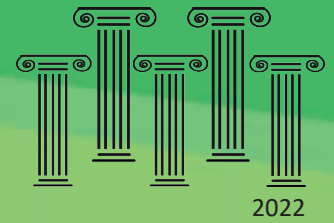


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News and Events Academic

Year 12s show Year 11s how to tackle GCSEs

One of the hardest academic skills to learn is how to teach somebody else something you understand. This is a demanding skill that requires patience and creativity. We are delighted that, as part of our support package for our Year 11s, Year 12s are now offering weekly academic and pastoral support. Not surprisingly, the Year 12s are in an ideal position to support their peers who are experiencing the demands of tackling 9 or 10 GCSEs this year. They meet at lunchtime with the school providing sandwiches and drinks. It has been a very humbling and proud experience, watching our Year 12s performing in such a capable and altruistic manner.

Year 12s using a variety of teaching skills to support Year 11s

Reading, Ross and Rhetoric 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 are now in a position from mid- January to invite all of our 230 Year 7s to Waterstones in Terms 3 and 4. They will spend a morning at the bookshop with their own English teacher, relishing the delights of reading and learning more about the different styles of writing.

Ross rules again

The privilege of having our own author in residence is now four years old. Stewart Ross, local and eminent author of over 300 books, is now an integral part of our literacy intervention programme at The Canterbury Academy. Over the last four years Stewart has worked with over 500 pupils at the school from Years 5-10. Each of these pupils has produced their own bespoke book which has been printed and acts as a strong memoir of the beauty and creativity of their writing and reading development.



Years 12 and 13 Debate

As part of our literacy and oracy push, we were delighted to enter two of our sixth formers for the Canterbury Historical Association debate on Is History still relevant in 2022? Our two sixth formers discussed issues around the war in Ukraine, global power shifts and the increasing tension around food security.

Once again, our contenders explained their arguments fantastically and were both commended for their knowledge and persuasive abilities.

We were very proud of Bobby Ray and Abigail Clay, Year 13 and Year 12 students.

Library plans

Over the last few years we have been working hard to make our library/LRC an even better facility and space for all of our pupils. We are in the process of training a member of staff to be a specialist librarian through an MA from the University of Aberystwyth. We hope in September to launch the library extension. As part of this we would like to find out if any parents have books, in particular fiction, that they would be prepared to donate.

If you feel you are able to help please do contact tfox@canterbury.kent.sch.uk

Thank you and watch out for the launch and further updates about the library extension.

Super-Curricular Round up

As always, our programme of events outside the formal lessons is prioritised to give pupils the connection to the curriculum, but also to enthuse them about potential careers and further destinations.

Our scholarship programme, that focuses on law, engineering, languages, architecture and medicine has entered its second year. There are now 100 pupils engaged in the programme, in Years 8, 9 and 10. Once again, the partnership with the University of Kent and Canterbury Christ Church University is invaluable and allows pupils to make more sense of what they do in lessons and their potential outcomes at higher educational institutions.

To follow on from the scholarship programme at Kent and Christ Church universities, we are now engaged in two Brilliant Club programmes. This is targeted at Year 9s and again allows pupils to engage with research and the writing of a 5000-word essay. They have weekly seminars with a PhD expert and learn the skills around source evaluation, referencing essays and promoting an argument at a very academic level. We are currently running one programme with a Humanities bias on Renaissance painting and will launch our STEM cohort in January. At the end of the three month programme our students will graduate at a Russell group university.

Primary School projects

The academic pillar supports students across all divisions of our Trust.

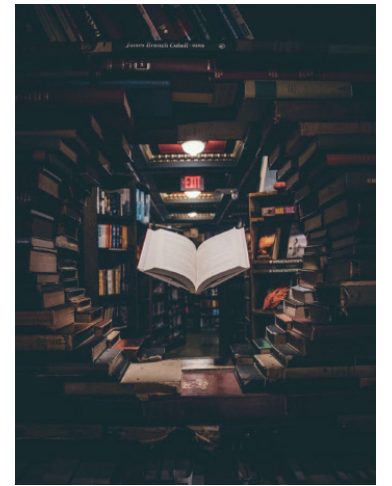
I am always immensely impressed with the enthusiasm and resilience of the pupils from reception to Year 6, be it cabaret rehearsals, mini rugby competitions, working with Stewart Ross on a new book or taking part in the skateboard workshops.

Below is a list of some of the work that the Academic pillar is developing at the Primary School.

