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News and Events Academic

Academic Awards Extravaganza

The most exciting experience for teachers is seeing students achieve and realise their potential or goal.

On Wednesday 8th November the Academic Awards Evening was such an occasion. Amidst the distinguished guests including the Lord Mayor, governors, sponsors, academic staff from our two partner universities and a video clip from Rosie Duffield, we celebrated 74 students across the Trust for their very significant academic progress, achievement and resilience. Awards were shared from all the departments.

One particularly important accolade was the Carpe Diem Awards for a select few. These awards were for pupils who had either managed a number of very difficult hurdles on their academic journey or had achieved phenomenal success. These were shared with students with outstanding GCSE and A level results despite continuous medical issues, students who are presently at some of the top universities in the world as well as Primary School and City and Coastal pupils who have risen to the challenges of pushing themselves to achieve.

Once again, the evening underlined the key part of our DNA at the school-celebration of all the talents.

STEM celebration and lots of frozen flowers

For years there has been a desire to increase the exposure in schools to STEM activities (Science, Technology, Engineering and Medicine), primarily because there is a lack of well-trained students in a number of STEM-related careers and professions.



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In week 4, our first STEM week this academic year, organised by the school's STEM leader, Mr Jacob, started to tap into enthusing our pupils in these STEM areas. Aided by the very generous and exciting science department from the University of Kent STEM week allowed over 200 pupils from the primary and secondary school to experience Liquid Nitrogen workshops and engage with electronics. It was very exciting to see pupils realise the importance of these subjects and be part of a number of stimulating experiments.



Desirable Destinations- reach for the stars

Each year we guide our students in the Sixth Form through the process of positive destinations. Within the Academic pillar we are sending hundreds of students off each year to very impressive higher education destinations. One of the favourable destinations is Cambridge University, still highly competitive and still ranked one of the best universities in the world.

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So, it is very noteworthy that this year we have 4 students applying to study at Cambridge next year. We are delighted with their high aspirations and their success to date. They are looking to study Sociology, Computing and Engineering.

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Reading captures the headlines- Franklin Scholars logo please

As you will know reading and the ability to communicate well is a priority for us all- in and outside of school. In particular, the school with the newly modelled library and a strong focus on literacy in lessons is making a big push to promote the love of reading.

We have just started our new Franklin Scholars Buddy programme to support this confidence in reading.

We have trained 16 Year 10s to work with Year 7s, to collaborate to improve their communication skills, confidence and reading ability.

This now takes place for one hour a week in the library. It is really exciting to see confidence and reading relationships developing across the ages.



Duke of Edinburgh builds on early success

One of my favourite jobs at the moment is to have the pleasure of verifying students' Duke of Edinburgh records. This is a very simple task but allows me to see the inspiring and impressive new skills, volunteering and physical tasks our students have been undertaking to achieve their Bronze award. This is on top of their amazing efforts in undertaking their expedition in July or September.

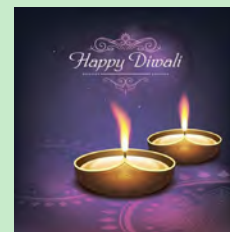


We are now enrolling the next 65 pupils who will be our next cohort for the award. If you have any questions about the Duke of Edinburgh, please do get in touch with me or our brilliant Coordinator Ms Phillips, lphillips@canterbury.kent.sch.uk, tfox@canterbury.kent.sch.uk

Primary School going for the super- curricular events

A number of exciting opportunities, as per usual, have been offered at the Primary School to engage and enrich the academic diet of the pupils. A quick overview of these are below:

- At the Academic Awards Evening 8 Primary School pupils were recognised for their progress, attainment and resilience.
- Year 5 pupils participated in the Liquid Nitrogen workshop during STEM week.
- As part of the school's multicultural programme a number of Diwali Festival events took place.
- Year 5 pupils participated in the AIM HIGH science programme hosted at Herne Bay School.



Term 3 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

Impressive Achievements Across Sport

Year 10 student, Aston Young, became a junior world kickboxing champion in mid-November. He beat Belgium's Achraf Boujadaini at the Hero of the Hall show in Chippenham earlier this month. His opponent was slightly heavier and had a height advantage which made the fight increasingly challenging for Aston. However, an aggressive strategy coupled with excellent technical execution, helped Aston dominate his opponent throughout the seven rounds.



After the final bell, the judging panel crowned Aston as the WRSA Junior World Champion.

Aston's success is obviously well deserved and demonstrates the importance of commitment and sacrifice. We look forward to seeing how he progresses in the next year or so. Aston is a member of Falcons Kickboxing Club in Margate.

