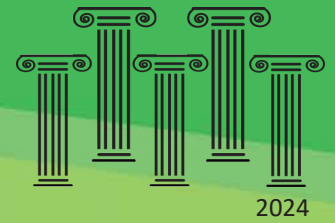


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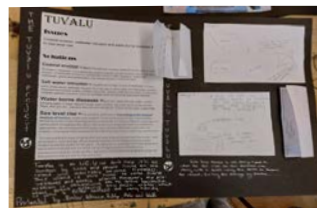
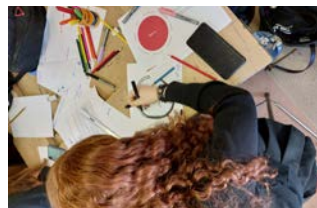
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News and Events Academic

Enrichment with the Victoria and Albert Museum

As part of the Trust's ongoing commitment to new academic experiences and relating knowledge to practical problems a cohort of Year 9 pupils undertook a fantastic opportunity to improve our own environment. For half a day, under the assured organisation of Mrs Scollon, Year 9 pupils entered the prestigious Victoria and Albert Museum's competition to design solutions for local environmental and design problems.

A brilliant array of solutions have now been submitted to the museum. These range from making school buildings more sustainable and eco-friendly shelters for the local habitat. We look forward to seeing the results and are delighted that once again our pupils have had a great opportunity to engage with demanding problems as part of their extended curriculum. A big thank you to Mrs Scollon and the Design and Engineering department.



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STEM reaches out to young and old

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.



Building on the success of Term 2 activities involving over 400 pupils across the Trust this term has seen a number of Sixth Form IT students participate in a visit to Canterbury Christ Church University.

13 Sixth Form students visited CCCU, Canterbury to take part in the Aspiration Digital Careers Fair, alongside students from schools across Kent.

The conference was organised by a local marketing agency Reflect Digital to inspire young people in careers involving all forms of digital media. Speakers at the event included:

- Young marketing professionals from major PLCs, including Unilever
- Students sharing their tips on gaining work experience and internships and using LinkedIn as CV
- Kent County Council's Digital Kent team on reducing the 'digital divide'

Once again this will be such a valuable opportunity for our pupils to widen their knowledge of potential career opportunities and learn about how to develop their own skills set.

On top of this we are delighted to kick off the STEM plan to start a robotics programme in the school.

Year 7 and 8 students in Computer Science pillars became the first to make use of 15 new programmable robots.

Mrs Henry is on a mission to develop the use of robotics in the classroom. These cute little devices can be used to teach a range of computing, maths and problem solving skills. The system, based on the BBC Microbit computer, is expandable and can be developed for use across KS3 and KS4.

From the enthusiasm we have seen, we don't think it will be long before we have a waiting list to use them outside of the classroom either!

Watch this space!



Duke of Edinburgh builds on early success

Duke of Edinburgh builds on early success- 100 sign up and now a silver lining.

Our fabulous Duke of Edinburgh Award programme is now just over 15 months old and we are going from strength to strength. Having seen our first cohort of Bronze awards graduate with a celebratory lunch, certificates and badges handed out by Mr Watson, we are now enrolling the next 65 pupils who will be our next cohort for the award.

At the same time, to allow students to build their Duke of Edinburgh portfolio further Mrs Phillips will be meeting the first 20 Silver award applicants.

We are very excited that we have now reached the 100 mark of pupils who have finished their first award, some about to finish and some about to engage with the next stage. If you have any questions about the Duke of Edinburgh Award, please do get in touch with me or our brilliant Coordinator Ms Phillips, lphillips@canterbury.kent.sch.uk, tfox@canterbury.kent.sch.uk

Library hits record loan

Our new updated and refurbished library has been operational for the last 3 months.

We wanted to remind you as parents and families about the amazing success it has already had. We have just hit the 1000 book record, that is 1000 books borrowed since this September. Who said young people do not read any more amazingly, 3 pupils have each borrowed 20 books!

So, a few more amazing headlines that underline what a great asset the library is now to all our students:

- The library now welcomes over 50 pupils every lunchtime (two lunch times a day)
- There is a regular film club
- Revision for any students and lots of Year 11s takes place after 3pm
- Regular clubs and competitions take place based on themes or events- recently Christmas-related writing competitions
- Click and collect – a great idea from Mrs Kingsland to allow pupils to order and then just collect their requested item
- Amazing website that has departmental sections, advice and updates on great new reads
- Lunchtime talks take place with invited guests

A massive well done to our amazing Librarian- Mrs Kingsland and her army of librarians.



