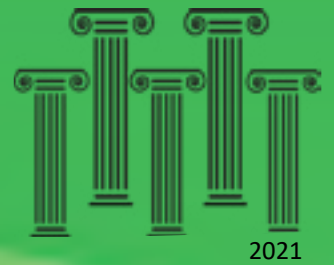


# The Pillars of Excellence



2021

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## Celebration of Summer Transition

Although the academic year had not actually started at The Canterbury Academy in the middle of August, we were still keen to get our new students (Year 7s) off to a flying start. This meant a careful balance of interesting learning, academically challenging work and pupils feeling at ease with their new routines.

We were delighted with what did actually occur, with over 200 of our new Year 7 intake attending the week of activities. Over the five days students were introduced to all of their subjects through inspiring projects and lessons. Here are examples of some of the lessons that the Year 7s had on offer.

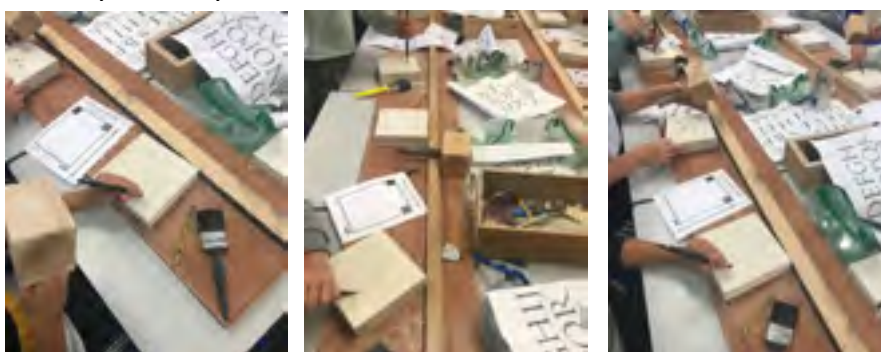


### This is some of the feedback from the pupils

My favourite lesson was History - as I learnt a lot about the cathedral.

I really like the cathedral session as I made new friends from other schools as I made my piece of sculpture.

This was such a powerful workshop from the cathedral education department as the pupils not only learnt a lot about the building but were engaged in very practical exercises to bring the cathedral and its history to life - quote from one of the Academy's history teachers.



### Sixth Form scientists engage in 'real research'

As part of our partnership with the Simon Langton Grammar School for Boys, we have established a 'real science' experience for our Sixth Form. On a Wednesday afternoon the science students and their teachers join the Langton staff and students for their project days.

As you can see from the list below it is a diverse and very exciting range of projects.

This is a unique opportunity as most schools and students are unable to offer this sort of experience at a Sixth Form level.



[Air Quality](#) - [Astronomy](#) - [Genetic Engineering in Education](#)  
[Chemistry Society](#) - [Artificial Intelligence](#)

Our sixth formers will work across the two schools with staff and students, and will produce a project that will ultimately be presented internally and at an external science forum.

This will be invaluable experience for our students as they look to progress into higher education with a science-related degree.

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## Desirable Destinations

As you read this newsletter many of our ex-students will be starting their higher education journey. This is a fantastic achievement for all of our ex-Year 13 students. In particular, the Covid restrictions to teaching and learning and the demanding assessment process this year has underlined the resilience and real aspiration of our students.

We are delighted yet again with the number of students who have gone on to higher education and again the diversity of their destinations.

To date (and we are still counting!) we have had over 150 students apply to university - 130 gaining a place at this stage (some have decided to defer for a year).

81% of our cohort gained their first choice with 100 % gaining their first or their second choice.

Below is a list of some of our many very exciting destinations.

Again, our links with Canterbury Christ Church University and Kent University remained strong, with one quarter of our students accepted to our two local universities.



Russell Group Universities	
Newcastle University	Chemistry with Medicinal Chemistry (with Industrial Training)
University of Birmingham	Mathematics
University of Exeter	Business Economics with Industrial Experience (4 years)
University of Leeds	Arts and Humanities with Foundation Year
University of Manchester	Economics and Finance
University of Manchester	Biosciences with a Foundation Year
University of Nottingham	International Media and Communications Studies
University of Nottingham	French and International Media and Communications Studies
University of Southampton	History



## Year 10 aim high (again)

For the third year running a number of our Year 10 students have benefitted from our partnership with Oxford University. Three of our Year 10 girls were successful in gaining a University scholarship.

This entailed a week of enrichment and academic support from Oxford academics and undergraduates. The partnership with St Hugh's College meant that this was an ideal introduction to what studying and life might be like at a top British university. To ensure that the link with the students remains strong each student now has an undergraduate mentor who will support them for the next year through their final GCSE examinations and their preparation around revision.

