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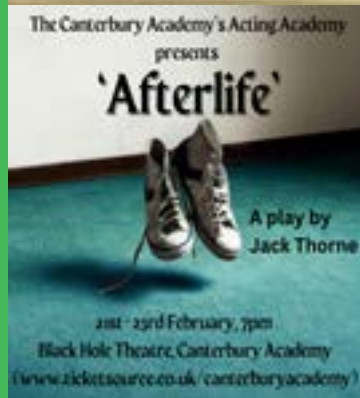
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From Reception to Year 13 - scholars everywhere

It is with great pleasure and pride that this term signals an amazing achievement across our entire Trust for scholastic endeavour. Below you see the amazing opportunities our Primary School offers to all of its pupils in the Academic pillar. At the same time some 14 educational years later, our Year 13s have triumphed with their resilience and academic ambition through university applications. This year we have crossed the 200 UCAS application landmark. It is quite simply inspirational. Please take time to read about some of the academic achievements and opportunities that our Trust offers.

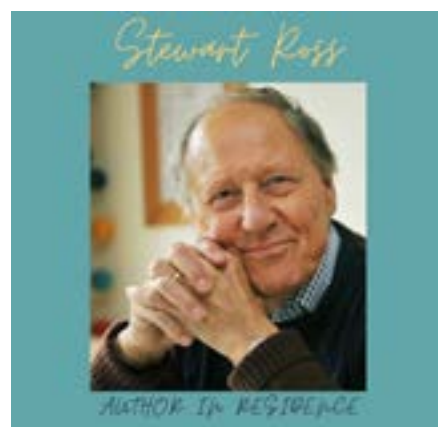
Primary School projects

The Academic pillar aims to be relevant to all parts of our Trust Academy.

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 at the Primary School is offering this term:

- Literacy support with Stewart Ross working with Year 5s and 6s on their communication and writing skills
- Sixth Form and Canterbury Academy academic mentors working alongside CPS pupils to support them with clubs, reading and one-to-ones
- Cathedral visit and study of Anglo Saxons in the 1600-year-old cathedral
- Chess Club to start in February
- Environmental projects and zoo visits
- Annabelle Steadman, author visit to speak to Years 4 and 5 about her new bestseller
- Maths day to tie in with enrichment week
- Art exhibition



Cathedral visit

Year 6 visited Canterbury Cathedral to further their learning on Christianity. The group took part in a range of workshops and had a fantastic day out!



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Book Bonanza Part Two

Last term (year!) I updated you on the planned visits to Waterstones bookshop in Canterbury.

Since January 17th 2023 we have been able to send our Year 7 pupils to the bookshop with their English teacher. They spend the morning as a class at the bookshop with their own English teacher and relish the delights of reading, learning more about the different styles of writing. To ensure the tour is even more memorable we have negotiated the purchase of a book for every pupil with Waterstones. This will continue until all 239 pupils have participated in this reading adventure.

We are delighted that we can run this venture and would love to hear from you as parents/carers/guardians on how your child has responded to the trip.



Library Plans

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.](#)

Since my last communication, we have had a number of families donate books for the new library. If you feel you have books that you are happy to donate it would be fantastic to start to stock the new shelves with these donations.

If you feel you can help, please do contact tfox@canterbury.kent.sch.uk.

Thank you and watch out for further news on the launch of our library extension.

Waterstones

Super-Curricular Round Up

At the end of this term, all three university scholarship programmes in Years 8, 9 and 10 will have had their first two days of academic challenge.

For Year 8 a visit to the University of Kent kicked off the programme and a day in school pursuing the Davinci challenge whetted their academic appetite.

For Year 9 they visited The University of Kent and Christ Church focusing on what it means to study one of the big five subjects (law, medicine, architecture, engineering and languages).

Year 10 are now spending their time on their final presentation for the programme on what the journey entails to achieve a career in one of the big five areas.

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.

Launch of the Brilliant Club- Round three.

We have fallen in love with the Brilliant programme and have signed up our third cohort of Year 9s this January. This cohort will focus on STEM subjects and a study of **why the planet does not implode**. The launch took place at Magdalene College Cambridge University, where our 14 pupils learnt about super- curricular skills, how to study SMART and learnt from undergraduates the process for applying to a top British university.

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.



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

Global Sport Achievement for Canterbury Academy Cricketers

Two of our Year 13 students have just returned from South Africa where they have been competing in the inaugural under 19 World Cup. It's the first time the best U19 cricketers have come together from the women's game to compete in an ICC Global Event. Alexa Stonehouse represented England in the tournament and Darcey Carter played for Scotland. Both girls would have learned a lot from an incredible experience and Alexa's team made the final which was broadcast live on Sky Sports. Unfortunately, England lost that final to a very good Indian side but Alexa's performance with the bat and ball had helped her team win a tense semi-final with Australia. Darcey's team were very much underdogs and faced the might of India and Australia in their group games. The Scotland team fought bravely in all of their games and finished the tournament by beating The USA in their final match. Darcey got some important runs at the top of the order and fielded brilliantly across the tournament.

