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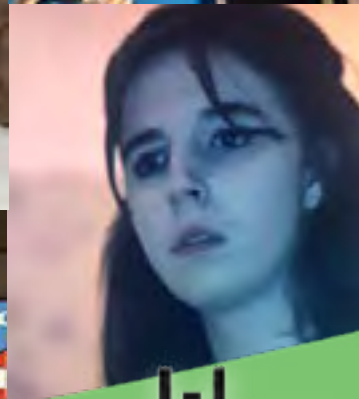
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News and Events Academic

Happy Birthday Langton- Academy link

It seems fitting to start the academic year with the recognition of an important anniversary. Our relationship with Simon Langton Grammar School for Boys is now ten years old. We are delighted that we have had the opportunity to work closely, and now ever more closely, with a local school that shares our educational vision. Across the three Key Stages (11-18) and beyond, our two schools are sharing ideas, teaching expertise, facilities and leadership. Most importantly within the academic pillar, we are excited that this relationship affords our pupils greater opportunities for enrichment, learning and aspiration.

Literacy Legends (again)

At the very end of Term 6 we once again hosted a new megastar within the literary world. Annabelle Steadman came to the Trust and gave a fantastic talk, not only on her new bestseller (she has been named the new JK Rowling!) but as an ex-local Canterbury student, she explained to our Years 4,5, 6 and 7 how important reading and creative ideas are to achieving one's dream job. Annabelle hosted a range of questions from our animated pupils and as always, delighted her audience with the signing of over 120 books for our students.

Cressida comes back!

Some of our readers and most definitely our pupils will remember the visit from the then Children's Laureate to the Canterbury Primary School two years ago. Such a literary giant spoke two years ago about the fantastic 'How To Train Your Dragon' series. On her second visit (how lucky are we!) Cressida Cowell again delighted our Years 4,5,6 and 7 with her new children's blockbuster.

As per usual her infectious style and her ability to tell a great yarn, she engaged our pupils for over 90 minutes. Like all our visiting authors, she treated her audience to signings for over 100 pupils.



Term 2 Academic Plans for 2022-2023

- November launch of the Year 9 Brilliant club- Southampton University
- Stewart Ross- author in residence to work with our pupils on producing their own books- Years 5,6 ,7 and 8
- Launch of the University of Kent and Canterbury Christ Church Scholarship programme for Year 8, 9 and 10
- Year 12 to be offered a range of volunteering opportunities – clubs for pupils at CPS, work with refugee organisations, academic mentoring and library work
- 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 8s and Year 11s from sixth formers

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Year 11 and 13 Dazzle in the summer

As always, a rather nervous aspect of the summer holidays for teachers, pupils and parents are the two Results Thursdays in August. Full of pride, we as a school were delighted with the results that reflect the amazing resilience, hard work and skill of our Year 11s and Year 13s.

This year we gained the highest amount of 7-9 grades at GCSE (equivalent to A and above) and the Year 13s, owing to their excellent grades, have gone off to their favoured destinations. These results resulted in over 140 students gaining places at university and many others starting highly reputable jobs and apprenticeships. The percentage of top grades again in Year 13 was our best yet, with over 67% of our students gaining A*- C in their final examinations.

We are very excited about the next steps for our ambitious and very hard-working young people.

Super-curricular Round up

One of our main aims within the Academic pillar is to provide as many enrichment opportunities outside of the formal curriculum as we can. We are very lucky that the relationships that we have built up with external organisations give our pupils some unique experiences. In particular, this term the research cooperation with Langton Boys has meant that our sixth formers are working on a number of unique and university-type projects:



Science - Biology and Astro Physics project

History - Researching the Red Dean of Canterbury - Archbishop in the 1920s

English - Looking at the works of Chaucer and Shakespeare

Similarly, this term 50 pupils from Years 9 and 10 participated in the Youth Summit conference at the University of Kent. This was a series of lectures and workshops on a range of topics that one might choose to study at university. Again, the response from our students and the feedback from the staff at Kent made us very proud that our students

Book Bonanza



As part of the relationship we have established with Waterstones Booksellers in Canterbury we trialled our new literacy treat with a group of Year 7s in July. As part of their induction to the new school every Year 7 pupil will spend half a day at the local bookshop. They will tour the shop, have a talk from the Young Readers expert at the shop on different reading genres and then pick a book of their choice which we will purchase on their behalf.

The trial was a massive success, with all parties delighted, and in particular Waterstones commented on how keen and mature our pupils had been. We are highly appreciative of the support from Waterstones and feel this will be a real benefit to all our young readers. We look forward to taking all of our 230 Year 7s to Waterstones in Term 3.



Team Sport Update

Hundreds of Canterbury Academy students have represented the school across a range of sports this term. Our netball teams have benefitted from specialist coaching on Monday afternoons and have performed well in district fixtures this term. We are also launching a team for our Sixth Form students which will provide a great opportunity for our older students to play competitive sport for the school. All of our football teams have successfully negotiated the early rounds of the Kent Cup and there have been some strong performances in the district league. Several players have made The Canterbury District u14 squad which is an excellent achievement considering the strength of local football. Well done to Thiago Ferreira, Zac Keeble, Jack Fenton and Efe Kurt of year 9.

