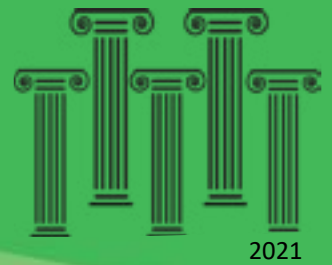


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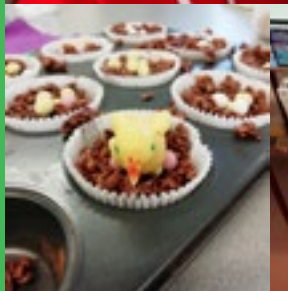
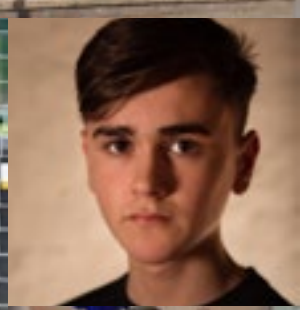
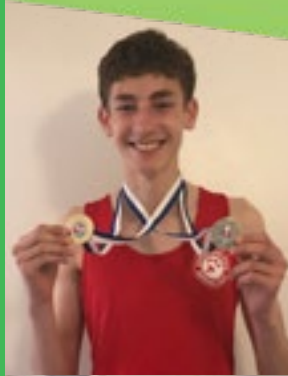
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Revision Resilience Reaps Rewards

During the Easter holidays the senior school had the first opportunity in 2021 to offer holiday learning and revision opportunities to our students. This was primarily targeted at Years 10 and 11 who are already undertaking their GCSE course.

We were amazed and delighted by the outstanding effort put in by so many students. A wide range of teachers and departments offered support sessions around revision, coursework and practical projects (these need time in school due to access to resources). Over the two week period 30 support sessions were on offer. Over the two weeks we had an attendance number of over 225 Year 10 and 11 students. This equates to over half of the entire senior school. Numerous students attended over 3 sessions (again this is over 10 hours) and many students attended up to 5 or 6 revision sessions (over 20 hours).

Oxford University Scholarships close on a high

Over the last two years four very able and dedicated Year 11 students have participated in a highly competitive and helpful academic support programme for St Hugh's college, Oxford University. This Easter holiday they completed their engagement and we are keen to celebrate this.

This programme has provided these students with a fantastic array of opportunities to develop their academic ability and their cross-curricular skills. Over the last 18 months this list illustrates the range of learning that this group have undertaken:

- University lectures
- How to apply to a 'top' university workshop
- Academic Mentor to support each student for the 18 months
- Alumni advice on how to do well in the Sixth Form
- Booster classes for key GCSE subjects

These students are:

Courtney Weston, Joshua Emptoz, Keira Henley and Izzie Batchelor



Cambridge University welcome the Academy on board

Building on our extensive outreach links with universities, we are delighted to announce a new link with Queen's College, Cambridge University. To start our relationship off our next cohort of Year 12 Oxbridge candidates participated in a two-hour webinar with Queens's college undergraduates. This involved a Question and Answer session on university life, applications, the nature of academic studies and how to prepare for the autumn Oxbridge examinations. The students involved were delighted to learn about applying to a college like Queen's and will be further supported by Cambridge through mentors and a visit to Cambridge in September.



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Introduction to Debating Module with UKC

The University of Kent offered pupils in Years 9, 10 and Key Stage 5, the opportunity to take part in an online introduction to debating module! This short course ran online over six weeks and was delivered by current University of Kent students and teaching staff. Pupils who took part developed their critical thinking and public speaking skills. They left the course with a certificate from UKC to mark their achievements.



Participants-Year 9/10/12

Sam Clarke, Isobel Crump, Brandon Benge, Ruby Forbister, Atiq Khan, Maccy Lynch, Rebecca Weller and Lauren Price.