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Moving up and to University

As I communicate to you we are about to see the closing of another year of the UCAS application process. Once again, we are delighted with the uptake from our Year 13 students. We have an expectation that over 170 students will be waiting in February for offers from universities all over the country, having completed their applications. Again, we see a massive variety in the subjects and degrees that our students are hoping to start this October. Similarly, we have students applying to over 70 different higher educational institutions.

So, what a way to complete one's 7 year educational journey. In particular, we want to thank Mrs Kendrick White for all her support and guidance, which she is always prepared to give.

Update- no time to stand still, so in February both our Year 10s and Year 12s will be visiting our partner college at Cambridge University, Queen's College, to begin their planning for potential university destinations.



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- book writing workshops with Years 7 and 8
- 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
- Queen's College, Cambridge trips for Years 10 and 12

Record Number of Students Recognised in Annual Sports Awards

Year 13 student, Chloe Link, was crowned as The Canterbury Academy Sports Personality of The Year for 2022-23 in our annual Sports Awards. Chloe has performed exceptionally well in judo and her quality has been rewarded with places in England and Great Britain judo squads. Her coach feels that she has a great chance of being selected for The Olympic Games in the near future. The guests and prize winners were treated to an insightful presentation by world class boxing coach, Shane McGuigan. Shane was expertly interviewed by Dave Fulton, from Sky Sports. Students from across The Canterbury Academy Trust were represented across the different categories and a whole range of sports were also recognised including athletics, kickboxing, triathlon, bowls, cricket, netball, arctic ski expeditions and football. The calibre of student being nominated for prizes included several that have already represented their country.



Enjoyable Opportunities at Sports Partnership Inclusive Extravaganza

The Canterbury Academy Sports Partnership hosted an exciting series of workshops for primary schools this term that were designed to provide opportunities for new pupils to come and take part in different sports. We provided seated volleyball, boccia, Kinball, badminton, rugby, Table Cricket, Goalball. 14 primary schools attended the event and one member of staff from a local school commented, "Thank you so much. These children never get to come out to an event like this. They are usually very shy but have been so confident and had the best of times." Our sports partnership offers a range of services to primary schools and if you require more information, please contact Gemma Edwards on gedwards@canterbury.kent.sch.uk



Canterbury Rugby Club and The Canterbury Academy Join Forces

In an exciting initiative, a number of our younger students are benefitting from specialist coaching from Canterbury Rugby Club Academy Director, Nathan Morris. Nathan has been working closely with some year 8 and 9 players to hone their skills in junior academy sessions and the players are also benefitting from specialist strength and conditioning sessions. In other rugby news, year 9 student, Lola Sanderson, has just been selected for an England Touch Rugby squad.



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Impressive National Cup Run for Sixth Form Netball

Congratulations to our fabulous netball team who travelled down to Bristol at the start of term to play a national cup quarter-final against one of the country's strongest netball schools, Redmaids. Despite a very strong start from their opponents, our girls remained in the battle until late on and lost out 37-23 but their season has been a real success and early indications suggest a larger squad next year. For more information on our Sixth Form Sport academies, please contact sport@canterbury.kent.sch.uk

Hockey On The Up At The Canterbury Academy

Our joint partnership with The Langton School has seen us combine forces and run several advanced sport academy style programmes in basketball, cricket, rugby and now hockey. The East Kent Hockey Academy provides specialist hockey coaching for committed hockey players from both schools and recently, and increasing number of students from The Canterbury Academy have begun to excel in the sport. Year 13 student, Georgia Binfield, competed in DICE CUP for The England Blue XI and is a member of the England Hockey Talent Academy. She made her Canterbury 1st XI debut in the indoor competition this winter. Year 12 student, AJ Vignaux, plays regularly at Folkestone and has been selected for Kent's under 18 development squad. Lower down the school, Freya Padfield, continues to impress for Ashford Hockey Club by competing at first team level on a regular basis. Students keen on finding out more about our hockey partnership should contact sport@canterbury.kent.sch.uk



North America and Canada Trip for Kent Crusaders Basketball Academy

Our senior basketball players had an incredible trip to New Jersey and Ottawa to kick off 2024 in real style. The team, coaches and support staff spent just over two weeks training, playing and visiting exceptional basketball organisations including Carleton, Blair Academy and Rutgers. Having the chance to get a feel for how these outstanding institutions go about their day-to-day business was fantastic for our students and in particular, those that could go on to secure scholarships overseas. The players then returned to defeat Itchen in their first EABL game of 2024 which cemented their hold on a national play off place.



