clubs, please contact our PE department.

Lily Cook Selected for England Golf Squad

Year 11 student, Lily Cook, has been selected for The England Golf Regional Squad after impressing coaches at an intensive training camp recently. Her regional training began this month at Hever Castle Golf Club.

The overall programme will incorporate technical work, core training and gym work at The University of Eastbourne sport facilities. There are also workshops on nutrition as well as real time on course tuition at various courses throughout Kent. In addition to this, Lily will be entered into England Golf organised competitions.

The selection process took place at Pedham Place in Swanley and it was a full day session involving a 9-hole stroke play competition plus various practices covering chipping, putting and work on the driving range.

Meanwhile, Lily continues to play for the Kent Elite Squad and she also plays for the Kent second team. Her current handicap is 5.3 and she trains at Boughton Golf Club every day. Lily is also a member of Princes Golf Club in Sandwich as this gives her the opportunity to play a links course.

Lily has dedicated an enormous amount of time to her golf and her family have been incredibly supportive. Her school timetable has been adapted to enable her to commit time to improving her game and this latest recognition is well deserved.



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News and Events Excellence in Performing Arts

KS3 Dance club got off to a great start this term with exciting new year 7s and returning year 8s! we are busily working on our performance for the Christmas Cabaret this year and are very excited to video and perform it!



**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO JOIN KS3 DANCE CLUB
WE ARE IN ROOM 43 ON WEDNESDAY 3-4PM**



Dance training with Cascade Dance has got off to a great start at Phoenix Performing Arts studios on Fridays, studying ballet, jazz, contemporary and commercial and getting pieces prepared for virtual competitions and dance for film. Photos attached.



Cascade Youth Dance Company which runs on Thursdays in the Dance Studio, 3-4.45pm, has also got off to a great start. They are working on practicing dance skills and creating a piece for the Christmas Cabaret video!

Layla Brunskill, Year 13 A Level Dance, has been selected to be involved in The Young Creatives Programme with 'One Dance UK' and 'Rambert' which has given her the opportunity to develop her choreographic skills with specialist input from Rambert mentors and dance practitioners such as Richard Alston.

Cerys Culver, Year 13 A Level and BTEC Dance, has been selected through an audition process to be part of the Jasmin Vardimon youth company. She has participated in video classes and is looking forward to getting back into the studio soon. She is using her experience with this professional company to influence and inform her A Level solo.



The Acting Academy are hard at work, rehearsing for their first professional performance of the school year. Catch 'Blue' on 10th February 2021 at The Gulbenkian Theatre. Tickets will go on sale in the new year!



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Musical Theatre rehearsals are underway for their show, Evita – to be performed in March 2021. Congratulations to Jodie, Charlie and Molly who won prizes for their hard work and enthusiasm!



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Do you have a talent for dancing, singing, acting, magic, or performance?

Would you like to have the chance to perform in our Christmas Cabaret?



Christmas CABARET
'The Movie'

AUDITIONS
Tuesday 3rd November
3pm, The Blackhole Studio

The poster features a film strip with various Christmas-themed scenes, including a man in a Santa hat playing a guitar, a woman in a Santa hat, and a man in a red and green outfit. The background is light blue with a green hill and a castle icon.

Our Christmas Cabaret will be slightly different this year but we couldn't let Christmas come and go without a performance! So, let us introduce

' Christmas Cabaret – THE MOVIE!'

Details to follow but if your child would like to audition for a solo spot – please ask them to join us on

Tuesday 3rd November
at 3pm in the Blackhole Studio.



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Community Youth

The youth team has a summer plan that has been sculpted and shaped over many years. Young people always enjoy the camping and fun activities that take place.

Wildlife and zoo days, at Wildwood and Wingham.



Bushcraft days with Andy at Ross Wood, with archery, axe throwing, obstacle courses, wire walking and s'mores on the fire.



Cycling with Steve at Betteshanger.



Walks and navigation practice in some beautiful places.



Most learners seemed to favour canoeing and SUPing at Mote Park.

There were also days at school with BBQs and pizzas, water balloons, birthday celebrations, dancing, singing, tie-dye, badminton, bat and trap and much more.

Here is some feedback that was received from parents about the summer activities:

"I just wanted to thank you and the youth team for the activities you were able to organise and run over the summer holiday. My son thoroughly enjoyed all the activities they attended and spending time with the other participants and the youth team. It's a shame some couldn't happen despite your best efforts, but given the current and ever-changing situation we all find ourselves in it is totally understandable. I personally couldn't fault the level of communication received and the activities run - my son had nothing but good comments. The fact you managed to offer some activities to give the children something to look forward too and time out from our side is greatly appreciated."

"I would just like to say how much I appreciate all the events you ran through the summer holidays, there was a great choice of things to do even if a few things did get cancelled through no fault of your own. My son particularly enjoyed the bush craft events and was sad to find out that they don't open to the public but would definitely love to go back."

News and Events Practical Learning and Enterprise Education



National Entrepreneur of the Year - Peter Jones Academy

Our Sixth Form entry for the National Entrepreneur of the Year, Johnnie Hobbs, has made the finals of this coveted competition and is currently preparing to pitch live to Peter Jones CBE and a panel of entrepreneurs and business leaders in his boardroom final on the 17th November 2020. The National Entrepreneur of the Year Award (NEOY) is the highest achievement available to both Year 1 and Year 2 PJE students and offers a prize of up to £5,000, donated by the Carol Slesser Fund. We wish Johnnie all the best and look forward to updating you in the next newsletter.

Erasmus Funding 2020-2022



We have been successful in securing a bid to continue to work with our partner schools in Germany, Italy, Latvia and Czech Republic and will work on an e-twinning project to further strengthen the relationships with our partner schools to allow us to provide more opportunities for our students and community.

The Canterbury Primary School make Strawberry Buns

As part of our weekly pillars the students from The Canterbury Primary School have been building on their cooking skills and learning new recipes. They most recently got to make some strawberry buns that looked and tasted great.



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News and Events School Lottery



Your School Lottery

Hello all,

We have raised more than £10,000 since the start of the lottery and had a winner of the national jackpot of £25,000 amongst our players. At the Academy we have used some of the proceeds to initiate recycling by purchasing recycling bins for every classroom. We have transformed our waste disposal. We now produce 9 skips of recycling a week vs 3 before school council embarked on their project.

Tickets are available for just £1 per week and enters you into our local draw for a guaranteed cash prize and the national jackpot of £25,000.

What do you think we should do with the funds?

- Do you have a project you'd love to run that we can't afford to run?
- Is there a pupil/group you know would benefit from some additional resources, opportunities, etc.
- Email
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dwellard@canterbury.kent.sch.uk,
frich@canterbury.kent.sch.uk

with your ideas.

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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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