"All students from the school have been fantastic to work with and a great representation of the school, each of them always enthusiastic and keen to engage. Listening to their final debates last week you could see how much they had developed throughout the module and it was clear their confidence in public speaking had grown substantially." -Francesca Plom

Outreach Activities Coordinator at UKC

"I loved the module. We learnt about the different components of a debate and how it is structured. We also did a couple of debates to practise talking, developing ideas and conveying our point effectively." -Lauren Price - Y12

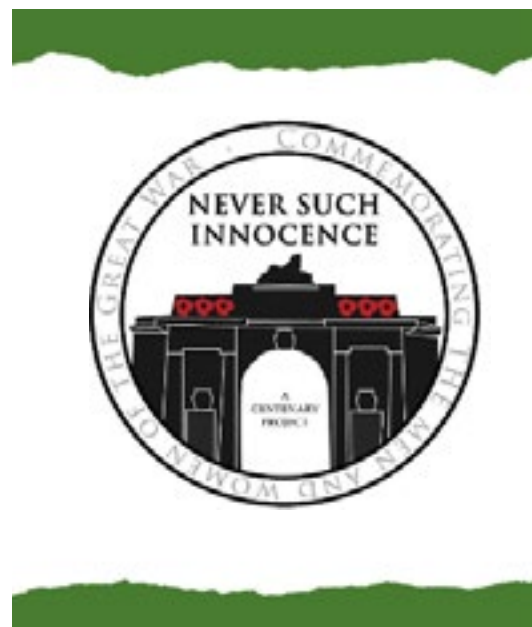
Year 7 snatches national writing prize

In the last Pillars Newsletter we shared with you some very powerful writing from several of our Year 7 pupils. As part of our weekly and termly challenge weeks the English Department had awarded Libby Broad a prize for her very moving poem about lockdown. Having spotted the great ability that Libby had shown, Ms Love, her English teacher, entered Libby for a national writing competition. To our delight Libby has achieved national recognition from the charity, Never Such Innocence. Please see below her commendation from the organisation:

"I am delighted to inform you that Libby is being recognised for her work in the Poetry Competition for the age 9-11 category for the piece The Year 2020.

We received hundreds of entries on how the Coronavirus pandemic has affected young people all over the world and the judges have chosen this piece to be recognised.

Our judging panel were deeply impressed by all of the entries, and had a tough time selecting the winners; the work was of an exceptional standard."



We hope that you will be very proud of this achievement – we've received over 3,000 entries from 99 countries around the world.

All of the winning entries will be included in a special Digital Winners Book and sent to winners to share with their friends, family and schools. A personalised certificate of commendation will be mailed soon.

We are delighted for Libby and very proud of her exceptional talent.

Term 6 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-June and July
- Departmental Enrichment Weeks from Term 6
- Academic Challenge weeks in all Departments
- Oxbridge Open lecture series for Years 12 and 13

Challenge across the board It is always delightful to see students respond to challenge and step out of their learning comfort zone and produce work that is of a very academic standard as well as illustrating their resilience. Below are examples of Year 7 History work, Years 9-12 access to Kent University debating workshops and Year 12 and 13 EPQ presentations.

EPQ Projects set a high bar

Once again, we have had some exceptional Extended Project Qualification Presentations delivered by our Year 12 and 13 students. This is not only an indication of our students' maturity and presentational skills, but the students' ability to deliver a well-researched and referenced essay. Well done to all these students who covered topics as wide ranging as: Evaluation of Electronic Records of Crime, Medication and Meditation- What is better for people with anxiety?, An Investigation into the UK forensic system and Evaluation of the Food banks in the UK



The Canterbury Primary School go dramatic

On Thursday 22nd April, pupils in Key Stage Two celebrated World Earth Day by joining a live playback performance of Dr Suess's 'The Lorax' from The Old Vic Theatre in London. Pupils thoroughly enjoyed the experience of watching this professional show and some fascinating debates around the themes of greed, environmental protection and consumerism ensued! Without the usual array of trips being offered due to the pandemic, this event provided a wonderful cultural opportunity for the children, and we hope sparked many future visits to theatres!

This term, we welcomed back our resident writer Stewart Ross to challenge and inspire some young writers in Year 5. Ten pupils created a futuristic story with series of twists and complicated plots. Mr Ross was incredibly impressed with their imaginations, and we all look forward to reading their story once it has been edited and printed.

All pupils at the Canterbury Primary school received a visit from two fire safety officers on Thursday 6th May. Throughout the day, the fire officers spoke to each year group about safety at home, what to do in an emergency and the role of the fire brigade. Pupils enjoyed putting their questions to our guests at the end of every session and learnt a lot from this insightful visit.