- Literacy support with Stewart Ross, working with Year 5s and 6s on their communication and writing skills
- Sixth Form and Academy academic mentors working alongside CPS pupils to support them with clubs, reading and one-to-ones
- In the new year, continuing the links with the cathedral, through visits and workshops focused on the Normans and the rich 1400-year history that the cathedral offers

Academic Plans for 2022-2023

- January Launch of the STEM 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 Years 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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News and Events Excellence in Sport

Netball on the rise at The Canterbury Academy

In an exciting development, The Canterbury Academy are launching a netball academy for Sixth Form students in September, 2023. The netball programme will sit alongside other established sports in our unique Sixth Form provision. It will allow committed netball players to receive regular training and play matches across Kent. This builds on the successful introduction of competitive netball for our current senior students. Our team have played several matches this term and recently beat a team from The Langton 22-12.

Please contact our Head of Physical Education, Amy Brabon, [Email: abrabon@canterbury.kent.sch.uk](mailto:abrabon@canterbury.kent.sch.uk) for more information.

Challenging Cross Country for Canterbury Academy students

A group of students took on very challenging conditions in the annual district cross country event at Kent College in late November. The heavy rain meant that the course was tough in places but there were some outstanding performances and every one of our students demonstrated real commitment on the day. Lottie Martin from Year 7 came second in her race. Year 8 student, Lucy Steer, ran incredibly well to also finish second in her event and Ollie Scott of Year 10 produced a fantastic run to claim first place in the senior boys' category. Well done to all of the students who ran. This included Jacob Martin, Ralph Hodges, Daniel Keir, Alice Stewart, Macie Cody-Storey, Harry Gall, Joel Delahunt, Moly Martin, Olivia Legg and Katie Cutting.



Sixth Form Rugby Shines in Extra-curricular Sport

Several of our sports teams have performed well this term and our under 18 rugby side has now gone unbeaten over two terms. The team have continued to bond well and some of the players will hopefully go on to greater heights through their club rugby exploits. Max Campbell, Sai Karma and Ollie Jordan-Smith have already attracted interest from professional clubs and we look forward to providing an opportunity for these players and others to develop their game in our specialist rugby academy led by Nicky Little and James Lunnun.

The Canterbury Primary School took part in the district basketball competition that was organised by The Canterbury Academy Sports Partnership and officiated by members of our Kent Crusaders basketball academy.

The primary school pupils have also benefitted from boxing, gymnastics and tennis coaching in their incredible enrichment sessions. In other news, some of our football teams remain in the county cup. Our Year 11 team produced a stirring comeback to beat Sandwich Technology School 3-2 in extra-time and our Year 8 team are through to the last 16 where they will face Wrotham School. The under 14 girls team beat Invicta Grammar School 8-2 in their cup. Year 8 student, Mia Dixon, continues to excel and remains in an elite programme at Arsenal.

We have been providing after school gymnastics sessions and these have been popular with numbers increasing each week. We are looking into securing a partnership with an external club so we can provide even more opportunities in the near future.

Towards the end of term 2, we had our astro turf sports area resurfaced. This allows us to provide high quality PE and after school sessions in football, rugby and handball. Students using this facility will need to have the right footwear and communication will go out to parents about these requirements. In order to cater for as many students as possible, plans are in place to develop the back field with a hard-court area that will provide netball, basketball and multi-sport opportunities for PE lessons, after school sport and lunchtimes.



Whole Host of Individual Achievements

Year 12 student, Chloe Link, has just returned from Hungary where she competed in the European Cup. Chloe has been training with an elite GB judo squad and the commitment and training paid off as she won a silver medal in this event. She has British Championships in mid-December so this is a busy time for her. Chloe joined our Sixth Form in September and has been part of our athletics academy programme. This enables her to work on her fitness so that she is in prime condition for her judo. Chloe has been a fantastic addition to our school and we wish her luck for her upcoming fights.

We are also really proud of Aston Young in Year 9. Aston retained his British Title in Chippenham in a competition in late November. He won a unanimous decision against a fighter from Wales and demonstrated incredible skill and determination across the five rounds.



Year 7 student, Ashton Platts, has had an excellent set of results in his swimming.

He has trained very hard and demonstrated real commitment. Ashton competed in the last round of the East Invicta swimming championships and he was presented with an invitation to The Olympic swimming camp after Christmas for being the third ranked swimmer in his age group. He also won twelve events at the Dover Lifeguard club championships!



