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News and Events Academic

This term the Academic pillar can reflect back on what Term 5 was like for our students' learning.

It was one of aspiration and aiming high. A combination of graduation ceremonies, literacy adventures and revision excellence underpin our students' positive response to opportunities and preparing for examinations.

Literary legend lands at CPS

Over the last few terms the Primary school has had a plethora of literary opportunities. Very often the love of reading and the creative imagination conjured up by a book or a series of books gives pupils the confidence and desire to make reading a key part of their learning.



This term we again were delighted to welcome the award-winning writer and childhood favourite of so many pupils, Michelle Paver.

Along with Years 4-6 from Canterbury Primary School, sixty Year 7 pupils were given the opportunity to listen to Michelle speak about her inspiration for her latest book *Wolf Bane* from the successful *Wolf Brother* book series. She discussed her lifestyle in Alaska where she spent time with Inuit people, telling us about their survival rituals, from eating raw seal meat to using the animal's brain to help make leather from their hide! Michelle also gave students valuable advice about becoming a writer and was impressed with the aspirations of our students.

Alongside this inspiring visit from Michelle Paver, in the last twelve months Canterbury Academy Trust pupils have had the chance to hear from Jacqueline Wilson and Cressida Cowell, both similar literary giants. On each occasion we have been able to give pupils signed copies of their latest bestsellers.

Day Two subject taster sessions on languages, engineering and architecture

As explained in earlier editions the school is embarking on two scholarship schemes with our Canterbury universities. For both these year groups, 35 pupils from each year group cohort have opted to be part of this unique introduction to a selection of highly competitive university subjects/career routes. They will by the end of this academic year have five different workshops/experiences around law, medicine, architecture, languages and engineering.

Over two days our Year 9 cohort were tasked with planning, designing and presenting on ecologically sustainable housing. This was an ideal introduction to the complexities of architecture. With the languages session, students learned about the plethora of careers available to those pupils who go on to follow a languages route at university. This was concluded with a fantastic puppet show put on by our students. The engineering day was outstanding with the task of making their own robot, powered by water and able to pick items up.

Once again, our students showed fantastic enthusiasm, interest and creativity.

To be continued.....

We are delighted that the launch of the scholarship programmes has gone so well and watch this space for day three for our Year 8 and Year 9 pupils next term. A big thank you to our two partner universities, Kent and Christ Church.



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Year 11 and revision

In the run-up to the Year 11 examinations we have been very mindful that for our students these will be their first 'real' examinations for three years. As a school, we have not hosted formal examinations in a summer term for three years.

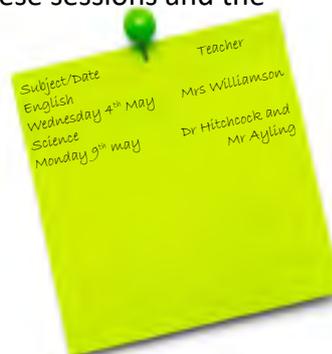
With this in mind we have been very conscious that support for our students is important, as well as it not being too intense. We have run, therefore, a consistent set of revision sessions and specialist support sessions for the last three months. The response of our students has been outstanding and is a real sign of their maturity, resilience and growth mindset.

Each subject has arranged 3-4 pm revision sessions since November; similarly, in the last term we have offered breakfast revision sessions throughout the week from 8am. Again, this is a sign of the dedication of our academic staff to support their pupils in as many ways as possible. Below are a few examples of these sessions and the endeavours of our students.

Revision Café 8.30 - 9.30am

Revision Café - to support your revision and exam preparation over the next 3 weeks we will be offering expert workshops at the start of the day. These will be subject specific for each subject and run in the mornings from 8.30 - 9.30am in room 710. There will be a continental breakfast supplied.

You must be here for an 8.30 start and it will be teacher-led. If you arrive after 8.30am you can do your own revision in room 711.



Year 9s graduate with flying colours at Cambridge University

One of the ways in which we aim to encourage academic success and opportunities is to engage our younger pupils in the university process early on in their journey at the school. This has proved very exciting and rewarding with a cohort of Year 9s this year. Since February, 12 Year 9s have been members of the brilliant club scheme. This aims to introduce pupils to the academic world and the world of university in an exciting and creative way. Every fortnight they have had small university- style tutorials with Dr Jennifer Morris- a university expert on museums. Each session entailed discussion, rigorous examination of sources and debates around whether or not museums are still ethically acceptable. The final assignment was to write a 1500 academic-style essay, referenced and researched and then graded by Dr Morris.

We are delighted to announce that all of our pupils received strong grades and two achieved the equivalent of firsts. At the start of this term they 'graduated' in a unique setting at Emmanuel College, Cambridge.

