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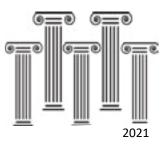
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# News and Events Academic

### Term 5 Calendar of Events

- Stewart Ross- author in residence to work with Years 7 and 5 on writing a novel
- Year 12 and Year 13
   Volunteer work with refugee organisations-April
- Departmental Enrichment
  Weeks from Term 5
- Academic Challenge weeks in all departments
- Oxbridge open lecture series for Years 12 and 13
- Queen's College, Cambridge undergraduate briefing for Year 12 students

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### Year 10 Achievement- Challenging Covid

It has been very rewarding and refreshing, as teachers, to observe how some of our students have seen the educational limitations and drawbacks, during the most recent lockdown, as a challenge and an opportunity to expand their learning. Below are some very resilient and impressive responses to remote learning by our Year 10 students.

- 1 student elected to the Kent County Council Youth Parliament and created mental health manual for schools.
- 10 students applied for the Oxford University Residential Scholarship course at St Hugh's College, Oxford.
- 10 students accepted on UCL Maths Inspire course (targeted at pupils already on a 5)
- 5 students engaged in St Johns College Oxford online lecture science course
- 3 students started to study Japanese through online tutorials every week



#### Our now well-seasoned Author in

Residence, Stewart Ross, will be returning in Terms 5 and 6. Again, he will be working across the Primary School and the Secondary School to develop literacy skills and excitement around reading and storytelling. This is our third year working with Stewart and we are delighted that he is able to give our students these fantastic opportunities, linked to creativity and English.

### Primary school pupils make sense of the Census

Part of the Primary school's awareness of important national events was the celebration and activities organised in school, around the national Census. Importantly, as this only happens every decade, it was great to see the links with numeracy and information gathering that were undertaken by the pupils.







#### Study at home reaches new heights

Staying with the theme of resilience and students becoming much more adept at independent learning and challenging themselves, we have collated some excellent examples of creativity and inspirational messages.

The first examples are sections from amazingly powerful poems with reflections on Lockdown and Racism and below are models of Motte and Bailey castles, designed by Josh Amos and Luke Martin as part of their lesson on the Norman Conquest.





#### The year 2020 By Libby Broad

I sit here mouth open - no sound will come out, no matter how hard I yell, scream and shout.

I am neither old - nor have I ever feared war, yet I have now a barrier across my front door. My urge to run out and ignore what is right, I conflict with myself yet have learned to fight. In my head I can hear all I want to portray, will someone hear what I have to say.

I sit here mouth open - no sound will come out, no matter how hard I yell, scream and shout.

I sit in a house, brimming love from its beams, I'm worried what's occurring will ruin my dreams. Shops, bars and restaurant all had to shut down, in all the big cities through to the small town. No school at the start – bought a moment of cheer, but when will we return, the answers not clear?

I sit here mouth open - no sound will come out, no matter how hard I yell, scream and shout.

The box that projects stories abundant with news, only for me it's just there in order to confuse. Men and women in power who don't have a clue, on the best solution asking, "what do we do?" As more time passes it becomes abundantly clear. that like war itself, I have so much to fear.

I sit here mouth open - no sound will come out, no matter how hard I yell, scream and shout.

I watch as my family try to hide how they feel, like what's going on in the world is of no great deal. Yet I say a fond farewell to one I hold dear, and watch another mourn his passing it is truly clear. Now more time passes a catastrophe it's become, on a global scale, the world is no fun.

I sit here mouth open - no sound will come out, no matter how hard I yell, scream and shout. I wonder-NO- I'm sure- there's more like me, same thoughts, feelings and questions there must be. So

We sit here mouths open-no sound has come out. No matter how.

