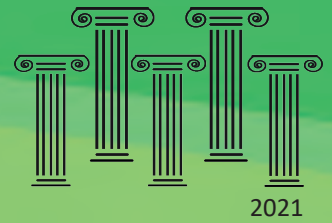


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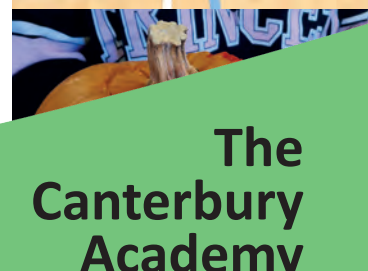
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News and Events Academic



It has been a very busy and productive term for the Academic pillar. We have had the opportunity to enter students for their Oxbridge examinations, restart enrichment links with our partner school, Langton Boys, welcome our new cohort of Year 7 Langton stream pupils, engage in face-to-face activities with our partnership universities, Canterbury Christ Church and Kent University and most importantly see students learn in exciting and challenging ways.

As always it is great to celebrate some of the amazing creativity and academic successes that come from the learning in lessons. Below are two fantastic examples of the English Term 2 challenge task on poetry.

Writing Challenge Picks Up Real Talent

Pop culture – Rebecca Lang

Love Island is the pits
Kardashians made of plastic bits.
Billboards filled with Photoshop
I think this really needs to stop!
Too many filters on your selfie
Come from our famous and our wealthy
Botox and fillers in their face
So that the paparazzi will give chase
All pop culture seems to make
Is every person becoming more fake?
So, what would I desire?
A role model that can inspire

She always – Emily Chapman

She always used to hide her tears,
That would shed while facing her fears,
All her problems she would deal with alone,
For if her parents found out they would only moan.
She always would be laying in her bed,
Trying to silence the demons in her head,
She was attempting to not give in to the crave,
Of sending herself to her very own grave.
She always got good grades, and was called a geek,
But she was too busy trying to survive the week.
She was just hanging on by a thread,
Her friends unaware she wanted to be dead.
She always wanted to tell them, that's a fact,
But she was afraid on how they would react,
In her mind she was too broken to be fixed,
So all her emotions became all mixed.
She was always telling herself she was fat,
Or that her chest and butt was too flat,
So, she would make herself sick,
So she could look like 'that chick'.

Desirable Destinations

For the third year in a row we are delighted to have had a number of Year 13 students sit their Oxbridge examinations. This year we have had applicants for architecture to Trinity College, Cambridge, engineering at Robinson College, Cambridge and ICT at St Hugh's College, Oxford.

This is a fantastic achievement for our students in terms of aspiration and dedication to reaching their academic potential. They have spent a lot of time preparing for the assessments, practising past papers and submitting portfolios. We wish them luck and hope to hear soon about interview outcomes.

The Oxbridge candidates are:

Molly Layton- Architecture
James Haddad- ICT
Elliot Piddick- Engineering



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Term 3 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
- Langton- Academy enrichment activities

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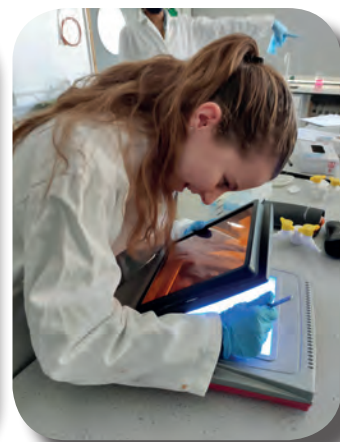
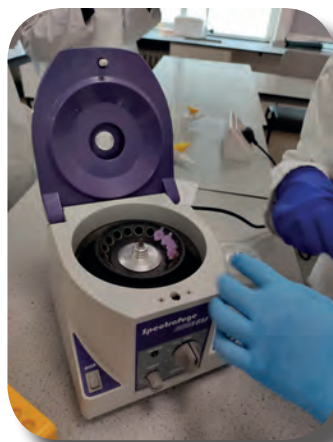
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Sixth Form Scientists engage in 'real research' again

In our Term 1 report we discussed the exciting research links with the Langton Boys' school. We now have been extending the biology link to encompass three whole days of research. Below is a summary of the science engagement between the two schools. 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. The next Biology full day of research will take place in Term 3.



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 Sixth Form level.

