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News and Events Academic

Read, Read and use the library

We start the new academic year with a long list of exciting new developments and successes in the Academic Pillar. In particular, we have our new and improved Canterbury Academy library. Having refurbished the building, purchased new books, continued to train our amazing librarian, Mrs Kingsland, and had a star-studded opening of the building from Annabel Steadman we are delighted with the impact the library has already had. Below are some powerful statistics to emphasise the fantastic support from the pupils:

- Daily use of the library- 200 pupils
- Within the first two weeks 180 students have taken out books on loan- 20% of the student population
- 65 students applied to be librarians and now 18 are in place to support the running of the library
- New clubs launched to be hosted in the library- Reading Club, Film Club
- Calendar events- Halloween week including a very positive uptake of Halloween stories; celebration of Black History Month

As you can see this launch of the library has been overwhelmingly positive. Please encourage your child to use the library for a whole range of potential activities: reading, loaning books, homework time (break, lunchtime or before and after school), research (the library has a large number of computers) and accessing clubs and extra-curricular activities. Finally, watch out for Term Two events and developments. We will be sending out a parental letter with ways to support your child with homework, links to the library and reading lists linked to subject themes and new opportunities.

Next term, please encourage your child to use the library website to search books and take them out and reserve them- the website can be visited at uk.accessit.online/cnt16

Next term will also launch the library book club, with the term focusing on Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. This will include readings, extra-curricular activities, crafting and discussions.



STEM are us

For a long time, we have actively promoted the understanding of STEM (science technology engineering and maths) subjects in our school. We have STEM-focused enrichment weeks and we were delighted that by week 3 of Term 1 Mr Jacob, our STEM coordinator launched the year with an exciting set of talks and workshops offered by the University of Kent. Twenty-five of our interested STEM students participated in the day and now are much more aware of the potential career destinations for all these very significant subjects.



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Desirable Destinations

As you read this newsletter many of our ex-Year 13 students will be well settled at over a hundred different higher education institutions. This is exceptionally impressive and exciting to see our alumni continue in such a positive way on their educational journey. This year we are delighted to have hit the highest number of successful applications to higher educational establishments yet at the Academy. This is a fantastic achievement for all of our students. We have had 208 applications this year and we know that now 160 students are settled in to their new courses all over the country.

Below are some interesting figures on what students go on to study and where.

Hartpury University
Human - Animal interaction with Psychology

Loughborough
Psychology
Business
Media and Communication

Liverpool University
Mathematical Sciences

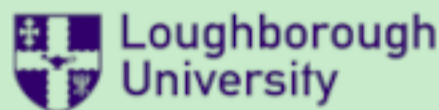
Reading
Consumer Behaviour and Marketing

Surrey University
Midwifery
Law
International Management

Sussex
History and International Relations
Psychology
Social Sciences
Fashion Journalism

UEA (East Anglia)
Business Management
Marketing

Brighton
Games Design
Nursing (mental health)
Criminology



Primary School Pupils on the trail of Becket and stained glass

On the first day of the new school year, Year 6 pupils at The Canterbury Primary School visited Canterbury Cathedral to launch their new topic. Pupils enjoyed workshops on stained glass windows and stone masonry as well as taking part in some dramatic re-enactments of the murder of Thomas Becket!

This is a fantastic opportunity that we will be continuing at the primary school, in the hope that they can use the amazing historical site of Canterbury to explore the past and learn about their own environment.

A Year 6 pupil learning how to work with the original stone used in the construction of the cathedral.



Term 2 Academic Plans for 2023-2024

- Development of the school library
- 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

Sports Partnership Provides Opportunities for All

The Canterbury Academy Sports Partnership has grown in size this year with a record number of primary schools opting to engage in special events designed to foster children's passion for sport and physical activity. The partnership works closely with The Youth Sport Trust to target children who may not always receive regular chances to take part in sports. This year, we have added some specialist sessions for schools that target underrepresented groups and these sessions complement the traditional festivals we run. This term, we have already delivered some specialist sports crew training to primary pupils across the district, delivered tennis support for primary staff, and run a handball and tag rugby festival. In the latter, it was lovely to see Pilgrims Way School win The Fair Play Award. Our team of staff includes fully qualified PE staff in Julia Tomlinson and Zoe Poulter plus experienced multi-sport coach, Chris Kidd. Gemma Edwards leads this team and if you would like more information about how to access some of the amazing work the partnership does, please contact Gemma on gedwards@canterbury.kent.sch.uk