#### Racism By Kimberly Maina

We are all the same But still people judge It doesn't still hold a grudge The way we talk The way we walk At the end of the day In every way We are still the same

We as human kind fear the stranger But we must change There is nothing strange about being an individual We must take a stand We are all in the same band

Everyone should be equal There should be no second class Some people think their better than others They prejudices against those who seem different But if you think about it we are all sisters and brothers

We all deserve rights Most believe this with all their might However it's those few who don't That end up rocking the boat. Those hand full That make balance fall I don't know how they can stand tall

It's rather simple Everyone is equal Not everyone is treated as much If we try we can change so much If everyone had this view I wouldn't be here talking to you

If we stop being judgemental And fight For what we believe is right If we stop being elemental If we work on this case We can make the world a better place

### News and Events Excellence in Sport

### Gaia Jennings and Serena McCormack Gymnastics Progress

Year 9 student, Gaia Jennings, was recognised as Greenhill Gymnastics Club Gymnast of The Year recently. During the lockdown, she has been doing club sessions four times a week via Zoom and completing a weekly club challenge. She has developed some new advanced moves and has spent considerable time each day working hard on her fitness. She is part of the South East Regional Gymnastics Squad and has received remote coaching sessions from Max Whitlock's coach.



Year 10 student, Serena McCormack, has been an amazing mentor and young coach for the gymnasts

at DC Diamonds Gymnastics Club. She has been volunteering during lockdown in online training sessions. Her contributions have been exceptional.



### **Kent Crusaders Players Excelling**

Basketball continues to be a positive outlet for many of our students and we have some impressive achievements to celebrate. In a previous issue, we reported that current student, Robbie Graham had made his debut in the British Basketball League with Cheshire Phoenix. Robbie has now scored his first points against Sheffield Sharks.



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Year 13 student, Kieran Farrell, has been signed by Worthing Thunder, who are one of the top NBL Division 1 sides. In addition to these UK-based success stories, two of our ex-students have earned places in top American programmes. Tamara Fournillier-Onadeko has been awarded a scholarship with The University of Illinois in Chicago which is an incredible achievement. Sam Alajiki has committed to The University of California where he will continue playing and studying on an athletic scholarship. These destinations show what is possible with hard work and commitment. Just as importantly, we were really pleased with Thom Hodgkinson's community contribution as he volunteered as a tester to support the Covid-19 support programme.





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In more international news, we are very proud of Ross Johnstone who left us in 2018. Ross is now studying at The University of San Diego on a football scholarship. Ross will eventually major in Business Administration or Communication Studies but has two years to make up his mind on which one. He has had to sacrifice a lot and has been out of his comfort zone but his dedication and ambition have got him into a great position. He is enjoying the football and has commented on how much more running and tactical emphasis there is in US soccer compared to the football he has played here.

### **Football Celebrations**

Year 11 student, Alex Giles, has been awarded an apprenticeship with Gillingham Football Club. Alex has been with Gillingham since he was at primary school and this is a reward for his outstanding commitment to his football. We wish Alex all the best with Gillingham.

One of our former students, Mateo Garcia, has been selected in the Mexican national under- 16 football team. Mateo was with us for a couple of years and excelled across a number of sports. He is a goalkeeper and will now compete for his country in international fixtures.



# After • School Sport Returns

We welcomed our students back during Term 4 and began extra-curricular clubs to ensure we provided opportunities for as many students as possible to engage in sport and physical activity. Our students were able to get involved in

### volleyball, basketball, athletics, rugby, cricket and football

and we are hoping to attract even bigger numbers to our clubs after Easter. Students should keep an eye out for details of clubs as soon as they return in Term 5. We will hopefully be able to resume school fixtures in our summer sports of athletics, rounders, cricket, tennis and softball.



# News and Events Excellence in Performing Arts





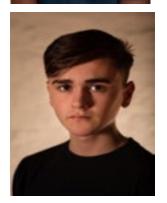
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### **Professional Casting and Auditions**

This term, our Junior Institute and Sixth Form students continue to be called for professional castings! Congratulations and good luck to **Serena Clokie** for her audition to be part of the new NSPCC commercial; **Noah Burrows**, for his TK Maxx commercial audition; **Archie Thomas**, going up for Jai in 'Ted's Top Ten'; **Jake Brown**, auditioning for the role of Assistant in 'Beat It' and **Luqia Sasaki** being considered for Uzma in CCBS 'Jamie Johnson'.