Four of our students have recently been recognised for excelling in their sport outside of school. Three of our Sixth Form rugby players have been selected to play for counties this season. Isaac Divine is this year's 1XV Captain at The Canterbury Academy and he is a player who leads from the front, and is well respected by all his team mates and coaches alike. Isaac is a main stay in the Thanet Wanderers 1st Team Colts squad and always one of the first names on the team sheet. This year, Isaac has been selected for the Kent U18 squad in a much-contested position of back row and will be looking forward to the County season starting in December, with the potential of further honours at Divisional level.



Isaac Divine

Ollie Jordan-Smith is an inspirational fly half with excellent game management skills who can also play full back and centre when called upon. He was recruited for Ealing Trailfinders Academy last season whilst playing for The Canterbury Academy, and has played in all the Academy fixtures to date against South Africa Titans, CUBA and more recently Edinburgh Reivers, where they remain unbeaten. Selected for Middlesex on the back of his game against the Titans, Ollie started all Middlesex U17 games at Fly Half last season and was voted Man of the Match against Hampshire and Joint MoM against Devon. In his last year as a member of the Canterbury Colts 1XV, he is looking forward to the coming campaign with Middlesex U18's, where he also is looking for Divisional honours.



Finally, Lilly-inger Philpott represented Kent under 18 against Essex and performed exceptionally in a game where Kent fought back from 19-0 down to claim a 19-19 draw. Lily has worked tirelessly in our athletics academy where she receives support for her rugby through specialist strength and conditioning sessions.



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Year 9 student, Henry Broster, has been selected for Kent Schools Football Association under 14 team and played a key role in a 3-2 win against Hampshire in the national cup, which means Kent progress to the quarter finals. Henry was voted under 13's player of the year last season for Gillingham, and he is enjoying this season in the under 14's. Henry is part of our under 14 football side who advanced into the latter rounds of the county cup this season only to be beaten narrowly by Harvey Grammar School.



Middle school students, Emily Drake and Jasmine Davids took part in the North Foreland Junior U14 badminton doubles tournament at Ursuline College and played very well demonstrating fantastic resilience and determination during the competition. They finished the tournament as runners up, but they only lost to the winning pair by three points.

Millie Clewes competed in Great Yarmouth in the Winter Solos for artistic roller dance and achieved her first gold medal. Maya Stavi, also won gold at a British championships in her age and weight category in the sparring category with Matt Fiddes Martial arts.

Basketball and Netball Teams Hitting the Heights

Our Sixth Form basketball academy run in partnership with The Kent Crusaders have performed brilliantly this term and the team are progressing well in their final EABL campaign. Impressive wins against Barking Abbey and Copleston mean they are in a strong position heading into the New Year. Tim Oboh, Shem Onadeko, Max Bignell and Ludlow Henson have all performed strongly for the side. An exciting development will see us launch a programme specifically for girls next September. The Kent Crusaders will run a specialist Sixth Form Academy that will provide exceptional coaching, sport science support and regular competition.

Players interested should contact sport@canterbury.kent.sch.uk

Our netball team have progressed through to the last 16 of a national competition where they will play one of Bristol's leading private schools. The team has developed brilliantly and beaten many local schools this term. They have committed themselves fully to their training and it has been great to get a selection of our Key Stage 4 students involved in training as well.



Pupils from The Canterbury Primary School

have attended a range of events this term that have included speed stacking, infant agility, and basketball. They have also had the chance to go on the dry ski slopes in preparation for the forthcoming ski trip. Over 50 pupils also took part in a Bikeability training course. One big highlight was a visit from England footballer, Les Ferdinand. He delivered a virtual assembly to the pupils in November.



Onwards and Upwards for Jaydn Denly

Finally, year 13 student, Jaydn, has not only signed a professional contract with Kent Cricket but has also just been selected to represent England u19 in the World Cup in South Africa after Christmas. This is an exceptional achievement and everyone at The Canterbury Academy Trust wishes him well.



News and Events Excellence in Performing Arts

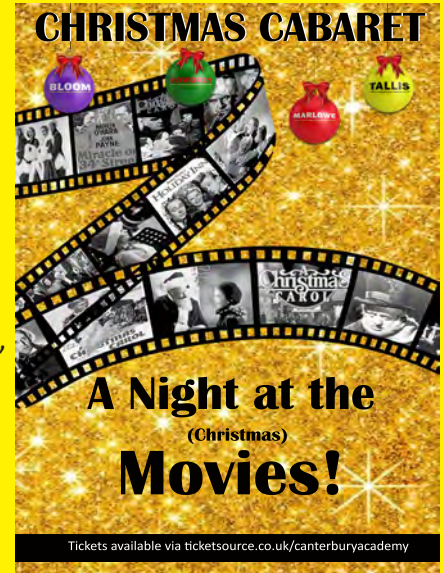
'A Night at the (Christmas!) Movies at The Canterbury Academy

Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th December 2023

What an absolute blast we had at our Movie themed Christmas 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! With an all-time record number of performers (including a very special cameo performance from our very own Mr Watson!)