The line of dead- The Black Death...

A sniff and sneeze
You're out with a breeze
Spotted lumps all over
Days later you're over

The black death thrives
If you got it you're in for a ride
It took many lives
And men some left with no wives
All the dead in a line

And somewhere one cannot find
Some bodies respected
Other had different perspective
Villages left full of dead

Now who is going to make your bread?
Villages grown over with trees
And not discovered with breeze

It arrived on a boat
But most on board were not afloat
Most dead or dying
Even without trying

Congratulations Jordan

Jordan Gillmore Signs Professional terms with Millwall Football Club.

One of our ex-students, Jordan Gillmore, has just been signed by Millwall FC on a one-year professional contract. This is an exceptional achievement considering how difficult it is for young footballers to make it through onto a club's playing staff.

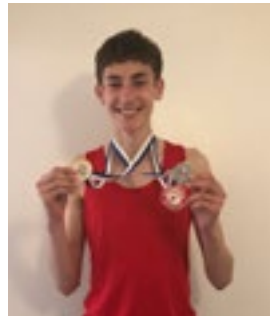


Jordan left The Canterbury Academy in 2019 having earned a place in Millwall's Academy set up. He had previously had a spell at Chelsea and over the last few years, he and his family have spent hundreds of hours travelling to training and games. Jordan's commitment to sport was recognised by us when he was named our Sport Personality in 2019. Since then, he has obviously dedicated himself fully to his football and he has excelled in one of the sport's most mentally challenging positions as a goalkeeper.

Jordan and his Mum got in touch with us last week to share their news and Jordan wanted to thank all of the staff who have helped him along the way. As a school, we are incredibly proud of Jordan's progress and his determination and sacrifices demonstrate what can be achieved if you commit fully to following your dreams. Jordan is now a professional footballer with a Championship football club and will be training occasionally with the first team when they report back for pre-season later this summer.

We are looking forward to seeing how Jordan gets on next season and we hope that we have a chance to invite him back to see us later this year.

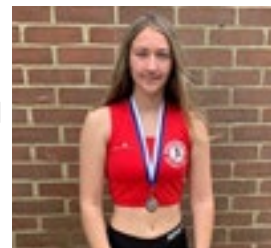
Canterbury Academy Athletes Impress at County Event



Some of our outstanding athletes excelled in the county championships which were held at The Julie Rose Stadium in Ashford. Year 11 student, **Jamie Keir** won the under-17 1500 metres in a time of 4.15. He ran in the pack for 1000 metres and then made the break with 500 metres to go, finishing with a 61 second final lap to win by three seconds.

Jamie also ran in the 800 metres heat and qualified for the final by finishing in second place of heat two. Less than two hours later, he ran in the final and won in a time of 2.06. He kicked on with about 200 metres to go and took the lead in the home straight, winning by just over a second in a fantastic race.

Lauren Macey ran in the senior women's 400 metre hurdles. Her time of 73.2 was not her best but the weather conditions were atrocious on Saturday morning and she did enough to beat the rest of the field.



Both of these students train with Invicta East Kent Athletics and Lauren has been part of our Sixth Form Athletics programme that we run in partnership with The Marathon Sports Foundation. Jamie will become part of this training squad next September when he joins our Sixth Form. They both train very hard and have been totally dedicated to their sport in the last twelve months despite the challenging circumstances that some athletes have faced.

Year 8 student, Ollie Scott, is looking to get onto the ParaTri Talent ID programme and has an ambition of competing for Team GB in the future. He was classified during the last lockdown and has been asked to take part in a virtual event whereby results are analysed to see if the athletes meet the programme standard. Ollie also competed at Ashford and came fourth in the 1500 metre race which was an exceptional performance in really challenging conditions.



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School Fixtures Resume

Our competitive sport has resumed with basketball, cricket and football games all taking place in Term 5. Our Sixth Form basketball side have travelled across the South East to play games against a host of teams and recent performances have been really impressive. Our Sixth Form football academy fielded two teams on the same day for the first time demonstrating the fantastic job that Bryan Taylor and his coaching team have done this year. The football programme has gone from strength to strength and the players have benefited from the daily professional support on offer. Some of the footballers have trained with the athletics academy in a bid to develop their running technique.