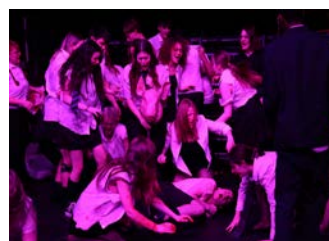
News and Events Excellence in Performing Arts

What a busy term we have had! We have performed two amazing shows for sold out audiences at both The Gulbenkian Theatre and our own Black Hole Theatre!

'Lord of the Flies' at The Gulbenkian Theatre, 31st January – 2nd February

'Lord of the Flies' tells the story of a group of children and teenagers who find themselves alone on a deserted island. They develop rules and a system of organisation, but without any adults to serve as a civilising impulse, the children eventually become violent and brutal. In the context of the play, the tale of their descent into chaos suggests that human nature is fundamentally savage.

The Acting Academy, across three evenings, with the assistance of some of our wonderful younger JIPA performers performed with maturity and sophistication. We are incredibly proud of you all!



Auditions and Castings

Good luck to Hagen and Harry who have auditioned for the next big British boyband this week... you've got this!

'The Little Mermaid' at The Black Hole Theatre, 7th – 9th February

Congratulations to The Musical Theatre Academy on their amazing performances of 'Disney's The Little Mermaid' this week. The show was a huge success - playing to sold out, enthusiastic audiences. Thank you to all the Production Arts students and teachers for all their hard work backstage. bringing the technical elements to life and creating the many wonderful props and puppets. The students on stage gave wonderful performances, with full-out energy and a real commitment to the piece. Thank you to everyone who came along to support this mer-mazing production!



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Experiences and Workshops

The cast of Lord of the Flies were treated to an intense stage combat workshop, delivered by Acting alumni Jake Barton. Jake studied at East 15 and now has a successful career in the industry as a stage combat performer. Thanks so much Jake!



Our Dance Academy had an amazing opportunity to take part in a workshop with Ryan Jenkins (of Dance Moms and SYTYCD fame!) Ryan offered extensive technical advice and shared some invaluable audition tips and tricks with the students. A fabulous opportunity for all involved!

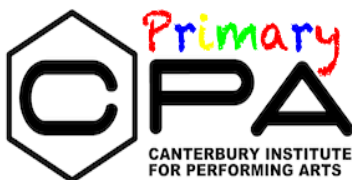
We were lucky enough to host the prestigious Matthew Bourne's New Adventures Company who delivered workshops to our dance students across all key stages.



The students participated in a creative workshop as well as learning some of the actual choreography from Edward Scissorhands! Some of these lucky students were then able to watch the choreography live at the Marlowe Theatre the following week.



SIPA Success! Our brand-new Senior Institute of Performing Arts had their first performance at The Stag Theatre in Sevenoaks this term and did us all very proud! Please come along to The Malthouse Theatre on 26th March to support them competing in the Kent School's Challenge!



News and Events Practical Learning and Enterprise Education

Year 9 Design and Technology Competition

A group of year 9 students took part in the V&A Innovate challenge, where they chose to come up with creative solutions for the theme of 'Restore'. They developed their team working skills while finding solutions to real world problems, considering the needs of the local community and communities further afield. One team focussed on the flooding issues in Tuvalu, another considered how the old Nason's department store could be used for the community. They also looked at local play parks. They will be entered into the competition; we look forward to the results.



Graphic Design Workshop

Our Year 12 graphic design students visited Christ Church University to participate in a comic book workshop. They had a tour of the campus, listened to a comic book history lecture and then designed their own characters for their own projects in school. Students enjoyed the day and are now looking into this for their university choices.



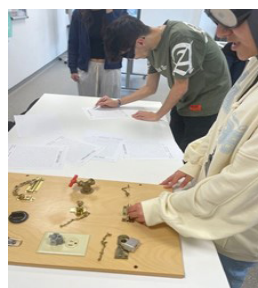
Mock Interviews for Year 10

Our Year 10 students this term are having a mock interview to help prepare them for their upcoming work experience and give them the opportunity to experience an interview. The students are being interviewed by our Sixth Form leadership team and our Year 12 travel and tourism students. There have been some great interviews and students are demonstrating some excellent interview skills.