We had silk performers, tap dancers, drummers, singers and everything in-between there was something for everyone!

Aged six to nineteen, 397 of our wonderful students took part and we had the most wonderful time together. Even Father Christmas made an appearance again!



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



To arrange a professional discussion and/or visit please contact: Sarah Watson
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Upcoming shows

Lord of the Flies at The Gulbenkian 30th January – 2nd February 2024 The Acting Academy are pleased to share their all-new interpretation of a classic with you!

A group of teenagers stranded on an uninhabited island and their disastrous attempts to govern themselves. Themes include the tension between groupthink and individuality, between rational and emotional reactions, and between morality and immorality. For audiences of 12+
Tickets on sale, now! www.thegulbenkian.co.uk

The Little Mermaid at The Black Hole Theatre, 7th-9th February 2024

Come and join the Musical Theatre Academy for an alternative under-the-sea experience in February!

Tickets are available now via www.ticketsource.co.uk/canterburyacademy



Frozen at The Gulbenkian!

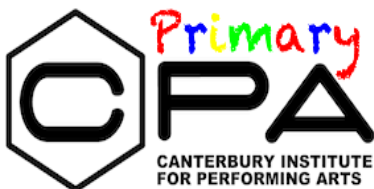
A story of true love and acceptance between sisters, Frozen JR. expands upon the emotional relationship and journey between Princesses Anna and Elsa. When faced with danger, the two discover their hidden potential and the powerful bond of sisterhood. With a cast of beloved characters and loaded with magic, adventure, and plenty of humour, Frozen JR. is sure to thaw even the coldest heart!

Catch our next Primary and Junior Institute of Performing Arts' performance from March 20th-22nd 2024 at The Gulbenkian Theatre. Tickets are live, now!

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 Folkestone and Cameron, Isabelle, Molly and Harrison at The Malthouse Theatre...
Get your tickets now... they'd love to see you there!

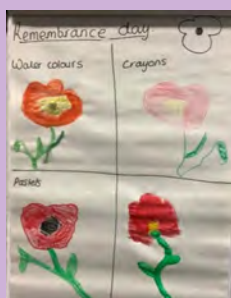


News and Events Practical Learning and Enterprise Education

Children in Need – The children designed Pudseys, went on a Pudsey hunt, played pin the smile on pudsey and joined in the dance a thon.



Remembrance Day 23 – the children in Donaldson Class used a variety of media to create their poppy display after learning about the day itself and its importance.



Year 1 and 2 Infant agility – The children went with Mr Platts and Miss Gaynor to the Academy to take part in the infant agility event. They participated in a number of events including jumping and throwing.



Anti bullying workshop – Years 1 and 2 had the opportunity to visit the Black hole at the Academy where we were treated to an amazing Anti Bullying performance from the year 12 students. The workshop was informative, creative and enlightening. The children enjoyed the overall message and crowd participation.



Canterbury Primary School Arts

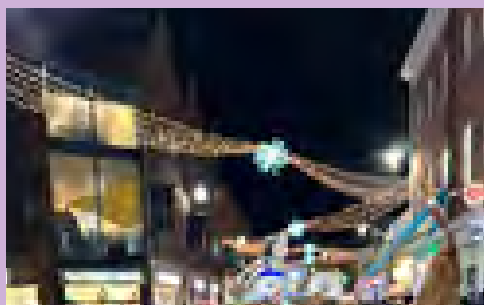
On Friday 10th November a selection of Canterbury Primary school pupils took part in the Canterbury Christmas Light Parade. The children selected were chosen because of their efforts and dedication to Art and Design, Design and Technology and Performing Arts. They attended a workshop where they made hats, tabards and wands linked to this year's Marlowe Theatre Pantomime - Aladdin.

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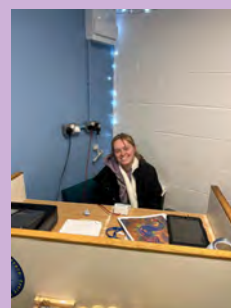
We arrived at Tower House, put on our costumes and paraded through the streets of Canterbury finishing in the Dane John Gardens where we listened to music and saw the cast of the pantomime. It was a truly amazing experience for all the children who represented the school impeccably.

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Amelix Success and Collaboration in the Community

The Shedloads shop at Whitstable Harbour is a unique partnership between Amelix Education, Canterbury City Council, The Canterbury Academy Trust and St Nicholas School to provide an opportunity for students and pupils to get invaluable work experience in all aspects of running a shop- stock taking and ordering, customer service, retail display and money management, including working the till. The main business of the shop is to sell environmentally sustainable products including refillable detergents and beauty products. There will also be “guest products” of jewellery, organic vegetable boxes, sweets and craft items made by St Nic’s pupils. One of our current Sixth Form students is attending for work experience as part of this collaboration.



