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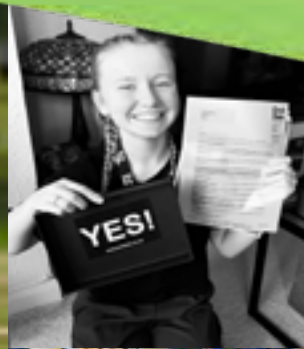
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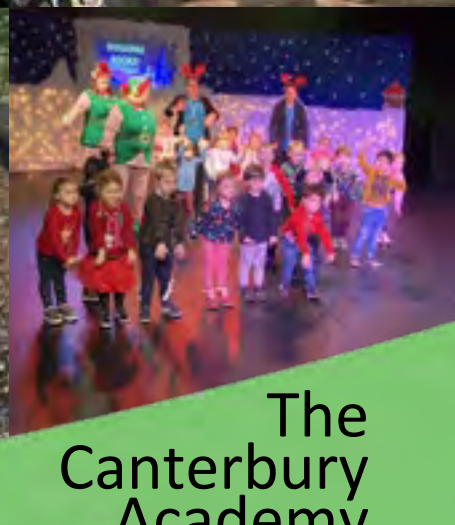
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News and Events Academic



Term 3 Calendar of Events

January

- Stewart Ross

Author in residence to work with Year 7 and Year 5 students on writing a novel.

January and February

- Year 12 and Year 13 volunteer work with refugee organisations.

January

- Departmental enrichment week Performing arts and maths.

- Academic challenge weeks in all departments.



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Extended Project Qualification by Years 12 and 13

At the start of Term 2 we had a marvellous example of how many of our students are stretching themselves academically and trying to give themselves the best opportunities to learn outside the formal curriculum. The Extended Project Qualification is an extra qualification that over sixty of our students have enrolled on in Years 12 and 13 this academic year. It allows students to research and explore topics that are not directly part of any of their formal subjects. They have to submit a 4000-word essay and in particular show their independent research skills. Part of the process and assessment is presenting their question to their peers. Again, this is another excellent opportunity for students to develop their skills in preparation for the way they are expected to study at university. They are graded on this work and it is worth 50% of an A Level. The programme is organised and run fantastically by Mrs Murray Smith.



Academy start early on with Oxford enthusiasm

As a school we have been identified as a highly aspirational and successful learning environment in supporting students with their destinations after school. This might be employment, apprenticeships or higher education. This term within the Academic pillar, we have been delighted with the response of Year 12s and Year 10s in seizing opportunities offered to us by Oxford University. Due to Covid restrictions, instead of visiting St Hugh's College (our partner college at Oxford), at Oxford University our students spent an afternoon in a Zoom meeting with Oxford University speakers, explaining the application process to Russell group universities and offering Year 10s an opportunity to join their scholarship programme this summer (in the last two years we have been successful in nine students participating in the scholarship programme). We now have over sixty students signed up to our programme of support for academic aspirations. These opportunities are always open to all to attend.

We are delighted to have had a recent supportive letter from the University of Oxford. Our partnership with The Canterbury Academy began at the start of the 2018-19 academic year. Since then, we have been privileged to work with pupils from a range of year groups and have been impressed not only with their high academic ability, but also their curiosity and passion. It has been particularly rewarding to witness students' progress over time and to find that five of the Y13 pupils have this year made applications to Oxbridge. "We are extremely grateful to Mr Tim Fox and Mrs Sarah Kendrick-White, whose dedication to their students is unparalleled and who have tirelessly sought out ways to support them. We look forward to working with the Academy for many years to come!" St Hugh's College, University of Oxford.

