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This term the Academic pillar can reflect back on what this academic year of 2021-22 has looked like. Most importantly, we are back to being able to use every opportunity (Post-Covid 19) to enhance the curriculum and learning opportunities under the academic umbrella. I want to celebrate the tenacity and desire of all of our pupils, who have returned to engaging in all the opportunities offered, and staff who have gone the extra mile to support pupils and think creatively to put on activities, run clubs and take pupils out of school for extra-curricular and super-curricular events.

Below are some of the highlights from this academic year.

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 joined 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.

This venture will continue next year for the new Year 12 science cohort.

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

Literary legends at CPS

Over the last year 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. We have been very fortunate through our close relationship with Waterstones bookshop to have hosted some of the most well-known and loved children's writers. They are:

Cressida Cowell, Jaqueline Wilson, Annabelle Stedman, Michelle Paver.

To ensure the event was memorable at each author's visit we have purchased books for all of the pupils in attendance.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank Waterstones for the generous offer of hosting these speakers.



Academy and Langton Boys- DNA day, Poetry workshop, Spanish cooking, Maths wizardry and a mini Globe theatre

As part of our ongoing partnership with Simon Langton Grammar School for Boys we have offered over 8 different events either at The Academy or at Langton Boys for a mix of Year 7, 8 and 9 pupils. It has been again exciting and refreshing to see the interaction and challenges embraced by pupils at both schools.

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Desirable Destinations

As you read this newsletter many of our Year 13 students will be awaiting their examination results due in August to allow them to continue their higher education journey. This year we are delighted to have hit the highest number of offers and applications to higher educational establishments yet at the Academy. This is a fantastic achievement for all of our Year 13 students. In particular, the Covid restrictions to teaching and learning and the demanding assessment process this year have underlined the resilience and real aspiration of our students. We have had 188 applications this year.

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

University	Number of received applications
Loughborough	5
University of Exeter	5
University of Bath	6
University of Manchester	6
University of Nottingham	7
Solent	8
University of Bristol	8
Coventry	9
University of Leeds	9
BIMM	10
St Mary's Twickenham	10
University of Southampton	10
Anglia Ruskin	11
University of Sussex	11
Kingston	12
University of East London	12
University of Surrey	12
Manchester Met	14
Birmingham City	15
Nottingham Trent	15
University of Chichester	15
University of Portsmouth	17
University of Greenwich	18
University of Brighton	30
University of Kent	36
Christ Church Canterbury	55



University aspirations

As part of our excellent and close relationship with the two Canterbury universities we have embarked this academic year on a very innovative and exciting project around familiarisation with university. Year 8 and Year 9 pupils have participated in an introduction to some of the more demanding and exciting academic courses and disciplines. The aim for this venture is twofold: more generally to make university seem a normal and aspirational destination for our pupils; secondly to familiarise our pupils with some of the more demanding courses. These are law, architecture, engineering, medicine and languages.

We have been delighted with the engagement and enthusiasm shown by our students, the support and the fantastically varied opportunities that both our partner universities have kindly offered this year. I am very pleased to report that this successful venture will continue next year for new Year 8s and roll over into Year 9 and Year 10 for the present participants. To date, each cohort of Year 8s and Year 9s participated in 5 bespoke University scholarship days.

Again, our links with Canterbury Christ Church University and the University of Kent remained strong, with one quarter of our students offered places at our two local universities.



Term 1 Academic Plans for 2022-2023

- Cressida Cowell, author on tour to launch her new dragon book September 20th
- Globe on Tour- pupils to visit the Globe theatre plays on tour in Canterbury
- 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, Year 9s and Year 10s with the University of Kent 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
- Lunchtime academic mentoring for Year 8 and Year 11s from sixth formers

Athletics Achievements

The outstanding athletics facilities at the school enable us to provide specialist opportunities for our students from Sixth Form academy programmes to core PE lessons for younger year groups. Canterbury Primary School ran two successful sports days at the track and we hosted district school competitions regularly this term. After two summers without regular athletics, it has been exciting to see a full return to action this term.



There have been some excellent performances from several individuals across The Canterbury Academy Trust this summer. Jamie Keir has continued his amazing form and was selected by his county to run in a national competition. Jack Bowley has excelled in triathlon by dedicating himself to his training. Year 9 student, Ollie Scott, continues to defy the odds and has gained a place on the British Para Triathlon pathway. Ollie's progress has been helped by the work of Steve Sproston from The Canterbury Bike Project. Steve's tireless commitment to cycling, bike repair and maintenance across East Kent continues to provide amazing opportunities for so many young people. Year 7 student, Lucy Steer came fifth in the 800m at Medway Park and achieved a personal best in this county event. Lucy's commitment to her sport epitomises how we want our students to approach their sport.

Aston Young Crowned National Kickboxing Champion



Year 8 student, Aston Young, has become the new Five Nations Junior Kickboxing Champion. He fought at The White Rock Theatre in Hastings on Saturday 9th July. His fight was the headline for the show and was against an extremely talented fighter from Ireland. Both boys fought well for five tough rounds before Aston gained the win after a unanimous verdict from the judges.