Amphenol Trip

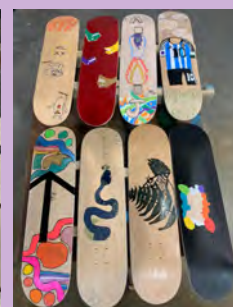
Our Year 13 Engineering students visited a local company, Amphenol, as part of their work experience course work. Students heard about the aeronautical, military, motorsport and F1 engineering work Amphenol are involved with and toured the workshops. In January some of our students will join Amphenol for work experience placements.



Skateboarding-Pillars fun

In Pillars the students as part of their sessions have been working on deck making and have been working on skills to build confidence within skateboarding and learning new tricks and how decks are made. Students have pressed their own skateboards and completed their own artwork.

There will be an upcoming Christmas activity for students to sign up and create their own designs with our very own Skateboard GB qualified Mr Wall.



Children in Need

We held a week of bake sales, tuck shops and had Pudsey merchandise on sale, as well as holding a non-uniform day at the Academy and the Primary. Pupils at the Academy also learnt about what the charity does during their core lessons.



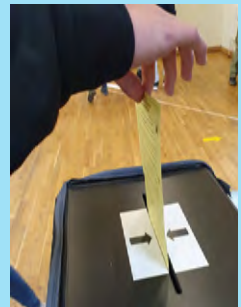
Canterbury Primary School raised **£750** while at the Academy **£1773** was raised. The grand total was **£2523.27**

Remembrance Ceremony

On the Friday closest to Armistice Day, we held a short ceremony in the school grounds, where representatives from our primary and Academy read poems, created artwork and observed moments of silence. Across the Academy, pupils learned about the role of animals in conflict and observed silences in classrooms.

KYCC elections

With thanks to Canterbury City Council who loaned us a ballot booth and ballot box, we were able to hold formal voting for the Kent Youth County Council elections. Pupils from years 7-11 assessed candidates and their policies and went through the formal act of voting.



International Men's Day

We marked International Men's Day with content in assembly, our newsletter and a Smart School Council vote on what men's issue society should prioritise.

Christmas Market

We held our second annual charitable Christmas Market on 24th November. We welcomed more than 50 local sellers, makers and businesses. They were entertained with live Christmas music by performers from years 7-13.



The event was a lovely festive start to the Christmas season, raising money for Catching Lives, our local charity and World Land Trust, our international charity. We raised:

£766.18 for Catching Lives and **£319.68** for World Land Trust. To get involved next year, email events@canterbury.kent.sch.uk

Christmas rewards film

100 pupils from across years 8-11 watched a Christmas film as a reward for being the top 25 achievement points earners. They enjoyed popcorn and an afternoon of festive entertainment.

Rewards breakfasts

Pupils across years 7-11 attended a rewards breakfast in the last weeks of term. Mentors nominated two pupils from each group to attend in recognition of their personal progress, attitudes or achievements.

Christmas parties

Pupils in years 7-11 had Christmas parties in their core lessons during the last full week of term. With Supermarket Sweep and Do You Want to Build a Snowman?, they competed in teams against each other and enjoyed festive treats at the end!



Seasons greetings from City View and Wincheap. We have been as busy as elves this term ahead of the Christmas events that are fast approaching. We have been eagerly awaiting the festive period and our Caterpillar children have been very creative exploring lots of festive colours such as silver and gold. The colour theme has been the focus throughout this term celebrating fireworks night and red for Remembrance Day.

Our babies have been exploring leaves and pine cones and spending time wrapped up warm in the garden whereas next door, in the ladybird room, our two-year-olds have enjoyed a festive trip into Canterbury town centre. On this trip they took part in the shop window train trail and received a special treat of hot chocolate! All our two-year-olds had such fun decorating their Christmas tree and making their room sparkle and shine. Our bigger elves in the butterfly and bumblebee room have been exploring risky play and discovering different ways to move their bodies and improve their balancing skills - great preparation for the dancing we will do at our Christmas parties!

This term the children have thoroughly enjoyed learning about traditional tales and celebrating nursery rhyme week. We would like to thank our parents for their phenomenal efforts with creating some amazing experiences with their together time at home. We really value our parental involvement and love to see the positive impact that these fun activities have on our children's passion for learning. Celebrations across the world have been the feature of our Wincheap setting with the children embracing Diwali the festival of light. In keeping with the season to be jolly, the children have been excited whilst practicing their songs for their forthcoming nativity performances that they will showcase to their parents. We are sure our stars will shine throughout their performance and there will not be a dry eye in the house.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish you a season full of light and laughter for you and your families.