Year 13 embrace the Oxbridge examinations

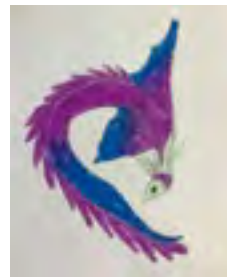
Building on the theme of raising aspirations and aiming high, we have now had four of our Year 13 students take their Oxbridge entrance exams in Term 2 as part of the application process for Oxford and Cambridge Universities. Examinations have been taken in history, medicine, psychology and law. Again, we are very proud of our students stepping up to the challenge of such a demanding academic pathway. STOP PRESS- as we send this news out we are delighted to report that already two of our Oxbridge candidates have interviews at Oxford and Cambridge in law and history. This is a fantastic achievement and we wish them well.

Students step up to the challenge

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.

Primary School pupils learn how to throw a Viking axe, explore the insides of a science laboratory and write a thriller!

As part of the Primary school's curriculum themes, Term 2 has seen a focus on the Vikings. The pupils in Year 4 were treated to a visit from Time Capsule, a professional historical re-enactment company that works with pupils to explain historical eras. As you can see from some of the pupils' quotes it was a fantastic day for enrichment.



Bobby: "The workshop was fun. The best part was the Vikings showing us weapons."

Kenzie: "I liked it when one of the Vikings roasted the other Viking. He kept making jokes about him."

Taylor: "I liked it because I found out about new dragons."

Harriet: "I liked it when the Viking was talking about the black dragon's venom and he nearly dropped the bottle."



As part of their work with the High School the pupils at the Primary school regularly visit the science laboratories to allow them more experience, developing their science skills and preparing them for their move up to Year 7.

To consolidate all this amazing learning in history and science Year 6 pupils had their first visit from Stewart Ross, our author in residence who works across the Trust to develop writing skills. Watch this space for the publication of the Year 6 Thriller in Term 3.

Whole-school competition How has coronavirus affected the world we live in? This term we have also given the students the opportunity to respond to the impact of the coronavirus pandemic on our lives and in the stretch and challenge week pupils were asked to submit entries. Below are some examples of preventative posters that might be used by the NHS.



Scarlett Taylor, Tabitha Taylor, Freya Padfield and Grace Taylor



Performing Arts Challenge - Our KS3 Students were set the challenge to investigate how theatres can respond to the Covid limitations of live shows. In this challenge the Winners were Tabitha Taylor, Ronan Murphy, Arthur Williams and Martha Lammass.

News and Events Excellence in Sport



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Daniel Oni signed by Birmingham City FC

Year 11 student, Daniel Oni, has just been signed by Birmingham City Football Club on a two-year academy deal. Daniel attracted the interest of Stoke City as well, but it was Birmingham City who made the strongest commitment to Daniel and when his studies end with us, he will begin the next chapter in his football journey.



Daniel has been on Charlton Athletics' advanced programme for a number of years. Birmingham City are an established championship club with an excellent reputation for developing young players. Jude Bellingham is their latest top-level product and he signed for Borussia Dortmund in the summer and became part of Gareth Southgate's full international squad this autumn. Daniel has been an excellent student during his time at The Canterbury Academy and has had to combine his football training with his studies. This has included several late evenings each week due to the distance he has travelled to Charlton's training centre. His family have been very supportive, and this selection is a wonderful opportunity for him.

The Cricketer Magazine Recognition for The Canterbury Academy

Despite the restrictions placed on school cricket this summer, The Canterbury Academy has once again been named in the Top 100 senior schools for cricket in the country. The Cricketer magazine editor Simon Hughes said: "This year's Schools Guide is particularly important in showcasing our schools who have kept the game alive through a very challenging summer. Whether it has been remote video sessions, drills in the garden or even Zoom quizzes, schools' cricket has emerged resolutely from this pandemic and the appetite to get back out on the playing fields is palpable. There should be deserved praise for all the teachers, coaches and volunteers who have put in so much hard work, in the most difficult of circumstances, to preserve a love of the game among the next generation." The school provided numerous training opportunities over the summer and several players earned games with Kent age group teams. An increasing number of our students played representative cricket and the joint East Kent Cricket Academy programme that is run in partnership with The Langton has a record number of players involved this year. In an exciting development, The Canterbury Academy's 1st XI has been invited to take part in the inaugural Cricketer Magazine overseas tournament at The Desert Springs resort in Spain during the Easter 2022 holidays. For more information on how to get a place on the high-quality East Kent Cricket Academy, please contact head coach, Phil Relf, on prelf@canterbury.kent.sch.uk