This is an exceptional achievement for both girls and we hope it leads to even better things for them. They have extensive commitments involving regular trips around the country to train and play which makes balancing their studies challenging at times. Thank you to their teaching staff for the flexibility both girls have been provided this year and well done to both girls for the level of commitment they have shown this year.



Kent Rugby Success for Max Campbell

Congratulations to Year 13 student, Max Campbell, for an outstanding rugby season with Kent's U18 team. The team were triumphant against Surrey, Hampshire and Sussex and the coaching staff complemented the entire squad on it's commitment and togetherness. To cap off a successful winter, Max has also been offered an unconditional offer for Brunel University via professional rugby club, The Ealing Trail Finders.

We are delighted by the progress made by our rugby students this term. Ollie Jordan-Smith, Toby Hunt, Zac Ralph, Isaac Divine, Harvey Lee, Luke Robinson and Sai Karma have been outstanding this season and we are hoping that Elliott Amos returns to full fitness for next year. Our Sixth Form team remain unbeaten this season after beating Herne Bay High 37-12.



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County Cross Country, Swimming and Gymnastics Achievements

Some of our students have recently competed in county events featuring some of the best performers in Kent. Jamie Keir, Ollie Scott, Olivia Legg, Katie Cutting, Alice Stewart and Lucy Steer all performed in Dartford at The Kent Schools' Cross-Country Championships. Jamie and Ollie both performed very well with Jamie finishing in fourth place and Ollie making the top ten, even though he was competing against older boys. Both Lucy and Olivia helped The Canterbury District team get important points. Well done to all of these students for their commitment to a very demanding sport.

Year 7 student, Ashton Platts, represented the school at the Kent Schools' Swimming Gala in Tunbridge Wells. In a very challenging competition, Ashton came ninth in the 100-metre butterfly and in the 200-metre individual medley, he came sixth. This is a great effort considering the quality of the opposition that day.

Finally, well done to a team of gymnasts from The Canterbury Primary School who competed in Gravesend in the South East Region Floor and Vault competition. The pupils took part in two teams, taking a third and first place in their respective events and represented the school brilliantly.

Sports Partnership News

The Canterbury Academy hosted two district sports events in January. Local primary schools enjoyed two exciting competitions that were run in our sports centre. Fourteen schools got involved in a very entertaining dodgeball event which was won by Wickhambreaux School. Ninety children participated in nine separate events at an infant agility challenge. The activities tested stamina, skill, strength, co-ordination and focus. A team of sports leaders from The Canterbury Academy helped organise and officiate in each event.

We have also been impressed by the support we have received from some of our students at our after-school sport clubs. Some of our Sixth Form football academy have helped us with our junior football sessions with a special mention to Alfie Dalton and Matthew Oji, who have put a lot of time into working with our Year 7 and 8 students. It has also been great to see Emilia Greenfield and Crystal Hoveman helping out at our gymnastics club.



News and Events Excellence in Performing Arts

Upcoming shows

What a busy term we have had! We have three amazing shows for you coming up next term and hope that you can join us at as many as possible!

'Afterlife' at The Canterbury Academy, 21st-23rd February 2023

Our sixth form Acting Academy is proud to announce their next show 'Afterlife' will be performed at The Canterbury Academy's Black Hole Theatre from 21st – 23rd February at 7pm.



After Life is set in a holding bay between life and death, where the recently deceased have a week to grapple with the question: if you could spend eternity with just one precious memory, what would it be? It's a tricky decision, but all passing souls must choose just one highlight from their life, to be recreated like a movie still by a team of 'guides', in order to move forward into the afterlife.

Please join us and use the link below to book tickets:

www.ticketsource.co.uk/canterburyacademy

'Head Over Heels' at The Gulbenkian Theatre, 1st-3rd March 2023

Rehearsals are nearing the end for our Musical Theatre Academy students, as they get ready to move into The Gulbenkian Theatre for their first public performance of 2023. 'Head Over Heels' is a brand-new musical, direct from Broadway, featuring the hit songs of The Go Go's. It features usurped kingship, unlikely lovers, singing sheep and gender-fluid disguises - a real comedy of errors, with a contemporary twist.



As ever, the students have worked incredibly hard, and the standard continues to soar. We'd love to see you all there, supporting, cheering and clapping along

tickets are available to purchase at the link below.

