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# 2021

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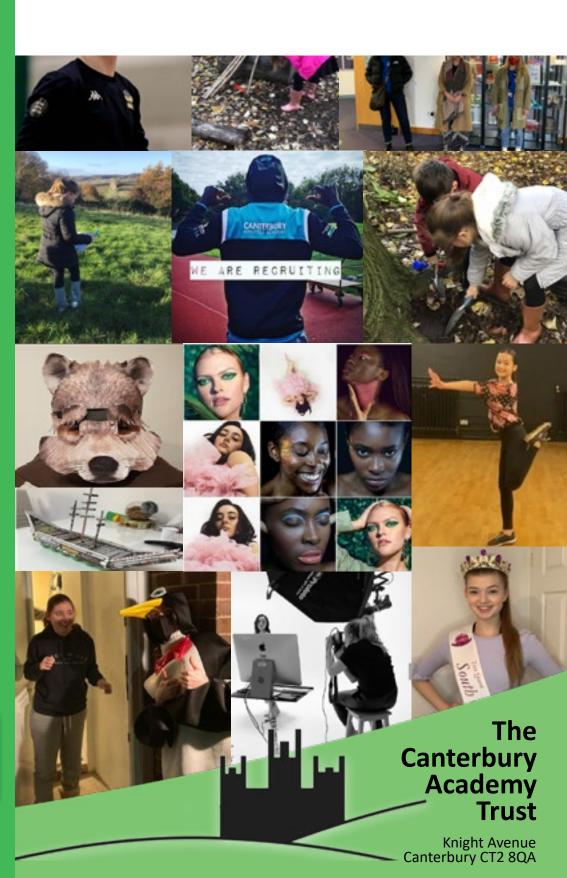
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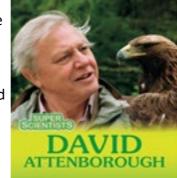
## News and Events **Academic**

#### **Term 4 Calendar of Events**

- Stewart Ross author in residence to work with Year 7 and 5 on writing a novel
- Year 12 and Year 13 Volunteer work with Refugee organisations -March and April
- Departmental Enrichment Weeks week from Term 4
- Academic Challenge weeks in all Departments

#### Academy accepts Attenborough's 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 of the lessons. Below are examples of exceptionally creative and visionary work from students in response to the Science Challenge week.



#### **Science Challenge Week December 2020**

The week was a great success, with all of Years 7-10 taking part in the challenge. We had entries from every science class! The question we asked the students to answer was: How will the loss of species affect the world we live in?

Their task was to watch David Attenborough's Extinction: The Facts on BBC iPlayer and create a poster explaining how the loss of plant and animal species will impact the future of the world that we live in.

#### The Winners were:

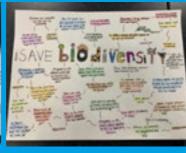
First -Beth Rich

Second - Layla Denness- Maurer

Third - Panna Nemeth, Helena Curuvija, Daisy Gale and Viviana Bett

Some of the fantastic entries! "Are we happy that our grandchildren may never see an elephant except in a picture book?" Sir David Attenborough







#### **EPQ** presentations: Year 13 results are in

You may well remember from the Term 2 newsletter that we were very impressed with the take-up of this extra academic challenge- please see below the explanation of the EPQ and our first cohort's entries, with their outstanding results - 14 students were entered at the end of last term. An amazing 49% of the students gained an A\* or A, 86% A\*- B and 100% A\*-C.

Grade possible	Grade achieved	Overall pass rate A*-C
A*	3 students	3- 21%
Α	4 students	4- 28%
В	5 students	5- 36%
С	2 students	2-14%

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. 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.



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and/or visit please contact: Tim Fox Senior Vice Principal academic@canterburv.kent.sch.uk Steve Hadlow Head of The Sixth Form 6thform@canterbury.kent.sch.uk

To arrange a professional discussion

#### Another exceptional year for UCAS destinations

Part of our vision and academic responsibility is that our students, when they move on from the school, have the best opportunities available to them and leave with as many doors open to them as possible to allow them to pursue their aims and hopes.



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With this in mind, one of the key markers of this is the number of Year 13 students who apply to university and then move on to their next educational journey.

We are delighted that with the UCAS window closing for this year we are now on 135 university offers. Not only is this outstanding as an educational rite of passage, it is particularly resilient from our Year 13 students to 'take the plunge' this year, as so much of our world is uncertain.

We are very proud of our final year students and below is a snapshot of some of the diverse courses they will be going on to and some very prestigious universities that are keen to accept them.

Below are a few examples of offers and applications to Universities from our students. As you can see these courses are highly demanding academically and competitive. Also noteworthy is that a number of these establishments are exceptionally hard to even receive offers from.