Abi Hope in International Show Jumping Event

Year 12 student, Abi Hope, has just recently returned from Portugal where she was training with a team of coaches from the Robert Smith team. Robert Smith is one of the UK's leading international showjumpers and a highly sought-after coach. He combines his competitive show jumping with sourcing and selling quality horses, as well as training aspiring riders who are serious about pursuing a career in the sport. Abi was selected for this opportunity due to her performances in the summer. The training camp went very well for her and we look forward to seeing how this has a positive impact on her development over the next few months.



Wide Range of PE opportunities in term 2

Despite the national restrictions placed on grass roots sport, students at The Canterbury Primary School and The Canterbury Academy have benefitted from a diverse range of experiences and activities this term. As part of their academic studies, our Sixth Form BTEC Sport students have had the opportunity to take part in areas such as Sports Massage and Sports Leadership. This gives them the chance to apply what they learn in the classroom to a practical environment, which in turn leads to conversations around career pathways in sport and PE. This is complemented by topics such as Business in Sport and the Active Leisure Industry, which give insight into the day-to-day operations of sport-related businesses. Students in Key Stage 4 have benefitted from being invited to specialist coaching sessions run by some of the highly qualified coaches who work alongside us.

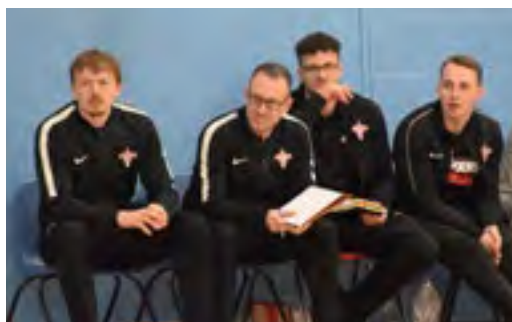


This term, our better footballers in Years 10 and 11 received specialist training from our fantastic team of Sixth Form coaches. At The Canterbury Primary School, the pupils have been preparing for a series of virtual district sports competitions run and set up by The Canterbury Academy Sports Partnership. They will soon be competing in some athletics and dance events.

Sixth Form Sport News

Unfortunately, our November Sixth Form Open Event had to be cancelled this year due to national guidance, but our professional sport programmes have still been able to run. Please contact Director of Sport, Phil Relf on prelf@canterbury.kent.sch.uk for information on our Sixth Form sport opportunities. We are planning another event on January 21st, 2021.

Regular training at the school has still been taking place and our team of basketball coaches have been busy completing national coaching qualifications. Head coach, Adam Davies, has been involved on the UK coaching performance foundation course. This is a reward for demonstrating outstanding coaching potential and enables Adam to learn from some of the very best coaches in the country.



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The Sixth Form Cheerleading Academy, in partnership with Vista Twisters, have been training three times a week working on Tumbling, Flexibility and Fitness. They attend Vista Twisters training centre in Dover every Monday to work on their tumbling skills with Ruth McDade and they have also been receiving a flexibility session with Miss Edwards and a conditioning session in our amazing gym facilities with Miss Standing. The squad has been working extremely hard and the girls have made great progress. For more information about our cheerleading academy, please contact Rebecca Standing on rstanding@canterbury.kent.sch.uk.

News and Events Practical Learning and Enterprise Education



Sponsored Walk

Millie Heslop in Year 12 organised a sponsored walk to support Young Minds and the Samaritans. She felt that she would like to raise money in recognition of the help they provide to so many young people.

She walked a 5K circuit at Betteshanger Park accompanied by Chloe Scott and Jordan Baker, Year 12 students, and staff Sylvie Envis and Joy Kennett.