Our cricket teams have been busy with the under-18 side coming top of their group in a county league. This is particularly pleasing considering the team features several younger students. Junior teams have also been busy and the under-15 side and under-14 side have county cup fixtures in the next few weeks. Will Cook, Jaydn Deny and Harry Fulton have all represented Kent this summer and a considerable number of players are playing club cricket at a good standard. The under-18 side have been invited to play in a national competition next Easter which will take place at The Desert Springs resort in Spain. The T20 festival has been organised by The Cricketer magazine and will feature some of the leading schools from around the country.



The Canterbury Primary School Kent School Games success

The Canterbury Primary School came third in the Sports Hall Athletics in Years 3 and 4.

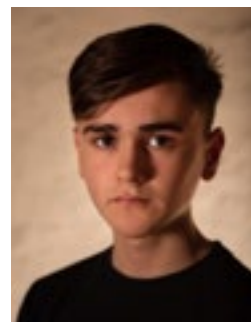
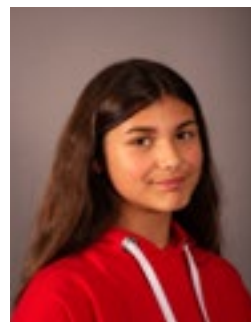
The Canterbury Primary School came third in the Infant Agility in Years 1 and 2.



News and Events Excellence in Performing Arts

Professional Casting

This term, our Junior Institute and Sixth Form students continue to be called for professional castings! Congratulations and good luck to Ashley Sohota for her audition to be part of the new Pandora Christmas commercial; Jake Brown, for several castings and Noah Burrows auditioning for the role of Johnny in 'Tell Me Everything'.



Weronika Wrzoskiewicz has secured a place on the degree course at London Studio Centre.

Upcoming Events

Over the next two terms, we are so happy to finally announce some live performances! The students have been working so hard (with some very lengthy pauses!) on these performances and would be so grateful if you could come along to support them and show your appreciation.



Evita kicks off our season of performances with shows on Wednesday 16th, Thursday 15th and Friday 16th June. Our Sixth Form Musical Theatre Academy will be performing at The Gulbenkian Theatre every night at 7.30pm. Tickets are available through the Gulbenkian website www.thegulbenkian.co.uk

On June 22nd at 7pm, the Year 13 Acting Academy students will be presenting 'Rent' at the Blackhole Theatre. Tickets are just £3 on the door. Please arrive from 6.45pm. An audience of 14+ years is recommended. For any further information please contact Mrs Watson on swatson@canterbury.kent.sch.uk.

Next up is our music festival extravaganza, 'Festival on the Field' Not only is 'Festival on the Field' our very first outside performing arts event but it will also be our first live, whole Trust performance to an audience this year; we can't wait! The festival will run from 6pm-9pm, with 'doors' opening from 5.30pm.

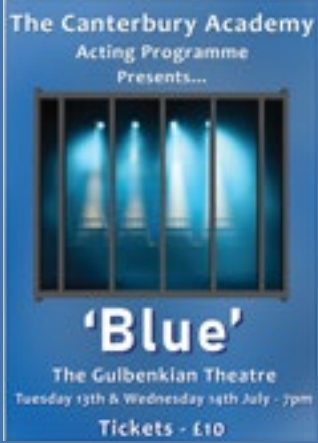
Along with the wonderful performances from both our primary and secondary students, there will be plenty of other activities to entertain, including a bouncy castle and an inflatable assault course!

Refreshments will also be available, at very competitive prices: a BBQ, an ice-cream van and a popcorn bar; so please bring your pennies and empty tummies!

Tickets are sold as a group of six, for £30 via www.ticketsource.co.uk/canterburyacademy. See you there!



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Director of Performing Arts
performingarts@canterbury.kent.sch.uk



On 13th and 14th July, the Acting Academy will be presenting 'Blue' at the Gulbenkian theatre.

Set in a psychiatric unit, Blue looks at both sides of mental-health care – those who receive it, and those who give it.