Once again, the pupils worked exceptionally hard and have achieved already excellent experience in the academic world.

Academy and Langton Boys act out the Bard's work

As part of our ongoing partnership with Simon Langton Grammar School for Boys we hosted a RSC (Royal Shakespeare Company) workshop for a mix of Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils. The pupils were put through their paces on how actors prepare for productions as well as working in small groups to enact some famous Shakespeare scenes.

Again, our students performed fantastically and the link between the two schools was so much an asset, with the collaboration between the two sets of pupils working very well.



Term 5 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



Canterbury Academy Sixth Form Sport Thriving

It has been a remarkable two months for students involved in our Sixth Form sport academies. Our partnership with Kent Crusaders basketball club is well established and the most recent outstanding experience the players and coaching staff have been involved with is a two-week trip to Los Angeles.

The squad spent time at Sierra Canyon High School in California which has an excellent reputation for developing future NBA players. Bronny James, son of LeBron James, is just one of several exciting talents to be involved in this programme. Our students had substantial court training time, played some matches, and were provided with specialist workshops from several leading American basketball coaching staff. This was a once in a lifetime experience and demonstrates the significant connections that Adam Davies and Jesse Sazant, two of our full-time basketball staff, have across the world. The team returned to England and comfortably retained the Kent Cup in a scrappy encounter with The North School from Ashford.

In another county final, our Sixth Form football team played Ravenswood School in the u18 KSFA Academies Cup on Wednesday 11th May. The final was played at Thamesmead FC and our players performed admirably to win the game 2-0. First half goals from Ed Milloy allowed the team to settle any early anxiety and a strong defensive performance in the second half saw the side win the cup for the first time in the school's history. The dedication and commitment of head coach, Bryan Taylor, paved the way for this success and the entire squad have contributed to such an impressive result. One of our leading players, Benny Biolletti, has impressed whilst training with Colchester United and we are hoping he follows ex-student, Jordan Gillmor into a career in professional football.



Our athletics academy students competed in the county championships this term. There were some excellent performances which included a personal best in the 1500 metres for Harrison White, a great 800 metre effort by Abi Hope, and another personal best for Daisy Meenan in the long jump after a tremendously challenging 200 metre sprint into a strong headwind. Jamie Keir knocked seven seconds off a personal best in the 1500 metres finishing in 3.55.67 and Andrew Bull performed admirably in his sprint races. Year 13 student, Jack Bowley also competed in a National Super Series Triathlon Event in Llanelli, Wales. His finish time was an eight minute improvement from his last sprint tri in June 2021 and now ranks him in the top thirty junior triathletes in the country.



Our cricket team competed in an inaugural Hundred competition organised by the Cricketer Magazine. This took place in Desert Springs over Easter and featured some of the country's leading independent schools. Our team performed superbly in testing conditions and finished as group winners which meant that when rain curtailed the chance of a final game, The Canterbury Academy were named as winners. Whilst in Spain, one of our players, Alexa Stonehouse, was rewarded with a place in The Trent Rockets senior squad for The Hundred later this summer. Two of our players have already debuted for Kent's second team this summer. Jaydn Denly and Max Wood both acquitted themselves well at this level and Darcey Carter has joined Alexa in performing solidly for Kent Women and South East Stars.



The cricket season has started very well for the school teams and has included victories over a Tonbridge School XI, The Langton, Kent College and Chislehurst and Sidcup GS. On one Wednesday afternoon, we fielded two school teams at Sixth form level with one side beating Sandwich Cricket Club in a t20 friendly and the other team thrashing Sir Joseph Williamsons School. Our under 17 side have a challenging game against St Bedes to conclude the term.

After School Sport

Our exceptional PE staff have provided a variety of competitive opportunities for hundreds of students this term. We took two teams to an all-day netball festival in Maidstone, every year group has played either softball or rounders fixtures across the district this term and we hosted our first athletics fixture since 2019. We also provided the venue for Shepway District's athletics meetings.

Several individuals have been involved in fantastic achievements. Grace Steadman has been selected for Millwall's football academy. Romilly Evans and Deena Geeves played regularly for Kent's under 14 side and Romilly played in the final against Oxfordshire which Kent win 2-1. Some of our committed year 8 footballers were involved in district football success with Luke Martin, Thiago Ferreira, Callum Watton and Efe Kurt all making significant contributions to a great cup run.



Year 8 student, George Diable, helped Kent's tennis side get through to the last stages of a national event in Wales and Gaia Jennings competed at a national gymnastics event and came away with a bronze medal. She also qualified to represent the Southeast in the national finals in June. Year 11 student, Charlie Barker, not only featured in several Kent rugby matches but impressed Saracens enough to be recognised in one of their youth development programmes.