National Entrepreneur of the Year – Johnnie Hobbs

The National Entrepreneur of the Year competition is one of the key highlights of our year and is exclusively open to graduating students from the Peter Jones Enterprise Academy Network. The Finalists, who have each started a business whilst studying at an Academy, are given the opportunity to pitch their business to a panel of innovators, entrepreneurs, and investors – including Peter Jones CBE himself. The winner of the competition is awarded £5,000 to invest in their business, a place on an entrepreneurial accelerator programme and the ongoing mentoring and support they need to scale their venture.

After a passionate pitch Johnnie was unfortunately unsuccessful in gaining the title of Winner of National Entrepreneur of The Year but he has gained an opportunity to have a mentor to support his business venture. We wish Johnnie all the best and we are extremely proud of what he has achieved so far. We look forward to watching his future career.



University of Creative Arts Competition

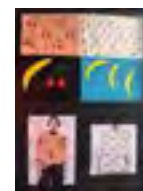
Years 10, 12 and 13 spent a week creating a collection of textile prints that follow the theme of 'Irregularity' to enter a competition set by the University of Creative Arts. They worked extremely hard within such a short period of time and have produced some amazing prints. We are all awaiting the results excitedly!



Paige Duncan
Year 13



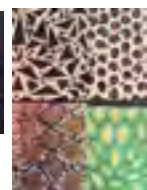
Ned Robinson-Jones
Year 13



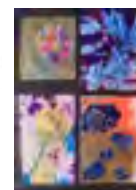
Maddie Britt
Year 12



Hayley Lynch
Year 13



Sophie
Legg
Year 12



Charlotte
Year 10



Aylssa Winstone
Year 10



Evie Frith
Year 10



Daisy Gale
Year 10



Lila
Year 12

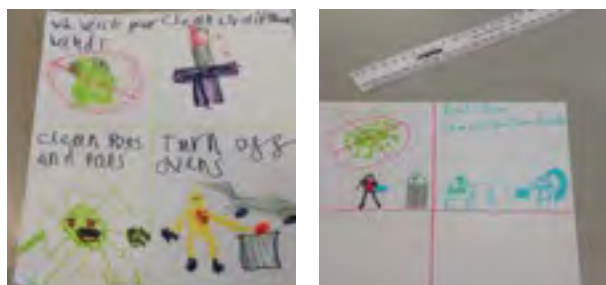
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The Year 4 CPS students have been cooking up a storm with Mr Pennec and have been making some Anzac biscuits, Pizza, Stained glass biscuits and Cheese straws.

Our first lesson was on safety and hygiene.



These are some designs for year 4.



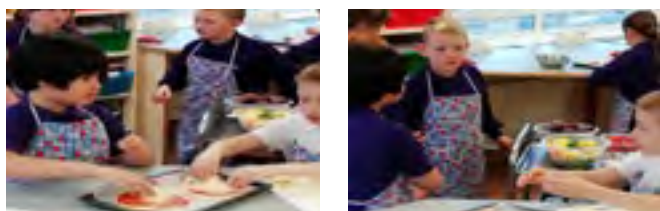
Our first practical lesson was making Anzac biscuits using oat, flour, sugar, butter and dried coconut.



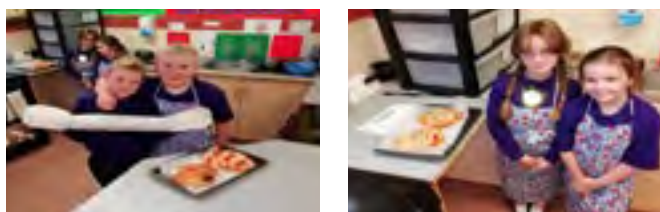
Moving on to more complicated dish: rolling the pizza dough.



