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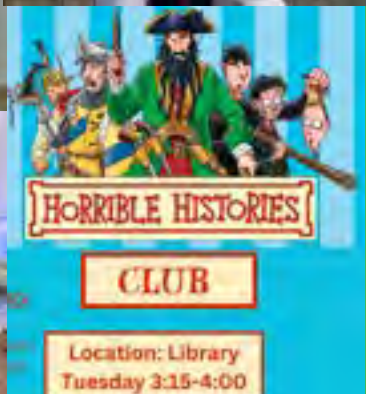
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# The Canterbury Academy Trust

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## Library

We are delighted to start our second year with our amazing re-furnished library and our excellent librarian- Mrs Kingsland.

We continue to build on the successes of last year when we achieved a phenomenal number of pupils in most years visiting and using the library regularly. In particular we want to continue to support pupils in taking books out and having the enjoyment of reading in their leisure time. Please do encourage your children to use the library, visit the website and reserve books.

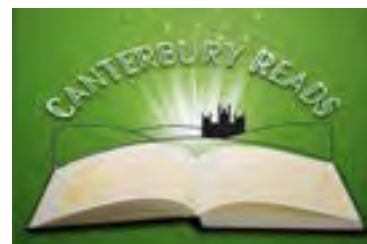
- We aim to surpass the number of books loaned last year- over 3000!
- We aim to host more clubs at lunch and break times
- We aim to have more special events, visiting speakers and librarians to support all of our activities.

## Reading is rejuvenating

Within the academic pillar one key tool that we are focusing on to improve confidence and outcomes for all pupils, is the confidence, pleasure and ability to read. With this in mind we have launched Canterbury Reads- a radical and exciting reading programme for all of our Year 7s.

## Reading mentoring - Paperback Club

Alongside our library and Canterbury Reads, we have launched a mentoring scheme to support Year 8s in their reading confidence. From term 2 we will have Year 8s supported by Year 10 reading mentors. They will be trained to support and to make Year 8s feel comfortable with the joy of reading. This will take place in mentoring to ensure all pupils engaged do not miss out on their important learning time.



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## University access accelerates

Two very exciting indicators of academic success have come in for September.

Firstly, three of our year 10s (now in Year 11) were successful in their University of Oxford scholarship. They spent a week in August at St Hugh's College, Oxford and experienced teaching and super-curricular events- including punting! Successful at this stage, they now progress to having an Oxford undergraduate as a mentor for the entirety of their GCSE period. This will include advice, support at exam time and academic guidance. We are delighted that our Year 10s have proven themselves to be so aspirational and competent.

Secondly, this September we have recorded one of our highest numbers of students being successful with their UCAS applications and going off to study at universities and higher educational institutions (Performing Arts colleges and Art colleges). Again, this is an outstanding achievement and underlines for so many of our students the resilience and commitment to academic studies for the last seven years of school.



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## Duke of Edinburgh - bigger and stronger

Once again, the diversity of skills shown by many of our pupils has been already evident in term one. The Duke of Edinburgh scheme has now entered its third year at the Trust and will be inducting the third cohort of pupils engaging with the bronze award. At the same time our first cohort of Silver Award entrants are progressing with their more demanding and complicated activities. We are now close to over 200 pupils engaging with this outstanding scheme in the last 3 years.



A particular thank you to Mrs Phillips and Mrs Envis for their work and commitment to making the programme so successful.



## Hundreds of Students in Team Sport at The Canterbury Academy

Term 1 has provided regular school team sport for hundreds of students at The Canterbury Academy. A special acknowledgment to our hard-working PE department who have provided so many opportunities for students in Years 7 to 11. This term has been particularly busy with district football and netball taking place on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Teams from The Canterbury Academy have also been taking part in the early rounds of The Kent Schools' Football Association competitions.

We have been very impressed by the commitment of our students across these sports and there have been at least six fixtures per week across netball and football this term. Highlights have included some exceptional performances from our teams. Our Year 10 girls defeated Simon Langton Grammar School in a netball game. Our Year 11 football side lost narrowly to Herne Bay High in a national cup but progressed in the county cup by defeating Chatham and Clarendon Grammar School 6-1. Girls' football is in a great place and the under 14 side won a county cup game 12-2 against a local side.

## East Kent Football Academy Launch

Our exciting sports partnership with The Langton has grown this year and the latest specialist sports academy is football. Under the supervision of Tom Hadler, we have created a programme for Sixth Form footballers that enables them to access professional coaching on a regular basis. The current schedule sees the boys train twice a week and then play for their respective schools and the girls have a similar programme. The groups benefit from training at The Langton on excellent pitches and at The University of Kent on the synthetic surface. Tom's coaching team includes Spencer Creedon, Miss Nugent and Mr McCue. Canterbury Academy students benefit from having members of our PE staff on the coaching team.