**Catherine Dekker** has been selected to walk for both London and New York Fashion Week in September – amazing news!





**Key Stage Three Performing Arts Competition Winners** We are pleased to announce that the

winners of the Charlie and the Chocolate Factory Costume and Set Design challenge are **Chloe Davies**, **Freddie Newland-Jarman, Keira Power, Patrick Gonda, Grace Sheanon** and **Grace Pattenden** in Year 8!













The winners of the Lion King mask challenge are Sebastian Kozusko and Amber Cornelius.

All students should collect their vouchers from Mrs Watson as soon as they can! Congratulations!

# **Congratulations and Achievements!**

This term has also seen some amazing accomplishments by our performing arts students:

**Eliza Elwell** (Music Academy) has offers to study music production and business at ICMP, ACM and BIMM. **Emily Hopkins** (Musical Theatre Academy) has been accepted to study Musical Theatre at Bird College. **Ethan Hopper** (Production Arts Academy) has an unconditional offer from The Royal School of Speech and Drama on their Lighting Design degree.

Joe Dale (Dance Academy) has been offered places at London Studio Centre (LSC) and Bird College.

**Emmi Walsh** (Musical Theatre Academy) is part of a cast of actors performing at The Gulbenkian Theatre as part of the National Theatre Connections project 'Find a Partner'. The show will be streamed from 8<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> April (poster attached).

**Cerys Culver** (Dance Academy) has received unconditional offers for Bath Spa (Dance BA Hons) and Chichester (Dance Education and Teaching)

**Emily Miller** (Musical Theatre Academy) has delivered some online dance sessions for The Caldecott Foundation foster agency. They had this to say:

'It was obvious the amount of thought and effort Emily invested into the session. It was very carefully planned and accessible to all levels of ability, which is something as a therapeutic fostering agency fits into our model of care. We know hosting a virtual event for your peers can be very daunting. Emily managed delivered this session with a confidence and a calmness beyond her years, and her enthusiasm shone through as she put us all through our paces.'

What a wonderful thing to do, Emily. We are so proud of you!

Cascade Dance Company have entered students from our Dance Academy into the UDance Competition with a Dance for Film based on using 'Sign Supported English' as a universal catalyst for movement.

And representing our Key Stage Three students, Thomas Bates has created a techno music composition; Grace Palmer has been song-writing in Lockdown and Alexia Cerva has been creating some fabulous make-up looks! Sisters, Scarlett, Tabitha and Grace Taylor have all achieved a Distinction grade in their Level 3 Street Dance exam. Amazing!!







### Sixth Form Performing Arts Academies Auditions

We are still accepting audition tapes for our new September 2021 cohort! Please contact <u>performingarts@canterbury.kent.sch.uk</u> for further information. We can't wait to meet our new performers, musicians, actors and technicians!

https://youtu.be/8lgzXu8Wgsl - Promotional Video

# News and Events Extended Services

### Cookery activities held during February half term

Children from our key worker and vulnerable family bubble came in to work with Chef Brad over the February half term. Over the week they made flapjacks, cookie dough pie, pancakes, bacon and cheese turnovers, chocolate cake, stir fry and hunters chicken breast.

Over the Easter period, we are running cookery days for year 7, 8 and 9. For more information or to book, <u>email rhuckle@canterbury.kent.sch.uk</u>













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# The Canterbury Academy Trust consistently strives to celebrate and reward all of our fantastic students.

The Kent County Council Try Angle Awards are something we have heavily supported over the years, providing an additional opportunity to celebrate our students on a larger scale.

AWARDS Ceremony. A very well done to you all and congratulations from all the staff at The Canterbury Academy Trust.