Air Quality - Astronomy - Genetic Engineering in Education - Chemistry Society - Artificial Intelligence

Languages launch new Langton link enrichment

It was a very exciting day in late September when our enrichment partnership with the Langton was restarted after the 18 months of pandemic limitations. Thirty Year 8 pupils from the Langton and the Academy engaged in a Spanish 'cook off'. The task was to create Spanish dishes and conduct the instructions and the day's activities in the target language. It was a very productive the link with the excellent Academy Food Technology facilities. We look forward to the next enrichment day in Term 2- an English poetry workshop at the Langton.



Still working closely with our European partners

During the October half term the school embarked on its third Erasmus project. The staff meeting took place in Munich, where we were joined by our other four European partner schools- Latvia, Italy, Germany and the Czech Republic. Plans for trips and meetings were established for the next two years.

The project will be looking at the common musical links between our school and our partner countries. This will be a very exciting and engaging project, which will allow a team of Sixth Form students to visit and work alongside their European peers. The project is funded by the European Union and will last until 2023.



Erasmus+

Mr McCue- the Erasmus Coordinator for the school engaging in an English lesson in Munich.

History is top of the agenda at the primary School

During term two the Primary school pupils really got down to proper history. A series of trips and experiences gave the pupils fantastic enrichment and 'hands-on' activities that were centred around events in Kent that have marked our history.

Below is a summary of the amazing opportunities that all classes were given.

This is such a pleasant relief after months of not being able to offer our pupils such unique activities

- CPS School Council members took part in the Remembrance Day events at the academy with poetry readings and created wreaths to decorate the entrance to the school.
- Year 4 had a Battle of Hastings workshop visit the school
- Year 3 visited Hawthorne Trenches as part of their WW1 topic.
- Year 5 be visited Ramsgate Tunnels to support their learning about WW2.



News and Events Excellence in Sport

Aston Young National Kick Boxing Success Crowns Impressive Autumn Achievements

The most notable sport achievement this term is probably the national kick boxing success of Year 8 student, Aston Young. He competed in a national event in October and became the WKO Junior English Champion. Aston trains five days a week and often has double classes to develop his skills and fitness. His kick boxing journey began when he was just five years old and he is a member of The Margate Falcons.



Becoming a national champion is an incredible achievement and well deserved due to the high commitment that he shows every day. Aston is currently in one of our sports mentor groups.



In other news, Year 10 student Amber Clarke won the London and South East Regional squash championships in October and will be playing in national competitions later this year. Amber is part of our new Sport Scholar group which is supporting a selection of our high performing sports students in Years 10 and 11.

Another one of our sport scholars, Gaia Jennings, competed at the South East Regional Gymnastics Championships recently. Despite two years of no competitions, numerous rule changes and a new vault routine she had only just started, Gaia performed brilliantly and won a silver medal overall.

We have recently added three talented rugby players to this group. Fin Linch, Aidan Demery and Charlie Barker have started the rugby season in good form and their involvement in county and Saracens development squads is a reward for their commitment. Year 11 student, Luke Harvey, has also been added due to his selection for the Kent football squad. This group receives a weekly strength and conditioning session from Toni Kesisoglou, who is our full-time sport scientist. Toni has also been working with some of our Year 9 and 10 students in their PE lessons. Some of our PE classes have also received some specialist coaching from Kent Cricket Community coaches demonstrating our strong links with local sports organisations.



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Jamie Keir continues to make good progress. His running is going from strength to strength and he competes in a national event in Liverpool in early December. Year 7 student, Mia Dixon, starred in a street football event and impressed coaches and scouts. Mia currently trains three times a week with Arsenal, travelling regularly to North London for this.

Sixth Form student, Charlotte Page, competed in the national show jumping finals at The Horse of The Year Show at the NEC in October. It was a great success and she achieved top five placings in both of the competitions that she entered.



Sports Partnership Events

It has been rewarding to welcome primary schools back to The Canterbury Academy for several events this term. We have run basketball, sports hall athletics and speed stacking competitions this term. The Canterbury Primary School performed very well across all of these events and the highlight was two medal places for their basketball teams. It was great to see competitive football also return for the primary school in a game against St. Stephens. Over fifty pupils also took advantage of the school trip to a Charlton Athletic fixture.