It explores the difficulties and complexities of life under observation and shows how beautiful moments can be found even in the most fragile of circumstances.

Star of Stage and Screen

Layton Williams visited the Musical Theatre academy students and delivered a professional choreography workshop, using the dance from his role in the hit musical 'Everybody's Talking About Jamie'. Layton was really impressed with the students' attitude and talent – well done team!



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Launch of the Ashford Bike Project

The Canterbury Bike Project has grown massively over the last couple of years and is running at full capacity. We work with different school groups during the day and when restrictions allow, we will be back running evening sessions to the whole community. We have continued to offer low cost repairs to the community throughout the entire lockdown.



The success of the project has allowed us to review other ways we can expand, this has led to new partnerships with Strengthening Minds and Moat Housing. We have managed to secure a location in the heart of the Stanhope Estate, Ashford. This is a brilliant opportunity for the Project to develop and reach out to a community in a very positive way. If we have half the uptake in Ashford as we do in Canterbury, this will be a fantastic success!



Riverside Youth Volunteers

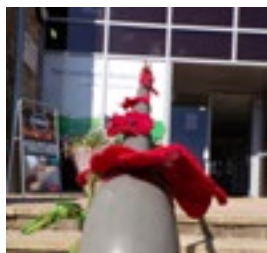
work together on community and fundraising projects. They were able to return to the centre in April after the latest lockdown and straight away started planning projects that would benefit users of the centre and the wider community.

Together, they organised the resource cupboards and equipment, started work on a gardening project and ensured the site was neat and tidy by litter picking. They baked thank you cakes for the Wednesday night crew who painted some of the walls during the Easter holiday alongside making posters asking for donations of empty crisp packets for the Air Ambulance. They have plans to produce a 'What we have missed' party for the inclusive club members as soon as Covid regulations allow!

VE Day Celebrations

The Academy held a staff dress-up day to commemorate this year's VE Day anniversary. Departments across the school embraced the occasion, wearing their 40s-inspired outfits to prompt conversations about what happened 76 years ago.

Our canteen delivered a 40s-inspired menu, with SPAM fritters and a special Victory trifle. Our front entrance was beautifully adorned with handmade felt poppies, created by pupils in the textiles department.



VE Day Celebrations



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News and Events Practical Learning and Enterprise Education

Upcoming Futures Days – Term 6 Year 10

Our Year 10 students will get to experience Futures Days in core lessons and will get sessions on how to write a CV, interview skills and finding out about university, apprenticeships and employment.

Year 11 Hospitality and Catering success

Two of our Year 11 students have worked incredibly hard in their WJEC practical assessment as part of their course, designing their menus and preparing and cooking their final delicious meals. Well done to Aidan Johnson and Lola Parsons.



Canterbury Primary School Chefs

Our talented Canterbury Primary School students have been making some fantastic treats this term. Chicken fajitas, cupcakes and cheese straws are just a few of these and they looked and smelt delicious.



Apprenticeship news

We have had some of our Sixth Form students recently secure some amazing opportunities in our local community and they are about to start on their apprenticeships training. We wish them all the best for the future.

Carlie Leggett

Apprenticeship with Rough Common Pre-school
<https://www.roughcommonpreschool.co.uk/>

Sophie Heffernan

Beauty Apprenticeship with Champneys at Eastwell Manor
<https://www.champneys.com/hotels/eastwell-manor/>

Chloe Stubbs

Float practitioner with City View Nursery
<https://www.canterbury.kent.sch.uk/city-view/>

Owen Graham

AAT Accountants apprenticeship with Amelix
<http://amelix.co.uk/>

Luke Dawson

Electrical Engineering Apprenticeship with Halsion
<https://www.halsion.online/>

Year 8 Architecture and Sculpture Modelling Workshops

In an inter-school competition, some Year 8 students were involved in an Architecture workshop where they were designing a sculpture that inspired them. They planned, researched and then used materials to design their final pieces. These were exceptional final pieces and well done to all involved.

Examples of some of the students' creations:

Bea Johnson – Forest with a Castle in the North – WINNER

My design is a castle I went to with my family on a holiday. It is a magical place and is my favourite place in the world. I kind of describe it as an enchanted kingdom because of how many flowers/mushrooms there are and the beautiful waterfall. I have made the waterfall out of hot glue and dripped it down. And the grass is made out of coloured cotton!

