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# The Canterbury Academy Trust

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## Queen's Gambit please!

I am delighted to report that chess fever is now spreading throughout the Trust, so much so that this March we have been invited to the school's first chess competition. Hosted at the Simon Langton Grammar School for Boys, we sent a team consisting of Year 7s and Year 8s.

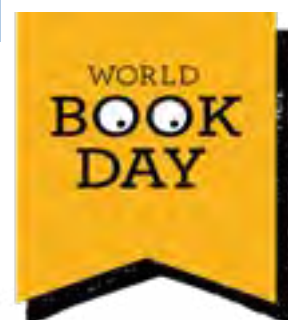


At the same time, we have a chess club running up at the Primary school, led by one of our Year 9s, and also a regular chess club now at the Youth Club. We will soon be launching a new club to be run in the library.

We are pleased with the obvious enthusiasm for the game and look forward to many more starting up this great hobby. If your child is interested in chess, please do send them to me. Also look out for the chess club notices.

## World Book Day ignites the Canterbury Readers

As per usual this academic year the library took on the challenge of offering the pupils a special experience for World book Day.



As Mrs Kingsland rightly states, it was a grand performance:

'We had a successful World Book Day week in the library with lots of activities, such as decorating potatoes as literary characters, creating bookmarks, converting books to graphic novels and other lunchtime activities which saw over 200 students participating. Students from the primary school also had a session in the library to mark World Book Day and joined in with activities led by our student librarians.'



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## Cambridge and Oxford are all the fashion

In the last few weeks, we have had an abundance of student interest and activity in the outreach opportunities that are offered by both our parent colleges at the universities of Oxford and Cambridge.

Below is a list of different activities that the pupils across the school have been involved in:

- Year 10 application for a scholarship to support their GCSEs at St Hugh's College, Oxford
- A number of Year 11s will spend a week at Easter in halls at St Hugh's College, revising and fine tuning their understanding of difficult topics as well as life at the University of Oxford
- 15 Year 12s enjoyed a bespoke open day at Queen's College, Cambridge. This introduced them to university life and what it might mean to apply to Cambridge University
- 15 Year 10s applied to join a bespoke Year 10 day at Queen's College, Cambridge. They spent a fantastic day learning about what you need to do at GCSE level to go on to top universities
- The Cambridge Roadshow visited the school. Over lunch, Year 11s and 12s had a Q and A session with undergraduates from Queen's College.



## The 2017 Year embrace UCAS

As I communicated with you earlier in the year, we are always looking to broaden horizons for all of our students. An integral part of the Sixth Form experience is to find the right pathway after Year 13. With this in mind, we are delighted with the number of applications and diverse offers that we have for UCAS and higher education. We made 180 applications and received a fantastic array of offers from universities all over the country. 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.

Below are just a sample of some of the amazing courses and destinations students:

- Durham for Sociology
- Illustration at Brighton
- Acting at Central
- Manchester Met for Business Psychology
- Archaeology at Kent and Christ Church
- Nursing (mental health) at Southampton
- York for Children, Young People and Society
- Brighton for English Language
- Coventry for Motor Sport Engineering
- Newcastle for Marine Biology
- Cardiff for English Literature
- Cardiff for Geography, Sustainable Development and Climate Change
- UCFB for Football Business Media
- Five students to Christ Church for Primary Education
- Three students to Christ Church for Music Tech/Production courses
- Reading for AR to study Politics and International Relations



## Primary school welcome exciting visitors

As part of the Primary School's internationalism a group of Japanese student teachers from Chaucer College, Canterbury, Kent University visited The Canterbury Primary School to observe teaching and lead workshops for pupils in Years 3 and 4. The children took part in origami and calligraphy activities and even learnt some Japanese phrases from our visitors! All pupils had a wonderful cultural experience and we look forward to inviting more visitors in from the college in the future.

Ben Hawkins, Deputy Head, was delighted and commented 'It was great to see the interchange of skills and experiences for us and our Japanese visitors.'



**We have a number of events and activities to take place in Term 4 that will be reported on next term.**

**Here is an overview:**

### **Term 4 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

## Football News

Congratulations to The Canterbury Primary School football team who remained unbeaten all season and clinched the double by winning the district league and cup. An under 15 girls' side from The Canterbury Academy won a game 9-0 against Archbishops this term. Our under 13 girls' team won a game against Barton Manor 8-1.