## Sixth Form Sport Progress

Our numbers in the specialist sports programmes continue to grow. Our golf academy is now based at Canterbury Golf Club. Students on this programme get three coaching sessions per week plus fitness support. The facilities at Canterbury Golf Club are exceptional and our players are receiving high-quality coaching from accredited coaches. Please contact [sport@canterbury.kent.sch.uk](mailto:sport@canterbury.kent.sch.uk) for more information on this and any of the sport provision in our Sixth Form.

Our netball academy team have progressed in a national competition having performed well in a county festival that featured some of Kent's leading netball schools. Year 12 student, Isobel Mackenzie has played particularly well this term. The rugby team have played several games and despite losing to a Kings' School XV, performed and behaved in a way that was a credit to the school. Lily Philpott will be part of an England Training Squad this year. Our athletics academy continues to put hours into training and will soon be doing sessions over at Tankerton to do some dreaded hill running! Year 13 student, Harry Fulton, has been awarded a place on the Kent Cricket Academy, after a successful season with Kent u18. Our basketball programme has a girls' academy in its first year. This development provides a fantastic opportunity for female basketballers in Kent to develop their game alongside their academic studies.

## Sports Partnership News

Term 1 has also been busy for the local primary schools that we work with. 14 schools entered the primary handball tournament that was hosted at The Canterbury Academy. This year we were able to run a small schools' competition on the hard court and a large schools' competition in the sports hall.

Congratulations to those schools which participated in the Sports Crew Training. Pupils from Canterbury Primary School, Chilham, Sheldwich, Wickhambreaux, Wincheap, Sturry, Water Meadows, Littlebourne and St Peter's all took part in the training and now have a pupil led workforce to act as role models and leaders within their school. We hosted our biggest rugby festival at Canterbury Rugby Club this term. We had 10 groups of Year 3 and 4 participating in the different stations and 14 teams of Year 5 and 6 playing T1 Tag Rugby. This provided fun activity for over 150 children in fantastic facilities.

## Future Sports Stars

A number of students in The Canterbury Academy have had incredible success this term. Year 10 student, Henry Broster, was put forward by Gillingham for the England Regional under 15's Emerging Talent Event. He had a great day working with the England youth coaching staff. This was a fantastic opportunity and experience for him. He has also been retained by Gillingham for another two seasons, and selected for the Kent Schools team again this year.

The start of the new swimming season has arrived and Ashton Platts travelled to Bristol to compete in a regional para development gala. He competed in four races and won gold in the 200IM and 200m freestyle plus a silver in the 100m breaststroke. His achievements were outstanding considering the strength of the older swimmers.

Our Appeti Tennis School students are now in Year 11. Ashleigh Hannah reached the 16U final at the Kent Championships this summer without dropping a set and then just missed out on winning after a really close match with the number 1 seed - 4-6, 6-4, 6-10. In the 18U Doubles, Ludo Bartelli and Ashleigh teamed up and again just missed out in the finals 3-6, 4-6. Both girls also competed in Ghana at an international tournament with both of them gaining their first world ranking points.





# 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!

### 'Now That's What I call Christmas' at The Canterbury Academy Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2024

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 5<sup>th</sup> November, in The Black Hole theatre from 3.15-6pm



### 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 19<sup>th</sup> October, when the Music Academy plays at Westgate Hall at 1.50pm. Please come and show your support as they play their first full set together! Entry is free and everyone is welcome.



The Dance Academy kicked off the new year with a trip to The Marlowe Theatre where they took part in an Afro Hip Hop workshop with The Q Dance Company in September. The dancers have since visited Sadler's Wells to watch Hofesh Shechter's 'Theatre of Dreams'. We were super proud of the students' professional attitudes during both events and loved seeing them all freestyle solo in the workshop!

### A Concert to Remember!

Our gifted and talented musicians and singers put on a fantastic joint concert with the Snowdown Colliery Male Voice Choir, featuring students from all year groups. The musical director from the choir said of our students that they had produced the best music making he had heard in a school for a long time!



To arrange a professional discussion and/or visit please contact: Sarah Watson  
Director of Performing Arts  
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## Castings and Congratulations!

Congratulations to Poppy, Tegan, James, Evie, Ava, Lexi and Ariana on their professional castings for panto season! They will all be appearing all over Kent – please go and catch them if you can – we are so proud of you guys!!



## Huge congratulations

go to our sixth form Music and Acting student, Olivia, who has got through to the semi-final stage of ITV's The Voice! What an amazing achievement! Tune in this Saturday to see how she gets on... we're rooting for you Olivia!



## Dance Academy Alumni Joe Dale

is currently performing in his professional debut for Chicago UK Tour. We wish him the best of luck over this next year and can't wait to see him on stage when the production comes to Canterbury in May 2025.







# News and Events Practical Learning and Enterprise Education

## Careers Fair for KS3 and KS4

The careers fairs are underway for this year, and we had a wide range of stands and organisations for students to speak to. This year was extremely special as, we had four alumni students representing their organisations and coming back to speak to our students.