Team Progress

Our school football teams have done well in county cups. Three teams remain in the competition with the Year 11 side demonstrating resilience in a penalty shootout victory against a strong Bexley Grammar School side. The Year 8 team defeated Dane Court GS 4-2 in extra time and the Year 9 side beat Chatham and Clarendon 4-1. Our Sixth Form football academy players have started to run some specialist coaching sessions for some of the girls in the middle school to develop their games further.

Our Sixth Form rugby side received some fantastic feedback from the opposition school's staff at a recent fixture. Their behaviour, discipline and overall attitude was praised and this reflects well on the entire set of players and staff involved in the programme.

Netball fixtures have continued to take place despite some challenging conditions and the girls' basketball teams began their competitive season this term. The under-13 team lost narrowly to Barton Court and the under-15 team won convincingly.

Our cricket programme was recognised again in The Cricketer Top 100 Schools Guide which is a great achievement considering the schools we are in competition with.

News and Events Excellence in Performing Arts

Teenage Cancer Trust Cabaret Gala Dinner

Ronnie Scott's came to Canterbury when our very own Ruth Hales (Head of Musical Theatre) organised the most amazing Cabaret Gala Dinner to raise money for the Teenage Cancer Trust. on Saturday 27th November.

There was a glass of bubbles on arrival, a delicious three-course meal, fantastic live music throughout the evening – supplied by our very own students of past and present, and a raffle draw for a chance to win some incredible prizes.

The evening was a complete success with £4898.77 raised for the Teenage Cancer Trust. Just phenomenal!

During the evening, Sarah Watson 'Braved the Shave' for Macmillan Cancer Support and raised £2557!



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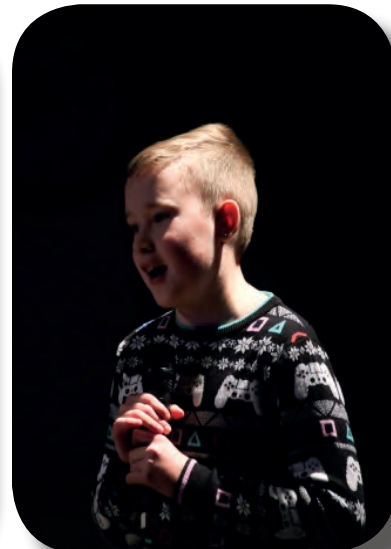
The Canterbury Academy's Christmas Cabaret

Over three hundred of our wonderful students took part in the most uplifting and amazing Christmas Cabaret this week! Our performers ranged from Year 3 all the way up to our 6th form performers. More students than ever before came together to celebrate the outstanding talent and confidence of their peers; the two evenings were joyous and really kicked off Christmas celebrations and we thank the leadership team at school for supporting us in the organisation of it all.

One parent wrote:

'I am writing to congratulate the school on yet another utterly wonderful Christmas Cabaret. I attended last night with several members of my family and we were all blown away by the whole evening.

The event was extremely well-organised and ran so smoothly. The music, lighting and production were just spot on. The staff have clearly worked incredibly hard to put it all together - I assume many out-of-work hours were poured into it and I am so grateful for their dedication to your students.



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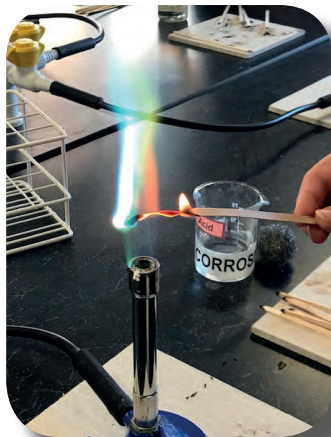
Over the half-term break, we were able to provide a range of activities for our young people, ranging from cookery to science, from sports to the creative arts. We were also able to host our first ever Canterbury Academy cinema experience which was very well received.

Attendance over the two-week period was excellent, with nearly 100 students coming and enjoying the activities on offer. Attached are a range of photos showcasing some of the activities that took place.