Hal Evans, Jenson Smith and Oscar Dixon – Rugby Stadium Inspired

We were inspired by the sport because we love rugby and going to the stadiums to watch live matches. We have been to Twickenham and Wembley and loved the atmosphere and seeing everyone enjoying themselves. We used a spoon to make the model interactive so that people can try to get the ball through the posts.



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News and Events City View Pre-School and Nuseries

Eid Celebrations

At our Wincheap setting we celebrated Eid. Children and staff watched a video about Eid, ribbon danced to music, tried vegetable curry, rice and chapattis. They also did some threading and decorated prayer mats. It was a lovely day for everyone.



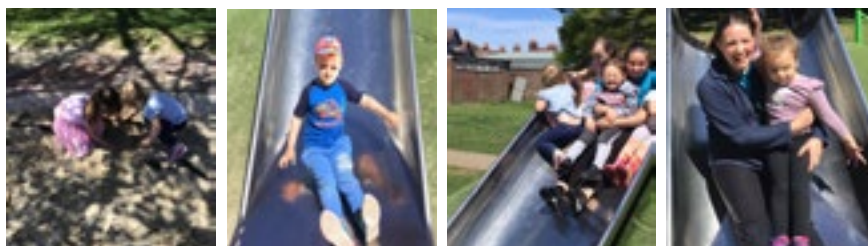
A refurb of our City View setting

We would like to thank Prima Systems for the wonderful job they have done replacing all of the internal and external windows at our City View setting. We think it gives the building a new lease of life and we are delighted with the finished result.



Fun in the Sun

Children at our Wincheap setting have been enjoying some fun in the sun at their local park. We are so pleased to be able to access this lovely community park as part of our day.



Earth Day

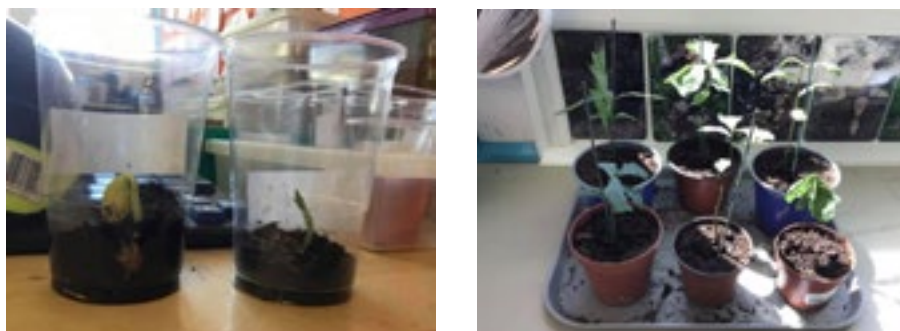
At our City View setting we all celebrated Earth Day on April 22nd. The children made their own planet earth models using blue and green playdough and some foliage from the nursery garden.

We also planted some acorns last term and we are now starting to see them grow.



Creative Learning

This term we have been learning about Jack and the Beanstalk. We planted some seeds and we are watching them grow.