We had Casey Warren from Border force and Millie Howell, Shane Iyaloo and Harvey Keeble from Burgess Hodgson accountancy all at various career stages and it was great to see our alumni sharing their experiences with our students.



## Canterbury Skate Park

It has been a busy start for the Skate project. It continues to inspire skateboarders across the school and students have recently been to bay sixty 6 located in London. We have also just started opening to the local community to share an experience at the skatepark. There is another trip upcoming in the October Half term. Keep an eye out for open dates.



## Afternoon Tea

Students studying food within our Nurture pathway in Sixth form have been working very hard this term on preparing and serving an afternoon tea, with Scones and cheese and cream teas. It was an absolutely delightful experience and students had worked so hard on the preparation and serving.



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### **The exciting launch of our new**

'Baby Hub' and the opening of our 'Grasshopper' 2-year-old room at City View have given us plenty of reasons to be excited for our first term. The Caterpillar children have also settled in well and have enjoyed exploring their new room!

Our main focus this term has been building relationships between staff and children as well between the children themselves. We have used our Caterpillar circle time songs to promote this with a focus on turn taking and saying everyone's names. The children have been eager for us to sing popular songs that they have heard at home including the familiar classics like Baby Shark and Teletubbies. Some of the children have been able to join in with vocalisations, actions, dance, and even the younger children have joined in with the musical instruments! The children have also been playing peekaboo games. To support this, we have been looking at lift the flap books and hidden objects under the parachute, whilst also playing our 'What's in the bag?' activity. Of course, we also had great fun last week jumping in puddles in the Ladybird Garden!

This term in Grasshoppers we have been settling into our new room and creating a warm and welcoming environment. We have enjoyed exploring the room and investigating together whilst making new friends. Our topic has been 'All about me' and we have been looking at family photos and encouraging the children to engage in conversations about their favourite things. The children have been extremely creative making self-portraits using lots of different tools and experiencing various textured media to create their pictures. As autumn has approached, the children have had lots of fun discovering leaves, conkers, and pumpkins. To extend our autumn learning experience we enjoyed a lovely walk together where the children were captivated by the birds and changing colours of the season. We also took the Grasshoppers on a trip to the local library to look at some books and read stories that they had chosen together - we all had a great time!

In our Ladybird room this term, we have welcomed lots of new children who have settled in well and we are encouraging small group activities to support building friendships and playing alongside one another. Our focus has also been 'All about me' and this has given us opportunities to learn all about the children's interests, families and pets. To support our focus, we introduced the colour monster which has allowed the children to learn about a range of different feelings through colour. The children have particularly enjoyed painting their own monsters and being able to share with us what each colour means along with using the Makaton signs to express 'happy', 'sad' and 'angry.' The ladybirds have had some incredible experiences throughout the term. They have thoroughly enjoyed going on nature walks, visiting the local park, taking part in a Halloween party and we were very excited to be able to take a trip on the mini bus to a local farm in Canterbury where we picked our own award-winning pumpkins!



Preschool have also welcomed lots of new children this term! We have been finding out about ourselves and our families through self-portraits, and sharing information about our pets and things we love to do. On World Animal Day we took the children on a visit to see Boris and Doris, our local pythons who live with one of our pre-schoolers! We were also very lucky to have a visit from George the unicorn who enjoyed having his hair styled and being fed carrots and apples by the children!

We have been understanding how sound works by exploring music, our voices and sounds in the environment. As autumn approached, we introduced conkers, pumpkins and squashes to our play experiences.

It has also been a fun-filled term for the Wincheap children. They have had lots of fun exploring the outside environment in the rainy weather, jumping in muddy puddles, and going on nature walks. The children turned into little scientists this term and have been conducting experiments including by creating their very own volcanoes! We have also been focusing on 'All about me' and have been learning all about our emotions. The children have learnt the Makaton signs for happy and sad and have started to incorporate this into their morning routine. Following on from learning about our emotions, the children have been talking about their families, their homes, and their pets! We even had a few visitors from some animals that live at home. The children have all become master chefs too and have created their very own self-portraits on pizza's... they were all very imaginative and very tasty!

We would also like to thank all the families who joined us for our recent coffee afternoon - what a fantastic turn out it was!









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## Our Buddy Programme

- Our term 6 buddy programme was a great success, with 15 student visitors from Thailand and their teachers here for 2 weeks.
- All of the academy buddies were exceptional hosts and everyone had a wonderful time.
- The Thai students said they felt very welcome, they loved all their lessons and the food was great!
- The Thai teachers praised the opportunities we give our students and said everyone was so friendly and kind to them.
- Concorde International wanted to pass on their thanks to all the staff who welcomed the visitors and the academy for continuing to accommodate this programme, which has been running successfully for over 12 years!