Below are some quotations received from parents:

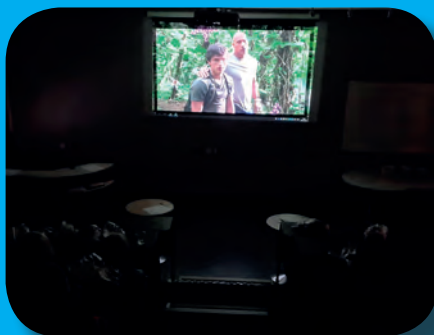
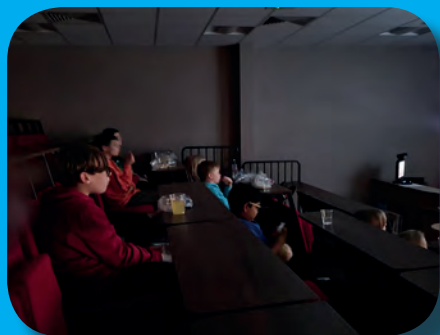
*'I just wanted to say a big thank you for this week. ***** absolutely loves baking and cooking, so she was over the moon that she won Brad's competition.'*
'I think the array of activities and opportunities you offer is absolutely fabulous.'
*'Many thanks for looking after **** during the recent school break. He had a very positive 3 days and we enjoyed sampling his culinary delights. The pumpkin soup was delicious.'*

'Thanks again for all your help; you've been great.'



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HALLOWEEN PUMKINS

Youth and Community

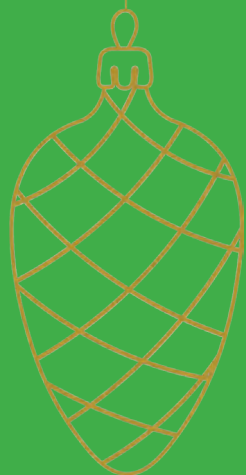
As part of our wider community offer, our Youth Team ran trips to the Vue Cinema, Betteshanger Park and Ross woods Campsite, for a Halloween special.

These fantastic opportunities provided by the Youth Team, through their detached Youth Work programme, engaged young people from the former Howe Green Army Barracks, Northgate and Hersden.

We are very proud that through additional funding from Kent County Council we can reach further into the community, providing additional opportunities for the young people of the Canterbury District.



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Canterbury Skate Project

The Skate park is working hard behind the scenes on launching a skating space for weekend access and evenings. After the success of the pop-up skate ramps at Riverside in Canterbury in the summer, we will shortly be launching the dates and times. Keep an eye on Instagram for updates. We look forward to welcoming the local community that would like to learn how to skate or develop new skills.



Year 9 - Building Fun

Our Year 9 construction students had fun building and making wooden benches for their classroom. They showed a real love of learning for their subject - and the benches look pretty good too!



Alumni Success

An ex- student, Jana Grigelonite, who is now in her third year of study at LCC (University of the Arts London), studying for a BA Hons in Photography, has landed herself a job with Bright Sparks. We are very proud and wish her all the best.



Canterbury Primary School

All classes have been involved in creating Christmas gifts to sell at our Christmas Fair on Saturday 4th December. Gifts include items such as upcycled tin can tea light holders.

Despite the chilly weather, Forest School sessions with Anna Outdoors continue with Year 2 currently accessing sessions.



Hair Salon –Re-Launch

We are delighted to re-launch the salon in December with a fortnightly Friday session open to the community, allowing our trainee stylists the opportunity to work on clients and improve their skills. Please keep an eye out on our social media for dates and prices.

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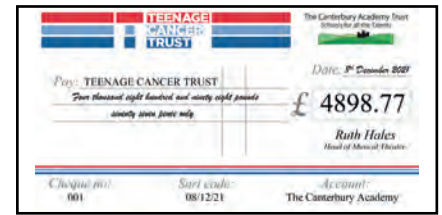


The children at our City View and Wincheap settings have had a very busy term. Thank you to all the staff and parents for their help and support. We wish you all a very merry Christmas.

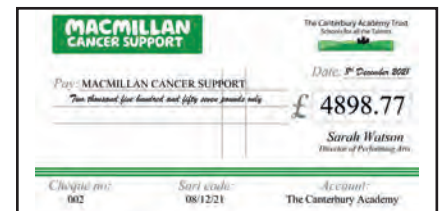


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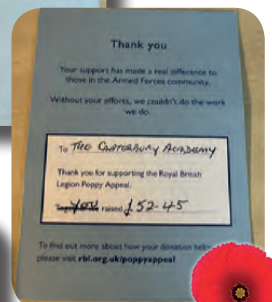
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