<https://thegulbenkian.co.uk/events/the-canterbury-academy-head-over-heels/>

'Matilda' at The Gulbenkian Theatre 7th-9th March 2023

Our fabulous PIPA (Primary Institute of Performing Arts) and JIPA (Junior Institute) are busily preparing an absolute treat for you!

The Canterbury Academy and The Canterbury Primary School will present Roald Dahl's Matilda The Musical JR. on 7th, 8th and 9th March 2023 at The Gulbenkian theatre.

With over one hundred and twenty of our young people, aged between 6 and 14 – you will be so impressed at the show they have put together! There won't be a dry eye in the house!

Tickets are selling quickly so don't delay and book yours now via the link below:

<https://thegulbenkian.co.uk/events/roald-dahls-matilda-the-musical-jr/>



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As a Trust, we are extremely proud to be involved with The Canterbury Bike Project.

We are delighted that the project's hard work has been rewarded once again, winning the Lord Mayors Award for the second time!

This is what The Canterbury Bike Project had to say!

"Tonight we attended a fantastic awards ceremony at Tower House with the Lord Mayor of Canterbury. We are extremely proud to say that we are the winners of this year's prestigious Lord Mayor's Award for outstanding service to the community.

To receive this award is a fantastic achievement and recognises our passion, dedication and hardwork in helping to make a difference to the lives of people within our community.

Everything we achieve is down to the fantastic team we have, so a huge thanks has to go to Matt Webber, Michael Rose, Will Clarke, Brian Johnson, Alan Jones and our newest member Philippa Bruce. Without these guys volunteering countless hours we could never achieve such great things.

A huge thank you also goes to Adam Fairbrass and The Canterbury Academy Trust for their continued support of such a fantastic community project.

We were proud winners of this award back in 2019 so to win again 4 years later is a fantastic achievement".



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Comic Relief's Red Nose Day

This year will see us supporting this national cause with a range of activities and events. From Monday 13th-Friday 17th March we'll have bake sales and tuck shops daily, bake off student challenge, student- led craft stalls, fancy dress fun runs, a staff variety event, pupil challenge cards and of course, a non-uniform day on Friday 17th March.

We will once again use a JustGiving page to collect donations for the non-uniform day, whilst all other events will be cash donations on the day. Donations for the non-uniform day can be made now, with a suggested amount is £2 or whatever you can afford.

Please email headsofhouse@canterbury.kent.sch.uk with the name and mentor group of the child/ren the donation applies to.

www.justgiving.com/rednoseday23-the-canterbury-academy or follow the QR code:



Non - uniform day on Friday 17th March

New Heads of House

We are very excited to welcome two new heads of house at the Academy. The team is now:



Miss Huckle
Head of Marlowe
and senior Head of
House

MARLOWE

Miss Winter
Head of Cowdrey



COWDREY



Miss Lanyero
Head of Tallis

TALLIS

Mr Beale
Head of Bloom



BLOOM

News and Events

Practical Learning and Enterprise Education

BBC Workshop

To celebrate 100 years, the BBC visited The Canterbury Academy. Close to 900 students listened to the BBC storytellers share their careers story. The students were able to hear about their journey and ask questions related to careers. The event was a great success and the students learnt some valuable information about the industry.



Year 9 Architecture

The Art Department and the Architecture Department at Kent University are currently working together on a 6-week project to explore architectural design and model making. The project was launched at The Beaney on Wednesday 18th January with a workshop and tour of the building. We are excited to be working with Degree and Masters students to create work which will be displayed in The Beaney at the end of the project.



Cooking Success

As part of their course, students in our Sixth Form have to prepare and serve two courses. The students worked so hard on their preparation and service; a wonderful dining experience! Congratulations to Aidan Johnson, Ziggy Duce and Dan Simmons.



In year 8, two students have been helping with our weekly CPS enrichment and cooking with some students. They worked very hard in the kitchen and were great with the primary school students showing great maturity and responsibility. Well done to Danny and Soren.

Skating Pillars



Students in year 8 as part of the Pillars enrichment were shown a demo and started to press their skateboards using materials from Roarokit UK/DW Sk8board Build. They showed great skills and we look forward to seeing the finished boards around the school.



News and Events City View Pre-School and Nurseries



The children got to explore the forest school at the primary school, which was very exciting!

At our City View Nursery setting, we have launched a new parent, baby and toddler group, Little Tadpoles. Everyone is welcome to come along on a Monday.



It was the Big Garden Bird watch, so the children have been learning about and looking for lots of birds. They made some beautiful birds of their own.



The children celebrated the Lunar New Year through noodle play using paint and then role playing with it.



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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.

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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