Freya Padfield won the league and cup final with her women's hockey team which is a great achievement for someone so young. Finally, Year 8 student, Aston Young had a British kickboxing title fight at the end of term 4. His opponent was a very experienced Scottish fighter and both boys fought well, but on the night, Aston stuck to his plan and executed it perfectly to come away as the new WRSA British kickboxing champion.

Primary Sport News

The Canterbury Sports Partnership and Appeti Tennis ran a junior tennis event this term. Several primary schools attended, and a host of Canterbury Academy students did exceptional jobs as leaders for the event. Layla Bernthal, Ruby O'Connell, Iva Karlieva, Louie Peache, Katy Larkin, Lex Taylor, Stuart Franks, Ashleigh Hannah, Ronan Murphy and Ludo Bartelli were commended for their work by the tournament organisers.

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Excellence in Performing Arts

'Cable Street' at The Marlowe Theatre

Our Year 9 drama students, as part of the National Connections festival, performed 'Cable Street' by Lisa Goldman. 'Cable Street' tells the story of two best friends during the second World War and explores the themes of religion, love and war. The students took on the challenge extremely well and performed with maturity and sensitivity. We are incredibly proud of them!



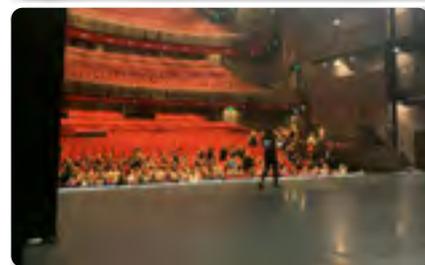
End-of-year showcases at The Blackhole Theatre

Our amazing Sixth Form Musical Theatre and Acting Academy students wowed sell-out audiences at our Black Hole Theatre this term, with their final 'farewell' performance showcases.

These showcases gave our wonderful students the opportunity to share with their friends and families the performance skills they have developed in their time with us. It was an emotional few weeks! As we prepare to say goodbye to them, we would love them to know how very proud we are and how excited we are to hear of their developing careers as they leave us for some amazing destinations. Break a leg, guys!

'Take A Bow' at Sadler's Wells, London

Our Sixth Form Performing Arts students were offered an extremely exciting opportunity to perform at the prestigious Sadler's Wells Theatre on Sunday, 8th May. The students undertook an intensive rehearsal period and attended additional rehearsals during the half-term in order to prepare the two five-minute performances (a musical theatre dance inspired by 'Hair' and 'The Lion King'). The students' performances were absolutely outstanding. They did the school and themselves extremely proud!



'The Witches' at The Black Hole Theatre

Our Year 12 Acting Academy devised, directed and performed their own version of Roald Dahl's 'The Witches' to The Canterbury Primary School!

Over 160 students from Years 1,2 and 3 enjoyed a workshop and the performance and absolutely loved it!

Castings and Congratulations

Romy, Tommy and Matthew have been hard at work filming for a feature film! We can't wait to share the details with you, but for now – wish them luck!



Both Melissa and James from our Production Arts Academy have secured places at university for September. Melissa will be studying at Rose Bruford and James will become part of the RADA team. Congratulations both, we can't wait to see what the future holds for you!

'The Addams Family' at The Gulbenkian Theatre, 4th, 5th and 6th July 2022

Rehearsals continue for our next all-school production, 'The Addams Family'! Tickets are now available via The Gulbenkian theatre's website – we can't wait to see you there. It's going to be EPIC!



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Practical Learning and Enterprise Education



Erasmus Project 2022 begins

Our Sixth Form students visited Taranto, Italy for 6 days and joined our partner schools from Munich, Latvia and The Czech Republic.

During their visit they worked on the project and collaborated in small groups. They learnt about the traditional 'Pizzica' dance which is an Italian folk song, visited Otranto one of Italy's most eastern cities whose port has always played a central role and which still preserves trade relations with the Orient. They also visited Lecce and its Roman column and amphitheatre.

The students worked in groups with the partner schools competing in many activities including a logo workshop, creating commercials, participated in a Padel team game and ended in a farewell party to celebrate the weeks activities.

The students that participated had an amazing week and experienced a whole host of different experiences and foods. The students were Christian Roberts, Nancy Murray, Abi Holman, Darcey Carter, Ruby Clark, Phoebe Cox, Oscar Duce, Marla Schulze, Aimee Hill, Elif Altun, Maddie Simon and Izzy Batchelor. The students were excellent ambassadors representing the school and embracing the different experiences on offer.