**Biology** offer and accepted from Leeds University

History - offers from Exeter, Kent, Southampton, Warwick

Sociology/Politics - offers from Bath, Greenwich, Oxford Brookes

**History / Sociology** - offers from Sussex, Leeds

Economics / Finance - offers from Exeter, Loughborough, Reading, Southampton

Architecture - offers from Birmingham City, Arts Bournemouth

Law - offers from Brunel, Kent, Middlesex, University of Law

Environmental Geoscience - offers from Aberystwyth, Cardiff, Exeter, Swansea, Plymouth

**Electrical and Electronic Engineering** - offer from Plymouth

Biomedical Science - offers from Brighton, Bristol

Psychology - offers from Cardiff, Kent, Sussex, Southampton, Nottingham

Law - offers from Keele, Manchester Met, Bournemouth

#### Kent Ambassadors rehearse literacy skills and the art of arguing with Year 10

Part of our ongoing partnership with The University of Kent is access to outstanding outreach programmes and courses. These are primarily aimed at making students aware of the many facets of university life and improving their academic skills. In Term Two we have been very fortunate to have had two such courses running for our Year 10 students. The first programme developed the art of comprehension and an introduction to new styles of literacy. This is not only invaluable for preparation for the English GCSE subjects but just as importantly has been an excellent boost to the students' lexicon and their ability to express themselves on paper.

Running at the same time for another 30 Year 10 pupils has been an introduction to debating. Again, this has been a fantastic asset for our students, as they develop their skills in articulating an argument, but also learning the need to always have evidence to support an argument and be aware of an alternative view. As always we are very appreciative of the support we gain from The University of Kent and their enthusiastic and talented ambassadors

#### Year 5 plot their local routes

Part of the academic curriculum for Year 5 is to get to know physical and geographical landmarks locally. In an exciting and demanding excursion Year 5 ventured to Harbledown (pre-Covid restrictions). They had to plan their route on foot and identify what local features they would come across on their visit. This involved using maps, compasses and route planners. Under the guidance of Mrs Blackwell this was a very exciting and rewarding trip that introduced the pupils to geographical skills and their local environment.



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### **Excellence** in Sport

# Remote Physical Activities

The current national restrictions have not stopped our students engaging in regular physical activity from home. Our Physical Education team has been really impressed with the high levels of engagement across the school and there have been some really creative examples of students taking part in fitness-related work that they have designed themselves. Year 7 student, Ruby Deighton, invented an excellent game that focused on developing her balance. Cameron Dwyer, also from Year 7, created a football circuit just outside his house that included skill and agility work.

Our Sixth Form students have been able to complete leadership sections of their BTEC Sport course with Henry Whysall and Harry Baker of Year 12 delivering a core circuit to their Kent Crusaders basketball team mates online. The feedback from staff who observed the session highlighted the professional but friendly tone of both students and the fact that they demonstrated well and then gave some verbal cues and encouragement as the exercises were taking place.



#### Archie Hatcher and Tagan Kray Secure Gillingham FC **Under-15 Place**

Year 10 students, Archie Hatcher and Tagan Kray, have retained their place in Gillingham's advanced player programme. Both have been with Gillingham for several years and will resume training with them once restrictions are lifted. They are two of a number of our students who have been with Gillingham and both deserve this due to their excellent work rate in the last year. Both boys are part of our specialist sports mentor group which provides our most committed sports students with additional opportunities to develop their sport.



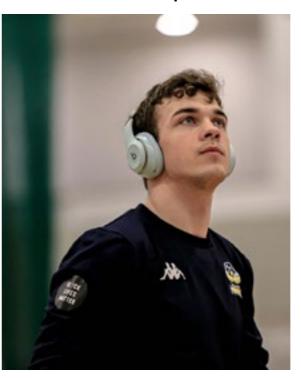
This programme will be enhanced once we return to school as we look to build the specialist support for this group of students.





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#### Robbie Graham earns professional basketball opportunity





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Robbie Graham, who is part of the Sixth Form Basketball Academy, is in his third year with us at The Canterbury Academy. It is with great pride that we are able to announce that Robbie has been picked up by the professional basketball team, Cheshire Phoenix.

Cheshire play in the topflight league in the UK which is the British Basketball League. It is the highest-level men's league in the UK and as a sixth former, Robbie is amongst the youngest to participate. He has already seen court time in the last four games, making an instant impact on his team. The school and basketball coaches wish Robbie the best for the rest of his time with Cheshire Phoenix.

This is a great example of what can happen if students dedicate themselves to their sport whilst they are with us.

Robbie has a great work ethic, and this will really help his development. It is also a real endorsement of the fabulous work that the Kent Crusaders coaching team have done with Robbie.