Year 9 student, Mia Dixon, continues to impress and having cemented her academy contract with Arsenal, has now been selected to train with England under 15 at a national development camp at Loughborough University.

Our Sixth Form football programme will be rebranded as The East Kent Football Academy as we seek to build on our successful partnership with The Langton. Our senior basketball, cricket, hockey, and rugby academies provide professional training and competitive opportunities for students at both schools and in an exciting development, we hope to welcome our first cohort of girls into the new Sixth Form academy or September 2024. Our first trial took place on March 21<sup>st</sup> and look out for more opportunities to get involved later this academic year. Again, anyone interested in the programme should contact [sport@canterbury.kent.sch.uk](mailto:sport@canterbury.kent.sch.uk)

## Junior Rugby Continues to Shine

The Canterbury Academy provided plenty of rugby opportunities this term. Specialist coaching has been provided to a select group of players by Canterbury Rugby Club and a whole host of players have represented the school in the district festivals run this term. Our year 7 team went unbeaten in one tournament and each year group had success in different festivals. Year 7, 8, 9 and



10 have all entered two development tournaments each, held by our colleagues at Queen Elizabeth's Grammar School (QES) which have been superbly attended by schools across the district. We would like to extend our thanks to Pete French at QES for the hard work that went into hosting these festivals.



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## Mixed Fortunes in Kent Crusaders Basketball Campaigns

Our Sixth Form basketball team finished third in the EABL Southern Conference meaning they had to travel to the North-West to play Myerscough College in the national quarter-finals. The team lost out 72-68 in a nail-biting game that became very close. Head Coach, Adam Davies commented on the performance. "I am super proud of the players, staff, and programme for what we have achieved. To be in the top eight nationally is only accomplished through commitment and hard work. We also couldn't do it without the support of the teachers and school."



Lower down the school, the basketball talent pathway appears to remain promising. Our under 16 and under 14 school teams have both advanced into the latter rounds of county competitions. The under 14 team beat Rainham Mark 72-38 to advance to the semi-finals and will play Langley Park. The under 16 team beat a very good Maidstone Grammar team in a close quarter-final that ended 84-82 and then defeated Gravesend Grammar 79-68 in the semi-final.

The Kent Crusaders will be launching a girls' basketball academy in our Sixth Form for September 2024 and players interested in this exciting opportunity should contact [sport@canterbury.kent.sch.uk](mailto:sport@canterbury.kent.sch.uk)



## Sports Partnership Initiatives



Yet again, it has been an incredibly busy and productive term for all of our primary schools who sign up to be part of The Canterbury Academy Sports Partnership. We ran a district cross-country event at Chartham Primary School which was very successful. We hosted a cricket Rapid Fire event at The Canterbury Academy where local primary schools took part in some developmental cricket activities run by Kent Cricket's community team.

We have also provided specialist support to some local primary schools by upskilling their staff with sport based strategies to help pupils with varying sensory requirements. We also ran basketball and cricket workshops for primary pupils after school as part of our Making Winners initiative.

## Netball Continues to Flourish

The success of our new Sixth Form netball academy has inspired our students lower down the school to get more involved and an under 13 team performed impressively in a district festival at Queen Elizabeth's School this term. The girls came fifth overall and improved as the tournament progressed.

Our Sixth Form team have beaten St Edmunds, Chatham and Clarendon relatively comfortably this term. They also played in a Kings School invitational tournament comprising of Cranbrook, Benenden, Kings School, Beech Grove, and Sevenoaks.

The standard of netball was incredible. The girls came joint third with Cranbrook and Sevenoaks being placed above them.



# News and Events Excellence in Performing Arts

What a term! Although, short we have managed to squeeze in SO much in performing arts this month!

## 'Choscars' at The Canterbury Academy, 7<sup>th</sup> March

Our favourite time of year in the performing arts department – CHOSCARS! Our awards night is the most joyous way to celebrate all of our amazing performing arts students. We were incredibly proud to welcome back our guest speaker, Louis Sparks to school. Louis was a student at the Academy for many years and is now enjoying a successful career as an actor. Catch him in 'Masters of the Air' right now!

We awarded over thirty trophies over the evening and enjoyed some outstanding student performances too. The dress code was 'Hollywood' and nobody disappointed!!



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## 'Frozen' at The Gulbenkian Theatre 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup> March

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!

We filled the Gulbenkian Theatre with pure joy last week! With our biggest JIPA cast to date; with four performances and three separate full casts! Add the amazing Canterbury Primary School PIPA students and it was pure magic! We sold out every single performance and every single student on that stage SHONE! We really hope that you managed to catch it and enjoyed it as much as we did!



