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News and Events Academic

It has been a very creative and enrichment-filled 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, 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 outside the formal curriculum.

Academy and Langton Boys perfect their own poetry

Towards the end of last term fifteen Year 8 students from The Academy joined forces with the Year 8s and 9s from the Langton Boys to participate in a very creative and ground-breaking poetry day. As part of the link between the two schools, teachers from both the schools put together a day of poetry analysis and poetry writing. The theme was multiculturalism and poets from a number of different countries and cultures were examined. The most exciting part of the day was hearing the reading of our own students. Not only were the poems written in an emotionally mature and impressive style, they were also highly nuanced in their formation of the verses.

Again, our students performed fantastically and the collaboration between the two sets of pupils was startling.



Year 7s Unearth Canterbury's Roman remains

In the last week of Term 2, 25 outstanding Year 7 students (picked for their effort and progress in History) spent the morning exploring the Roman Museum in Canterbury.

They were able to investigate the Roman army's tactics and successes. This was concluded with a practice session with reconstructed models of Roman army catapults. The following workshop explored the practicalities of Roman coinage and again the students had the chance to all forge their own Roman coin from the time of the emperor Domitian.

This was a fantastic opportunity for the pupils to do something very practical at the same time as expanding their knowledge of Roman Britain. The final workshop was a hands-on session looking at various aspects of Roman Canterbury. This allowed pupils to look at mosaics, Roman pottery, weapons and various aspects of clothing.

Overall the museum was delighted with the attitude and behaviour of the Academy pupils and the day was an incredible success.



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Year 9 are Brilliant!

We are delighted to announce our third University outreach programme. In line with our Year 10 Oxford University scheme and the Year 8 and Year 9 Kent University and Canterbury Christchurch University scheme, we now have Year 9s enrolled.

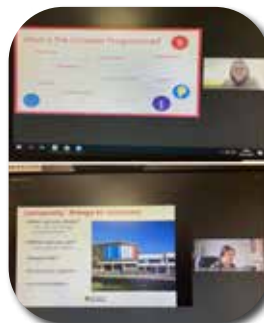
Over the next three months 12 Year 9 students will participate and complete their Brilliant Club Scholarship programme. This will involve the development of academic writing and research skills. It will be facilitated by a weekly seminar with a university PHD tutor.

When they graduate from the programme, they will have written a 2000-word essay on decolonisation and museums.

This is a really exciting and ambitious endeavour. We are delighted that these pupils have this opportunity and we look forward to seeing them develop.

Below is the list of our Year 9 pupils involved:

Jack March, Kaan Hurren, Jovi Nutt, Charlie Wood, Harry White, Freya Padfield, Aliyah Weston, Leia Shaw, Kacie Reynolds, Otto Mackinnon, Jacob Lipscombe, and Emily Chapman.



Year 6 link up with University work

As part of the Trust's desire to expose pupils early on to university life and opportunities, year 6 pupils have engaged in exciting and demanding mathematical work.

These academically able mathematicians from Year 6 have been taking part in online maths workshops hosted by The University of Kent each week. Pupils have explored fascinating areas of maths such as Fibonacci patterns in nature and tetrahedral numbers!



We look forward to seeing the results of their work.

Students excel in their Extended Project work

Part of our promise to all our students is to always give them the opportunity to excel academically and to give them the chance to develop their academic curiosity.

Within the Sixth Form one of these opportunities is the Extended Project Qualification. This allows students to investigate an area of their own interest and conclude with writing a 5000-word essay. The most recent submissions have been outstanding with results illustrating how well the students engaged in their own independent research.

Out of a cohort of 5, the students achieved three As, one B and one C. This is very impressive and will add significantly to the strength of their UCAS applications.

Maddy Carr- Ocean pollution- A
James Haddad- Language and cultural differences- A
Jacob Canavan- The 1748 rebellion- A
Jon Ivatt- Misinformation and Covid- B
Luke Jaenicke- Tanks and their successes in World War Two- C
A-C -100%, pass rate A- 60% pass rate



Term 4 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
- Lunch time academic mentoring for Year 8 and with sixth formers, Thursday- Year 11, Friday- Year 9

Adam Aitken Secures King's School Employment

Year 14 student, Adam Aitken, has just started a full-time role at King's School Recreation Centre. As a trainee duty manager, he is now part of the overall management team that supervises the organisation of the sports centre. This means he has responsibility for ensuring high standards of customer service as well as maintaining the facility quality. Adam has worked as a recreation assistant at the same venue so is well prepared to take on this role. He will also operate as a first aider for school fixtures and training when required.