**This is a fantastic achievement
for Aston**

Canterbury Academy Sports Partnership News

Our sports partnership has provided several major events for primary schools this summer. An excellent This Girl Can festival saw several primary schools receive free coaching in rugby, cheerleading, volleyball, basketball, and cricket. A special thanks to some of our key partners including Canterbury Rugby Club, Vista Twisters, Kent Crusaders and Tom Middleton MBE.

Canterbury Primary School made unbelievable progress with their Dynamo cricket and will represent Canterbury in the county finals. The primary school pupils also benefitted from having their sport day on the athletics track and it was lovely to hear how amazing the Sports Leaders from The Canterbury Academy were with the primary school pupils. They all engaged with the children and were very helpful, enthusiastic, and well behaved.

It has been a very busy start for our new School Games Organiser, Chris Kidd, who is holding the fort for Gemma Edwards, whilst she is on maternity leave. Chris has made an excellent start and enabled hundreds of children to get involved in sports events this term.

Unrivalled Sixth Form Success for The Canterbury Academy

Through the incredible efforts of our dedicated coaching team, the Sixth Form Sport programme has continued to thrive and recruitment numbers for next year are already reaching record levels. Bryan Taylor's development of our football programme has been outstanding with the team winning a county cup final and individual players making progress with their own clubs. The most prestigious achievement has been that of Benny Bioletti, who was signed by Colchester United in June. Benny benefitted from the programme that Bryan and his coaching team provided him, and he had a single minded commitment to his football. His success is well deserved and all of us wish him luck for his career. Alex Giles left us in 2021 but recently made his full debut for Gillingham in one of their pre-season friendlies. We look forward to seeing how this season unfolds for him.



Nicky Little's rugby academy programme will attract record numbers next year. Max Campbell and Sai Kama have both played rugby for Kent this year and by the looks of next year's cohort, the standards of Canterbury Academy rugby will improve further.

Our athletics coaches have provided opportunities for the squad to compete at county level this summer. Year 12 student, Lily Cook, has dropped her golf handicap again through a commitment to her game and through the hard work of her coach, Sophie Daws. Our partnership with The Langton in several sports will see hockey given a real push next year and it is exciting to see several hockey players choose our Sixth Form as their next destination. The Kent Crusaders basketball academy have trained exceptionally hard in a demanding off-season. Recruitment looks encouraging and the coaching team have benefitted from working in different high performance environments this summer.

Finally, our cricket programme has flourished. An exceptional run in the national under 17 cup has seen The Canterbury Academy knock out some established cricket schools in Bedes, Epsom College, Bradfield College, and Winchester College. They have a national final to play against Shrewsbury School later in the year. The under 18 side defeated Sevenoaks School by 121 runs in one of the county cup finals and they have another county final against Langley Park before the end of term. A partnership with The Root Academy will see the programme start to provide coaching in local primary schools over the winter and provide our Sixth Form students with coaching opportunities themselves. Plans are in place to develop the provision for cricket in the middle school and get more students involved in the game from a younger age.



News and Events Excellence in Performing Arts

Performing Arts – A Round-up of Fabulousness!

Term 1

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. 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!

Term 2

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 Sixth 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.

Terms 3 and 4

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

The Acting Academy presented Jim Cartwright's 'Road' to a packed pub!

The students' performances were mature and sophisticated and showed such amazing development in their acting skills. We are so proud of them!

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

Our amazing Sixth Form Musical Theatre Academy wowed sell-out audiences at The Gulbenkian Theatre in February with their performance of 'Joseph!'

The fast-paced and high energy fun-filled extravaganza ended up with audiences up and dancing on their feet to a standing ovation each and every night!



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

The Junior institute of Performing Arts totally blew us all away with their fantastic performances of Annie at The Gulbenkian at the beginning of the month. With three separate casts and three separate shows, over 142 students performed to sell-out audiences. They performed with passion, enthusiasm and SO much talent that people were lost for words! This is the first time that JIPA and PIPA have had their own show... and it definitely will NOT be the last! We are so incredibly proud of each and every one of our performers. Well done team!



Dance Showcase @ The Blackhole Theatre, 31st March

Dancers from year seven to thirteen entertained a sold-out theatre; sharing dance from all eras and styles. The performers danced their socks off and proved how talented our movers really are!



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Terms 5 and 6

'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 proud!

'Twilight' at The Black Hole Theatre, 20th May 2022

Our very first 'Music Academy Presents....' Live Music Show was an amazing success! With musical styles spanning the decades and amazing staging, the talents of our Sixth Form Music Academy were insane! We predict huge careers for these musicians!



Footloose @ The Black Hole Theatre, 24th-26th June

Our talented Sixth Form Musical Theatre students performed the smash-hit musical, Footloose!

Footloose celebrates the exhilaration of youth, the wisdom of listening to one another, and the power of forgiveness. The performances were professional and full-of-fun. The audiences absolutely loved it!