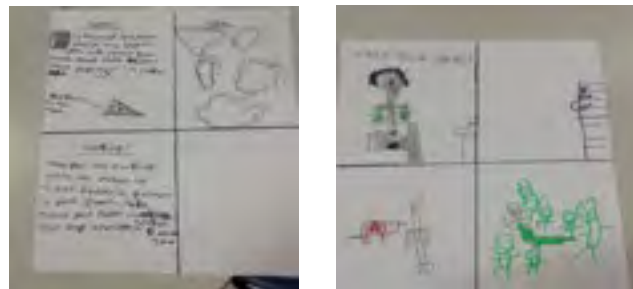
We had a choice of toppings: peppers, ham, cheese, mushrooms, tomato and red onion.



Now we can admire and enjoy our food after baking.



We needed to create some food hygiene posters.



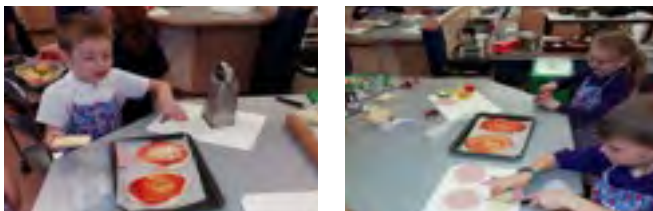
Poster showing how to get rid of Bacteria.



This is the final product. The smell is just wonderful.



We then need to spread passata sauce and cut all other ingredients to size.



We used Knife, chopping board, grater, baking tray and rolling pins.



We need to let the pizza cool down first.



News and Events Excellence in Performing Arts



**Christmas
CABARET
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Over two hundred students
have been involved in our
first-ever filmed performance for
Christmas 2020!

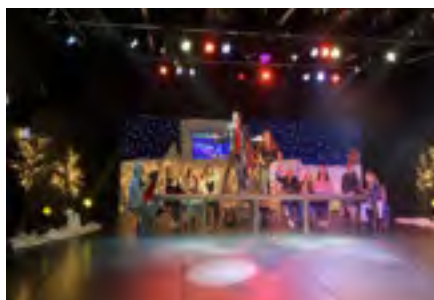
With thanks to seven cameras, two hundred lights, a snow machine and LOTS of dry ice – we are excited to bring you our annual Christmas Cabaret!



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Children from City View Nursery, The Canterbury Primary School and The Canterbury Academy came together (but apart!) and created something rather wonderful!

We couldn't have done it without the help and support of all our staff and parents. Thank you so much, it has been an experience to remember!



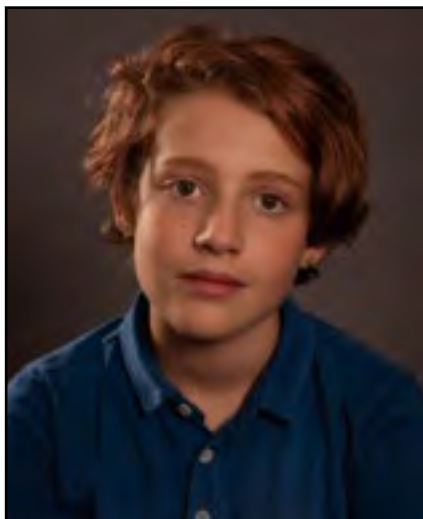
Information will be shared on our website and social media accounts so you can tune in from
7pm, Friday 11th December
to appreciate how talented and enthusiastic our students are!



Summer Show Take Two!

We are re-auditioning for Addams Family! With a new performance date of 13th and 14th July 2021, auditions will take place on Tuesday 2nd February. Please join us for an information event on Tuesday 26th January at 3pm in the Blackhole studio for audition packs!

Congratulations



Serena Clokie,
travelled to London this month to audition for a brand-new drama on national television!
Congratulations Serena!



Ellie Walkinshaw,
our Musical Theatre student has successfully gained a place at theatre school, Emil Dale Academy! We're so proud of you Ellie and can't wait to see what your future will bring!