Busy Times at The Canterbury Academy

Term 1 has been full of fixtures and after school clubs. The Canterbury Academy PE department have provided hundreds of students with chances to play sport after school and we've had great attendance at a range of clubs. The Kent Crusaders basketball club has been particularly busy with over 40 students taking part in after school training. Our school netball teams have started the season well with some excellent performances against local schools and the year 8 team are pictured in one of the photos on this page. The football season is also going well for most of our school teams with a highlight being our Year 9 boys' team reaching the third round of the Kent Cup. Rugby training has gone well which bodes well for the future and it has been great seeing so many Year 7 students attending our multi-sport club on Wednesdays after school. A new club's timetable will be released early on in term 2. PE lessons have been enhanced by our new floodlit hard-court area on our back field which will improve the quality of teaching and learning for our students and for St Nicholas School's satellite centre. Thanks to Lifestyle Fitness and St Nicholas' School for the generous support with this facility.

Netball Emergence Leads Sixth Form Success

Our new netball academy has thrived with the commitment of the students involved being responsible for some impressive results this term. The team played incredibly well in a county tournament in September and surprised some of Kent's leading netball teams. The full squad is pictured on the next page. Our basketball side kicked off their national league campaign with a victory against JMA and our rugby programme has doubled in size with over thirty students enrolled on it. Head Coach, Nicky Little, featured as a TV pundit for the World Cup quarter-final between Fiji and England.

Some individuals have excelled across our Sixth Form. Chloe Link will be travelling to Japan as part of a Team GB Futures Camp to develop her judo. Jaydn Denly made his professional debut for Kent Cricket this summer and played for England Under 19 against Australia and he can be seen in his England kit on this page. He has just been selected for an England Under 19 trip to India. Edward English is off to Spain for a training camp for his boxing and our basketball and cricket teams will both be touring overseas in 2024.



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Term One has seen a return to a busy schedule of sport for the primary school. Curriculum swimming has restarted with one of our Year 6 classes attending Kingsmead Leisure Centre on Wednesday mornings. Additionally, Year 5 have been making good use of the amazing facilities on site at The Canterbury Academy by taking part in weekly tennis lessons at Appeti Tennis.

We are also delighted to offer our pupils a wide range of extra-curricular sport opportunities with nine different sports clubs ranging from archery to tag rugby, running and street dance!

Our sports teams have had great success in the events organised by the Canterbury Academy Sports Partnership with pupils completing in handball and tag rugby in addition to a team of students being trained as our new 'Sports Crew' enabling them to lead events for children at the primary.

With more competitions next term and both Bikeability and a visit to watch Charlton Athletic play in a League One football match already booked in, Term Two is also set to be another busy period of sport for The Canterbury Primary School!

CPS Rugby Tag Team



Miss Gemma Edwards
Miss Julia Tomlison
Mrs Zoe Poulter
Mr Chris Kidd



Sixth Form Netball Team



Academy Netball Team



Jaydn Denly

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!

'A Night at the (Christmas) Movies!' at The Canterbury Academy

Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th December 2023

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 7th November, in The Black Hole theatre from 3pm.

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

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.



A number of the JIPA students gave up their spare time to perform for our prospective new year seven students during open evening last week and we couldn't have been prouder for their talent and dedication. Thanks all!



To arrange a professional discussion and/or visit please contact: Sarah Watson
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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 21st 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 Musical Theatre Academy paid a visit to the 'Kit Kat Club' this term, to see the amazing 'Cabaret' in the West End. Students found it totally inspiring – what an amazing experience!



Musical Theatre and Dance Alumni Amy, Orla and Lily have been in this term leading workshops. It has been great to see ex-students returning to share their experiences and inspiring so many of them to follow their dreams!



Castings and Congratulations

Congratulations to Harrison, Molly, Isabelle and Cam on their casting! They will all be appearing in The Malthouse's 'Snow White' this Christmas. Grab some tickets and show your support!