**INFORMATION MEETING**  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March at 3pm, Black Hole Theatre

**AUDITIONS**  
Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 3pm, Black Hole Theatre



16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> July @The Gulbenkian Theatre

## 'Shrek' at The Gulbenkian Theatre 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> July

Our next whole-school production will be 'Shrek' at The Gulbenkian Theatre from 16<sup>th</sup>-18<sup>th</sup> July this year. Auditions are the first Tuesday back after Easter and we hope even more students join us for the fun!





## 'The Little Mermaid' at The Black Hole Theatre

Congratulations to The Musical Theatre Academy on their amazing performances of 'Disney's The Little Mermaid' on the last week of last term. The show was a huge success - playing to sold out, enthusiastic audiences. The pictures show just how amazing it really was!



## Dance Success!

Congratulations to all our students who have participated in the festival season with their dance schools. Well done to Lily, Kacie, Romy and Tegan who all placed in their categories at the Thanet Dance Festival and a special congratulations to Romy who was awarded a prestigious Toni Elizabeth Trophy!

## Elites at U.Dance

This term Cascade Elite dancers; Ellen, Elouise, Grace, Romy, Scarlet, Tabitha and Molly danced at the U.Dance & Community Showcase 2024 as part of the Medway Arts Festival. The dancers spent the day working with Loop Dance Company, were filmed for ITV News and performed beautifully in the showcase. Well done Elites!

## Chernobyl @ The Gulbenkian Theatre, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May 2pm and 7pm

The Dance Academy make their debut Gulbenkian Theatre performance with 'Chernobyl' on 15<sup>th</sup> May! Inspired by the events of the 1986 nuclear power plant disaster, this all-dance production explores the themes and stories of the workers and families affected by the tragic incident. Please join us for an innovative and thought-provoking performance that brings life to the stories behind the headlines.



## Sixth Form Music Academy band Akadem



Sixth Form Music Academy band Akadem played in heat four of the 'Sound Clash' competition at Olby's in Margate.

They won the wild card spot straight into the semi-finals!

The competition rules were original material only, and the band had to write 5 songs in order to enter. The semi-finals are on the 12<sup>th</sup> of April, at Olby's.

Congratulations Akadem!

## Sixth Form Food Tasting

Some of our Sixth Form students, studying food, prepared and cooked a two-course meal. This was to a very high standard and the food was delicious. Meals included roasted duck, tikka masala, and some lovely desserts like tiramisu. They were excellent chefs for the day, and the staff thoroughly enjoyed the food tasting.



## Young Cooks Competition 2024 – Finalist and Winner

Sydney in Year 9 entered the Young Cooks competition. Sydney cooked a lovely chilli beef with udon noodles which secured her place in the final on the 14<sup>th</sup> of March. She then prepared and cooked her dish for the judges in a timed competition and was judged to be the overall secondary category winner. Sydney will have a whole day's work experience at The Dog at Wingham, cooking at a showcase lunch for specially invited VIP guests as well as an amazing prize of £500. We are all so very proud of Sydney. Well done.



## Travel and Tourism Marketing Workshop



Our Travel and Tourism students participated in an exciting workshop at Canterbury Christ Church University looking at destinations and ways to look at offering new services and products into existing markets; they also had a tour of the campus and got a look at university life.

## Hair and Beauty Assessments

Our year 11 students have completed their 1920s theme Hair and Beauty assessments. This year the clients were family members such as mums, aunts and nans. It was lovely to see so many members of our community in the salons looking amazing and enjoying being pampered. Well done to all the students.





## Careers Fair for KS3

As part of National Careers week, we held our KS3 Careers Fair. We were joined by some local businesses such as OSG Architects, Lloyds Bank, Edward Vinson, Amphenol, The Gulbenkian Theatre, the Army and the Border Force. Also, there were university, education and apprenticeship providers such as Canterbury College Apprenticeship Team, the DWP to speak about college courses, Brighton Medical School, Hertfordshire University, UCA and Kent and Christ Church Universities. Various school departments attended to give Year 8 students the opportunity to start researching their Year 9 subject preferences.

Students were engaged and asked lots of questions and there was a spaghetti tower competition run by OSG Architects to see who could build the strongest tower.