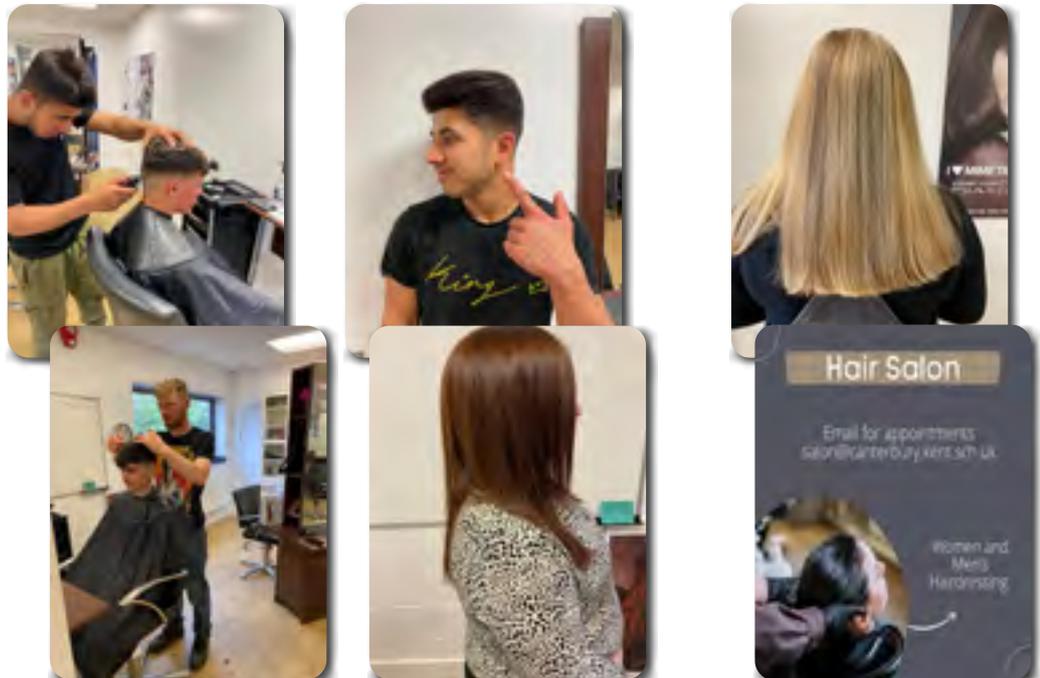


Hair Salon and Barbering

It has been extremely exciting to relaunch the hair salon. They are once again providing services and treatments in ladies and men's hairdressing on a Thursday and are open to the general public for cuts, colours and highlights. Barbering is available on Wednesday 3 - 6pm.

All contact details will be available on this newsletter.

We are very happy to continue to welcome existing and new clients to our salons.



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We have had a very busy term 5 at both of our settings. The weather has been lovely so we have been able to get outside into the gardens, visit the park and feed the ducks.

At our Wincheap setting, we invited some parents and carers along for a crafting afternoon with the children. Everyone had a lovely time and made something special to take home.

The babies at our City View setting have continued to explore their senses this term using ice, paper and glue.

We are looking forward to more days in the garden in term 6. We would like to say a big thank you to all of the staff, parents and carers this term, for being so supportive.



News and Events Extended Services

At The Canterbury Academy we offer a vast number of activities during the term breaks. These are all organised and run by the extended services team which is made up of multiple staff from all different areas of The Academy.

The activities that are organised cover a variety of different subjects ensuring that there are enough activities for the full range of students who attend these sessions, regardless of age or interests. Some of our most recent activities involved cooking with a chef, bowling, sports days, cinema experiences, art days and countless more. The students were also treated to a delicious Christmas dinner along with games and gifts over the Christmas period.

Over the past 6 months the number of students and the interest in the activities being held has soared, with more pupils than ever wanting to sign up. Therefore, we are planning on organising even more activities this year, especially as the summer season starts. One of the most exciting activities that we have lined up is our O2 Walk that has been organised for both the younger and the older years, this involves the students (and a few of our brave teachers) walking up the side of the O2!



The Canterbury Bike Project is very proud to announce that they are now an approved Bikeability provider for the Canterbury District.



Over the past few months all their team has successfully taken part in training courses to become approved instructors. They will be joined by experienced instructors who will help teach over 1000 children to cycle safely each year.

Their offer to schools is simple.

There will be no cost to parents, careers, or schools. If a child does not own a bike, they will provide one free of charge for the training. If a child does not own a helmet, we will provide one free of charge for the training.

The aim of the project has always been to help support young people and the community. This is another positive step for the project.



If you are a Canterbury Primary school, please get in touch!

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are pleased to announce that we will be offering

30 hours of free early education and childcare

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.

*The additional 15 hours will be available to families where both parents are working (or the sole parent is working in a lone parent family), and where each parent earns, on average, a weekly minimum equivalent of 16 hours at national minimum wage or national living wage, and earns less than £100,000 per year. An eligible child can receive this entitlement from the academic period after their third birthday until they start reception class at school.

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