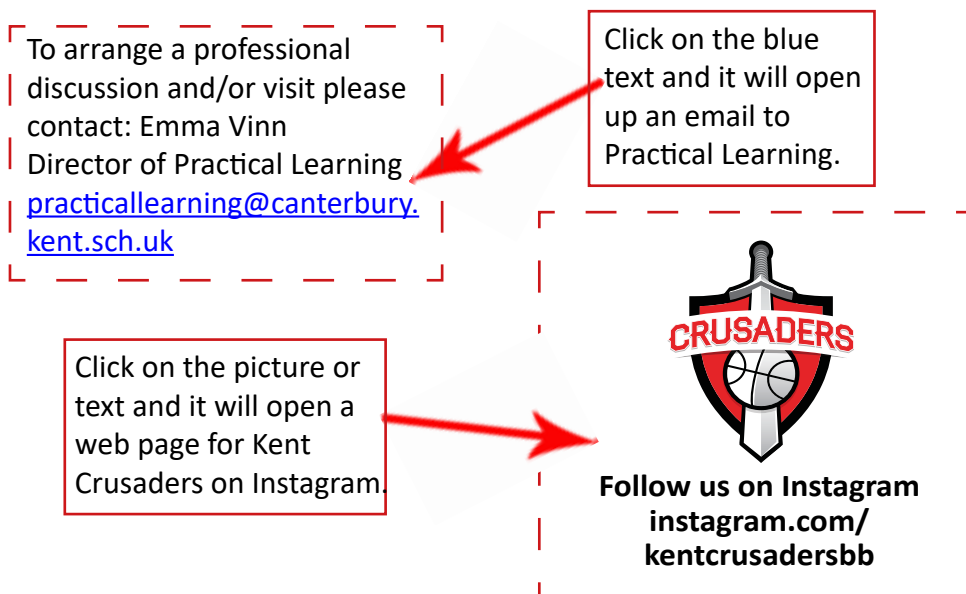


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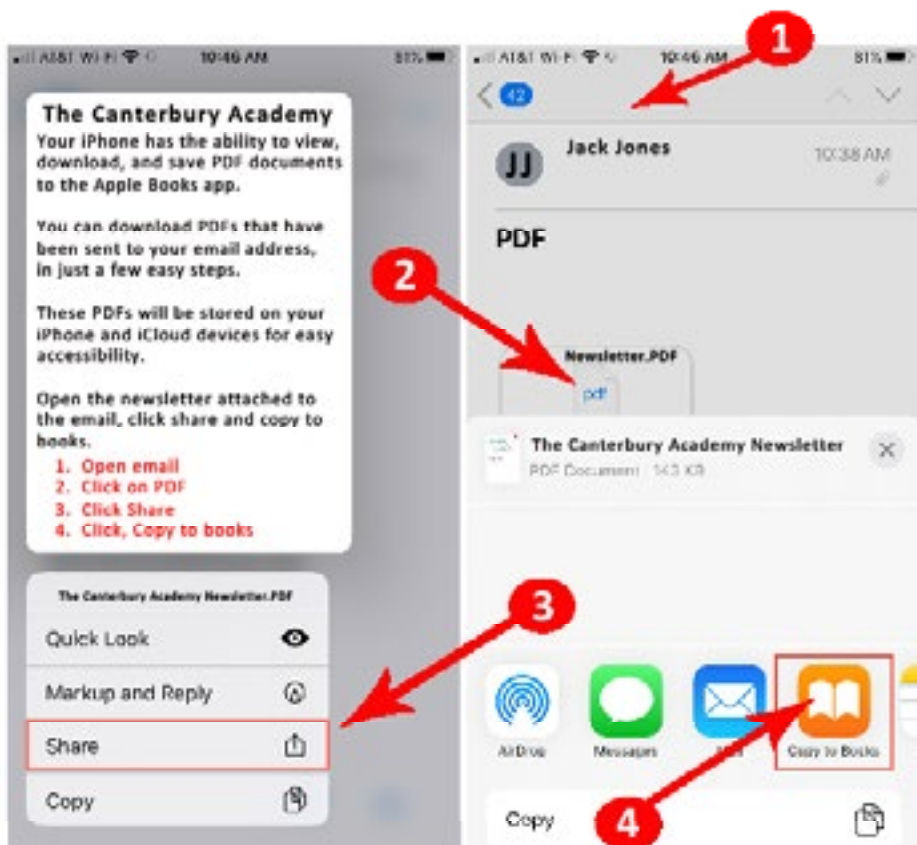
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A poster for a festival. At the top, four stage lights are mounted on a grey metal truss. They cast four overlapping beams of light in red, purple, yellow, and green. The text 'Festival On the Field' is written in a white, handwritten-style font across the center. Below this, the text 'An evening of outside music, dance and entertainment!' is in a bold, black, sans-serif font. At the bottom, 'Friday 9th July 6-9pm' is in a bold, black, sans-serif font. A green, cloud-like shape at the very bottom contains the ticket information.

Festival On the Field

**An evening of outside music,
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Friday 9th July 6-9pm

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at both our Canterbury settings. This is an extension of the free early education and childcare entitlement for eligible 3 and 4 year olds from 15 hours to 30 hours a 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 setting or book your place.

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