Our Sixth Form rugby side have bonded very quickly and have won their first three fixtures, demonstrating excellent team work and high levels of skill at times. This side has daily training as part of our unique Sixth Form sporting provision and anyone interested in what we can offer for committed sports students should contact us on sport@canterbury.kent.sch.uk We also have a Sixth Form Open Evening taking place on Tuesday 8th November.

Our under 17 cricket side fell at the final hurdle in the National Cup when they were defeated by Shrewsbury School via the Duckworth-Lewis method which calculates winners after abandoned matches. Despite this setback, the school cricket programme featured in national sports reports in the Daily Telegraph and on Sky Sports News. One of our players, Jaydn Denly, won the Kent Cricket Academy's Outstanding Player of The Season Award for his performances for county teams this summer.



Primary School Initiatives

The Canterbury Primary School have benefitted from a series of specialist cricket coaching sessions run by our School Games Organiser, Chris Kidd. He has been supported by members of our Sixth Form cricket side and the sessions have utilised innovative Root Academy coaching equipment. This initiative is part of a special partnership we have signed with The Root Academy to develop cricket in primary schools.

Currently, our primary school pupils are also benefitting from sessions in boxing, gymnastics, basketball and football. There are some fantastic opportunities for sport across our whole campus and the offer at the primary school has been outstanding this term.



The Canterbury Academy Sports Partnership hosted a district handball competition on Tuesday 4th October. 15 local primary schools took part in a tournament that was enjoyable to play in and featured some high-quality skill. Our sports leaders from year 8 and 9 did a fantastic job with Isaac Little being particularly impressive.

Specialist Provision

Our sport scholars have begun some work in the gym with our full-time strength and conditioning coach. This programme is reserved for those students competing at a high level outside of school and features county representatives in cricket, squash, rugby and triathlon. They receive support for their sport. This year's cohort includes Ollie Scott, Romilly Evans, Amber Clarke, Gaia Jennings, Harry Fulton, Findley Linch and Jacob Meredith.

News and Events Excellence in Performing Arts

Upcoming Performances and Shows:

The new school year has been so busy and exciting for us here at The Canterbury Academy Trust and we are so happy to share with you our upcoming performances!

'Now That's What I Call Christmas' at The Canterbury Academy

Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th December 2022

It is our absolute delight to let you know that we will be bringing you our Christmas Cabaret extravaganza as usual 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 mince pies!

For any students wishing to audition for a slot, auditions will be Tuesday 1st November, in The Black Hole theatre from 3pm.



Auditions are also underway for the Junior Institute of Performing Arts' performance of 'Matilda'.

Record breaking numbers of students will be taking part – it promises to be an extravaganza!

Details of tickets will be released in the new year.

Sixth Form Performing Arts Academy News

Our Sixth Form students have hit the ground running this year and are already busy preparing for upcoming shows, tours and concerts!

The first of these is Saturday 15th October, when the Music Academy plays at Westgate Hall at 11am. Please come and show your support as they play their first full set together!

Entry is free and everyone is welcome.

The Dance, Acting and Musical Theatre academies are also working incredibly hard to bring you their first performances too.

Watch this space for news and how to buy tickets!

The Acting Academy was fortunate enough to take part in an 'Acting for Camera' workshop with filmmaker and producer Lee McQueen earlier this term; they learnt valuable skills and techniques for developing their skill set and are patiently waiting to be able to put them to use!



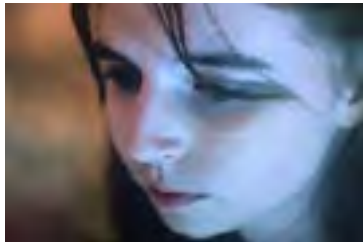
Castings and Congratulations



Olivia in Year 12 Music Academy and Romy in our Junior Institute of Performing Arts have some AMAZING NEWS!

Olivia is about to embark on a countrywide and European tour and Romy has filmed for an ICONIC popstar and is starring in their new video... we can't wait to be able to share the details soon!

Girls, we are SO proud of you and excited for what is about to come. Well done!



Another great achievement for our Acting Academy as Olivia appeared on Channel 5's 'London: The Great Smog' documentary. This aired over two evenings and Olivia proved what a versatile actor she really is. Go Olivia!



Salon Cuts

With the relaunch of the Salon going well, our Sixth Form students are working very hard in ladies' and men's hairdressing with Muhib in Year 13 cutting a member of staff's hair and doing a great job. The salon is available to the public for cuts on selected dates. Please see our social media for price list or email salon@canterbury.kent.sch.uk

Mr W-B's trip to Poland/Ukraine

In August, Mr Weichselbaum-Barlow travelled (drove 2.5K miles!) to the Polish city of Rzeszów (about one hour from the Ukraine border) to support Ukrainian refugees. This included transporting families for onward travel to safety, and entertaining and teaching children in refugee shelters both in Rzeszów and in Ukraine. What an amazing thing to do.