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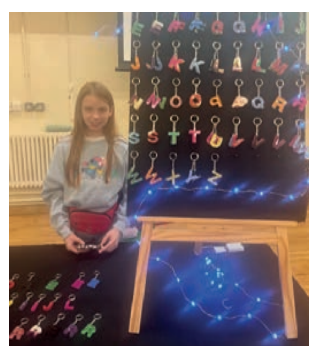
News and Events Practical Learning and Enterprise Education

Erasmus Partner Visit

In November we hosted our partner schools from Czech Republic, Latvia, Germany and Italy with over 35 guests. They had a fun week of activities and worked on our musical themed project, including our own version of 'Erasmus-Aid' (we are now waiting for an official release date!). The week consisted of cultural experiences and activities. Our students worked exceptionally hard all week to make it a success.

In December we travelled to Germany and visited the BMW Centre, went to a FC Bayern Munich ladies football match and created our own street graffiti art with famous artist LOOMIT.

Thanks to Abi Holman, Nancy Murray, Christian Roberts, Oscar Duce, Aimee Hill, Izzy Bachelor, Darcey Carter, Phoebe Cox, Ruby Clarke, Elif Altun and Maddie Simon.



Entrepreneurship

We held a Christmas market in aid of our nominated charities. Ruby year 7 sold her handmade resin keyrings and jewellery, and had a very successful evening. We are very proud of Ruby and the small business she has set up.

NHS Workshop

We were lucky to be offered an experience with the NHS, for an immersive theatre event, that was offered to Year 9. The workshop covered the following aspects and was a great experience for our students.

- Recognise that Health and Social Care is more diverse than they knew.
- Appreciate the variety of roles, not just for highly qualified specialists.
- Realise a job in Health and Social Care offers training and career progression.
- Understand that a career within Health and Social Care is fulfilling and rewarding.
- Discover that working in Health and Social Care is exciting, with a great social aspect.

Sixth Form University Visit

The students visited the simulation suite at Canterbury Christ Church University to understand different pathways into Health and Social Care careers and to engage in various activities. The suite now has two life cast dummies that are very lifelike and support students when learning about palliative care. The students had great fun at the CPR race where their resuscitation dummy was connected to a bus on a screen and they did CPR on the dummies to reach the finish line!

This was a great opportunity

for students who may not have considered going to university to study a profession in HSC but are now about to.



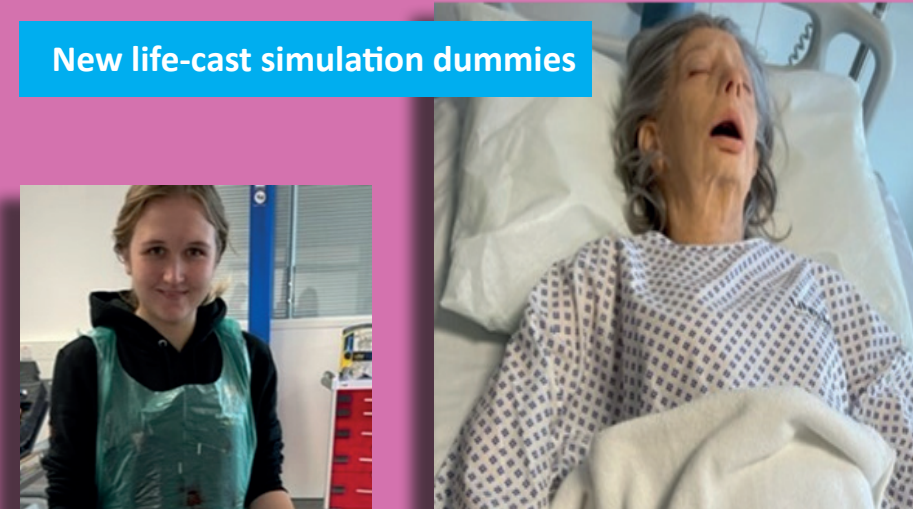
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CPR Race!



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News and Events Extended Services

Kent Youth County Council Elections

Across two weeks in November, pupils at The Canterbury Academy voted in the Kent Youth County Council elections.

They experienced voting in a real election, accessing genuine ballot booths and boxes lent to us by Canterbury Electoral Services, and casting their votes in the same way as they will do when they come to vote in national and local elections in the future.

Excitingly this year, we had two candidates from the Trust standing for election. Even more excitingly, both pupils have been duly elected to the council.



Atiq Khan in year 11 has been elected as a member for Canterbury and Jack Gray in year 12 as a deputy member. They will meet in Maidstone once a month to plan campaigns and discuss issues relevant to young people.

Christmas jumper days and Catching Lives Collections

At the time of writing, we are about to start our week of Christmas jumper days, where pupils can donate £1 to wear their Christmas jumpers instead of their blazer on the day of their Christmas party.

We are also coming to the end of our annual shoebox appeal for Catching Lives. We will share our updates on these in the next newsletter.