Another basketball student who has received good news is Year 12 student, Zac Moody. Zac joined us in September 2020 and has just found out that he has been given a prestigious Try Angle Award by Maidstone District for the commitment he demonstrated to his previous school.

Our other Sixth Form sport academies have also been very busy this term. Some examples include the following. The athletics students have benefitted from a series of specific training programmes designed by the coaching staff and the rugby players have been working with their fitness coach online. The cricket players are combining their individual fitness work with the opportunity to discuss their games with ex-professional players. This term is normally when we would be having an open evening to promote the high-quality sports academy content of our Sixth Form, but we are still promoting their work through a variety of social media platforms and on our website. If you would like more information on the range of sports we can cater for and how our flexible timetable works, please contact us on sport@canterbury.kent.sch.uk. We can then put you in touch with the relevant coaching staff and academic staff as well as arrange personalised visits once restrictions have eased. More information will be released in due course about plans for our traditional Sixth Form Open Evening.

#### **Primary School Update**

Pupils at The Canterbury Primary School have also been excelling at home. The school had the following results in the Virtual Dance competition that was held in the district this term:

> 1<sup>st</sup> place Key Stage 1 Competitive Female 2nd place Key Stage 2 Novice Male 3rd place Key Stage 2 Competitive Female 5th place Key Stage 2 Novice Female

The Canterbury Academy Sports Partnership has run a number of virtual sports events including athletics, dance and a virtual league. A total of twelve local schools have taken part. Blean Primary School won the athletics event for Years 5 and 6. Bridge and Patrixbourne won the virtual league and dancers from Bridge, The Canterbury Primary School, Chislet, Barham and St Peters all took home first place medals. This term they are focusing on handball, basketball and hockey.

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#### **Canterbury Primary School students** at The Forest School

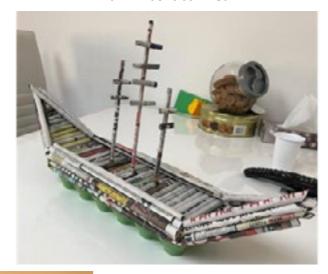
Students have been accessing the Forest School over this period and what fun they have been having! They have been building and making things with mud. They have also been having some animal care fun with the guinea pigs.

#### **Key Stage 3 Design and Technology Sculpture Project**

Students were asked to create their own sculpture using recycled materials. The sculpture could be purely abstract lines, shapes and colours, or it could be figurative. It had to be something recognisable.

Danni Kushaba - Year 7

The work that the students produced was amazing and demonstrated their excellent ability and eye for detail.





Oliver Bates - Year 7

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# Remote Learning Activities

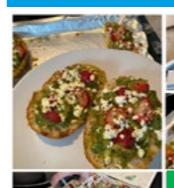
Students have demonstrated and created some excellent work from home and we have been impressed with the creativity and level of skill shown. Excellent photography examples using our bodies to make shapes; superb face masks and lovely homemade dishes. Please keep taking photos and sending them in for us to share and reward. Keep going!





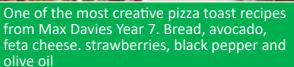








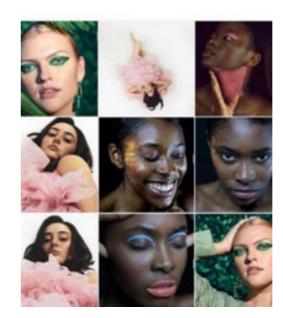






#### Former Student's Success - Lottie Hollis

Lottie Hollis was a former A Level Photography student and this month she has had her photography published in several publications. Lottie began her journey with Miss Tupper with little confidence in her abilities and over her time in the Sixth Form, grew and developed these skills. Despite some rejection from universities, she continued to strive for her dream and completed a fashion week internship. Lottie re-submitted her portfolio and gained her place at university. Through her hard work and perseverance, she is now an accomplished photographer and has a very bright future ahead of her. We are very excited and proud and cannot wait to see her next shoots.







## News and Events **Excellence in Performing Arts**

#### **Key Stage Three Dance Competition** Results!

Following our in-house dance solo competition, the winners' videos were sent on to Kent School Games where they went up against many other schools in the county. All four of our entries placed in the top 3 for their categories!



Key Stage 3 Engaged Female - Megan Padaranga-Jameson 1st Place

Key Stage 3 Excel Female - Olivia Manners Tan 1st Place

Key Stage 4 Engaged Female - Abigail Clay 3rd Place Key Stage 4 Excel Female - Lucy Freelove 3rd Place

We are so proud of the girls' achievements in the competition and look forward to presenting them with their awards upon their return to the Academy.



#### **Professional Casting and Auditions**

Our KSPA represented students have been busy self-taping and auditioning for professional work this new year.