Careers Fair for KS4 and KS5

The Careers Fair was a fantastic opportunity for our students to investigate possible career routes and research the necessary qualifications and subjects that can best support them achieve their aspirations.

We were very fortunate to have universities, local employers and apprenticeship providers volunteering their time to share their specialism and expertise with our students.

It is a crucial time and event for our Year 11 students as they think about their post 16 options and Year 10 students also had the opportunity to speak with the local employers about work experience opportunities. It was an amazing day with lots of engagement from all the students.



Social Sciences visit to the Law Courts

We took 30 Year 12 and 13 Psychology, Criminology and Law students to the Canterbury Law courts where the students were able to sit in the viewing gallery and witness a live court case. The clerks in the court rooms were able to speak to the students about the process of the courtroom and students were able to apply current learning into a real setting.



The Dog's Trust visits Canterbury Primary School

Children across the school have taken part in workshops led by visitors from 'The Dog's Trust.' The sessions were a great learning experience with pupils learning how to be safe around unfamiliar dogs and to look after their own pets better.



Amelix Entrepreneurship News

Four of the group contacted the American company KeyNest in order to open sites in the UK. There are very few KeyNests in Kent and so the students saw it as an easy way to make passive income. They negotiated with HatHats in order to use their sites on a profit share basis. The sites are now awaiting their first customers, and once they do, they will be on the way to making some profits. We wish them all the best of luck with these start up ideas.

For information about KeyNest see <https://keynest.com/>

Chessington Rewards Trip

On Tuesday 26th September, the top 50 pupils in years 8-11 in Bloom house enjoyed a hot sunny day at Chessington World of Adventures. Bloom house won the Trevor Hayes House Trophy last academic year, so were treated to this day in recognition of their contribution to their house's success.



Black History Month



**SALUTING
SISTERS**

October is Black History Month, which we're marking as a school. Pupils across the Academy voted to support Show Racism the Red Card throughout October for their Black History Month charity. The focus of this year has been Saluting Our Sisters, which sees a national effort to bring attention and recognition to the contributions of Black women throughout history. With this in mind, pupils have explored some familiar and unfamiliar individuals and also developed an understanding of racism and how to be an ally.

Rewards film screening

On Monday 16th October, 75 pupils were invited to attend a rewards film in the Black Hole Theatre. This was in recognition of them being nominated by their mentor as Mentee of the Term. Pupils received certificates to acknowledge them and got to choose the film they wanted to watch- the original Charlie & the Chocolate Factory, which they enjoyed whilst snacking on popcorn. Next term's event is already in the planning.



Christmas Market

We are very excited to invite interest from local sellers and small businesses in selling at our popular charitable Christmas Market. Last year's event raised more than £800 for charity and provided a great selling location for more than 45 small businesses to share their products and services, one month before Christmas.

A stall is a £15 donation to one of our nominated charities. To join us, email events@canterbury.kent.sch.uk for more information. Booking encouraged by 31st October.



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This term we have welcomed many families back to our Little Tadpoles and Turtles parent/carer and baby/toddler groups. The groups are well-attended by families who live in our local community, as well as further afield, including Sittingbourne and Aylesham. The success of the groups is certainly spreading and we thoroughly enjoy welcoming new families into our settings.

Our children at City View have also welcomed a new family of the rodent species; two gorgeous guinea-pigs called 'Pumpkin' and 'Pippin'. Our pets have certainly caused great excitement amongst the children who are so protective towards their new 'furry friends'. We have been amazed at how much care, attention, and empathy our children are showing towards their pets. There are certainly some future veterinarians amongst our preschool children!

Our Wincheap children have had their dancing shoes on and have been celebrating Black History Month, exploring African and Caribbean music and dancing. Each morning, the children come together and practice their dance moves to a range of traditional and modern 'African Caribbean' music. The children and practitioners are enjoying starting each day with the 'carnival vibe' which is a perfect start to every day.



LITTLE TADPOLES



Our Little Tadpoles group at City View will be on:

Every Wednesday
(Term time only)
9.00am-11.00am

We would love to see as many of you as possible and please invite any parents you may know.