Adam has been an exceptional student whilst at The Canterbury Academy. Since Year 7, he has committed fully to the variety of sports activities that we offer and whilst rugby has been his specialism, he often turned out for our school cricket sides when younger. Adam's commitment to his rugby has been outstanding. The head coach of the rugby programme that we run in conjunction with The Langton, Nicky Little, has described Adam as the most mature student he has had on the programme which is some compliment considering the rugby academy has been running for nine years now.

Adam continues to be part of life at The Canterbury Academy since he is still completing his personal training qualifications with us. We are very proud of Adam's achievements on and off the sports field. He embodies some of our key values such as respect, commitment and humility and he will always be welcome back at the school.

Canterbury Primary School Update

A team of pupils from The Canterbury Primary School took part in a district dodgeball event run by The Canterbury Academy Sports Partnership which was held in the sports hall at The Canterbury Academy. Over twenty schools from the district were represented at this event which was designed for pupils who had not previously experienced team sport for their school. One of the strategic targets for our sports partnership is to provide as many opportunities as possible for pupils to compete for their school. The Canterbury Primary School team performed really well with the Year 5 team finishing ninth and the Year 6 team just missing out on finishing in the top ten teams.

There have been other impressive achievements amongst the pupils with Zev Westgarth winning a medal whilst representing Tyler Hill Football Club. Zev is also the team captain. Appeti Tennis coaching staff have praised the attitude of the classes that receive regular coaching in and out of curriculum time.



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Individual Accolades across The Canterbury Academy

Year 12 student, Jamie Keir, has continued his impressive form by coming third in a cross-country event and qualifying for the national finals. Jamie is completely dedicated to his sport and has benefitted from support we can provide through our Sixth Form Sport Programme which has included specialist strength and conditioning work and sport massages. However, the most important feature of his success has been his own attitude. He adopts a very professional approach to his running.

Lily Cook continues to develop her golf. Her recent achievements included shooting a round of one over at Princes Golf Club in Sandwich. This is a demanding golf course at times due to its location and Lily's score is very impressive.

Some of our cricketers have begun county training with Kent squads. Max Wood, Jaydn Denly, Harry Fulton and Lewis Dale have all started their winter squad work and both Alexa Stonehouse and Darcey Carter have been training regularly with the South East Stars elite programme. Darcey will be training with the Scotland under-19 side so has a chance of representing her country in future competitions such as The Commonwealth Games. Harry appeared on a webinar where he interviewed former England Cricket captain, Sir Alastair Cook and impressed the hosts with his questions and interview technique.

Across the school, there have been so many examples of commitment. Reuben Lynch captained his Sittingbourne Rugby Team and Freya Padfield is playing in the women's hockey team as well as her own age group. Beth Rich, Kyran Bubb and Alyssa Winstone have all performed well in academic PE classes. The following students achieved a Merit in their BTEC sport Unit 1 exam. Dawid Kaczala, Aydan Meyer, Bertie Steward, Oscar Griffiths, and Olivia Manners Tan. In our Sixth Form, Hannah Wilkes deserves recognition for her consistent academic commitment in Triple BTEC Sport.

Team Performances

Well done to our Sixth Form football squad. This programme has been revitalised recently under the leadership of Bryan Taylor and his excellent coaching team of Spencer Creedon, Matt Simmonds and James Wilson. We now run two teams who have regular Wednesday fixtures and the first team have made it through to the county cup semi-finals. They are also in with a good chance of winning their league. The coaches have also worked in the senior and middle school. Spencer is running some specialist goalkeeping sessions for our young keepers and provided some coaching in Term 2 for our best girls. Both Romilly Evans and Deena Geeves continue to represent Kent Schools at football. Our Year 11 team lost narrowly in the county cup quarter-final to Harvey Grammar School.

Our rugby team in the Sixth Form produced a memorable performance against Dartford Grammar School by winning 62-17 and have more games to come, as well as an appearance at the prestigious Rosslyn Park Sevens competition.