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

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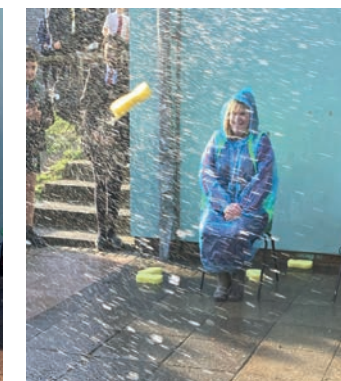
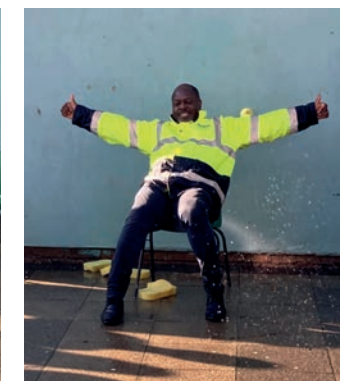


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Children in Need

This year's Children in Need appeal was a huge success. Across the Trust we held non-uniform days and hosted several smaller fundraising events - from tuck shops and bake sales to a chance to throw a wet sponge at a teacher!

At the Academy, pupils learned about Children in Need by watching video case studies and seeing how the money they raise is spent by the charity. In total across the Trust we raised £2787.92.



Christmas Market

Our first ever charitable Christmas Market was held on 25th November at The Canterbury Academy. With more than 40 stalls of local businesses, makers and preloved items, we enjoyed a steady stream of visitors through the evening. There was a lovely atmosphere and it was a beautifully festive way to start the countdown to Christmas Day.

Stall holders donated to have a stand and proceeds from refreshments and a raffle raised £826 for our nominated charities. One of these charities, Catching Lives, was also present and we encouraged donations to them or the Canterbury Food Bank instead of charging an entry fee. We filled the food bank bin on the night and arranged for the items to be delivered there promptly.



Coming next...

nearly new baby and children's sale

We are planning a nearly new sale for baby and children's items in the Spring.

If you would like a space, please email

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to register your interest and we'll be in touch with details when we have them.

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News and Events Excellence in Performing Arts



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

Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th December 2022

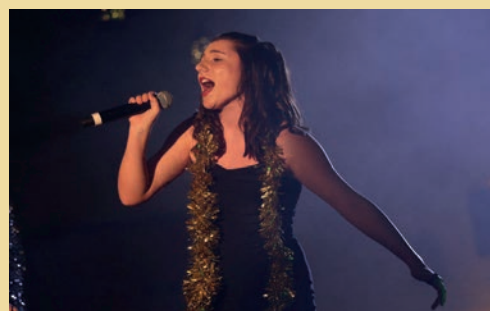
It was our absolute delight to bring you our Christmas Cabaret extravaganza this year! Students from our primary, secondary and sixth form academies were singing, dancing and playing their way through two wonderful performances for your festive delight!

From roller-skating champions, silk performers, tap dancers, drummers, singers and everything in-between there was something for everyone!

Aged six to nineteen, 387 of our wonderful students took part and we had the most wonderful time together.

Even Father Christmas made an appearance!

For those of you who joined us, thank you so much for your continued support – we hope you enjoyed the show!



Castings and Congratulations

Panto season is well and truly underway, and we have so many students performing professionally at pantomimes across the county!

Catch Tegan in Cinderella, at The Tower Theatre in Folkestone, Cameron and Isabelle in Cinderella at The Malthouse Theatre, and Lewis, Alyssa-Mae, Isabelle, Matthew and Chloe in Peter Pan this Easter! Get your tickets now... they'd love to see you there!



Upcoming shows

Canterbury City's street will be filled by the smell of rebellion when the Junior Institute of Performing Arts presents Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical JR. Based on the beloved book "Matilda" by Roald Dahl and adapted from the award-winning full-length musical, Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical JR. tells the story of an extraordinary girl who, armed with a vivid imagination and a sharp mind, dares to take a stand and change her own destiny.

The Canterbury Academy will present Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical JR. On 8th and 9th March 2023 at The Gulbenkian theatre. Ticket information will come in the New Year.

With our huge thanks and appreciation for all of your support of the performing arts here at the Academy; have a wonderful Christmas and a very Happy New Year!

Christmas Cabaret



News and Events Remembrance Day



Lest we forget

The Canterbury Academy Trust came together to commemorate Armistice Day. We held a ceremony involving children from our primary, academy and sixth form. Each section of the Trust read a poem, the Last Post played and poppies designed by mentor groups across the school were presented by representatives from each group. Across the Trust we observed the 2 minutes silence and learnt about why we commemorate this day.



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