The Addams Family @ The Gulbenkian theatre, 4th-6th July

The whole Academy Trust got together to bring you the crazy and the kooky in The Addams Family. The students never fail to impress us and we couldn't be prouder of the performances and professionalism of every single student involved. From the amazing orchestra, to the backstage crew and the main cast – all took great pride in this amazing production. One for the memory banks!



As ever, as we look back at some of the accomplishments of our performing arts students we are moved to tears at the outstanding achievements they have all been part of. We continue to go from strength to strength and would like to thank all of our Trust families and community for the continued support. Until next year! xx



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.

Careers Fair success

As part of our Careers week there were two careers fairs held in March which gave all year groups across the trust, and year 5 and 6 at The Canterbury Primary school an opportunity to come and speak to our providers on the day. There were stands from Christ Church University, The Armed Forces and the police amongst the many attending.

It was a very successful week and all students involved enjoyed the opportunity to share their future career aspirations.

Work Experience

This year over 130 of our Year 10 students attended work experience across a wide range of industries.

Local employers were keen to support our students with the opportunity to experience the world of work and it was wonderful to see so many young people take the initiative with CV and letter writing and contacting employers themselves.



All who attended work experience were fantastic ambassadors for The Canterbury Academy and have opened doors for the younger students coming along behind them.

We worked with some new companies and have already started planning for next year!



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 activities and foods. The students were: Christian, Nancy, Abi, Darcey, Ruby, Phoebe, Oscar, Marla, Aimee, Elif, Maddie and Izzy. They were excellent ambassadors representing the school and embracing the different experiences on offer.



Jubilee Dinner

- The Chefs' Academy students designed and prepared a Jubilee celebration three course meal, served in the PLCC Café.
- The menu offered traditional dishes and was well presented and the service was excellent. They are already planning the next one.



Alumni Success- Oscar Miles

An ex-student who studied Textiles has made his dream come true working in the fashion world by co-founding a fashion label called ANDEL. The forward thinking label plans to challenge and change the fashion industry by focusing on building a new, cooperative infrastructure on ecological and socially responsible foundations. We are all extremely proud of Oscar Miles and all that he has achieved and will continue to achieve.

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

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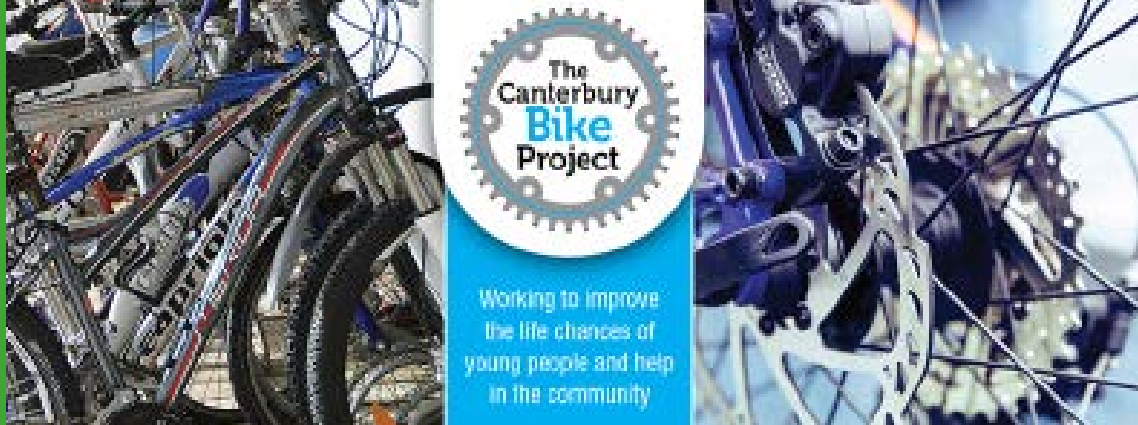
**We have had a wonderful term 6.
Thank you to all of our parents and carers for their support.
We hope you have a lovely Summer.**



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The Canterbury Bike Project, with the support of Councillor Alister Brady and Councillor Connie Nolan, have been able to provide free bicycles to Ukrainian families across the district. All of these bikes were donated to the project by our fantastic community, given a new lease of life through our workshop, then taken off on their next adventure by their new owners.

For more information about The Canterbury Bike Project, please search for them on Instagram or Facebook.



EXTENDED SERVICES

SUMMER ACTIVITIES

At The Canterbury Academy, Extended Services are excited to offer a range of activities for our students this Summer. Parents and carers can sign their child up to attend these amazing activities.

Please contact tfurner@canterbury.kent.sch.uk for any queries or questions you may have.

				
Monday 25th July and Wednesday 27th	Tuesday 26th July	Thursday 28th July	Monday 15th August	Wednesday 17th August
A range of sport activities	Cooking Summer treats for all the family	Our very own Canterbury Academy cinema	Ice skating at Gillingham	Testing fitness and skills whilst having fun

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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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