Our basketball team has suffered a couple of defeats in their first games back after the break but there have been encouraging signs in these latest performances. Shem Onadeko came off the bench to lead his team in scoring against The City of London Academy. Emmanuel Jolaoluwa led his team with 24 points, when Reading based school JMA came to Kent for an EABL game. Although his side didn't get the win, Emmanuel stepped up when his team needed him and found a way to keep the score ticking over. He is now averaging 16.9 points, 3.7 assists which puts him up there amongst the highest ranked players in the whole league.

The athletics squad have the indoor events at Lee Valley to look forward to in March and have a training session at the venue to support their preparation.

Some of our middle school girls took part in a district indoor cricket tournament at Ursuline College and even though they did not win many of their games, their understanding of the game developed well through the day.



News and Events Excellence in Performing Arts

Road @ The Blackhole Theatre, 3rd-4th February

The Acting Academy presented Jim Cartwright's 'Road' to a packed pub! The Black Hole theatre was transformed to a 1987 East-End public house, to house under the guidance of Rum-Soaked, wide-boy, Scullery, (played by David Shoboyede) the audience was taken on an evening tour of a scruffy, depressed road. Moving from street corner to living room, from bedroom to kitchen, the inhabitants, young and middle aged, were presented, showing their socially and emotionally wretched lives in this sharp, sad but often funny play. The show presents characters with almost no decent economic prospects living in a soon to be ghost town but showing enough spirit to resist becoming ghosts themselves. The students performances were mature and sophisticated and showed such amazing development in their acting skills.

We are so proud of them!



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Joseph @ The Gulbenkian Theatre, 9th-11th February

After a year of theatres having to 'Close Every Door', it's time to bring back some joy! Our incredibly talented musical theatre students are soon to be performing Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat at the Gulbenkian theatre. The musical theatre and production arts students have worked tirelessly to bring this wonderful story of Joseph and his coat of many colours to life.

Performance dates:

Wednesday 9th February 7.30pm

Thursday 10th February 4.00pm and 8.00pm

Friday 11th February 7.30pm

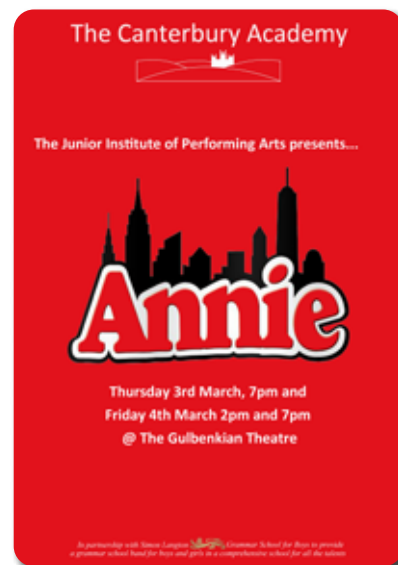
(A full review will appear in our next newsletter as show week was in-effect as this newsletter went to print!)

'Annie' @ The Gulbenkian Theatre, 3rd-4th March 2022

Both our PIPA (Primary Institute of Performing Arts) and JIPA (Junior Institute of Performing Arts) students are hard at work rehearsing for their first performance in a professional venue!

You had a sneaky taster at the Christmas cabaret so why not join us for the whole show?! Tickets are available via The Gulbenkian Theatre's website. It's going to be SO much fun!

<https://thegulbenkian.co.uk/events/annie/>



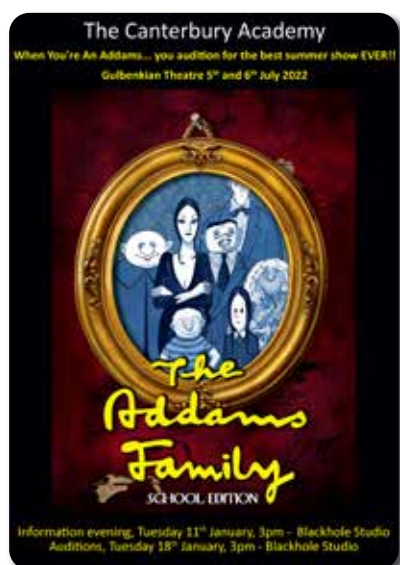
The Canterbury Academy's Dance Show @ The Black Hole Theatre, 31st March 2022

We have a celebration of dance evening planned for 31st March. Students throughout the Trust will perform for their friends and family to showcase the amazing dancing potential we have here at the Academy!