Filming is about to begin for 'Macbeth'! Production company, Canal Demais have cast ten of our acting academy students in a 45-minute, ONE-SHOT modern-day adaption of 'Macbeth' Set in a school environment (and filmed in our very own Academy) our students will experience professional acting life for two-days. Congratulations! We will share photos and film showing details with you next newsletter!



Dance Competition - The Results are in!

And the winners are...

Key Stage 3 Novice – Ruby O'Connell
Key Stage 3 Engaged – Megan P Jameson
Key Stage 3 Experienced – Olivia Manners
Key Stage 4 Novice – Abigail Clay
Key Stage 4 Experienced – Lucy Freelove

We had a great turn out for our in-house dance competition. Students were asked to create a short solo in a dance style of their choice. The winners will be sent on to compete in the Kent School Games Virtual Dance Competition.

Congratulations to all of our winners and everyone who took part. You were all fabulous!



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Excellent news for The Canterbury Bike Project!

The project works with many different schools across the district and young people across four local schools have recently completed their level one in Cycle Maintenance. A massive congratulations to the students involved!

The project is also very pleased to announce a new outdoor public repair stand, situated outside the project, allowing the general public to make emergency repairs. A huge thank you to Bretts Aggregates for their



Half-term Halloween fun with the Youth Team

The youth team delivered an exciting range of spooky fun-filled half term activities. Creative opportunities and silly games at school and Riverside Youth Centre, included; pumpkin carving, creepy cake decorating and a cinema room/ karaoke booth.

Students also had the chance to go to the cinema as a group, with popcorn and treats.

Two groups attended Ross Wood camp, preparing the campfire, cooking their own dinner, while scaring each other with Halloween stories, toasting marshmallows to create delicious s'mores, and even throwing axes in the dark. Everyone came back in one piece and lots of fun was had by all.



Armistice Day

To mark this year's Armistice Day we held an Academy-wide 2 minute silence. Staff and pupils observed a small ceremony in the quad, with a poem read and wreaths laid by pupils from the Academy and our primary school and a member of our sixth form playing The Last Post on the trumpet. Red and white poppies were on sale throughout the week beforehand, with donations supporting the Royal British Legion and the Peace Pledge Union.

Children in Need

For this year's Children in Need pupils at the Academy took part in our fancy dress track event. Hundreds of children donated £2 to come out of class and skip, hop, dance, jump, reverse or simply move around the track. They dressed as hot dogs, in dresses, toilet seats, wizards capes, onesies, Minnie Mouse ears and loads more. As an Academy Trust, we raised £1177.47 for Children in Need.



Fundraising

Oscar Coulson-Starley in year 7, has raised thousands for cancer related charities and earlier this year also raised money for Black Lives Matter in the UK. He has made jewellery, and is currently running a 100 club which so far has raised £1200 for Breast Cancer Now.

His latest efforts are to raise money for a small charity called Team Verrico, specifically to provide counselling sessions for children whose parents have cancer. He has made and sold 70 tie dye bags which have raised £350 which will provide 7 counselling sessions. You can buy his items via his Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/oscaroriginals>



Food Bank

The Canterbury Academy is a Food Bank donation point. Items can be brought to main reception and placed in the yellow bin. The bin has been emptied twice since September. Our sixth form basketball academy recently made it their plan to fill the food bank bin. It was a team effort and an idea the squad came up with after a team meeting about what Marcus Rashford was campaigning about and how we can help the community.



October half term

During October half term, pupils in year 7 and 8 joined our Head Chef, Mr Fox for a pumpkin carving and Halloween cookery day. The days were fully booked and they made spooky creations to decorate our reception area.



"Just to say thank you so much for such a fantastic day. They thoroughly enjoyed it on a dreary wet day! You are all amazing and we appreciate all the wonderful things and work you all do."

"He had the best time - he came home with 2 trays of flapjack (which were delicious!) and a big pumpkin, beautifully carved which now has pride of place in our front garden."

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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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