We are very proud of these students and look forward to them gaining invaluable support from St Hugh's College and their mentors.



## Jacqueline Wilson introduces Canterbury Primary School pupils to a love of books

One of the Academy's straplines is to ensure that at an early age, pupils develop their love of books and engage actively in reading. All educational studies have suggested for years that reading is crucial in pupils succeeding educationally: the confidence it brings and the introduction to language and vocabulary is key to all future progress.

With this in mind we were delighted when we were invited by Waterstones bookshops to host Jacqueline Wilson's only visit to a school in the Canterbury area. The internationally renowned children's author read to the pupils from her new book. Over 200 pupils from Years 4 -7 had the opportunity to meet Jacqueline and hear her read. To underline the importance of this and to allow our pupils to continue their love of literacy, every pupil was given a signed copy of THE PRIMROSE RAILWAY CHILDREN.



Jacqueline Wilson is now one of Britain's bestselling and most beloved children's authors. She has written over 100 books and is the creator of characters such as Tracy Beaker and Hetty Feather.

More than forty million copies of her books have been sold. As well as winning many awards for her books, including the Children's Book of the Year, Jacqueline is a former Children's Laureate, and in 2008 she was appointed a Dame.

## School Council trip to Guildhall

Two weeks into the new term the primary and secondary school council members were invited to visit the Canterbury's Lord Mayor's office. This was a very exciting event and shows that the school is engaging fully with democracy and sharing the decision-making with our pupils.

Watch this space for School Council ideas.

## Term 2 Academic Developments for 2021-2022

- Stewart Ross - author in residence to work with our pupils on public speaking and the skills of oracy
- Year 12 to be offered a range of volunteering opportunities - clubs for pupils at CPS, work with refugee organisations, academic mentoring and library work
- University Scholarship programme for Year 8s and Year 9s with Kent University and Canterbury Christ Church University
- Departmental Enrichment Weeks every term
- Academic Challenge opportunities every week in Departments
- Oxbridge Open lecture series for Years 12 and 13

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## **An active start at The Canterbury Primary School**

Our primary school pupils have benefitted from some great opportunities this term and a major development has been the installation of outdoor gym equipment and a purpose-built climbing wall. Sovereign installed the outdoor gym equipment which has proved popular at break times and the Ben Nevis climbing wall was fitted by Playdale Playgrounds. These new facilities have helped create additional chances for all the pupils to be active and this was evident in National Fitness Day on September 22nd when every child took part in some form of physical activity. Teams have also been entered into house dodgeball competitions and a district multi-skills event.



## **Sports Partnership delivers Sports Crew Training**

A team of Canterbury Academy sports leaders led by our own School Games Organiser, Gemma Edwards, ran a Sports Crew training session for several local primary schools this term. The event prepared a host of primary pupils for the upcoming district competitions but more importantly, equipped them with skills to deliver fun and safe activities back in their own schools.



## **Football and Netball District Success**

The Canterbury Academy's after-school sport programme has been boosted by a return to competing regularly in district football and netball competitions. The netball teams have grown in confidence recently and their progress has been enhanced by working with the excellent Louisa Arnold, who has been working with our PE staff on Monday afternoons.

Our school football teams have started very well in the district leagues. The Year 7 team won their first two games and some players have made the district squad. Cieran Tobin, Henry Broster and Harry Gall all represented the district team this term. At the time of writing, all our teams had safely negotiated the opening rounds of the county cup.

## **Sport Scholar Group Off and Running**

Seven students have been identified as sport scholars for this year and will receive additional opportunities to enhance their exceptional potential. The group consists of Gaia Jennings (gymnastics), Amber Clarke (squash), Harry Fulton (cricket), Jaydn Denly (cricket), Shem Onadeko (basketball), Tagan Kray (football) and Archie Hatcher (football). They have received some basic sport psychology support and are currently working with our full-time sport scientist, Tony Kesisoglou.



## **Sixth Form Stars Emerging**

We held a successful sports induction day before term started to support our entire Sixth Form sport students. The day included workshops on preparation strategies, nutrition advice and sprint technique delivered by our fantastic sports coaching team. Our Year 12 intake have started well, and Zac Phee recently attended a boxing training camp in Spain run by professional heavyweight Tom Little. Zach's ten-day trip was sponsored by Ryan Copperwaite from Wren Commercials. Charlotte Page will be combining her



Performing Arts studies with competing in a national show jumping event and our basketball team will visit Madrid over half term to play against some highly regarded teams.



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# News and Events Excellence in Performing Arts

## Professional Casting and Auditions and Congratulations!

Good luck to Megan who is heading back to the West End this weekend to audition for The King and I UK Tour! Megan has already 'survived' four call-backs!

Break a leg, Megan! We're so proud of you! Thanks to KSPA for looking after her!



## Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th October Layton Williams here at the Academy!

Layton Williams (Bad Education), currently playing Jamie in the 'Everybody's Talking About Jamie' UK tour, is coming to lead some workshops for all performing arts students. This is such an exciting opportunity for all of us and we cannot wait to share the pictures with you. Watch this space! Any students not yet booked onto one of the workshops should register their interest with a performing arts teacher.

## Thursday 18th November Dance Competition

Would you like to win a performance slot for the Christmas Cabaret? If so, get choreographing alone or with friends and enter our whole-school dance competition.

See you in Room 43 at lunchtime on  
Thursday 18th November!



## Saturday 27th November The Teenage Cancer Trust

We are organising a Cabaret Gala Dinner to raise money for the Teenage Cancer Trust. This is a wonderful charity that supports teenagers diagnosed with cancer, and their families.

There will be fantastic live performances, a delicious three-course meal and incredible raffle prizes to be won. The entire event will be hosted by teenagers, for teenagers.

To book your tickets, please email  
[TCT@canterbury.kent.sch.uk](mailto:TCT@canterbury.kent.sch.uk)



## Tuesday 7th and Wednesday 8th December The Canterbury Academy's Christmas Cabaret!

We are back! It is our absolute delight to let you know that we will be bringing back our LIVE Christmas Cabaret extravaganza this year! Students from our primary, secondary and Sixth Form academies will be singing, dancing and playing their way through two wonderful evening performances for your festive delight! Tickets will be available next term, so look out for announcements. Bring on the tinsel!

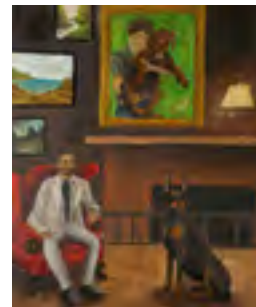
For any students wishing to audition for a slot, auditions will be held on Tuesday 4th November, in The Black Hole theatre from 3pm.



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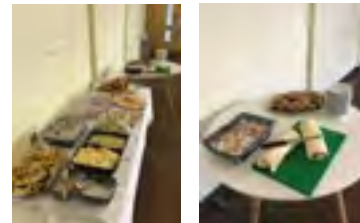
## Success in Art

This term there have been some exceptional pieces of artwork. Marla Schulze in Year 12 has entered a painting into the John Downton Award for young artists and has been selected to enter the 11-16 category. This is an annual exhibition which encourages and celebrates the creativity of Kent's young artists. The exhibition commemorates the life and work of John Downton, the celebrated Kent poet and philosopher. We wish Marla all the best of luck.



## Chef's Academy Students serve up a treat

The Chef's Academy students designed and prepared a three-course menu for the Directors meal. They served up Chicken in Garlic and Herb cream sauce and a Vegetable Curry with homemade Naan and Mango Chutney with Turmeric Rice, followed by a Fruit Berry Roulade. The students prepared a delicious meal and demonstrated excellent skills on the evening.



## Ministry of Chocolate fun for Year 4

The Year 4 students at The Canterbury Primary School had a fun experience when they had the opportunity to get involved with a workshop. They got to experience a range of different things such as:

- See and touch real cocoa pods and cocoa beans
- Learn what chocolate was like a long time ago
- Role play cocoa pod harvesting after watching a short but truly amazing film
- Learn about the main ingredients of chocolate and a little about the health aspects
- Make two different types of chocolate each



They had great fun and thoroughly enjoyed the workshop.



## Canterbury Skate Park Summer success

Over the summer holidays CSP ran sessions open to the community to showcase the new ramps built and provided by grants from KCC based at Riverside. These sessions continue to be available on Wednesday and Friday evenings and Sundays. They hosted a Girl Skate project which focused on board designing and deck building. There were some amazing designs created.



## Amelix- Entrepreneurs - Start-ups

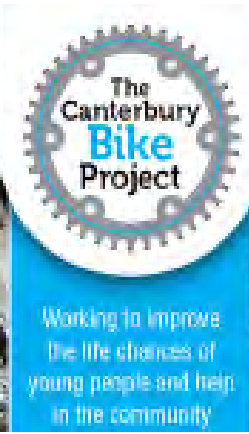
We have a few business ideas launching their start-up as part of their course. One student is looking into Crypto currency and investing which could be quite a lucrative business idea. Sid in Year 13 is pursuing his mail order Click-n-Mix idea and there is the potential of Oscar working on a specialist food truck idea. We wish them all the best in this initial start-up process.



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# News and Events Extended Services



Working to improve the life chances of young people and help in the community



The Canterbury Bike Project has been out and about making bicycle donations to local schools within the Canterbury and Ashford District!

Six bikes were donated to Pilgrims Way Primary School.

Five bikes were donated to Wincheap Primary School.



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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.