Tickets are on sale now and are available to buy via:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/canterburyacademy

See you there!



'The Addams Family' @ The Gulbenkian Theatre, July 2022

There was an epic turn-out for auditions for our next all-school production, The Addams Family! Students shined in their performances and all had great fun learning the first group dance! Details will follow later in the school term on how to book your tickets. Watch this space!

Auditions for our September 2022 6th form Performing Arts Academies

If you know any performers looking to take the next steps in their training,

we are auditioning on 24th February 2022.

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to book a slot!



News and Events Extended Services

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The Canterbury Bike Project continues to support the local community and beyond. Pictured below are 80 bikes that were donated to one of their partner charities. These bikes are going to be shipped to Ghana, to help provide free transport. The project must follow UK regulations and guidelines, meaning these bikes are beyond economic repair. They can, however, be given a new lease of life in Africa. This is an excellent charity to be involved in.

The project has also been helping young people closer to home. These four bikes were donated to Switch Youth Services in Maidstone. These will be used to teach young people basic cycle maintenance, before going on free long-term loan to help young people back into education.



Riverside's inclusive youth volunteer group rose to the challenges faced by Covid isolation and restrictions. Despite being unable to go ahead with planned community projects, the group adapted and helped lift each other's spirits by devising and delivering quizzes and games during Zoom sessions. Some took up new hobbies such as gardening, raising snails, cookery and crafts and enjoyed showing their achievements to the group online. One grew tomatoes and gave them away free to elderly neighbours.

Once back at the centre, they coped with mask-wearing and social distancing and took part in litter picks, sorted resource cupboards and display boards, enjoyed baking, art projects, team building games, participated in a sponsored walk and even had a 'masked' Halloween party.

We are proud of their dedication and the way they were sensitive to the anxiety club members experienced, being very supportive of each other.

We hope 2022 brings the chance for them to return to delivering projects in the wider community.



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News and Events Practical Learning and Enterprise Education



Year 10 Art trip

The Year 10 GCSE Art students were able to visit the creative quarter in Folkestone to gather primary research for their current project, 'Natural Forms'. All students were impeccably behaved and for the majority this was their first ever school trip.

Art success

In the Year 7 and 8 pillars there were some fantastic entries for a competition with the 'Family time' theme, for the Ilford Art Gallery in Castle Row, Canterbury. The shortlisted work was on display until the middle of January. Well done to the following students: Sophie Wood, Amy Hayes, Brooke Sanders, Alesia Burley and Aimee Crane.



Year 11 Hair and Beauty students excelling

Year 11 Hair and Beauty students are currently working on their final assessment pieces for their course. Ruby Robinson and Isabella Turner-Lewsey have created some very imaginative styles on the theme 'Ancient Japan'. They showed great professionalism and a superb attitude to learning from start to finish.



Canterbury Primary School - Arts

Across the Primary school the children took part in our annual 'Art Week' recently. The theme was plastic pollution in the oceans. Pupils created sea life-inspired junk models to explore this theme! They created some excellent models.



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Upcoming events

National Apprenticeship week 7th-13th February 2022
look out for events

News and Events City View Pre-School and Nurseries

The children and staff at both of our nursery settings have had a busy and fun packed term.

Launch of our new uniform

A new uniform was launched at both settings, and the children were all involved in a photoshoot to show off the new items, all of which can be ordered through the nurseries.



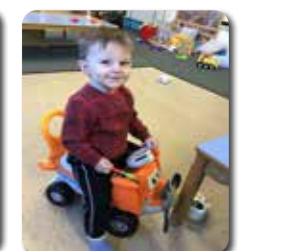
The world around us

At our Wincheap setting the children made volcanoes and watched them erupt. The children at City View learnt about birds. They made bird food and nests and drew some beautiful pictures of different birds.



Exploring the things we like to do

The babies at City View all enjoyed exploring their own individual interest with all of the activities on offer both inside and outside.



Lunar New Year

Both nursery settings celebrated the Year of the Tiger! They made lanterns and letters, created a giant dancing dragon and hosted banquets. Everyone had a wonderful time celebrating.



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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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