Careers Fair success

On Wednesday 5th October we held our annual senior school Careers fair where students had an opportunity to talk to a number of providers about going to University, or apprenticeships and different career paths. Over 900 students visited across our Trust. We were fortunate to have stalls from places such as Derby University, Border Force, Burgess Hodgson, Lloyds Bank, DWP, MACE, OSG, Christ Church University and many more.

The students had a great opportunity to speak to the providers and find out more about what they have to offer. It was a great event and students enjoyed the day.



Creativity in Art

The project this term for Year 8 Art students is War and Peace, looking at both World Wars. Students have been enjoying this topic and were lucky to have Frankie Smith bring in his great-grandad's old gas masks and share stories with the group.



News and Events Extended Services

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The Canterbury Bike Project has been out and about in the community carrying out free bicycle safety checks as well as bicycle repairs. This is a joined-up piece of work with Swale Borough Council and Cycling UK's Big Bike Revival. On Saturday 24th September the team were in Faversham and worked on 20 bikes and on Saturday 1st October carried on this excellent work in Sittingbourne. A fantastic effort from the project.

The Canterbury Bike Project has also been supporting Canterbury's local primary schools through the delivery of Bike Ability. This term they are on track for 240 young people to achieve either a level 1 or level 2!

The project is committed to supporting as many young people as possible. This was very evident during their visit to Wincheap Primary School. Not only did they deliver Bike Ability, they then also dedicated the afternoon to their Speech and Language department. Staff went above and beyond to offer as much support as possible.



Summer Camp 2022

The Youth Team had another successful Summer Camp at Marshside! We had 26 KS3 children camping out and enjoying fun-packed outdoor activities.

We started the week at Joss Bay having fun at the beach, then Tuesday was a water sport day at Mote Park with kayaking and competitive pedalo races. A thrill-seeking Wednesday at Thorpe Park was had by all followed by an intense Clip and Climb session at Westwood on Thursday before we said our goodbyes on the Friday!

On-site activities meant that all the children had a chance to interact and engage with archery, tomahawk and angel throwing, whilst others could relax with arts and crafts whilst eating copious amounts of smores!



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Our Catching Lives Shoebox Collection launches on World Homelessness Day

Monday 10th October was World Homelessness Day. The purpose is to draw attention to the needs of people who experience homelessness locally and provide opportunities for the community to get involved in responding to homelessness. We support Catching Lives, a local charity that supports people who are homeless or sleeping rough. To mark World Homelessness Day, we are launching our Christmas Shoebox appeal for the clients Catching Lives works with. To get involved, either donate individual items on the wishlist or fill a shoe box with a selection of the items.



This collection is open to our families and wider community to support. When you're ready to donate, please bring your donation to Miss Huckle in room 44a or main reception for community donations. You can bring items from now until the last week of term in December.

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Flasks/water bottles, Torches, Mobile phone credit (for their clients to stay in touch with support services) New socks, New underwear (male and female), Sun cream, Baby wipes, Cotton buds, Tissues, Hair gel, Nail scissors, Hand cream, Bottles/cartons of water/juice/squash, Treat items- chocolate, crisps, cereal bars, etc Batteries (AA and AAA), Waterproof ponchos/foil blankets, Dog food and treats.



Christmas Market

We are excited to announce a new event being held this year, our first ever Christmas market. Being held exactly a month before Christmas day, it will feature local businesses, stalls of preloved items, food and drink and more. It promises to be a festive way to shop affordably and sustainably this Christmas.

Booking for stalls is now open. If you would like to sell your good quality preloved items or know of someone who has a small business with items to sell, please email events@canterbury.kent.sch.uk to register your interest. A stall is a £15 donation to our nominated charities and sellers keep all their profits.

If you've got great quality clothing, accessories, unused gifts, children's toys, games, etc., your items could find a new home with shoppers at our Christmas market. Register with us today to reserve your stall.



Royal Shakespeare Company Associate Schools Programme

This year's work has started with a staff training session for schools in our cluster. They worked with a member of the RSC staff to explore this year's text, As You Like It, which will be performed by groups from our 11 Associate Schools in July 2023 at Oare Gunpowder Works, near Faversham. Pupils from the schools will now work on the design of the costumes for the production, sharing their thoughts with a professional designer, who will pull the ideas together.

Our Shakespeare Ambassadors have started planning their project for this year, which will involve workshops in our Associate Schools to create a shared piece of artwork.



37 plays - National Playwriting Competition

The RSC has launched a search for the best 37 plays with a national playwriting competition. Open to primary and secondary pupils as well as adults of all ages, the works will be submitted for a January 2023 deadline. Selected works will be performed script-in-hand at the Marlowe Theatre and then further narrowed down for submission to the RSC for the national competition. Resources and further details at www.37plays.co.uk

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