Student	Nominated for
Olivia Laing	Arts
<b>Oscar Couldon Stanley</b>	Community action
Sam Marsh	Personal development
Albair D'Anna Burgus	Music
Wilf Marshall	Positive intervention

Nominated by B Huckle T Fox and B Huckle T Fox and T Neale A Freeman and B Huckle T Fox

Winner for the Canterbury District Winner for the Canterbury District

I would also like to draw your attention to all the other students that were nominated by staff at The Canterbury Academy Trust, some students I might add have been nominated for more than one award! Each member of staff would have written a fantastic, well-deserved nomination. You all should have received a certificate in recognition for your achievements and your hard work. On behalf of all the staff that nominated you and the wider staff body, congratulations on this recognition and well done!

Student	Nominated for	Nominated by
Archie McDonald	Courage	T Fox
Michael Spinks	Sport	J Bonney
Bertie Steward	Sport	J Bonney
Harvey Smith	Personal development	T James
Billy White	Arts	L McMahan
Oliver Scott	Sport	K Scott
Jack Gray	Community action	B Huckle
Joel Young	Courage	T James
Ellie Howell	Courage	E Vinn and T Neale
Marwa Anwani	Personal development	E Vinn
Marwa Anwani	Courage	T Neale
Millie Heslop	Personal development	E Vinn
Chloe Scott	Personal development	E Vinn
Samuel Vernon	Personal development	E Vinn
Amber Clarke	Sport	R Standing
Louie Maynard-Wallis	Sport	R Standing
Mylo Barton	Arts	D Alexander
Mylo Barton	Personal development	K Aynes
Anne Marie Baker	Good friends	K Aynes
Hana Ansari	Courage	R. Morse
Azwa Marini	Personal development	E Vinn



Please note, The Try Angle Awards recognise the outstanding efforts and achievements of young people and groups who really try their best whether at school, work, college, in business or in their wider community across Kent. This means that some of our students may have been nominated for an award outside of The Canterbury Academy Trust, if so, please do let us know and we will find a way of celebrating their achievement.

Adam Fairbrass

Head of Youth, Community and Extended Services.

### News and Events Practical Learning and Enterprise Education





# Remote Learning success

There has been some excellent work during Term 3 and we have seen some creative and interesting pieces of work from students within practical learning. Lily Wallis has completed an exceptional final 3D design for her final product for a sensory garden. We have seen some excellent cooking skills from



our Key Stage 3 students with sausage rolls, raspberry cheesecakes and banoffee pie, all of which looked delicious treats.

### Sixth Form cooking success

Two Sixth Form students have completed a practical assessment as part of their course. They both worked fantastically well independently, following recipes exactly and producing delicious, well-presented dishes. They were very pleased with their results! Well done to Chloe Scott and Jordan Baker.



### **National Apprenticeship Week**

National Apprenticeship Week took place from 8<sup>th</sup> to 14<sup>th</sup> February 2021. The annual week-long celebration of apprenticeships was an opportunity to showcase some of our ex -students' successes and provide information from

Mrs Kendrick-White about possible opportunities for prospective students wishing to pursue an apprenticeship.



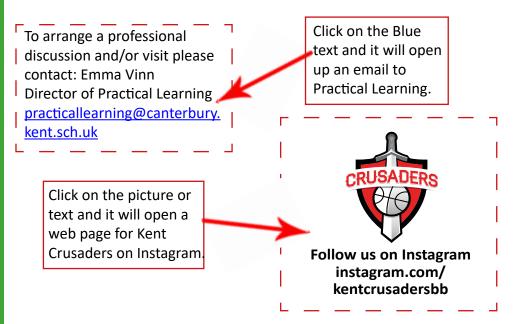
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Friday 9th July 6-9pm

Want to be part of it? Auditions are Tuesday 20th April, at 3pm in the Blackhole Studio. Please see Mrs Watson for more details!

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