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## LGBTQ+ History Month

February was LGBTQ+ History Month in the UK, which we marked at the Academy by learning about some individuals from the LGBTQ+ community who contributed to society in ways we might not have heard about before. We also reflected on the laws, prejudice and discrimination which have affected the LGBTQ+ community in the past and the challenges that are still faced today



## International Women's Day

During the week of International Women's Day, pupils explored some contributions made by a number of women to our society as well as learning about some of the ways in which gender equality is still a work in progress.



## Comic Relief

From 11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> March, we held a range of fundraising activities at the Academy for Comic Relief's Red Nose Day. Our sixth form leadership pupils ran a daily tuck shop and bake sale; the houses competed to donate the highest value in loose change in a House Coin War; we held a Three Peaks Challenge for pupils to run, skip, jump, hop, reverse, dance, cartwheel around the track and of course, a non-uniform day.

At our primary school, we held a range of competitions over lunch time and raised £279.49.



## 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.





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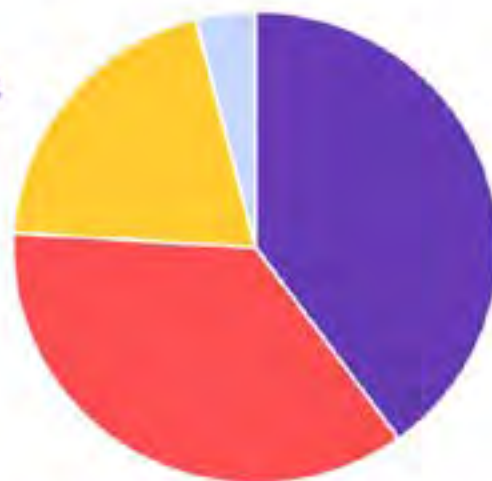
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On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February, City View launched our first, 'Pre loved Pop-Up Shop,' offering a range of goods from pre-loved books & toys to uniform, children's winter coats and footwear and many other items that our families would find useful, handy or fun!! We asked parents to pay what they could or pay it forward - meaning pass the goods onto any families they knew that would benefit from the merchandise. What a busy morning we had in our store, with parents from the setting and the primary school attending all keen to 'bag a bargain' and support our successful event. As this was such a success, will be planning to reopen our store in Term Six. Further details will be advertised soon.

National Storytelling Week welcomed the launch of our Parent and Carer Workshops 2024. The team at City View invited parents to our first workshop this year focusing on 'The importance of sharing stories with children.' This fantastic event was attended by families of our nursery and preschool children. Our hall was vibrant with displays, exhibitions and live presentations of the many different ways we can share fun stories with our children. Joining our event was the Developmental Librarian from Canterbury Library giving her advice and guidance on the many local services that the library has available. We have planned a series of future workshops that will promote healthy eating, positive well-being and school readiness. All academy parents are always welcome to our events.

And our achievements do not stop there... We have been officially informed that City View has been nominated for the 'Kent Early Years Stronger Practice Hub.' Hubs support other nurseries and childminders in their area to adopt evidence-based practice improvements by establishing local networks of early years educators to share knowledge and effective practice. We will be supporting settings to maximise children's learning experiences across the areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage. Everyone at City View is honoured to receive this nomination. It's been a long time coming but worth the hard work, dedication and self-belief of the team. Watch this space further updates!

In our Caterpillar room this term we have been doing finger painting. We have been enjoying animal sounds and single words in a guessing game called. "What's in the Bag?" The children have enjoyed the songs 'Mr Sun' and over the last two weeks the song 'Peter Rabbit.' We have also been hiding 'eggs' in shredded paper and have read lots of lift the flap books.

This term in Pre-School, we have been learning about different animals and their habitats. We have had a phenomenal amount of Together Time at Home ranging from ocean sensory bottles, home-made snow to represent arctic animals and some wonderful photos of children and their families on their minibeast hunts. We celebrated World Book Day and the children dressed up as different animals from different books and performed some animal themed songs for our families. To finish the term, Pre-School and Ladybird rooms joined together to celebrate Easter with a disco which included arts and crafts, games and lots of dancing and singing!

At our Wincheap setting, we have been very busy looking at different animals - our favourites being mini beasts. We have been on a mini beast hunt using the magnifying glasses and we found lots of bugs. We have also been taking part in activities to help us explore our senses. We loved the food tasting activity and it was lots of fun watching the adults taste the food too. We have also been feet painting which was messy but so much fun! We held our Easter bonnet parade yesterday which was a big success and the children loved it and looked amazing in their wonderful bonnets.