Gavin Adlington (Acting Academy) has auditioned for and been cast as 'Young Man' in the new Network Rail TV advertisement

Mari Lewis has auditioned for the role of Daniela in a new feature film to be shot in America!

Jake Brown has gone up for the role of 'Tom Chitling' in a new adaptation of 'Dodger'. Jake has also successfully gained a place at West London School of Acting!

We are so proud of you all; break a leg!



# Congratulations and Achievements!

Shayla Lyons (Musical Theatre Academy) has been fundraising for the NHS and Headway and raised over £1000! She also won an online heat which gave her the title of the first ever 'Teen Miss Magical Moments 2020/21'. This meant she was able to enter a second online heat which she went on to win and gained the title of 'Teen Queen South Coast'.

Cassie O'Connor (Acting Academy) has been awarded a place at St Mary's, London on their three-year Acting

Lucas Brind (Musical Theatre Academy) will be off to Bird College for three years to study Musical Theatre!

Lucy Bestow (Acting Academy) has been successful in her application for The Central Film School. She will be studying their Scriptwriting degree!

Chloe Huggins (Musical Theatre Academy) has been accepted on the Musical Theatre programme at Mandy Ellen Performing Arts School.

Ashley Austin will be starting her studies at the West End Musical Theatre School!

Jodie East has been busy in lockdown and gained a Distinction in her Grade One guitar exam!

Sol Triffitt (Production Arts Academy) will be joining the Royal Central School of Speech and Drama on their Lighting Design degree in September.

Our students' resilience and ambition never fails to amaze us. We are incredibly proud of you all!









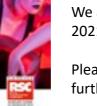






Musical Theatre, Acting, Dance, Music and Production Arts

Accepting audition tapes now!







**Sixth Form Performing Arts Academies Auditions** 

We are now accepting audition tapes for our new September 2021 cohort!

Please contact performingarts@canterbury.kent.sch.uk for further information.

We can't wait to meet our new performers, musicians, actors and technicians!

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#### The Canterbury Bike Project

One of the aims of The Canterbury Bike Project during lockdown is to help as many young people as possible to get active and help improve physical and mental wellbeing. To help achieve this, The Canterbury Bike Project are currently donating five bikes to as many local primary schools in Canterbury as possible. They hope that these bikes will not only help make a difference to the lives of young people, but will also help inspire the next generation of cyclists.



#### **Bike Project Giveaway**

The Canterbury Bike Project is also giving away a fantastic BMX!

This is an amazing project, please look them up by searching 'The Canterbury Bike Project' on Facebook/ Instagram for a chance to win.



Congratulations to youth volunteer and Bright Chance member Charlotte who raised £100 for the RSPCA by doing a sponsored walk.





**Inclusive Us** member Devon accepting a Christmas gift from a distance!

Unfortunately, our situation and plans altered due to new guidelines with regards to Covid. However, with help from Tim and some quick thinking, our youth team Christmas plans and dinner were saved.

Christmas dinners with all the trimmings, food hampers and Christmas gifts were delivered to a number of young people and their families. Students were asked to bid for their favourite Christmas present and many were elated when they received gifts that they truly wanted, and we were rewarded with smiles and thanks on the doorstep.

This was something new for the youth team this Christmas, but we enjoyed every minute of it. We wanted to share with you a message of thanks from one family.

**During the Christmas break,** the youth team had planned a socially distanced Christmas party for students

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across all year groups.

This is such a great, lovely idea and my family would be very interested thank you. So YES, from us. Any help around Christmas is greatly appreciated especially when you have a large family like me. Thanks to each and every one of the people taking part in this amazing event to help those in need.'

#### **Riverside Youth Centre Inclusive Projects**

Riverside Youth Centre have been running inclusive projects for many years. There are inclusive social clubs on alternate Thursday evenings for neuro diverse young people, these include Inclusive Us for teenagers and Bright Chance for young adults. Riverside also run an inclusive youth volunteer group on Tuesdays. 2020 has been challenging for everyone, but those with ASC (Autism Spectrum Conditions) have found the changes to their routines and lives particularly stressful.

Throughout the lockdowns, Riverside have delivered fun online club sessions for all the inclusive groups, offering club members the opportunity to see their friends, chat, take part in themed quizzes, play games, participate in challenges, and even perform!

In December, youth staff assisted by adult volunteers organised socially distanced doorstep visits to deliver Christmas gifts to club members.

We are constantly amazed at the resilience our club members have shown. Youth volunteer and Bright Chance member, Charlotte even managed to raise £100 for the RSPCA by taking part in a sponsored walk accompanied by a parent.

We are looking forward to a return to 'normality' but in the meantime will continue to deliver online services to provide continuing support for young people.

#### Inclusive Club online session 'MPS Awareness' week.



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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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