Health and Social Workshop

The health and social students visited the simulation suite in the medical ward as part of an opportunity at Christ Church University. They were able to participate in activities such as CPR and have a tour of the campus. The students had a great workshop and afternoon.



Skateboarding Workshop

During the Christmas break the school worked with the Youth team to provide a skateboarding workshop. Young people embraced the opportunity to create their own skateboards and learn how to skateboard safely, all under the schools very own Skateboard GB coach, Mr Wall. Each participant got to take home their very own custom design skateboard, and all loved the experience.



Pantomime rewards trip

Right at the start of term, 100 of our year 7 pupils were treated to an afternoon at the Marlowe Theatre pantomime, *Aladdin*. The top pupils for achievement points were invited and enjoyed great seats in the stalls. Two pupils and one teacher were also invited on to the stage to meet Mr Maker and perform some surprisingly good animal sounds.



Dear Everyone

Support for Canterbury Food Bank

I write, belatedly, to thank you so much for your support and for the wonderful Reverse Advent donations.

Your generosity is so very much appreciated, particularly at a time when we are having to buy more and more stock to keep the shelves topped up enough for our parcels. Donations like yours mean that we can eke out our stocks for that little bit longer, so provide food to more families in the district.

We are sending out an average of 275 parcels a week these days, so every donation is really valuable to us.

We hope you enjoyed doing the Reverse Advent and thank you for your help in this. Our warehouse teams were kept busy sorting it all out, and it has been sent out in parcels during January.

Thank you for your support which makes it possible for us to continue to help those less fortunate.

Food Bank donations

We received a kind letter thanking the Academy for the donations given to the Food Bank before Christmas. It's lovely to be able to help our local community.



Holocaust Memorial Day

We marked Holocaust Memorial Day during the week of 27th January, with assemblies for years 7 and 8.



Children's Mental Health Week

w/c 5th-11th February was Place2Be's Children's Mental Health Week. Pupils explored this theme within core lessons during the week and watched a specially created film by Roman Kemp on the topic.



We host Place2Be at the Academy and children can self-refer in to the Place2Talk scheme where they can talk to Regina about anything they're worried about. If it's necessary, they can also be referred into a longer counselling programme. QR codes are available on posters across the school, from support managers and here.

Communities Week

We are starting to plan for this year's Communities Week in July and would love to hear from local groups, charities and causes we could support when we give back to others.





This term at City View,

our Caterpillars have been exploring textures and enjoying sensory play using a vast range of ingredients and materials. These include cotton wool, peas, sweetcorn, porridge and ice cubes. The practitioners have chosen various consistencies, textures, smells and colours that will stimulate the children's senses. Next door, our Ladybirds have been focusing on communication. The children have especially enjoyed playing together in the role play area! They are confidently sharing words and phrases alongside developing their imagination and further building on friendships. In our Pre-school we have been learning about 'People who help us.' We were lucky enough to have a visit from Canterbury Fire Brigade where preschool explored the fire engine, tried on uniform and equipment and asked the fire officers some of their questions. We have also been focusing on rhyming and blending in our phonics sessions and learning some new nursery rhymes that have linked in with 'People who help us.'



At our Wincheap setting, the children have also been learning about 'People who help us' as a part of their phase one phonics learning. We have talked about firefighters, police, doctors, dentists and teachers. The children particularly enjoyed the 'Frankie the Firefighter' story. They listened to the story and then added in their own sounds for specific elements of the story for example the siren goes 'nee-naw,' the coat zip goes 'zzzzip,' the dog goes 'woof, woof!' They also enjoyed making up sounds for a song about firefighters as part of their 'Together at Home Time' learning. The children came up with some really interesting sound ideas, developing their use of body percussion. We did similar activities whilst learning about the police and even turned an area of the room into a police station. After this we learned about doctors and dentists. The children were given appointment sheets which they were able to mark make with, they used a stethoscope and practised bandaging. They also had toothbrushes and some large sets of teeth to brush. We linked this to the singing of songs such as 'This is the way we brush our teeth,' again introducing oral sounds. We ended the week with a first game at the dentist listening for the first letter sound of their name to be the next dental patient! The children have been fully engaged with these activities, joining in, having fun, and developing their phonics skills.

